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Embryo Transplant Company Under New Ownership

Bova-Tech Ltd. (BTL), an internationally recognized Alberta-based embryo transplant company, is under the new ownership of Dr. Andres Arteaga, with the company's office and embryo storage facility relocated to Airdrie, Alberta just north of Calgary.

"We are excited with the new opportunities this presents to BTL and will continue to provide the high level of customer service that clients have come to rely on from BTL for more than 25 years," Dr. Arteaga said. Dr. Arteaga, who was born and raised in Mexico, has been involved in the Canadian embryo transfer industry since 2003. He received his masters in Veterinary Science, specializing in Theriogenology from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

BTL offers the beef and dairy industries in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba complete commercial embryo transplant services along with international export market opportunities.

"In-clinic and on-farm services for embryo collection, freezing and transplants will continue to be the foundation at BTL," said Dr. Arteaga.

"For customers who prefer in-clinic services we have formed a partnership with two respected Alberta centres which will serve as our official satellite locations."

"BTL will be working with Earl and Jonathan Scott who recently opened Scott Stock Farm Bull & Heifer Development Centre near Crossfield, and Duncan Fleming and Justin Pittman of Fleming Stock Farms near Granum. These facilities will offer complete services for hosting donors and recipients cows. The Scotts and Flemings have decades of cattle care and management experience with a proven track record for both providing hands-on, customer focused service," said Dr. Arteaga.

In-clinic clients can choose to prepare donor cows on the farm and bring them to the Airdrie or Granum centre for the embryo collection process or have the donor cow(s) housed at the centre for all super-ovulatory treatments, artificial insemination and embryo recovery procedures. Embryos recovered from donor cows can be transferred fresh to synchronized recipients or frozen for transfer at a later date.

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Producers choosing to perform on-farm services can depend on BTL to provide all necessary instructions and drugs, including the BTL Export Certified Mobile Lab which covers Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

BTL's team along with the two satellite in-clinic centres have extensive experience in the field of embryo transfer and are well versed in the growing and changing needs of the cattle industry. "Our goal is to ensure the highest level of customer service," said Dr. Arteaga.

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