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# Petroteq Announces Exchange of Temple Mountain Leases for Leases in NW Asphalt Ridge

***Asphalt Ridge NW Leases are Estimated to Contain 85-90 Million Barrels of Oil in Place***

**SHERMAN OAKS, CA / ACCESSWIRE / November 29, 2021** /Petroteq Energy Inc. ("Petroteq" or the "Company") (TSXV:PQE)(OTC PINK:PQEFF)(FSE:PQCF), an oil company focused on the development and implementation of its proprietary oil-extraction technologies, is pleased to announce that the Company has entered into an agreement to exchange its Temple Mountain oil sands leases, where the Petroteq Oil Sands Plant ("POSP") is located, for leases to the north in the area known as Asphalt Ridge NW. The new Asphalt Ridge NW leases are located in the vicinity of the Tar Sands Holdings II leases from which the ore was mined for processing at the POSP during the recent demonstration run. The transaction remains subject to the approval of Utah's School and Institutional Trust Land Administration ("SITLA").

Under the terms of an agreement dated October 25, 2021 between Petroteq Oil Recovery, LLC and TMC Capital, LLC, two of the Company's U.S. subsidiaries, and Valkor Energy, LLC (the "Agreement"), Petroteq Oil and TMC Capital agreed to assign to Valkor all of their respective rights and interests in the Temple Mountain mineral lease and in three Utah state oil sands leases located nearby in the Asphalt Ridge area of Uintah County, Utah. In a separate agreement, Valkor agreed to provide TMC Capital with the right to participate in any future operations conducted by Valkor on the Temple Mountain lease.

To complete the exchange under the Agreement, Valkor agreed to assign to TMC Capital all of its rights and interests in three Utah state oil sands leases located in Asphalt Ridge NW, an area also located in Uintah County, Utah, including the "record title" in the leases and all of the operating rights (i.e. working interests) under the leases. In a separate agreement, TMC Capital assigned to Valkor operating rights under the three Asphalt Ridge NW leases at subsurface depths below 300 feet, with TMC Capital retaining a right to participate, at up to a 50% working interest, in any operation conducted by Valkor at the deeper intervals. Under this agreement, each party will have the right to participate, at up to a 50% joint ownership basis, in any new oil sands processing plant constructed on lands covered by the Asphalt NW leases.

As of October 28, 2021, each of the agreements and assignments required to consummate the reciprocal assignment of leases between the Company's subsidiaries and Valkor has been executed and all of the transactions have been completed, subject to the approvals that must be obtained from the State of Utah's School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA).

This exchange of mineral properties - resulting in the Company's acquisition of record title

and interests in the Asphalt Ridge NW leases - creates substantial benefits and opportunities for the Company, including:

1. The Asphalt Ridge NW leases contain an oil sands deposit that is contiguous within a single contained area. This will allow for greater efficiencies in mining and in ore transport operations. By contrast, the Temple Mountain leases encompass three separate deposits running along a trend over about 8 miles, a structural outlay requiring substantial development and transport costs.
2. Based on historical well data from deposits adjacent to and surrounding the Asphalt Ridge NW leases, the oil content in this deposit is expected to average in the range of 12% by weight. In contrast, the Temple Mountain leases average in the range of 6% oil by weight. This higher oil content of the Asphalt NW leases acquired by the Company should provide for better yields per ton of bulk oil sand processed and improved project economics for a 5,000 barrel per day commercial plant.
3. The oil sands deposit outcrops on the Asphalt Ridge NW leases. Because the ore is closer to the surface, less overburden will need to be moved before initiating mining operations.

Dr. R. G. Bailey, Petroteq CEO, commented: "The overall estimated resource volume of 85-90 million barrels for the Asphalt Ridge NW leases is equivalent to that for the original Temple Mountain leases. Because the Asphalt Ridge NW leases provide additional operational and economic benefits, we believe the exchange would be beneficial."

### **About Petroteq Energy Inc.**

Petroteq is a clean technology company focused on the development, implementation and licensing of a patented, environmentally safe and sustainable technology for the extraction and reclamation of heavy oil and bitumen from oil sands and mineable oil deposits. The versatile technology can be applied to both water-wet deposits and oil-wet deposits - outputting high-quality oil and clean sand.

Petroteq believes that its technology can produce a relatively sweet heavy crude oil from deposits of oil sands at Asphalt Ridge without requiring the use of water, and therefore without generating wastewater which would otherwise require the use of other treatment or disposal facilities which could be harmful to the environment. Petroteq's process is intended to be a more environmentally friendly extraction technology that leaves clean residual sand that can be sold or returned to the environment, without the use of tailings ponds or further remediation.

For more information, visit [www.Petroteq.energy](http://www.Petroteq.energy).

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and improved project economics for a 5,000 barrel per day commercial plant; and the Company's expectation that because the ore on the new Asphalt NW leases is closer to the surface, less overburden will need to be moved before initiating mining operations. Readers are cautioned that there is no certainty that it will be commercially viable to produce any portion of the resources. All statements other than statements of historical fact may be forward-looking information. Such statements reflect the Company's current views and intentions with respect to future events, based on information available to the Company, and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Material factors or assumptions were applied in providing forward-looking information. While forward-looking statements are based on data, assumptions and analyses that the Company believes are reasonable under the circumstances, whether actual results, performance or developments will meet the Company's expectations and predictions depends on a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results, performance and financial condition of the Company to differ materially from its expectations. Certain of the "risk factors" that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's forward-looking statements in this press release include, without limitation: the risk that SITLA will not approve the exchange of the Temple Mountain leases for the Asphalt Ridge NW leases; uncertainties inherent in the estimation of resources, including whether any reserves will ever be attributed to the Company's properties; since the Company's extraction technology is proprietary, is not widely used in the industry, and has not been used in consistent commercial production, the Company's bitumen resources are classified as a contingent resource because they are not currently considered to be commercially recoverable; full scale commercial production may engender public opposition; the Company cannot be certain that its bitumen resources will be economically producible and thus cannot be classified as proved or probable reserves in accordance with applicable securities laws; changes in laws or regulations; the ability to implement business strategies or to pursue business opportunities, whether for economic or other reasons; status of the world oil markets, oil prices and price volatility; oil pricing; state of capital markets and the ability of the Company to raise capital; litigation; the commercial and economic viability of the Company's oil sands hydrocarbon extraction technology, and other proprietary technologies developed or licensed by the Company or its subsidiaries, which currently are of an experimental nature and have not been used at full capacity for an extended period of time; reliance on suppliers, contractors, consultants and key personnel; the ability of the Company to maintain its mineral lease holdings; potential failure of the Company's business plans or model; the nature of oil and gas production and oil sands mining, extraction and production; uncertainties in exploration and drilling for oil, gas and other hydrocarbon-bearing substances; unanticipated costs and expenses, availability of financing and other capital; potential damage to or destruction of property, loss of life and environmental damage; risks associated with compliance with environmental protection laws and regulations; uninsurable or uninsured risks; potential conflicts of interest of officers and directors; risks related to COVID-19 including various recommendations, orders and measures of governmental authorities to try to limit the pandemic, including travel restrictions, border closures, non-essential business closures, quarantines, self-isolations, shelters-in-place and social distancing, disruptions to markets, economic activity, financing, supply chains and sales channels, and a deterioration of general economic conditions including a possible national or global recession; and other general economic, market and business conditions and factors, including the risk factors discussed or referred to in the Company's disclosure documents, filed with United States Securities and Exchange Commission and available at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) (including, without limitation, its most recent annual report on Form 10-K under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended), and

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