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## **Grand Opening for Maine Marijuana Testing Facility**

**CATLAB Cannabis Analytical Testing Lab Accredited to Serve Maine's Adult Use Market**

**ELIOT, MAINE-** The Maine Office of Marijuana Policy (OMP) and the Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) have awarded full certification to CATLAB, LLC in Eliot for testing Adult Use marijuana products. CATLAB is now one of just three labs in the state offering testing services to the exploding adult use cannabis market. According to Maine OMP, Maine's licensed adult-use retailers generated \$2.47 million in sales in January alone. Since the state requires growers to test for potency and certain contaminants, it is expected that there will soon be a very high demand for testing services.

Guy Sylvester, CEO; Jane Stratton, Chief Customer Relations Officer; and Geoff Sylvester, President and CFO, began building this cannabis startup company in late 2019. "Embarking on a new business venture always has its challenges, but the COVID pandemic has made things particularly difficult," said owner and CEO Guy Sylvester.

However, his hand-picked staff of highly educated Maine scientists and operations officers has worked together diligently to overcome every obstacle. "Our employees have solid backgrounds in chemistry, laboratory testing and compliance, so we didn't have the steep learning curve you'd expect with a high-tech lab startup," said CATLAB President Geoff Sylvester. "We hit the ground running." Offering opportunities for STEM workforce development in Maine has been called critical to Maine's economic growth.



Pictured left to right: Geoff Sylvester, CFO, Jane Stratton, CCRO, and Guy Sylvester, CEO

CATLAB provides all tests required by The Maine Office of Marijuana Policy under Maine's Adult Use Marijuana Program. CATLAB began accepting medical use flower and products for testing in February and is now certified to test all cannabis products on the market. The state is releasing testing requirements in phases. Phase 1 is now in effect for testing Potency, Filth, Water Activity, Moisture Content, Microbiologics and Mycotoxins; Metals will be added in June, Residual Solvents by August, and Pesticides will be added by the end of 2021.

"It's really about helping the cannabis industry provide a clean, safe product for the consumer," said CATLAB Customer Relations Officer Jane Stratton. "CATLAB wants to be a partner to our customers to help ensure they're collecting and analyzing their samples in accordance with state regulations."

CATLAB is accredited through a third party, Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation (PJLA), in accordance with the recognized International Standard: ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

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For more information about CATLAB: [www.catlabllc.com](http://www.catlabllc.com) For more information about Maine's cannabis laws: [www.maine.gov/dafs/omp/](http://www.maine.gov/dafs/omp/)

*CATLAB, LLC is a commercial analytical testing laboratory proudly serving the medical and recreational cannabis markets in Maine. CATLAB, short for Cannabis Analytical Testing Laboratory, provides certified professional testing services to cannabis growers and medical marijuana dispensaries as they comply with regulations related to human safety, product potency, and contaminant testing.*