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Better Choices for Burnaby Customers

Burnaby, BC, JULY 1, 2015 —, BC-owned grocer, Choices Markets, swings open the doors of its newest location at Glenlyon Parkway at Marine Way in Burnaby in late-July to accommodate the need for more space for its production facility.

Choices Markets opened its first location in Vancouver's Kitsilano neighbourhood 25 years ago. Since then, the company has grown into a chain of 9 stores in BC, all specializing in natural and organic foods and carrying a range of natural wellness products. In 2003, the company opened a production facility in Richmond that focused exclusively on Choices' Own deli and bakery items. For the last 12 years, Choices' Commissary has been making high quality, delicious food and delivering it fresh to their stores daily.

"We've simply outgrown our existing Commissary," states Ishkandar Ahmed, CEO, Choices Markets. "This new space will allow our Executive Chef to let his creative juices flow and allow us to offer more new, exciting and unique offerings to our customers. This move will ultimately allow us an even greater variety of fresh products in all of our stores."

The building, located in the New Haven business park at Glenlyon Parkway and Marine Way, will house Choices' new 20,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art production facility in the back of the building. New equipment will speed up production of deli items like grab-and-go meals and top-of-line ovens will bake the finest artisan breads. The space will also accommodate Choices' bulk facilities and will be warehousing product, including vitamins, for shipment to our other locations. Customers will be able to find an even better selection of pre-packaged and bulk items like heirloom grains, specialty flours, Canadian legumes and more.

The front of the building will be turned into a scaled-back Choices Markets retail location. The people working and/or living in the surrounding area will find products synonymous with the Choices brand: ethically raised meats, local organic produce, natural wellness products, fresh bakery items and grocery and dairy necessities. They'll also find a wide selection of ready-made meals from the deli. These pre-made meals will be wholesome and fresh, giving customers a break from having to cook without sacrificing health.

Founded in 1990 and owned by Wayne and Lloyd Lockhart and Salim Ahmed, Choices Markets is Western Canada's largest local retailer of natural and organic foods. The chain has eight locations spanning Vancouver, Burnaby, South Surrey and Kelowna. Choices Markets also has a dedicated Gluten-Free Bakery in Vancouver. The new location on Glenlyon Parkway and Marine Way will be the company's ninth store.

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