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RPC Remains Fully Operational During COVID-19 Crisis

April 16, 2020, Fredericton, NB - As New Brunswick enters its second month of full COVID-19 crisis response, RPC remains fully operational.

"As an essential service provider of critical water, food, dairy, fish health, medical gas and other analyses, we have made adjustments to remain fully operational while complying with directives from Public Health," notes Eric Cook, CEO.

RPC has implemented social distancing protocols for sample receiving, reception and the workplace. Cook explained, "We have people working at home wherever possible, and rotating shifts in our labs to allow for social distancing. We are also completing some renovations to expand space where larger numbers of employees would normally interact. Our workforce has been remarkably resilient, cooperative and helpful. The commitment to client service that has made us successful over the past 58 years is alive and well."



RPC respects the tremendous stress of the economic shock that has resulted from the COVID-19 crisis.

"While businesses are challenged to manage the present situation, some effort should also be reserved for planning during the recovery phase," shared Cook. "For example, we are considering opportunities in the advanced manufacturing, energy, environmental, biotech, food and beverage, and digital health sectors. We would be pleased to discuss how RPC can help your business position for the recovery."

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 170 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 <u>www.rpc.ca</u>.

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