

## CO2 GRO Inc. Announces Phase Two of the Technology Trial with Alberta Based The Cucumber Man

**TORONTO, ON – May 17, 2022** (ACCESSWIRE) – Toronto based CO2 GRO Inc. ("**GROW**" or the "**Company**") (TSXV: GROW, OTCQB: BLONF, Frankfurt: 4021) is pleased to announce that the second phase of a CO2 Delivery Solutions™ system has been installed for a grape tomato Technology Trial ("**Trial**") in The Cucumber Man's 522,000 square foot Alberta greenhouse.

Part two of this larger Trial is now operational on grape tomatoes with part one being announced as operational on April 28, 2022 for long English cucumbers.

The Trial's goals are to increase both grape tomato and long cucumber fruit yield, reduce the spread of pathogens such as powdery mildew, which is often problematic for tomato as well as cucumber growers, and reduce the overall cost per unit of production thereby increasing overall margins.

According to Greenhouse Canada, "as of 2019, Alberta's greenhouse crops industry was estimated to be **404 acres**, **164 hectares**, **or 17.62 million square feet**. Vegetables accounted for about 46% of the total greenhouse area, or 187 acres, followed by floriculture at 42%, or 170 acres, and tree seedlings at 12%, or 48 acres."

CO2 GRO's VP Sales & Strategic Alliances, Aaron Archibald commented, "Having a Trial on two distinct vegetables under one roof is a first for us as well as being in Alberta which now has over 200 greenhouses. It will provide The Cucumber Man with further demonstration of CO2 Delivery Solutions™ ability to improve yields and financial returns to growers and additional data for CO2 GRO. We look forward to the Trial's success that will lead to further greenhouse opportunities in Alberta and Western Canada".

Visit <u>CO2 Delivery Solutions</u> for more information on CO2 Delivery Solutions™ or watch this video.

## About CO2 GRO Inc. CO2 GRO Inc.

CO2 GRO's proprietary CO2 Delivery Solutions™ technology is revolutionizing the global estimated 800 billion square foot protected grower market. This is comprised of 600 billion square feet of fruits & vegetables (Cuesta Roble 2019), an estimated 100 billion square feet of floriculture and another estimated 100 billion square feet of crops such as medicinal plants, citrus tree seedlings and other non-food varieties.

**Dedication**: CO2 GRO is dedicated to enhancing plant growth and productivity sustainably, while reducing our customers' ecological footprint with a focus on People, the Planet and Prosperity.

**Our Technology**: CO2 Delivery Solutions™ creates a dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> solution that is misted onto plants grown in greenhouses and protected grower facilities globally providing growers with multiple significant benefits.

**Value Proposition**: Growers that cannot atmospherically enrich their facilities with CO<sub>2</sub> (gassing) can now realize yield increases of up to 30% and up to a doubling of gross profits, while suppressing the development of micro-pathogens such as *E.coli* and powdery mildew leading to healthier crops. Greenhouses and indoor facilities that currently do employ CO<sub>2</sub> gassing can save up to 90% on their CO<sub>2</sub> consumption, thereby reducing their production costs and CO<sub>2</sub> enrichment emissions.

**Patent Protection:** CO2 GRO's CO2 Delivery Solutions<sup>™</sup> technology is protected by a suite of patents and patents pending.

**Business Model**: Our technology is sold to growers based on the cultivation area installed at prices that provide a high return on their investment and high margins for our shareholders.

**Global Expansion**: CO2 GRO's management is rapidly expanding its international marketing partner relationships into Mexico, Spain, the EU, the UK, South Africa, the Middle East, South East Asia and Latin America as well as in its US and Canadian base.

**Environmental Social and Governance; ESG**: CO2 GRO is committed to good Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) policies and practices. We are an equal opportunity employer of choice and opportunity.

## Forward-Looking Statements

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