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RPC Announces Significant Equipment Upgrade Project

March 4, 2019, Fredericton, NB - RPC has announced a significant equipment upgrade project. The project is valued at \$1.3 million with support from ACOA.

“As New Brunswick’s research and technology organization, it is important that we have leading-edge equipment to support the science and innovation needs of industry,” noted Eric Cook, CEO.

RPC’s COO, Steve Holmes, highlighted, “This project includes equipment upgrades that both improve our capacity and our capability”.

New equipment has already begun to arrive at RPC, including a 6-axis robot. “We are proactively seeking-out affordable advanced manufacturing technology that can be demonstrated to our clients in our automation lab. The newly acquired robot is already slated for use in a full-scale manufacturing mock-up for a local client,” said Holmes.



The new scientific instruments will support analytical needs for the agriculture, food and beverage, aquaculture, forestry and cannabis sectors, among others. RPC’s Chief Science Officer, Dr. Diane Botelho provided an example. “The new quadrupole mass spectrometer is state-of-the-art technology we utilize for pesticide analyses. Pesticide contamination in food, water, cannabis and other substances is a safety and health concern. This new equipment will help RPC to remain a top-performing lab in pesticide analyses.”

Additional instruments purchased will support environmental analyses and gas chemistry.

“We are very pleased with these investments and appreciate the support from ACOA, a significant supporter of innovation in our region,” noted Cook.

About RPC

RPC is New Brunswick’s provincial research organization (PRO), a research and technology organization (RTO) with locations in Fredericton, Moncton, and St. George, NB. RPC’s complement of 160 scientists, engineers, technologists and support staff operate from 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 product development, 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 holds over 100 accreditations and certifications including a diverse ISO 17025 scope from the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) and is ISO 9001:2015 certified. Further information about RPC’s services is available from www.rpc.ca.

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