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## Rose City Laboratories gains Full Cannabis Testing Accreditation in time for new OLCC March 1st testing requirements

**Portland, OR - Rose City Laboratories**, a leading cannabis testing laboratory, has announced that it is now fully accredited by the Oregon Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ORELAP) to comply with the new cannabis testing requirements for heavy metals and microbiological contaminants effective March 1st, 2023, in Oregon.

The new regulations require all cannabis products sold in the state to undergo rigorous testing to ensure they are free from contaminants and harmful substances. As a result, Rose City Labs has worked tirelessly to achieve full accreditation from **ORELAP**, an independent third-party accrediting body recognized by the state of Oregon.

Per the relevant OHA bulletin, as of March 1, 2023, all marijuana items and hemp-derived vapor items must be tested for:

- Heavy metals, if harvested or manufactured on or after March 1, 2023
- Microbiological containments, if harvested or manufactured on or after March 1, 2023

- Heavy Metals are metallic elements with high atomic weights that can be toxic and harmful to living organisms when present in high concentrations.

- Microbiological contaminants refer to microorganisms that can cause illness or infection in humans when present in high levels in food or other products. Microbial contamination in cannabis can occur during cultivation, harvesting, processing, and storage.

This is in addition to other testing requirements currently in place, including mycotoxins effective last July.

**Rose City Labs** has been dedicated to ensuring the safety and quality of cannabis products in Oregon since 2012. With the new testing regulations coming into effect, the lab has invested heavily in state-of-the-art equipment and staff training to meet the strict requirements set forth by ORELAP. The lab's state-of-the-art equipment and highly trained staff ensure accurate and reliable results that comply with the new regulations.

"We are proud to have achieved full accreditation from ORELAP and be one of the few labs in the state that can offer fully compliant testing services for cannabis products," said Dan Huson, CEO of Rose City Labs. "Our team has worked tirelessly to ensure that we meet the high standards required by ORELAP, and we look forward to continuing to provide reliable, accurate, and compliant testing services to the cannabis industry."

**Rose City Labs** offers a range of home and commercial testing services, including potency, pesticide and solvent residue analysis, heavy metal and microbial testing, as well as full range Environmental testing.

For more information on Rose City Labs and its testing services, please visit www.rosecitylabs.com. or contact:

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| Marketing Director                       | Rules regarding heavy metal testing may be found under OAR 333-007-0415.                  |
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