

#### **Natural Health Products & Functional Foods Workshop**

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### Outline



- Introduction to Ceapro
- Ceapro's role in NHP & FF Industry
- Ceapro's Needs & Gaps in Alberta
- Overcoming Technical Gaps

# **The Corporation**



- Profitable Canadian Biotechnology Company
  - Incorporated in 1997
  - Listed on TSX-V (CZO) [O/S 61 million]
- Headquarters & Research Labs: Edmonton, Alberta
- Manufacturing Facility: Leduc, Alberta
- 2014 BIOTECanada Gold Leaf Award



# **Ceapro's role in NHP & FF Industry**

#### Manufacture standardized active plant extracts

- Procure feedstock
- Generate industrial quantities of extracts
- Fulfill distributor & end customers needs



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### Solution provider to formulators

- Conduct process & quality Improvement
- Develop new technologies





PGX Technology

### **New PGX Technology**

- Pressurized Gax eXpanded Liquids (PGX) can:
  - Dry polymers (starch, beta-glucan, pectin etc..) at 40°C
  - Extract, purify & deodorize polymers
  - Micronize: create highly porous particles
  - Impregnate polymers with heat sensitive bioactives



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### **PGX Processed Corn Starch**



#### Before PGX Processing

- Size reduction: 300 x smaller
- Specific Surface Area >150 m<sup>2</sup>/g



#### After PGX Processing

### **Beta Glucan Impregnation Using PGX**





Impregnated BG

 CoQ<sub>10</sub> is not visible: CoQ10 is deposited at submicron scale

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#### Market Intelligence

- Understand what the end customer wants and at what price
- Reliable forecast

# **Overcoming Technical Gaps in Alberta**

#### Support current scale-up processing facilities in Alberta:

- Leverage resources: become a center of excellence
- Ensure equipment is up to date and operational
- Train technical staff
- Shorten turn around times

#### Train highly skilled workers:

- Continue to promote applied undergrad programs
- Encourage entrepreneurship

#### Targeted funding

- Continue to support fundamental and applied research
- Provide additional funding to "cross the pre-chasm"



# Thank you for the role you play!

