

Supporting a Natural Approach to Animal Health

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MicroSintesis will launch new animal care probiotics in North America and create jobs in Charlottetown

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Researchers are constantly striving to learn more about effective and non-intrusive health improvement for animals. With support from the governments of Canada and Prince Edward Island, [MicroSintesis Inc.](#) is looking to introduce a new class of probiotics for animal care to the market, bringing skilled jobs and new export opportunities to PEI's growing bioscience sector.

Sean Casey, Member of Parliament for Charlottetown, on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), along with the Honourable Heath MacDonald, PEI Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, today announced the funding.

Through its [Business Development Program](#), ACOA will provide a repayable contribution of nearly \$370,000 to MicroSintesis to build its Charlottetown-based operations, adding staff and marketing support, as part of the launch of its new proteobiotics technology. The Government of Prince Edward Island, through Innovation PEI, is providing a grant of \$16,000 to support the venture.

Founded in 2011, with headquarters in Ontario, MicroSintesis has a research and development team working out of the National Research Council of Canada building in Charlottetown. The company is focused on natural bio-technology solutions that clinically improve gut health by reducing the ability of harmful pathogens to infect, restoring the balance of bacteria in the digestive system.

September 20-27 is Global Biotech Week. Bioscience is one of the fastest growing industries in Atlantic Canada and in PEI, where the PEI BioAlliance serves as the champion for its continued growth. Through the [Atlantic Growth Strategy](#), the Government of Canada is investing in innovative projects to ensure that Atlantic Canadian companies remain globally competitive and continue to make important contributions around the world.

Quotes

“Canadian bioscience companies are conducting exciting research, and showing tremendous leadership as they look for innovative solutions to global challenges. Not only do they serve as incubators and accelerators for new ideas, the businesses and research labs in this cluster are vital to the Government of Canada’s economic path and play a key role in growing our economy.”

- *The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for ACOA*

“As with many of the innovative companies working and collaborating in the PEI bioscience industry, the products that MicroSintesis is looking to bring to market are based on research that is focused on improving our daily lives. Beyond that, the entrepreneurial spirit and breadth of expertise found in the PEI bioscience community is creating diverse employment opportunities and strengthening the Island economy.”

- *Sean Casey, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Member of Parliament for Charlottetown*

“We’ve seen incredible growth in the bioscience sector on Prince Edward Island over the last five years and companies like MicroSintesis are the reason why. These companies are developing innovative, cutting-edge products to meet growing demand. In this case the entire agriculture industry stands to benefit from the products being developed at this exciting new company.”

- *The Honourable Heath MacDonald, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism*

“Through our collaboration with PEI we have been able to ramp up our research and production timelines significantly. This market development contribution is a natural next step for the company and will allow us to launch our products across Canada and the USA, over the next year. We are delighted and grateful for ACOA’s continued support and are excited to begin this next phase of our growth.”

- *Hannah McIver, CEO, MicroSintesis Inc.*

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