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# Petroteq Energy Announces It Has Overcome COVID Supply Side Hurdles and Will Receive Necessary Equipment in September to Decrease Costs per Barrel While Increasing Capacity

*Company says Control System Components and Instrumentation are also set for Delivery for Petroteq's Oil Sands Plant at Asphalt Ridge, Utah*

**SHERMAN OAKS, CA / ACCESSWIRE / September 24, 2020** /Petroteq Energy Inc. ("Petroteq" or the "Company") (TSXV:PQE)(OTC PINK:PQEFF)(FSE:PQCF), an integrated oil company focused on the development and implementation of its proprietary oil-extraction technologies, announced that work by Greenfield Energy LLC ("Greenfield"), the joint venture between Valkor LLC ("Valkor") and Tomco Energy plc ("Tomco") to upgrade the capacity and reliability of the oil sands plant at Asphalt Ridge owned by Petroteq (the "POSP"), is well underway with restart of the plant now planned for November 2020.

The Company is further pleased to announce that:

Plant evaluation, verification and debottlenecking support by Valkor for the POSP and the design of upgrades needed to increase reliability towards 24/7 operations, decrease incremental cost per bbl produced, and increase capacity to 400 bbl per day average with a target of 500 bbl per day processing oil sands ore having an oil saturation of seven percent (7%) have been completed. Valkor personnel are now on site directing the modifications to the plant identified by the design revisions.

All equipment needed for the upgrade has been defined, sourced and purchased with deliveries to the site scheduled over the next couple of weeks.

Control system components and instrumentation is now on order with the longest lead time items scheduled for delivery during October 2020.

Construction work at the POSP to make the plant ready to receive and incorporate the additional equipment and control systems is proceeding apace with pads for new equipment prepared and piping system modifications ongoing.

Modifications to the POSP to connect MSAR<sup>®</sup> commercial production equipment and MSAR<sup>®</sup> test equipment from Quadrise Fuels International plc ("Quadrise") for post processing of produced oil are in progress with the intention to undertake testing before year end in cooperation with Greenfield and Quadrise.

In accordance with the Greenfield JV agreement and pursuant to the existing work order

between Valkor and Petroteq, Valkor personnel will remain on site during the start up of the POSP and, once operational, will continue to manage the plant in favor of Petroteq.

George Stapleton, Petroteq COO, commented: "I spent most of last week at the POSP and am very impressed with what has so far been accomplished by Valkor and Petroteq personnel to implement design upgrades and make ready to receive outstanding equipment and control system components. Our suppliers have experienced delays due to COVID-19, but the team has worked to minimize the impact of these delays such that a restart of production during November 2020 remains probable. I am looking forward to testing the Quadrise MSAR<sup>®</sup> technology and determining the value added to our produced oil as a result of MSAR<sup>®</sup>."

### **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. Petroteq is currently focused on developing its oil sands resources at Asphalt Ridge and upgrading production capacity at its pilot heavy oil extraction facility located near Vernal, Utah.

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 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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