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Q&A with Susan Bunce, President of DB Labs Certified in Nevada for Cannabis Testing to meet the Industry Needs for Producing Safe Products



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CEOCFO: *Ms. Bunce, what is the vision at DB Labs today?* **Ms. Bunce:** Our vision is to provide safe cannabis products to the consumer. While also expanding DB Labs into other states and countries.

CEOCFO: How do you do so?

Ms. Bunce: We have highly specialized instrumentation and we have rigorous testing that the state of Nevada has set forth for us with

specific guidelines that we need to follow in order to have these products pass. If they do not pass they are not able to be sold in the dispensary. Therefore, they go through all of this testing before hand and then the client, which is the cultivator who has the flower or producer of the edibles and oils; receives a certificate so they can sell their products in a dispensary.

CEOCFO: Was DB Labs the first cannabis lab certified for testing in Nevada?

Ms. Bunce: Yes. We were the first lab to receive our license and open. We were the first lab to test in Nevada. We are also the first lab in Las Vegas to receive our ISO/IEC 17025:2005 accreditation from PJLA. We have also been awarded the Emerald Scientific Proficiency Testing. We have earned four Emerald badges. Emerald Scientific is a third party company that provides round robin tests nationwide. They send these tests out to laboratories that want to participate. If a laboratory falls within one standard deviation from the target value then badges are awarded showing the laboratory is right on target. If you are a little bit outside the parameters then your company is just given a "pass" and you do not actually get the badge. Those tests are only done twice a year; in the spring and in the fall.

CEOCFO: Are people looking for quality testing or is it just more discerning people that pay attention to your accomplishments?

Ms. Bunce: The market is still new here. I think that they just kind of take it for granted. Even people coming from other states do not realize the amount of testing that we do, because Nevada does have the most stringent testing in the nation compared to some other states. Such as, Arizona who does not requiring any testing at all. I know that they do some testing, which was just for cannabinoids and Terpenes, but that does not have anything to do as far as patient safety in regards to microbial contamination, heavy metals, pesticides or residual solvents, which could be very harmful to someone. Especially with a low immune system.