

SPEAKING NOTES FOR**Rachael Scarth****Associate Vice-President, Research Operations, UVic**

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Thank you, Reiner

I am very pleased to represent UVic today and witness the official start of the ARIEL project that create a world-class isotopes research tunnel.

I bring greetings from our President Dr. David Turpin and Howard Brunt our Vice-President Research, who both regret that they can't be present today.

UVic is proud to be one of the founding members of TRIUMF, along with Simon Fraser and UBC. UVic researchers have been key members of the teams involved in the transformation of TRIUMF into a national laboratory and played key roles in its expansion from a focus on nuclear physics to include particle physics, molecular and materials science, and nuclear medicine.

We are also very excited and pleased to be the lead university for this project. There is already evidence of progress from the visit last summer of our management team- the old badge building has been removed and site preparation is underway. I understand from Nigel that the doorknob from the badge building has been preserved—an estimated 5 million hands touched that doorknob over the past 40 years as they passed through to the facility. The doorknob will be mounted on a plaque to serve as a reminder of the past in the new facility.

Thank you, Mr. Lee, for your government's very significant and generous investment in TRIUMF through the \$30.7 million contribution to the ARIEL facility.

The Federal Government's ongoing support of TRIUMF through the Canada Foundation for Innovation should also be acknowledged. CFI contributed \$17.8 million to support the linear accelerator portion of the project, which is being also led by the University of Victoria. Thank you Mr. Strahl.

The investment from the Province and CFI, with an additional \$14.4 million from TRIUMF partners will create a facility that will significantly advance particle and nuclear physics research in Canada, including world-leading experiments in medical isotopes.

The expansion of the TRIUMF's infrastructure through the new ARIEL facility will have a dramatic impact in multiple sectors of research, including health sciences and commercialization. ARIEL will help to put Canada, at the forefront of innovative science and technology.

We look forward to working with our partners on this exciting project.

Thank you.