



GDG Environment is moving into new state-of-the-art facilities

Trois-Rivières, on February 4th 2021 – GDG Environment, a subsidiary of Kersia Group, is proud to announce that on February 1st it moved into new cutting-edge installations. In the image of the company, the modern accommodations of 11 000 square feet are located at 1100, Technoparc place, on the magnificent site of Trois-Rivières on Saint-Lawrence, in Trois-Rivières. Consequently, **GDG Environment** will be able to continue its mission, which is to develop products and services, as well as achieve a level of specialization that is unique in Canada.



This important step in the growth of **GDG Environment**, made possible through the cooperation of *Innovation et Développement économique Trois-Rivières*, aims to broaden the services of the company. Regarding the entomology and molecular biology laboratory, it is a significant gain of space in comparison with the office space that the team was previously occupying, and, meanwhile, the entire firm finds itself in a hyper stimulating work environment.

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The scientific team of **GDG Environment** will have access to many laboratories, which includes highly specialized level 2 equipment. This will allow the team to better answer the public and forest health needs

and serve a clientele having specific requests concerning environmental monitoring such as:

- detection of viruses transmitted by mosquitoes: West Nile virus, Eastern equine encephalitis and Zika, with the use of PCR real-time technology;
- identification of the ticks and detection of Lyme disease and other diseases transmitted by the ticks, such as recurring fever;
- identification of the benthic populations within the framework of environmental monitoring studies (that allow the evaluation of the global health status of the aquatic ecosystems) ;
- research and monitoring of the populations of emerging insects in a context of climatic change.

Moreover, the laboratory team will be empowered to offer various services pertaining to biotechnology, to molecular biology and to epidemiology. This team is composed of experienced technicians, of taxonomists and biologists, and the work activities are supervised by Dr. Marie-Laure Escudero, chartered microbiologist.

GDG Environment already offers many services to private companies as well as municipal and governmental institutions (biological control of the biting insects surveillance of vectors responsible for the spread of vector borne diseases, aerial services including drone services, etc.).



Finally, those new installations will allow for the installation of a production unit of FraxiProtec™, a biological tool to fight against emerald ash borer (EAB), currently under evaluation for registration in Canada and in the United States.

ABOUT GDG ENVIRONMENT, A SUBSIDIARY OF KERSIA GROUP

GDG Environment offers multiple services aiming the improvement of air quality and the protection of public health. In 2019, it has become a **subsidiary of Kersia Group**, global leader in food safety from farm to table. **Kersia Group** is a major player and trusted partner in Agri-Food, industry, catering – hotel, in institutional communities and in water purification, while providing innovative solutions with value-added in over 120 countries.

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