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Petroteq Announces Additional Debt Conversions and an Equity Investment

SHERMAN OAKS, Calif., Aug. 14, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Petroteq Energy Inc. ("**Petroteq**" or the "**Company**") (TSXV:PQE; OTC:PQEFF; FSE:PQCF), an integrated oil company focused on the development and implementation of its proprietary oil-extraction and remediation technologies, is pleased to announce that Valkor Engineering has agreed to settle the remaining portion of its debt with the Company, namely, US\$700,000, through the issuance of 11,666,666 common shares of the Company at a deemed price of US\$0.06 per share. Including the shares for debt transaction between Valkor and the Company announced on July 20, 2020, upon closing of both transactions, Valkor would hold 60,624,666 common shares of the Company representing 19.92% of all common shares of the Company (assuming no other shares are issued between now and closing). Assuming the other transactions announced in the Company's July 20, 2020 news release and this news release close, Valkor would hold 17.54% of all issued and outstanding shares of the Company. The shares for debt transaction for the US\$700,000 of remaining debt is subject to completion and execution of a debt conversion agreement and all necessary approvals.

The willingness of Valkor to now accept full payment in shares is a huge vote of confidence by a sophisticated and capable technical partner and the Company believes it is a validation of the potential of the Company's extraction technology at the Asphalt Ridge, Utah facility.

In addition, the Company also intends to complete an additional shares for debt transaction, pursuant to which it will issue an aggregate of 27,500,000 common shares in satisfaction of US\$1,650,000 of indebtedness to an arm's length lender. The shares for debt transaction with the lender is subject to completion and execution of a debt conversion agreement and all necessary approvals.

The Company determined (with creditors' consent) to satisfy the foregoing indebtedness with common shares in order to preserve the Company's cash for use on its extraction technology in Asphalt Ridge, Utah, and for working capital.

The Company also announces it has received US\$300,000 from an existing arm's length shareholder for an additional 5,000,000 common shares of the Company at US\$0.06 per share. The proceeds will be used by the Company on its extraction technology in Asphalt Ridge, Utah, and for working capital. The equity investment is subject to completion and execution of a subscription agreement and all necessary approvals.

All shares issued pursuant to the above transactions are subject to approval of the TSX Venture Exchange (the "**Exchange**"). The shares will be issued in reliance on exemptions from the registration requirements of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**U.S. Securities Act**"), and applicable state securities laws, and will be issued as "restricted securities" (as defined in Rule 144 under the U.S. Securities Act). In addition, such securities will be subject to a Canadian four-month hold period.

About Petroteq Energy Inc.

Petroteq is a fully integrated clean technology company focused on the development and implementation of a new proprietary technology for oil extraction. The Company has an environmentally safe and sustainable technology for the extraction and reclamation of heavy and bitumen from oil sands, oil shale deposits and shallow oil deposits. Petroteq is engaged in the development and implementation of its patented environmentally friendly heavy oil processing and extraction technologies. Petroteq is currently focused on developing its oil sands resources and expanding production capacity at its Asphalt Ridge soil remediation and heavy oil extraction processing facility located near Vernal, Utah.

For more information, visit www.Petroteq.energy.

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Certain statements contained in this press release contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. and Canadian securities laws. Words such as “may,” “would,” “could,” “should,” “potential,” “will,” “seek,” “intend,” “plan,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “expect” and similar expressions as they relate to the Company, are intended to identify forward-looking information. All statements other than statements of historical fact may be forward-looking information, including: closing of the financing and shares for debt transactions. 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, including, without limitation: receipt of director and Exchange approval for the transactions; execution of definitive agreements for the transaction; and closing conditions for the transactions being satisfied. 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: failure by the Exchange or the directors of the Company to approve the financing and shares for debt transactions; failure of the parties to execute definitive agreements; 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 (including, without limitation, its most recent annual report on Form 10-K under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended), and with the securities regulatory authorities in certain provinces of Canada and available at www.sedar.com.

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