



Rua Bioscience - Backed by BDO

"It's an international business and we're already seeing some of the benefits of that so it's about creating jobs, but it's also about creating hope."

Rob Mitchell - Chief Executive

Hamish White, Chief Financial Officer

Rua Bioscience is a New Zealand based pharmaceutical company and we're aiming to be an innovator in plant science and also a global exporter in cannabinoid derived medicines.

Rob Mitchell - Chief Executive

Like many pharmaceutical companies we go to the natural world in which to look for products and in the case of Rua Bioscience that natural world is the cannabis plant. From that, we're going to derive medicines that we hope we can turn into pharmaceuticals for the global good of people.

Hamish White, Chief Financial Officer

It's not often that a brand-new industry comes along, they know medicinal cannabis is good.

Rob Mitchell - Chief Executive

The pharmaceutical industry when they first started didn't come out and say you know we're an opioid based company and we get all our products from opium, or wherever they might come from, they said we're a pharmaceutical company and that's what we are – a pharmaceutical company – it's just that we're focussed on a particular plant where we think there's benefits.

We've built a cultivation facility in Ruatoria. Ruatoria is an hour and a half from Gisborne and most people think Gisborne is isolated but that's part of who we are – we did that on purpose because we wanted to create jobs and opportunity in that region.

One of our founders, Manu Caddie, told me that our cultivation facility that we've just built is the first new factory that's been built in the area for 100 years. The other was a factory.