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Amercanex Announces Acquisition by Helix TCS, Inc.

On February 5, Amercanex International Exchange announced that it was acquired by Helix TCS, Inc., a leading provider of integrated operating environments for the cannabis industry.



The acquisition provides Helix, a Greenwood Village, CO-based company, with a sophisticated Electronics Communications Network (ECN). This ECN can integrate blockchain technology to facilitate real-time transaction of wholesale cannabis product between licensed operators in regulated markets.

Furthermore, the platform will allow new and existing cannabis businesses to manage infrastructure in their supply chain, inventory and compliance functions.

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Industry Events

Hemp Biz Conference, May 1-2, Denver, Colorado



Learn more about the impact of the 2018 Farm Bill legalizing production at the Hemp Biz Conference at the Crowne Plaza

Hotel. There will be over 30 sessions for farmers, producers, buyers and investors. To learn more, visit <https://thehempbizconference.com>.

Cannabis World Congress & Business Exposition, May 29-June 1, New York City

The Cannabis World Congress offers cannabis businesses and organizations the opportunity to network at a major event space, the Javits Convention Center. It is one of the largest and most influential conferences in the cannabis community. To attend or register, visit <https://www.cwcbexpo.com/exhibit-nyc>.

NCIA Cannabis Business Expo & Summit, July 22-24, San Jose, CA

One of the cannabis industry's biggest organizations, the NCIA hosts more than 7500 attendees and 150 speakers at their San Jose event. The conference's keynote speaker is former Deputy Attorney General James Cole, author of the Cole Memo. To register, visit <https://www.cannabisbusinesssummit.com>.



A Message from the CEO

I am excited to share the big news of our acquisition by Helix TCS Inc. For the past five years, our team here at Amercanex has worked hard to create the first fully electronic marketplace in the cannabis industry.

We have done great things: helping to foster a free market economy in the cannabis industry; establishing new technology, including blockchain and transactional software; and creating relationships with other major players in the cannabis, technology, oil and gas industries.

We could not have achieved any of this without the hard work of our dedicated staff and board members. I offer my sincere thanks to all of them.

I also want to say a big thank you to all of you for your continued support of our business.

Sincerely,

Steve Janjic, CEO

Helix Acquisition (continued)

The terms of the deal include equity remuneration at closing, with multiple performance-based milestones to be paid out in cash or equity over time.

“Helix TCS now possesses the unique technology suite needed to scale the industry’s first compliant wholesale cannabis exchange worldwide,” said Zachary L. Venegas, Executive Chairman and CEO of Helix TCS. “Clients of BioTrackTHC, Amercanex and Cannabase, which is likely the largest network of licensed cannabis operators in the industry, will be the first to enjoy the competitive advantages and benefits of our industry-leading Critical Infrastructure Services Platform.”

Helix’s products reach over 2,000 customer locations in 33 states and 5

Former President of Mexico Vicente Fox Joins Helix Board of Directors

Vicente Fox Quesada, the former President of Mexico, recently joined the Helix TCS Board of Directors as a Strategic Advisor.

Before serving as the 55th President of Mexico, Fox was the CEO for Coca Cola’s Latin American operations. He has a

Helix TCS Acquisitions Since 2016

Amercanex is the fourth acquisition that Helix TCS has made in the past three years. Additional acquisitions include:

- 2016: Helix acquired Cannabase, a wholesale portal for licensed cannabis businesses
- 2017: Helix acquired Security Grade Protective Services, a cannabis security firm
- 2018: Helix acquired Engeni S.A., a software development firm

countries and the company has processed over \$18 billion in cannabis sales. Helix had more than \$3 million in quarterly revenue in September 2018.

distinguished history of service with non-profits serving Latin American communities, including founding Centro Fox, an organization committed to promoting leaders for innovative programs and projects of social value.

Fox currently serves on the Board of Directors for Khiron Life Sciences, a vertically integrated Latin American cannabis producer, and a major American cannabis publication advocating legalization efforts.

Legislative Updates: Hearing on Banking Services

On February 13, the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions held its first ever hearing on marijuana and financial services, entitled “*Challenges and Solutions: Access to Banking Services for Cannabis-Related Businesses*”.

Representatives Ed Perlmutter (D-CO), Denny Heck (D-WA), Steve Stivers (R-OH), and Warren Davidson (R-OH) presented a discussion draft for the Secure and Fair Enforcement Banking Act of 2019 (SAFE Banking Act).

As things stand now, most banks will not do business with legal marijuana businesses.



This means that most marijuana businesses operate on a cash basis, creating a difficult business operating environment, and making them targets for robberies and additional crimes. The SAFE Banking Act would protect banks and their employees from criminal and civil liability for providing services to cannabis businesses that are legal on the state level.

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