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**TRENCHANT RAISES \$1,761,000 IN SECOND TRANCHE
OF 8% CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURE OFFERING**

June 28, 2019, VANCOUVER, BC - Trenchant Capital Corp. (TSX.V: TCC) ("Trenchant" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that, further to its news releases dated March 19, 2019 and May 30, 2019, it has closed the second tranche of its prospectus offering (the "**Debenture Offering**"), of 8% Series B secured convertible debentures of the Company (the "**Debentures**"), pursuant to which it has raised gross proceeds of \$1,761,000 through the issuance of 1,761 Debentures priced at \$1,000 per Debenture. The Debenture Offering is being completed pursuant to the final long form prospectus of the Company dated May 8, 2019 (the "**Prospectus**"). The proceeds of the Debenture Offering, together with the proceeds of the closing of the first tranche of the Debenture Offering and the Company's first Debenture Offering (the "**First Omni Debenture Offering**"), will be used to fund the Loan (as defined herein). To date, the Company has raised gross aggregate proceeds of \$12,183,000 in connection with its two prospectus offerings of Debentures.

The Debenture Offering was led by Industrial Alliance Securities Inc., as lead agent, through a syndicate of agents including Canaccord Genuity Corp., GMP Securities L.P., Raymond James Ltd., Echelon Wealth Partners Inc., PI Financial Corp., Hampton Securities Limited and Integral Wealth Securities Ltd. (collectively, the "**Agents**"). The Agents have received a cash commission of 6.5% of the gross proceeds of the Debenture Offering.

The Debenture Offering

The Debentures issued in the second tranche of the Debenture Offering will mature on January 31, 2023 and the outstanding principal of the Debentures will bear interest at the rate of 8.0% per annum, payable quarterly in cash. The Debentures will be governed by the terms and conditions of the trust indenture dated March 23, 2018 (the "**Trust Indenture**") between the Company and Computershare Trust Company of Canada. The Trust Indenture was entered into in connection with the First Omni Debenture Offering which was completed pursuant to the Amended and Restated Prospectus of the Company dated February 21, 2018 (the "**First Omni Debenture Prospectus**"). A copy of the Trust Indenture, the First Omni Debenture Prospectus and Prospectus are available under the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

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 accrued but unpaid interest thereon, in cash, at any time between March 24, 2020 and March 23, 2021 by paying the holders 105% of the outstanding principal amount of the Debentures, 103% of the outstanding principal amount of the Debentures between March 24, 2021 and March 23, 2022, and 101% of the outstanding principal amount of the Debentures between March 24, 2022 and January 30, 2023 (in any case, the “**Break Fee**”), plus any accrued but unpaid interest thereon.

The Company has pledged all of the outstanding shares of its wholly-owned subsidiary 1141864 B.C. Ltd. (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 approval of the TSXV and to there being a sufficient number of holders to meet the TSXV’s distribution requirements.

The Omni Investment

The Company, through the Lender, intends to make a fourth investment in the sum of \$1,761,000 (the “**Loan**”) to ABO Healthcare Limited Partnership (the “**Borrower**”) pursuant to a loan agreement dated December 21, 2017, as amended (the “**Loan Agreement**”). The Borrower is a limited partnership related to the Hillcore Group (“**Hillcore**”). The Loan Agreement is secured by the Borrower’s 88.73% indirect equity interest in Omni Health Investments Inc. (“**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.

The outstanding principal of the Loan 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.

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. **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 amount of funds actually advanced under the Loan Agreement.**

The Borrower may prepay the outstanding principal of the Loan by paying the Lender the outstanding principal amount of the Loan, plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon, as well as an amount equal to the Break Fee payable by the Company on the redemption or repurchase of Debentures with a principal amount of not more than the principal amount being prepaid by the Borrower. The Loan is secured by a pledge of the Borrower’s indirect 88.73% equity interest in Omni.

The Loan Agreement also provides that the Lender will provide management services to the Borrower, have observer rights at board meetings of the Borrower, and have the right to appoint a nominee to the board of directors of the Borrower.

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. Since 2005, Hillcore has completed acquisitions, directly or indirectly through investment funds, with an aggregate asset value in excess of \$8.5 billion. Entities under management by Hillcore had an asset value in excess of \$4.5 billion as of December 31, 2018.

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 constitutes a "related party transaction" 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 transaction. 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 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, and who owns 5,006,171 Common Shares, representing approximately 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 profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com for further particulars on the Debenture Offering and the Company's other investments.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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