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PREMIER GRAHAM TOURS PROVINCIAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION

Fredericton, February 19, 2009 - Premier Shawn Graham recently toured RPC, New Brunswick's provincial research organization. Accompanying Premier Graham was the Honorable Greg Byrne, Minister of Business New Brunswick and Rick Miles, MLA for Fredericton-Silverwood.

During the tour, the Premier met with some of RPC's scientists, engineers and researchers and viewed examples of applied research projects that RPC is conducting to assist New Brunswick industry. Projects included genetic research for fish health and aquaculture food traceability; probiotics research that has identified marine bacteria with commercial applications; environmental analytical chemistry methods and services; nuclear energy monitoring and inspection devices; new product design and prototyping; mineral process development and testing for the mining sector; and environmental process research and testing.

RPC was founded in 1962 and, since that time, has assisted thousands of New Brunswick businesses, entrepreneurs and innovators with applied research and technical services. RPC currently serves over 800 clients annually.



Shown above in RPC's machine shop is John Aikens (center) with Premier Graham (left) and Minister Byrne (right). John is highlighting examples of innovative products that RPC has assisted New Brunswick entrepreneurs and businesses to design, develop and build.



Shown above, left to right, is MLA Rick Miles, Minister Greg Byrne, Premier Graham, and Dr. Ben Forward. Dr. Forward is describing the bio prospecting research project he has been leading which has resulted in identifying and characterizing of over 1800 bacteria found in New Brunswick's marine environments. Premier Graham is examining a bacterium that is under investigation for its anti-cancer properties.

Premier thanks Dr. Grotterod and welcomes Ken Reeder as New Chairperson

During the visit to RPC, Premier Graham thanked Dr. Knut Grotterod, retiring Chairperson of RPC. Dr. Grotterod is the former Chairman and CEO of Fraser Papers and served as Chairman of RPC since 1986. Ken Reeder is the former President and CEO of Neill and Gunter Limited, a prominent New Brunswick consulting engineering company. Chairman Reeder will oversee RPC's board of directors who are representatives of industry, government and academia.



Shown above, left to right, is Honorable Greg Byrne, Minister of Business New Brunswick, newly appointed Chairperson Ken Reeder, retiring Chairperson, Dr. Knut Grotterod and Premier Shawn Graham.

About RPC

RPC is 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, 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.

RPC is accredited by various organizations including the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) and is ISO 9001:2000 certified.

Further information about RPC's services is available from www.rpc.ca.

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