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## RPC Opens Expanded Cannabis Sample Preparation Lab

July 27, 2018, Fredericton, NB - RPC has opened an expanded cannabis sample preparation lab, complete with a walk-in vault for additional sample storage capacity. This modern space significantly increases our capacity for sample preparation and provides improved working space for our analysts.

RPC is a leading provider of analytical services for the medical cannabis market and anticipates an increase in demand with the recreational market becoming legal on October 17, 2018.

"Health Canada conducted their audit and we recently received our license amendment," said Bruce Phillips, Department Head of Organic Chemistry Services. RPC's organic chemistry group led the development of RPC's medical cannabis services, building on comprehensive agricultural and aquaculture testing capabilities and testing of hemp which RPC began offering in 1999. RPC's established microbiology and inorganic chemistry labs completed the requirements to offer a comprehensive suite of medical cannabis analysis. RPC began offering medical cannabis testing services in early 2014 and has experienced increasing demand over the past 4 years.

"We have been working hard to grow with the industry," said Eric Cook, RPC's CEO. "In addition to new lab space, we have added new instruments and have been hiring new employees," says Cook. RPC's workforce has grown by 65% in the last 28 months, a good portion of the growth is attributed to the cannabis sector. RPC career opportunities are posted at [www.rpc.ca](http://www.rpc.ca). "Most encouraging is the diversification of demand which has grown to include our air quality services, automation and engineering services, process engineering services and our genetics expertise. With edibles expected to be legalized in late 2019, we anticipate growing demand for our food chemistry services as well".

The new lab is going into service immediately.



Hon. Rick Doucet, pictured with Eric Cook (RPC CEO) and RPC staff, cuts ribbon at opening of RPC's expanded cannabis sample preparation lab.

### 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 130 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 9001:2008 certified. Further information about RPC's services is available from [www.rpc.ca](http://www.rpc.ca).

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