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RPC Announces Research Collaboration Led by the Natural History Museum

RPC's bioleaching expertise in demand for prestigious research project

May 6, 2015, Fredericton, NB - RPC is very pleased to be part of a collaborative research team led by the Natural History Museum in London, England. The project is titled, "CoG³: The Geology, Geometallurgy and Geomicrobiology of Cobalt Resources Leading to New Product Streams". Its principal investigator is Professor Richard Herrington, Head of Earth Sciences Department of the Natural History Museum, and is funded by the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), leading funder of independent research, training and innovation in environmental science in the UK.

The collaborative team includes industrial partners such as Glencore, Brazilian Nickel, and eight academic partners. This project is focused on developing cobalt knowledge and technology with four work packages: 1) New Sources of Cobalt, 2) Natural Biogeochemistry of Cobalt, 3) Bioprocess, and 4) Improving the Cobalt Supply Chain. RPC will contribute to the project wherever asked, but our specialization lies in bioprocessing.

RPC's Executive Director, Eric Cook noted, "RPC has several decades of experience in bioleaching for the mining sector. We are proud that our innovative skills are recognized globally." Leo Cheung, Manager of RPC's Mineral and Industrial Process group will be attending the project kick-off meeting in Manchester later this month. "We are very excited to work with this impressive team and we look forward to contributing to this project," said Cheung. The project, valued at over £2 million, involves eight academic institutions and seven industrial partners.



About RPC

RPC is New Brunswick's provincial research organization (PRO), an independent contract research and development and technical services organization located in Fredericton and Moncton, NB. RPC's complement of 95 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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