



## ASX Announcement

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### Elixinol USA enters into joint venture to cultivate high-CBD organic hemp

#### Key highlights

- Elixinol Global's US subsidiary, Elixinol USA has established a joint venture with Kersey Ag Company LLC to cultivate high-cannabidiol (CBD) premium organic hemp
- New joint venture, called the Northern Colorado High Plains Producers (NCHPP) will secure Elixinol USA's supply of high quality organic hemp and facilitate the Company's growth
- Elixinol Global to inject US\$1.8 million into NCHPP, with Kersey Ag contributing US\$0.7 million plus long-term lease of land with water rights

**Elixinol Global (ASX: EXL)**, a global company operating in the industrial hemp and emerging medicinal cannabis sectors is pleased to announce that its subsidiary, Elixinol USA has entered into a farming joint venture with Kersey Ag Company LLC to cultivate high-CBD premium organic hemp.

Elixinol USA is a leading provider of premium quality, organic, hemp-derived CBD dietary supplements and wellness products. Kersey Ag is a Colorado-based agricultural company utilising the newest in efficient drip-irrigation techniques and technologies without the need for foreign chemicals. Elixinol USA and Kersey Ag will each hold a strategic 50% interest in the joint venture, which has been named the Northern Colorado High Plains Producers (NCHPP).

NCHPP will utilise up to 700 acres of farmland traditionally used to grow alfalfa, silage corn, and other forage crops with additional land available as required. The farmland including appropriate water rights, is secured by an initial five-year lease term extendable by up to 30 years.

The joint venture has commenced preparations for the 2018 hemp harvest which will see premium quality hemp grown, using genetics optimised for Elixinol's proprietary formulation and production efficiencies. The NCHPP joint venture is expected to secure the ongoing supply of Elixinol USA's products that are distributed throughout the USA and to over 40 countries globally and will support the Company's plans for sales and revenue growth.

Elixinol Global CEO, Paul Benhaim commented, "The NCHPP joint venture will see us work together with Kersey Ag to utilise sustainable organic techniques that look after the soil ensuring our plants, and ultimately Elixinol's products are supported with the most vibrant and nutritious components, leading to a high quality, true full spectrum material. This strategic partnership allows us to grow at a much larger scale than before, supporting our plans to quickly ramp up sales of Elixinol products across the USA and globally. This is an exciting step for Elixinol and its shareholders."



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**About Elixinol Global**

Elixinol Global Limited (ASX: EXL) through its businesses has a global presence in the cannabis industry including hemp derived CBD dietary supplements, food and wellness products, as well as the cultivation and manufacture of medicinal cannabis products. Elixinol Global's businesses include:

- Elixinol LLC (Elixinol USA), which was founded in 2014, is a global manufacturer and distributor of industrial hemp based dietary supplement and skincare products, with operations based out of Colorado, USA;
- Hemp Foods Australia Pty Ltd, which was founded in 1999, is the largest hemp food wholesaler, retailer, manufacturer and exporter in the southern hemisphere of bulk and branded raw materials and finished products; and,
- Elixinol Pty Ltd (Elixinol AUS), which was founded in 2014 to participate in the emerging Australian medicinal cannabis market.