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## Appointment

Fredericton, August 6, 2009 - RPC is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Benjamin Forward as Department Head, Food, Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Dr. Forward completed his B.Sc. in biology at the University of New Brunswick and completed his Ph.D in biochemistry at the University of Victoria. He joined RPC as Senior Scientist in 2006 having previously been employed at the Huntsman Marine Science Center in St. Andrews, NB.

Dr. Forward succeeds Dr. Rachael Ritchie who is relocating to Europe. Dr. Ritchie rebuilt FFA's vibrant business unit adding new service lines and accreditations including most recently accredited wildlife forensic services and accredited relationship analysis (paternity testing) services. Additionally, she developed the professional team by adding top talent such as Dr. Tony Manning and, her successor, Dr. Forward.



RPC's Food, Fisheries and Aquaculture department is comprised of a diverse group of professionals specializing in molecular biology, microbiology, food and fish health. In addition to a comprehensive family of analytical services, ongoing research includes probiotics, DNA based food traceability and pathogen diagnostic techniques. Technical services include wildlife forensics, microbiology, relationship analysis, bacterial forensics, genotyping, sequencing, and shelf life studies.

Eric Cook, Executive Director, notes: "This is an excellent opportunity for Dr. Forward. We are looking forward to his leadership in the life science area; a sector with excellent growth prospects." RPC has proven leadership in the life science area having made numerous breakthroughs and achieving several firsts in the sector.

The appointment is effective August 3, 2009.

### About RPC

RPC is New Brunswick's provincial research organization (PRO), an independent contract research and development and technical services organization located in Fredericton, NB. RPC's complement of 100 scientists, engineers and technologists are supported by a 13,000 sq. meter facility housing world-class analytical chemistry and material-testing laboratories, comprehensive life science capabilities, an internationally recognized fish health lab, extensive prototype design, manufacturing and testing services, and a wide variety of pilot facilities for the development and improvement of industrial and environmental processes and products.

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