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#### **SUBDUED HIRING CLIMATE ANTICIPATED FOR SAINT JOHN**

(Saint John, NB, March 13, 2018) – Saint John area employers expect a subdued hiring climate for the second quarter of 2018, according to the latest ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey.

“Survey data reveals that 10 per cent of employers plan to hire for the upcoming quarter (April to June), while zero per cent anticipate cutbacks,” stated Mindy Stoltz of Manpower’s Saint John office. Another 90 per cent of employers plan to maintain their current staffing levels in the upcoming quarter.

“With seasonal variations removed from the data, Saint John’s second quarter Net Employment Outlook of three per cent is a two percentage point increase when compared to the previous quarterly Outlook,” said Stoltz. “It is also a decrease of three percentage points compared with the Outlook reported during the same time last year, indicating a cautious hiring pace for the upcoming months.”

“The second quarter of 2018 is expected to see steady gains for Canadian job seekers,” said Yvonne Tennenbaum, Regional Director for Manpower Canada. “While Canada experienced a net loss of jobs in January, prospects for the upcoming quarter remain strong, led by exceptionally strong growth in Quebec where employers are hiring across multiple sectors.”