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# VitaGenne update

**MMJ Group Holdings Limited (ASX: MMJ) ("MMJ")** is pleased to attach a regulatory and business update by VitaGenne Inc ("VitaGenne").

MMJ's CEO Jason Conroy commented that "With the signing into law of the Farm Bill by President Trump overnight, we are very excited by the potential for VitaGenne's hemp-derived CBD products business as it prepares for initial sales across the United States in Q1 2019 in line with our investment case."

MMJ has USD\$1 million invested in VitaGenne for an 18.2% shareholding.

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## Investor and Media Enquiries

Jason Conroy Chief Executive Officer

#### About MMJ

MMJ Group Holdings Limited (ABN 91 601 236 417) is a global cannabis investment company. MMJ owns a portfolio of minority investments and aims to invest across the full range of emerging cannabis-related sectors including healthcare, technology, infrastructure, logistics, processing, cultivation, equipment and retail. For MMJ's latest investor presentation and news, please visit: https://www.mmjgh.com.au/investors/

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VitaGenne Inc. ("VitaGenne") is pleased to provide a regulatory and business update as follows:

## Regulatory Update

The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (the "Farm Bill"), a five-year bill that covers a variety of nutrition and agricultural government programs, was signed into law by the United States' President Trump last night.

The long-awaited Farm Bill legalizes the production of industrial hemp, a form of cannabis with lower THC levels than cannabis, making it a lawful agricultural commodity in the U.S.

The removal of industrial hemp from the U.S. federal government's list of controlled substances is expected to be a catalyst for explosive growth in a nascent industry. A significant share of the U.S. hemp market today is held by products that include the non-psychoactive compound CBD, cannabidiol. Products infused with CBD are used for a wide range of medical conditions, ranging from epilepsy and multiple sclerosis to arthritis and chronic pain.

## **Business Update**

VitaGenne is a hemp-derived CBD product company focused on providing health and wellness goods in the U.S. Its mission is to be the leading supplier of branded hemp-derived CBD wellness products, nutraceuticals and dietary supplements.

As a recent member of the U.S. Hemp Roundtable and partnered with industry leaders Frost Brown Todd, VitaGenne is also focused on being a fully compliant, regulated and best-practices organisation. Launched in 2017, the U.S. Hemp Roundtable has emerged as the industry's leading business trade association, joining more than 50 hemp companies - representing every link of the product chain, from seed to sale and all of the industry's major national organisations.

VitaGenne is continuing the development of its ultra-premium quality, hemp-derived CBD consumer product portfolio and is refining its branding and marketing initiatives in preparation for its expected launch in Q1 2019 across the U.S. The marketing initiatives include the development of a complete e-commerce platform for online retail sales of VitaGenne's products. With this, VitaGenne's corporate web site is also expected to be launched in early 2019.

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