



Vertiqal Studios Closes Private Placement of Secured Debentures

TORONTO, ON / April 13th, 2026 / Vertiqal Studios Corp. (TSX:VRTS)(FSE: 9PY0) (the “**Company**” or “**Vertiqal**”) – Vertiqal is pleased to announce the closing of a non-brokered private placement through the issuance of secured debentures (each, a “**Debenture**”) at a price of USD\$1,000 per Debenture for aggregate gross proceeds of USD\$1,948,000 (the “**Offering**”). The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Offering for general growth capital purposes.

The issuance of the Debentures pursuant to the Offering was completed on a private placement and prospectus exempt basis, as applicable, such that the issuances are exempt from any applicable prospectus and securities registration requirements. The Debentures will mature on October 10, 2027 (the “**Maturity Date**”) and will bear interest at an interest rate of thirteen percent (13%) per annum, payable on the Maturity Date in arrears. The Debentures will be secured by a first-ranking security interest over all present and after-acquired property and assets of the Company. The Debentures are subject to a hold period of four months plus a day from the date of issuance and the resale rules of applicable securities legislation.

Certain insiders of the Company (the “**Insiders**”) were issued USD\$448,000 principal amount of Debentures in the Offering, which participation constituted a “related party transaction” as defined under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* (“**MI 61-101**”). Such participation is exempt from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements of MI 61-101 as neither the fair market value of the Debentures acquired by the Insiders, nor the consideration for the Debentures paid by the Insiders, exceed 25% of the Company’s market capitalization. The Company did not file a material change report relating to the Offering less than 21 days before completion of the Offering, as it was not possible to do so in order to complete the Offering in an expeditious manner.

About Vertiqal Studios

Vertiqal Studios, owners of North America’s largest gaming and lifestyle network on social media, is a digital strategy, creative, and distribution holding company. The Company specializes in the creation and distribution of viral videos for brands and advertisers to create always-on digital strategies that live authentically in Gen Z and Millennial culture. Vertiqal Studios partners with leading brands to develop strategic solutions, creative ideation, and content production, while also providing distribution and amplification through its owned & operated channels — all delivered with boutique, white-glove service. Its expertise lies in managing over 130 channels across TikTok, Instagram, and Snapchat, while producing over 100+ pieces of content a day for a growing audience of 52 million-plus followers. By having



such robust ownership of culture and communities on social, Vertical Studios provides innovative advertising solutions for brands such as RBC, Samsung, White Castle, Coca-Cola, ESPN, Chili's, and more. For more information and to join our email subscriber list for direct press releases and newsletters, visit <https://verticalstudios.com/>.

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