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### **FAVOURABLE HIRING CLIMATE ANTICIPATED FOR SURREY**

(Surrey, BC, March 13, 2018) – Surrey area employers expect a favourable hiring climate for the second quarter of 2018, according to the latest ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey.

“Survey data reveals that 19 per cent of employers plan to hire for the upcoming quarter (April to June), while zero per cent anticipate cutbacks,” stated Richard Plumb of Manpower’s Vancouver office. Another 81 per cent of employers plan to maintain their current staffing levels in the upcoming quarter.

“With seasonal variations removed from the data, Surrey’s second quarter Net Employment Outlook of 17 per cent is an eight percentage point increase when compared to the previous quarterly Outlook,” said Plumb. “It is also an increase of eight percentage points compared with the Outlook reported during the same time last year, indicating an upbeat 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.”