



## **Crown Capital Partners Assigned Issuer Rating by DBRS Limited**

**CALGARY, March 28, 2018** – Crown Capital Partners Inc. (“Crown” or the “Corporation”) (TSX: CRWN), which provides growth capital to successful mid-market companies, today announced that DBRS Limited (DBRS) has assigned the Corporation a Long-Term Issuer Rating of BB (low) with a stable trend. This is Crown’s first rating by any credit rating agency.

“This initial credit rating represents another milestone for Crown and supports our objective to build and diversify our capital sources to provide additional avenues for growth,” said Chris Johnson, President and CEO of Crown. “We continue to experience strong demand for our investment strategies from institutional investors. Having established an issuer rating for Crown, we can begin to access an additional level of capital from these investors.”

Refer to DBRS for additional details about the Rating Report.

### **ABOUT CROWN**

Crown (TSX: CRWN) is a specialty finance company focused on providing capital to successful Canadian and select U.S. companies. Crown also manages capital pools, including some in which Crown has a direct ownership interest. Crown originates, structures and provides tailored special situation and long-term financing solutions to a diversified group of private and public mid-market companies in the form of loans, royalties and other structures with minimal or no ownership dilution.

### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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