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## **Canadian hemp industry achieves record growth: CHTA to establish full time Executive Director**

As the Canadian hemp industry continues to grow, and prospects for the industry are accelerated thanks to the pending changes in Canadian cannabis regulations including the Industrial Hemp Regulation, the Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance (CHTA) has begun a search for a full-time Executive Director. With a modernized regulatory regime, the agricultural hemp industry is poised to grow to \$1 billion in sales by 2023, creating 3,000 new jobs over the next five years.

According to Russ Crawford, President of the CHTA, “Hemp is coming of age in Canadian agriculture. The 2017 crop surpassed 130,000 acres for the first time in Canadian history, as Canadian farmers and processors pursue opportunities in the food and fibre markets. As new regulations open the door for industrial hemp to provide key natural health products to Canadians and globally, our organization is preparing for significant growth”.

“Our organization benefitted from the passion, determination and energy of Kim Shukla as our part-time Executive Director, and we thank her for her tremendous service. It is time for us to find a new organizational leader on a full time basis, and the CHTA Board has launched a search for our next Executive Director” stated Crawford. Search details have been distributed nationally, and appear on the CHTA website at [www.hemptrade.ca](http://www.hemptrade.ca).

The Canadian Hemp Trade Association is a not-for-profit organization which represent over 260 growers from 9 out of 10 provinces as well as numerous processors, distributors, developers and researchers involved in Canada’s rapidly growing industrial hemp industry.

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