

Cresco Labs Closes Sale-and-Leaseback With Innovative Industrial Properties for Ohio Facility

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CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Cresco Labs (CSE:CL) (OTCQX:CRLBF) ("Cresco Labs" or the "Company"), one of the largest vertically integrated multistate cannabis operators in the United States, today announced that it has closed on the agreement to sell its Yellow Springs, OH property to Innovative Industrial Properties, Inc. ("IIP"). The sale (previously announced on November 26th) was for approximately \$10.5 million, which includes funding for additional tenant improvements. Concurrent with the closing of the sale, Cresco Labs will enter into a long-term, triple-net lease agreement with IIP and will continue to operate the property as a licensed cannabis cultivation and processing facility. The property represents approximately 50,000 square feet of industrial space in aggregate. This is Cresco's fourth completed sale-and-leaseback transaction, and its third with IIP.

"Teaming again with IIP as our long-term real estate partner enables us to further bolster our balance sheet, and redeploy that additional liquidity into higher yielding opportunities," said Joe Caltabiano, President and Co-Founder of Cresco Labs. "We are thrilled with the footprint we have established and look forward to deepening our presence in those states, with IIP as one of our trusted capital providers."

About Cresco Labs

Cresco Labs is one of the largest vertically-integrated multi-state cannabis operators in the United States. Cresco is built to become the most important company in the cannabis industry by combining the most strategic geographic footprint with one of the leading distribution platforms in North America. Employing a consumer-packaged goods ("CPG") approach to cannabis, Cresco's house of brands is designed to meet the needs of all consumer segments and includes some of the most recognized and trusted national brands including Cresco, Remedi and Mindy's, a line of edibles created by James Beard Award-winning chef Mindy Segal. Sunnyside*, Cresco's national dispensary brand, is a wellness-focused retailer designed to build trust, education and convenience for both existing and new

cannabis consumers. Recognizing that the cannabis industry is poised to become one of the leading job creators in the country, Cresco has launched the industry's first national comprehensive Social Equity and Educational Development (SEED) initiative designed to ensure that all members of society have the skills, knowledge and opportunity to work in and own businesses in the cannabis industry. Learn more about Cresco Labs at www.crescolabs.com.

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