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## Next Gen appoints John Berfelo as its Advisor to Assist its Medical Marijuana Division

- **Next Gen’s Vision is to be a leading provider of venture capital, management expertise, education and a facilitator for this explosive new industry**
  - Next Gen plans to consolidate certain sectors of this fragmented industry
- To that end:
  - Next Gen’s Management is continuing to build its **Industry Advisory Board**
    - **John Berfelo is the newest addition to the team and he brings with him a wealth of knowledge and contacts throughout the Medical Marijuana industry**
  - Next Gen’s wholly owned sub, **GreenRush Financial Conferences**, will create a platform for education, venture capital investment and business to business opportunities throughout the industry
    - **First Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia – Wednesday May 7, 2014** at the Vancouver Convention Centre, Ballrooms A/B/C
    - **Second Conference in Toronto, Ontario** - Tentatively set for May/June 2014
- **GreenRush Financial Conferences** is Next Gen’s first investment and the company intends on investing in a basket of companies in different sectors of the industry
- Next Gen continues to receive and review multiple business plans and proposals. Management is negotiating with potential financial partners to assist in financing Next Gen’s deal flow

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada - (March 26, 2014) – Next Gen Metals Inc. ("Next Gen", "The Company") (CSE: N, OTC Pink: NXTTF, FSE: M5BN) is pleased to announce that Mr. John Berfelo has been added to Next Gen’s Medical Marijuana Advisory Board. With years of hands on experience throughout the Medical Marijuana industry **Mr. Berfelo will help create long-term shareholder value for the company by completing due diligence and providing both guidance and expertise in relation to investments and acquisitions in the Medical Marijuana industry** ([See the press release dated February 26, 2014](#)).

Mr. Berfelo will participate on our Investment Advisory Board and help evaluate projects and business proposals across the industry. He will also help bring quality deal flow to Next Gen through his contacts across the industry.

Harry Barr, President and CEO of Next Gen stated that *“On behalf of the board of directors and management of Next Gen, I am pleased to have Mr. Berfelo join the Next Gen Team. We are confident that his years of experience within the industry will enable Mr. Berfelo to offer pertinent insight to our team. We welcome Mr. Berfelo back from Spannabis, one of the largest Marijuana conferences in the world held in Barcelona, Spain where he represented Next Gen in search of new industry partners and potential investments.”*

## About John Berfelo

**In 2005, Mr. Berfelo suffered a severe work related injury after falling 8.5 metres at a construction work site. The accident changed his life. After experiencing first-hand the benefits of Medical Marijuana, Mr. Berfelo then spent the next 8 years researching Medical Marijuana and working with Work Safe BC in the Back to Work Program as a legal Medical Marijuana Educator/Advocate and has worked in various capacities throughout the industry.**

Mr. Berfelo has been a legal grower and done private consultation in setting up commercial production facilities under both the MMAR and the MMPR. Mr. Berfelo's experience in growing has lead him to win the Medical Cannabis Cup several times in Canada. The Medical Cannabis Cup is an international competition judging the most effective strains of medical marijuana from contestants around the world. John has won the cup as well as placed both second and third.

John has volunteered for several Vancouver compassion clubs as an educator and advocate. From this work he was asked to represent the Green Cross Society at the UN General Assembly Special Session on Illicit Drugs in 2008.

John is the founder and CEO of [I Green Planet Store Ltd.](#) which is an online gardening center for medical gardeners with distribution worldwide. Mr. Berfelo also represents several private groups and acts as a distributor for various Medical Marijuana related products.

John has done research and been published in various medical journals including PubMed and Case Journal as well as been interviewed on various news stations. Working with professionals in the industry, John has done several presentations for municipalities and universities across BC including the University British Columbia and the University of Victoria.

His experience, connections and insight in the industry will enable Next Gen to efficiently source and screen potential deals in the Medical Marijuana industry. John has been sought after by various companies across the industry and we are pleased to have him working with Next Gen.

## About Next Gen (CSE: N, OTC Pink: NXTTF, FSE: M5BN)

Next Gen is a diversified Canadian public company which focusses on investing in the [Medical Marijuana, Industrial Hemp and Alternative Medicine sectors](#). Recent regulatory/legal changes in North America have provided an opportunity for the company to enter into this emerging multi-billion dollar industry. **Next Gen's vision is to be the leading provider of venture capital, management expertise, education and a facilitator for this explosive new industry.**

Our business model generates multiple new business plans and industry related proposals on an ongoing basis. **Management continues to receive and review the proposals from various segments of the industry** including: alternative medicine, health, food, agri-business, legal grow-ops, technology, client generation, education, public awareness, specialty clinics and ancillary business opportunities. For further information, visit our website at [www.nextgenmetalsinc.com](http://www.nextgenmetalsinc.com).

On March 20, 2014 Next Gen announced that its wholly owned subsidiary [GreenRush Financial Conferences \(GreenRush\)](#), will conduct its first Medical Marijuana, Industrial Hemp and Alternative Medicine business conference in Vancouver on May 7, 2014. The conference will be held at the Vancouver Convention Centre, in Ballrooms A/B/C. [GreenRush Financial Conferences](#) will become the platform facilitating investment, education and business to business opportunities across the Medical Marijuana, Industrial Hemp and Alternative Medicine sectors. The conferences will feature insightful speakers, government and industry

specialists, public and private companies, fund managers, bankers, brokers, analysts, and media representing all aspects of the industry.

In light of Next Gen's vision, Management's objective is to invest in a basket of companies within this growing industry. The company's business model continues to generate new business plans and project submittals 24/7.

**For further information on [GreenRush Financial Conferences](#) and to book a trade booth please contact us by phone or at [mhektoen@nextgenmetalsinc.com](mailto:mhektoen@nextgenmetalsinc.com) or [taylor@pfncapital.com](mailto:taylor@pfncapital.com).**

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On behalf of the Board of Directors

*"Harry Barr"*

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President & CEO

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This News Release contains forward-looking statements. The use of any of the words "anticipate", "continue", "estimate", "expect", "may", "will", "project", "should", "believe" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

Although the Company believes that the expectations and assumptions on which the forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on the forward-looking statements because the Company can give no assurance that they will prove to be correct. Since forward-looking statements address future events and conditions, by their very nature they involve inherent risks and uncertainties. These statements speak only as of the date of this News Release. Actual results could differ materially from those currently anticipated due to a number of factors and risks including various risk factors discussed in the Company's disclosure documents which can be found under the Company's profile on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

This News Release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and such forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.  
The CSE has neither reviewed nor approved the contents of this News Release.