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Petroteq Announces Debenture Amendment and Debt Conversions

SHERMAN OAKS, Calif., Sept. 23, 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, announces an agreement to amend a previously issued US\$3,300,000 principal amount convertible debenture (the "**Debenture**") with an arm's length lender (the "**Original Lender**") that bears interest at 5.0% per annum and that had matured September 17, 2019.

The Original Lender has assigned the Debenture to its US affiliate (the "**Lender**") and the Company and the Lender have agreed to (i) amend the conversion price of the Debenture from US\$1.00 to US\$0.055 and the maturity of the Debenture from September 17, 2019 to March 31, 2021 (the "**Maturity Date**"), and (ii) a shares for debt transaction wherein the Lender has agreed to accept 24,030,713 common shares of the Company in satisfaction of the accrued and unpaid interest under the Debenture (US\$1,321,689.22) up to and including September 23, 2020. The interest under the Debenture from September 24, 2020 to March 31, 2021 will be due on the Maturity Date.

Accordingly, the shares for debt transaction announced on August 14, 2020 with the Original Lender for 27,500,000 common shares in satisfaction of US\$1,650,000 of indebtedness will not proceed.

In addition, the Company and the Original Lender have agreed to a shares for debt transaction wherein the Original Lender has agreed to accept 2,161,892 common shares of the Company in satisfaction of the principal and accrued and unpaid interest under a non-convertible debenture (US\$118,904.11) issued by the Company to the Original Lender on September 17, 2018.

The Company (with the lenders' consent) determined 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 foregoing transactions are subject to all necessary approvals, including from the TSX Venture Exchange (the "**Exchange**"). The foregoing securities (including the amended Debenture if the amendments are determined to involve the offer and sale of a new replacement security) 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, the shares issuable in the shares for debt transactions 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, including closing of the transactions noted herein. 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, including, without limitation: receipt of director and Exchange approval for the transactions. 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: failure by the Exchange or the directors of the Company to provide necessary approvals; all closing conditions being satisfied or waived; 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.

Should any factor affect the Company in an unexpected manner, or should assumptions underlying the forward-looking information prove incorrect, the actual results or events may differ materially from the results or events predicted. Any such forward-looking information is expressly qualified in its entirety by this cautionary statement. Moreover, the Company does not assume responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of such forward-looking information. The forward-looking information included in this press release is made as of the date of this press release, and the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking information, other than as required by applicable law.

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