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**TRENCHANT CLOSSES INITIAL TRANCHE OF PROSPECTUS FINANCING**  
*Also Completes Omni Initial Investment*

March 26, 2018, Toronto, ON - Trenchant Capital Corp. (TSX.V: TCC.H) (“Trenchant” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has closed the initial tranche of its prospectus offering, as previously announced on February 21, 2018 (the “**Debenture Offering**”), pursuant to which it has raised gross proceeds of \$5,659,000 through the issuance of 5,659 8% Series B secured convertible debentures (the “**Debentures**”) priced at \$1,000 per Debenture. The syndicate for the Debenture Offering is being led by Canaccord Genuity Corp. and Industrial Alliance Securities Inc. as co-lead agents, together with Raymond James Ltd., GMP Securities L.P., PI Financial Corp., Echelon Wealth Partners Inc., Integral Wealth Securities Ltd., Hampton Securities Limited and Mackie Research Capital Corporation (collectively, the “**Agents**”), who received a cash commission of 6.5% of the gross proceeds of the Debenture Offering. The net proceeds of the Debenture Offering were used to fund the Loan (as defined herein).

**The Debenture Offering**

The Debentures will mature on January 31, 2023 and the outstanding principal of the Debentures will bear interest (the “**Debenture Interest**”) at the rate of 8.0% per annum, payable quarterly in cash. Commencing on March 23, 2019, the outstanding principal amount of the Debentures may be converted, at the option of the holder, into common shares of the Company (each, a “**Common Share**”) at a conversion price equal to the greater of: (i) 95% of the volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares for the 30 trading day period ending three business days before the conversion date, and (ii) \$1.25 per Common Share, provided that, unless the conversion is being effected in connection with a redemption by the Company, no more than 25% of the aggregate principal amount of Debentures held by a holder may be converted in any 180-day period.

The Company may prepay the outstanding principal of the Debentures, and the Debenture Interest thereon, in cash, at any time after March 23, 2020 by paying the Debenture holders 105% of the outstanding principal amount of the Debentures in year three, 103% of the outstanding principal amount of the Debentures in year four, and 101% of the outstanding principal amount of the Debentures in year five, plus any accrued Debenture Interest thereon. The Company has pledged all of the outstanding shares of a wholly-owned subsidiary (the “**Lender**”) to the holders of the Debentures as security for the Company’s outstanding obligations under the Debentures. The holders of the Debentures have no recourse to the Company other than with respect to the shares of the Lender. The Company intends to apply to list the Debentures on the TSX Venture Exchange (the “**TSXV**”), subject to there being a sufficient number of holders to meet the TSXV’s distribution requirements.

## The Omni Investment

The Company, through the Lender, has made an initial investment in the sum of \$5,659,000 to ABO Investments Limited Partnership (the “**Borrower**”) pursuant to a loan agreement (the “**Loan Agreement**”) dated December 21, 2017, as amended (the “**Omni Investment**”). The Borrower is a limited partnership related to the Hillcore Group (“**Hillcore**”). The Omni Investment is secured by the Borrower’s 88.73% indirect equity interest in Omni Health Investments (“**Omni**”), one of Canada’s largest long-term care operators.

Omni owns, operates and manages, under license from the Ontario government, 18 long-term care homes located throughout eastern and southwestern Ontario. Its corporate office is located in Peterborough, Ontario. With 1,500 beds and over 1,700 employees, Omni is the sixth largest long-term care operator in Canada measured by bed count. Omni has been recognized as one of Canada’s Top 100 Employers on three occasions. For more details on Omni see: [omniway.ca](http://omniway.ca)

The outstanding principal of the Omni Investment will bear interest at the rate of 10% per annum payable quarterly in cash and payable on the maturity date of January 27, 2023. The Borrower has paid the Company a fee equal to 7% of the funds advanced.

In connection with the Omni Investment, the Company made a loan in the principal amount of \$1,500,000 (the “**Sidecar Loan**”) to the Borrower pursuant to a loan agreement dated December 21, 2017 (the “**Sidecar Loan Agreement**”) between the Company and the Borrower. The Sidecar Loan will have the same term as, and be subordinated to, the Loan (save for bearing 8% interest) and will be funded from funds previously advanced to a company controlled by Hillcore in June 2017.

The Borrower has also granted the Company a five-year unit purchase option entitling it to purchase up to 15% of the Borrower’s indirect holdings in Omni for an exercise price of up to \$7,725,000. **The actual percentage interest that the Company may acquire pursuant to the purchase option will be adjusted on a pro rata basis based on the combined amount of funds actually advanced under the Loan Agreement and the Sidecar Loan Agreement.**

## The Hillcore Group

Hillcore is a leading independent Canadian investment and advisory firm that invests predominantly in the life sciences, real estate, seniors living, financial, industrial and energy sectors. With offices in Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary and Montreal, Hillcore employs approximately 2,500 people throughout Canada across its various groups and portfolio companies. Entities under management by Hillcore had an asset value in excess of \$4.5 billion as of December 31, 2016.

## Hillcore Strategic Alliance

In 2016, the Company entered into a strategic alliance with Hillcore that grants the Company rights of first negotiation to provide special situation debt financing to Hillcore’s pipeline of current and future private equity investments. The Company expects that such financings may include secondary, subordinated, mezzanine or non-traditional debt, asset backed securities and back-leveraged/holdco debt. The Company has also been granted certain back-in and tag along negotiation rights, as well as negotiation rights, for capital market transactions with respect to projects for which the Company has provided financing. HCG5 Investment Limited Partnership (“**HCG5**”), a limited partnership related to Hillcore, holds approximately 17.3% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares.

## **MI 61-101 Disclosure**

As HCG5 holds 17.3% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, the Loan and the Sidecar Loan constitute “related party transactions” as such term is defined in Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* (“**MI 61-101**”), which requires that the Company, in the absence of exemptions, obtain a formal valuation for, and minority shareholder approval of, the related party transactions. The Company is relying on the exemptions from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements set out in sections 5.5(e) and 5.7(c) of MI 61-101. The Loan, the Sidecar Loan and related transactions are supported, and the Company anticipates will be approved, by Eric Boehnke, a director of the Company who is not an interested party to the Loan or the Sidecar Loan and related transactions, and who owns 4,955,793 Common Shares, representing 43.0% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares.

## **About Trenchant**

The Company aims to become a diversified investment and venture capital firm with a focus on providing special situation debt financing to established companies with a proven track record. The Company expects to benefit from its strategic alliance with Hillcore, a leading independent Canadian investment and advisory firm, that grants the Company rights of first negotiation to provide financing and management services to Hillcore’s pipeline of current and future private equity investments.

## **Other Information**

Please refer to the Company’s filing statement dated April 20, 2017, available under the Company’s profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), for further particulars on the Offerings, the Initial Investment and the Change of Business.

## **ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

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