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**SAVARIA TO ACQUIRE GARAVENTA LIFT AND
CREATE A GLOBAL LEADER IN ACCESSIBILITY**

Laval, Québec, Canada July 10, 2018 – Savaria Corporation (“Savaria” or the “Corporation”) (TSX: SIS), announces today that it has entered into an agreement (the “Acquisition Agreement”) with Garaventa Accessibility AG (“Garaventa Lift”) pursuant to which Savaria would acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Garaventa Lift, for a total purchase price of approximately CHF 74 million (or CAN\$98 million), subject to customary closing adjustments (the “Transaction”). The Transaction is subject to customary closing conditions and is expected to close in October 2018.

Established in 1978 as the accessibility division of the former Garaventa Holding AG (now the Doppelmayr/Garaventa Group), Garaventa Lift manufactures a wide range of wheelchair lifts, including inclined platform lifts, vertical platform lifts and portable wheelchair lifts for persons with disabilities. It also manufactures a full suite of residential elevators and commercial limited use, limited application (LULA) elevators. In 2017, Garaventa Lift recorded revenues of CHF 82 million (or CAN\$108 million) and an adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”)* of CHF 6.3 million (or CAN\$8.3 million). Garaventa Lift is headquartered in Goldau, Switzerland and employs 547 people worldwide.

Key Highlights

- Expands Savaria’s footprint across North America by acquiring an operating base on the West Coast, providing:
 - A brand new (built in 2017) 120,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada;
 - Eight additional sales offices across the United States and Canada;
 - Broader dealer coverage to complement and enhance that of Savaria.

- Provides Savaria with a European platform from which to grow, including:
 - Sales offices in Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Czech Republic and Poland;
 - A 33,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility in Milan, Italy;
 - The opportunity to market and sell Savaria’s products in Europe, including the new Vuelift elevator.

- Consolidates and strengthens Savaria’s Chinese operations, by:
 - Adding a sales office and light assembly capabilities in Shanghai;
 - Improving efficiencies in purchasing and Chinese sourcing activities.

- Anticipated synergies of approximately CAN\$2 million per year in the first full-year, and an additional CAN\$2 million in the second full-year post closing, from:
 - Cost savings from combined purchasing and best pricing with suppliers;
 - Efficiencies gained through joint marketing, systems integration and product development;
 - Global distribution, which creates significant cross-selling opportunities, especially in Europe.

The Transaction will be funded through a combination of cash on hand and the Corporation's line of credit. Following the completion of the proposed Transaction, Savaria would continue to benefit from a strong balance sheet with approximately CAN\$127 million in accessible cash, including the CAN\$50 million accordion feature under its revolving credit facility, to namely fund future acquisitions and organic growth initiatives.

"We have always had high respect for Garaventa Lift as a supplier of great products backed by strong employees. Our combined strength allows us to leverage their West Coast presence with our East Coast advantage and to gain a shared position in China. It also offers Savaria a new entry into Europe. It is quite an amazing time for both companies to join as one and grow together," said Marcel Bourassa, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Savaria.

Beat Siegrist, Chairman of Garaventa Lift commented, *"We are glad that Garaventa Lift joins forces with Savaria. This powerful move combines two leaders of our industry for the benefit of our customers and employees."*

