

# Pitchstone Agrees to Take-Over Offer from Fission Energy

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- (Marketwire) -- 04/23/12 -- [Pitchstone Exploration Ltd.](#) ("Pitchstone" or "the Company") (TSX VENTURE: PXP) announces that it has entered into an Arrangement Agreement ("the Agreement"), whereby all of the issued and outstanding shares of Pitchstone will be acquired by [Fission Energy Corp.](#) ("Fission") (TSX VENTURE: FIS) by means of a Plan of Arrangement ("the Arrangement").

## Acquisition Terms

Fission has agreed to issue 0.2145 common shares of Fission ("Common Shares") for each common share of Pitchstone. Based on 45,208,185 Pitchstone shares outstanding, Fission will issue 9,697,155 Common Shares to complete the transaction, representing approximately 8.4% of Fission's issued and outstanding Common Shares as of the date hereof. Pitchstone has further agreed to a C\$250,000 termination fee that is payable upon the occurrence of certain events, including the acceptance by Pitchstone of a superior proposal.

Upon completion of the Arrangement, all Pitchstone common shares not owned by Fission at such time will be automatically exchanged on the basis of 0.2145 of a Fission common share for each Pitchstone common share. The consideration to be received by Pitchstone shareholders pursuant to the Arrangement represents a 26% premium over Pitchstone's 20-day volume-weighted average trading price on the TSX Venture Exchange and a 35% premium over Pitchstone's closing price as at April 20, 2012. Upon completion of the transaction, Fission will have approximately 124.5 million common shares issued and outstanding. Pitchstone options and warrants will be converted to Fission options and warrants on the same basis as the common shares.

Pitchstone's board of directors has unanimously approved the Plan of Arrangement and will recommend approval to the Pitchstone shareholders and optionholders in a forthcoming special securityholder meeting scheduled to be held on or about July 16, 2012. The Plan of Arrangement requires approval of 66 2/3% of the votes cast by shareholders and optionholders of Pitchstone, voting as a single class. Fission has entered into Lock-up Agreements with all of the directors and officers of Pitchstone who have agreed, subject to certain exceptions, to vote their shares in favour of the Arrangement. A total of 8,654,668 common shares of Pitchstone, or approximately 19% of Pitchstone's outstanding common shares, will be subject to lock-up agreements.

The Plan of Arrangement is subject to approval by Pitchstone's shareholders and optionholders, the TSX-V and other regulatory agencies, and to Court approval by the Supreme Court of British Columbia. The transaction is expected to close on or before July 16, 2012.

## Details of the Combined Entity

The combined entity creates the most significant uranium exploration property position held by a junior company in the Athabasca Basin with a large number of high priority targets. The company will also benefit from exposure to other important uranium jurisdictions including the Erongo region of Namibia, the Macusani region of Peru and the Hornby Bay Basin in Nunavut. Despite a challenging market environment in the uranium exploration sector, Fission is well financed to continue exploration of these properties. The primary benefits of the transaction for Pitchstone shareholders are:

- Improved land position in the Athabasca Basin with the addition of Fission's highly prospective Waterbury and Patterson Lake South properties, plus others,
- Increased NI 43-101 compliant Mineral Resources with the addition of Fission's J zone and Dieter Lake deposits,
- The offer represents a 26% premium over the 20 day volume weighted average trading price on the TSX Venture Exchange of Pitchstone's shares and a 35% premium over Pitchstone's closing price on April 20, 2012,

- Improved access to capital and a strong combined cash balance of over \$17 million,
- Enhanced market presence and trading liquidity,
- Operational and administrative synergies.

Ted Trueman, Executive Chairman of Pitchstone, commented: "Pitchstone's and Fission's combined uranium exploration properties, Mineral Resources and cash creates a company with a significant competitive position in the Athabasca Basin as well as opportunities in several other important uranium regions. The synergy of combining the two uranium-focused exploration companies provides an excellent opportunity for Pitchstone's shareholders to increase their exposure to potential growth in the uranium industry."

## **Advisors**

Lincoln Peck Financial Inc. is acting as financial advisor to Pitchstone and Evans & Evans Inc. has provided an initial independent verbal opinion to the effect that, as of the date hereof, the consideration under the Arrangement is fair from a financial point of view to the Pitchstone shareholders. McCullough O'Connor Irwin LLP is acting as legal advisor to Pitchstone.

Primary Capital Inc. is acting as financial advisor and Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP is acting as legal advisor to Fission.

## **About Fission**

[Fission](#) is a Canadian based uranium exploration and development company with properties in Saskatchewan's Athabasca Basin, Quebec, and the Macusani District in Peru. In 2010, Fission made a significant high grade uranium discovery at its Waterbury Lake property immediately adjacent to Rio Tinto's (formerly Hathor Exploration's) Roughrider Deposit, and in 2011 made a high grade boulder field discovery at its Patterson Lake South property. Both are located in Saskatchewan's Athabasca Basin, home of the richest uranium deposits in the world.

## **About Pitchstone**

Pitchstone is a uranium exploration company operating in three districts in Canada and Namibia. The property portfolio features 13 projects in the eastern Athabasca Basin, Saskatchewan, five of which are 100% owned. In addition, there are two joint venture projects in Namibia and several joint venture projects in the Hornby Bay Basin, Nunavut.

On behalf of the Board,

Steven J. Blower  
President and CEO

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