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The first processor of organic hemp seed products west of Saskatoon is now open for business in BC's Fraser Valley.

Abbotsford, BC, June 10, 2014. Absorbent Concepts Inc – Food Processing Division is open for business and providing contract and private label de-hulling, cold press oil production, packaging, warehousing and distribution of organic industrial hemp seed related products.

Pete Scales, President and Production Manager, started putting the plan together in July 2013 and the first de-hulled product was produced January of this year. Now, the facility provides processing services, bulk and individual serving sizes, to clients all over North America.

Scales says, “As a biologist, environmental professional and inventor with a strong history of product and process development, I have always wanted to enter the food processing business, turning out healthy and nutritious products. With this new business I have got my wish and then some”.

Designed exclusively to provide organic processing, the facility offers: cleaning, sizing and de-hulling services, as well as cold pressing and filtering of hemp oil; ACI has all the equipment necessary to package and label solid and liquid product in sizes ranging from individual portions to tote or drum sized loads. With science and technology in mind the facility is designed to mitigate omega fatty acid rancidity issues and features : a 40 ft reefer/freezer unit for storage of incoming raw seed and process by products; a large volume walk in fridge for storage of all finished goods; muted light in critical packaging stations and extensive use of food grade nitrogen gas to minimize oxidation (for both hulled and pressed products).

To date, three CHTA members have toured the facility and all deemed it to be very clean, sanitary, highly efficient, cost effective and above all, exclusively organic in orientation. Geared for flexibility the facility will focus on offering up to 75% of processing time to contract services.

ACI is actively looking for new clients who have organic hemp (and other organic seed crops) inventory who require pacific coast - based contract processing.

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