Advisors

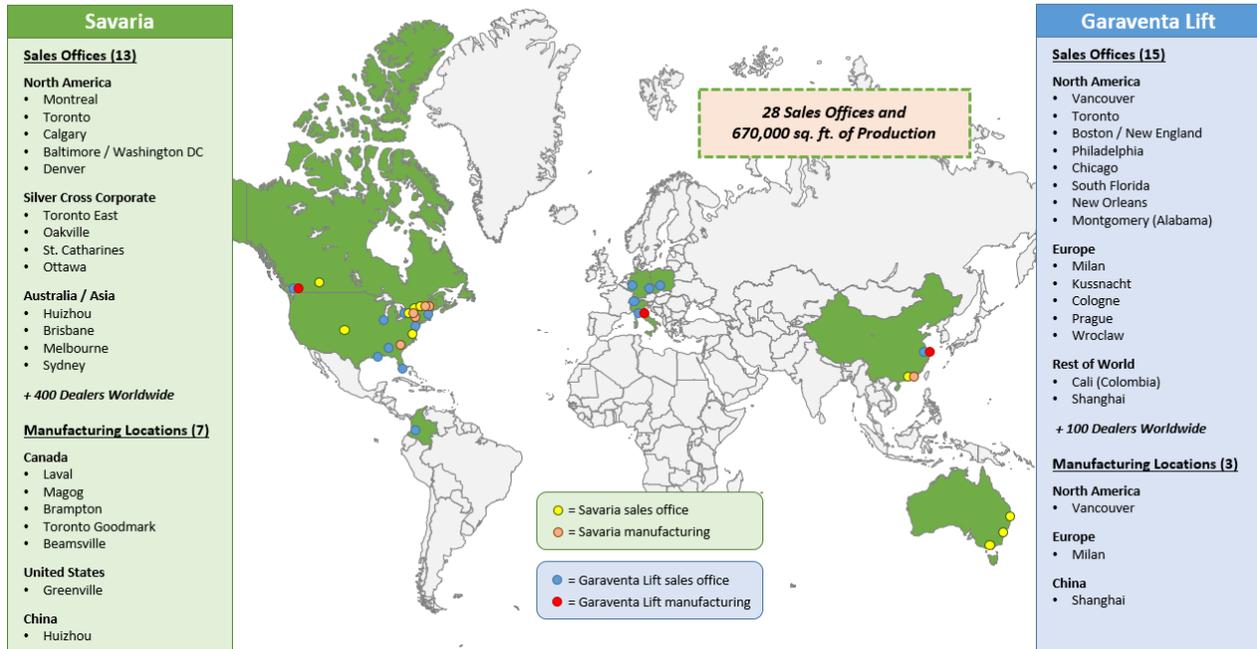
In connection with the Transaction, Savaria has received Canadian legal advice from Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP and Swiss legal advice from Holman Fenwick Willan (Switzerland) LLP.

Currency

In this press release, US\$ has been converted to CAN\$ using an exchange rate of 1.32 CAN\$ per CHF, which represents the exchange rate at the close of trading activities on July 9, 2018.

**It should be noted that adjusted EBITDA is not a performance measure defined by International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), but we, as well as investors and analysts, consider that this performance measure facilitates the evaluation of our ongoing operations and our ability to generate cash flows to fund our cash requirements, including our capital expenditures program. Note that our definition of this measure may differ from the one used by other public corporations.*

SAVARIA WITH GARAVENTA LIFT : A GLOBAL FOOT PRINT



About Savaria Corporation

Savaria Corporation (savaria.com) is one of North America's leaders in the accessibility industry. It provides accessibility solutions for the physically challenged to increase their comfort, their mobility and their independence. Its product line is one of the most comprehensive on the market. Savaria designs, manufactures, distributes and installs accessibility equipment, such as stairlifts for straight and curved stairs, vertical and inclined wheelchair lifts, elevators for home and commercial use, as well as ceiling lifts. It also manufactures and markets a comprehensive selection of pressure management products for the medical market, medical beds for the long-term care market, mattress overlays and foam pillows for the retail market and certain products for the industrial market. In addition, Savaria converts and adapts vehicles to be wheelchair accessible. Savaria records around 66% of its revenue outside Canada, primarily in the United States. It operates a sales network of some 400 retailers in North America and employs some 800 people. Its plants are located in Laval and Magog (Québec), Brampton, Beamsville and Toronto (Ontario), Greenville (South Carolina), Huizhou (China) and Brisbane (Australia).

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