

CALGARY, Dec. 16, 2015 /CNW/ - (TSX: PMT; PMT.DB.E) &#8211; [Perpetual Energy Inc.](#) ("Perpetual" or the "Company") announces that the Alberta Securities Commission (the "ASC") has scheduled a hearing for December 22, 2015 on matters related to the previously announced rights offering (the "Rights Offering") of the Company at the request of certain holders of the Company's 7.00% convertible unsecured subordinated junior debentures (the "Certain Debentureholders"). The Certain Debentureholders have appealed the ASC Executive Director's issuance of a receipt for the Prospectus pursuant to section 35 of the Securities Act (Alberta) (the "Act") and applied to the ASC to cease trade the Rights Offering pursuant to section 198 of the Act.

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#### Forward-Looking Information

Certain information regarding Perpetual in this news release including management's assessment of future plans and operations may constitute forward-looking statements under applicable securities laws. The forward-looking information includes, without limitation, statements regarding the timing for the hearing by the ASC. Various assumptions were used in drawing the conclusions or making the forecasts and projections contained in the forward-looking information contained in this press release, which assumptions are based on management analysis of historical trends, experience, current conditions, and expected future developments pertaining to Perpetual and the industry in which it operates as well as certain assumptions regarding the matters outlined above. Forward-looking information is based on current expectations, estimates and projections that involve a number of risks, which could cause actual results to vary and in some instances to differ materially from those anticipated by Perpetual and described in the forward-looking information contained in this press release. Undue reliance should not be placed on forward-looking information, which is not a guarantee of performance and is subject to a number of risks or uncertainties, including without limitation those described under "Risk Factors" in Perpetual's Annual Information Form and MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2014 and those included in other reports on file with Canadian securities regulatory authorities which may be accessed through the SEDAR website ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)) and at Perpetual's website ([www.perpetualenergyinc.com](http://www.perpetualenergyinc.com)). Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list of risk factors is not exhaustive. Forward-looking information is based on the estimates and opinions of Perpetual's management at the time the information is released and Perpetual disclaims any intent or obligation to update publicly any such forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, other than as expressly required by applicable securities laws.

#### About Perpetual

[Perpetual Energy Inc.](#) is a Canadian energy company with a spectrum of resource-style opportunities spanning heavy oil, NGL and bitumen along with a large base of shallow gas assets. Perpetual's common shares and convertible debentures are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "PMT" and "PMT.DB.E", respectively. Further information with respect to Perpetual can be found at its website at [www.perpetualenergyinc.com](http://www.perpetualenergyinc.com).

The Toronto Stock Exchange has neither approved nor disapproved the information contained herein.

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