

HPQ Silicon Resources Inc.: Gen 2 PUREVAP™ QRR Commences Operation

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MONTREAL, QUEBEC--(Marketwired - Oct 16, 2017) - HPQ Silicon Resources Inc ("HPQ") (TSX VENTURE:HPQ)(FRANKFURT:UGE)(OTC PINK:URAGF) is pleased to advise shareholders that PyroGenesis Canada (PyroGenesis) has informed HPQ that the *Gen 2 PUREVAP™ Quartz Reduction Reactor ("QRR") reactor*, 1/250 scale planned 200 tonnes per annum (tpa) Pilot Plant (*PUREVAP™ Pilot Plant*) has completed its installation, assembly and commissioning phases and that the new testing program will commence this week.

Bernard J. Tourillon, Chairman and CEO of HPQ Silicon stated, *"Commencement of the Gen 2 PUREVAP™ QRR is an important day for HPQ, PyroGenesis and our shareholders. Building on our Gen 1 PUREVAP™ success to date the Gen 2 PUREVAP™ QRR will allow further refinements to the silicon purification and testing of the numerous process improvements now planned for the Plant. This will greatly de-risk our project and provide valuable information now as we continue to make the process adjustments needed to produce commercial quantities of Solar Grade Silicon Metal."*

ANTICIPATED TIMELINE FOR TESTING AND KEY MILESTONE MOVING FORWARD

The new Gen 2 Purevap™; QRR testing program will focus on Process Refinement, Characterization, Metallurgical and testing electrical parameters.

The first tests will be done to establish the new operating parameters of the equipment, using a low purity batch of Ron Quartz as feedstock.

The first key milestones of the program being:

- Successfully operating the Gen 2 Purevap™; in a semi-continuous feed mode over multiple test cycles;
- Successfully tapping the Silicon Metal from the Gen 2 Purevap™; over multiple test cycles.

This phase of testing, expected to last several weeks is important as it will give us crucial data to commence final design of the *PUREVAP™ Pilot Plant* to be constructed in 2018.

Once Gen 2 is fully operational, we will switch to High Purity Feedstock, for the next series of tests, focusing on:

- Testing of the electrical parameters of the High Purity Si;
- Produce enough material to send samples to Solar industry participants;
- Provide data to demonstrate the economics of PUREVAP™; QRR.

UPDATE ON GEN 1 PUREVAP™ SILICON METAL PURITY TESTS

The final comprehensive report and recommendations on the original proof of concept and GEN 1 process characterization, including the complete 94 metallurgical tests conducted, is being finalized by PyroGenesis.

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About HPQ Silicon

HPQ Silicon Resources Inc. is a TSX-V listed resource company planning to become a vertically integrated and diversified Metallurgical Grade and Solar Grade Silicon Metal producer. Our business model is focused on developing a disruptive one step High Purity and Solar Grade Silicon Metal manufacturing process (patent pending). Solar Grade Silicon being the key ingredient required to transforms the sun energy into electricity.

HPQ plans to generate high yield returns and significant free cash flow within a relatively short time line. The process will have a greatly decreased carbon footprint, energy footprint, and will eliminate the use of the toxic chemical reagents and by products now in use by the current solar silicon production technologies, which fundamentally date from designs made in the mid 1900's.

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