

A Scientific Research Laboratory Focused on Cannabis in Mirabel

Montreal, May 6, 2019 – EXKA is pleased to mark the first milestone in the construction of its world-class cannabis centre of excellence by inaugurating its scientific research and plant tissue culture laboratory in Mirabel, Quebec, which will enable the cloning, micropropagation and genetic characterization and improvement of cannabis. The company, specializing in the cultivation and extraction of cannabis oil for medicinal purposes, also announces two research partnerships with McGill University and a third with Centre de transfert technologique en écologie industrielle (CTTEI).

Research projects with McGill University will include the study of the horticultural practices and extraction methods of cannabis and a plant breeding program that aims at developing cannabis varieties resistant to powdery mildew. For its part, the research project carried out with the Centre de transfert technologique en écologie industrielle (CTTEI) will focus on the recovery of plant residues from cannabis cultivation.

\$20M invested and about 100 jobs created in Mirabel

In addition to the plant tissue culture laboratory, EXKA's Mirabel facilities will include greenhouses and an extraction facility that will be inaugurated later this year. It should be noted that this private investment of more than \$20 million will contribute to the creation of about 100 high-level jobs in pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and horticulture. Commercial operations are scheduled to begin in early 2020.

The company's arrival in the northern suburbs of Montreal will create a cannabis innovation hub and promote the region's development and economic diversification.

Citation

"The work carried out by EXKA and its research partners will allow the development of unique, stable and uniform cannabis varieties and the optimization of the production of pharmaceutical grade oil with therapeutic properties. The oil developed and produced in Mirabel will be used for clinical research worldwide."

- Maxime Paris, President and CEO of EXKA

About EXKA

EXKA is a Quebec company involved in the cultivation and extraction of cannabis oil for medicinal purposes. With the aim of becoming a centre of excellence and a global reference, it specialises in the research, innovation and development of cannabis-based pharmaceutical products.

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