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Dr. Diane Botelho Appointed as Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of RPC

June 6, 2023, Fredericton, NB - Dr. Shelley Rinehart, Chair of the New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council (RPC), is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Diane Botelho as the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of RPC, effective May 25, 2023.

Dr. Botelho brings with her over a decade of experience with the innovation cycle from concept through to commercialization. She has led a number of successful teams providing scientific guidance to government, academic and industrial partners. In her former role as Chief Science Officer (CSO), Diane gave evidence of her leadership capabilities playing a significant role in strategic planning, development of new test methodologies and leading specialized research projects. Prior to her role as CSO, Diane was the Director of RPC's air quality laboratories where she consulted with stakeholders and designed analytical methods to support health and safety initiatives.

Diane strongly believes that youth mentorship is crucial for securing generations of scientific leadership in Atlantic Canada and leads several student mentorship initiatives at RPC. Diane is a chartered chemist with the Association of the Chemical Profession of Ontario, a registered biosafety officer with the Canadian Association for Biological Safety and an adjunct professor with the University of New Brunswick. Away from RPC Diane enjoys dance activities and is a registered highland dance instructor with the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.



Diane Botelho, Ph.D.
RPC Executive Director and CEO

"I am delighted that the Board has placed their confidence in my ability to lead this extraordinary organization," said Botelho. "I look forward to working with our teams to ensure that together, we challenge ourselves to think outside the box and bring our best ideas forward. RPC has an exceptional history of providing scientific and engineering solutions; I am thrilled to be a part of its future and to work alongside so many talented people. I look forward to continuing to demonstrate RPC's relevance as New Brunswick's Research and Technology Organization, and to ensure that our mandate continues to be fulfilled by blazing the innovation trail, breaking barriers and achieving new heights."

About RPC

RPC is New Brunswick's provincial research organization (PRO), a research and technology organization (RTO) with locations in Fredericton and Moncton, NB. RPC's complement of 165 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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