

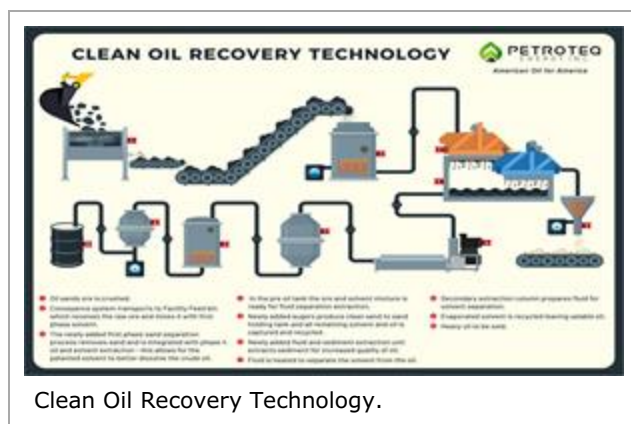
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Petroteq Announces Positive Progress for its Vernal, Utah Plant Re-Engineering

New Equipment will potentially enhance efficiency, increase quality, and reduce costs

SHERMAN OAKS, Calif., Sept. 05, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Petroteq Energy Inc. ("Petroteq" or the "Company") (TSXV:PQE; OTC:PQEFF; FSE: PQCF), a fully integrated surface oil sands mining oil company with patented - proprietary technology, is pleased to announce further progress resulting from the recent plant re-engineering project designed to bring production back online.



The facility maintenance program and equipment re-engineering modifications have been completed for the sand separation, clean sand production processes and the fluid and sediment extraction equipment. All the equipment is now on-site and the commissioning of these units is expected to start immediately.

Petroteq wishes to thank its shareholders for the extreme patience and long term support offered to date as Petroteq looks forward to the project delivering its potential in the weeks ahead.

Below is a graphic of Petroteq new plant design. Stage 3 and 4 includes the addition of new vibrating separation units that are designed to virtually eliminate the need of introducing abrasive sand into the centrifuges. Stage 5 is the new clean sand equipment, and stage 6 is the new sediment extraction equipment. Petroteq believes that these upgrades will reduce maintenance costs over the long term.

We invite investors to watch the "Follow the Molecule" video for a more detailed look.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nwywpYEEu0&t=163s>

About Petroteq Energy Inc.

Petroteq is a fully integrated oil and gas 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 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. Our proprietary process uses no process water, produces nearly zero greenhouse gas and waste and requires no high temperatures. Petroteq is currently focused on developing its oil sands resources and expanding production capacity at its Asphalt Ridge heavy oil extraction and processing facility located near Vernal, Utah.

For more information, visit www.Petroteq.energy.

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recoverable; full scale commercial production may engender public opposition; the Company cannot be certain that its heavy oil and 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; 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 the securities regulatory authorities in certain provinces of Canada and available at www.sedar.com.

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