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RPC to Celebrate 50th Anniversary in 2012

Fredericton, February 8, 2012 - RPC will be recognizing its 50th anniversary in 2012. In 1962, New Brunswick became the sixth province to establish its provincial research organization (PRO). The first PRO was the Alberta Research Council (1921) followed by the Ontario Research Foundation (1928), the British Columbia Research Council (1944), the Nova Scotia Research Foundation (1946) and the Saskatchewan Research Council (1947).

Following RPC were the Manitoba Research Council (1963) and the Centre de Recherche Industrielle du Quebec (1969). In 2009, Newfoundland and Labrador formed the Newfoundland and Labrador Research and Development Council. Its mandate is evolving and may have similarities to a PRO.

PROs are Canadian provincial government initiatives mandated to promote research and development and adoption of technology. PROs focus on applied, or market-led research and technical services and specialize in industry sectors that are native to their provinces. In keeping with this, RPC has developed expertise in areas such as aquaculture, environmental chemistry, energy, mining, food, and manufacturing.

RPC strives to respond to and anticipate industry's needs for science and engineering support. Our 13,000 square meter Fredericton facility is well equipped to perform design, development, analyses, and piloting. In 2011, RPC opened a satellite lab in Moncton to better serve clients in that region of the province. For more information, visit www.rpc.ca and rpcgenetics.com.

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 98 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.

RPC is accredited by various organizations including the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) and is ISO 9001:2008 certified. Further information about RPC's services is available from <http://www.rpc.ca>.

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RPC's 50th anniversary logo is revealed in Fredericton. Shown above is Ken Reeder, RPC Chairman, Eric Cook, Chief Executive Officer and Stephen Fox, Chief Operating Officer.