

Petroteq Energy Appoints David Sealock as New Chief Executive Officer

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STUDIO CITY, CALIFORNIA, March 27, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Petroteq Energy Inc.](#) ("Petroteq" or the "Company") (TSXV: PQE; OTC: PQEFF; Frankfurt: A2DYWC), a company focused on the development and implementation of proprietary technologies for the energy industry, announced today that its board of directors has appointed David Sealock as the Company's new Chief Executive Officer. Alex Blyumkin will continue to serve as Chairman of Petroteq's board of directors.

Alex Blyumkin, Chairman of the board of directors of Petroteq, commented, "We believe David's aptitude and capabilities will allow us to take Petroteq to the next level as we make significant progress in our Utah facilities and also move forward on building our PetroBloq consortium. He is a well-rounded leader that has been known for initiating innovative technologies for cost efficiencies and has successfully completed a US\$150M equity financing and US\$200 million debt financing under his stewardship while he was President and CEO with Sunshine Oilsands. He is an executive that understands the depths of corporate governance and the regulatory policies and procedures in running a publicly traded company. As a technical professional, he has led large-scale transformation efforts within complex organizations to establish a clear line of sight to revenue growth goals and we believe he is the right person to lead the Company into the next stage of growth."

David Sealock is a highly accomplished, results driven senior executive leader with over 26 years of strategic management and business/digital transformation leadership. He has a track record of building high-performing teams with a strong focus on setting corporate strategy, executing for results, leading teams, galvanizing relationships, connecting corporate activities and translating ideas into action. Before March of 2018, Mr. Sealock served as President of Autus Ventures, where he established equity financing processes for startup and intermediate oil and gas companies and managed strategic planning and portfolio optimization. Prior to that, he was Vice President of Research & Development at Petroleum Technology Alliance Canada (PTAC), a Canadian hydrocarbon industry association that serves as a neutral non-profit facilitator of collaborative R&D and technology development. There he managed the coordination and services to facilitate the implementation of specific methane related projects. Between 2014 and 2015, Mr. Sealock served as President and COO of Sulvaris. During his tenure at Sulvaris, he collaborated to deliver equity financing and JV financing to recommence project construction. From 2008 to 2014, Mr. Sealock was the EVP of Sunshine Oilsands, and was promoted to President & CEO (Interim) from 2013 to 2014, where he managed daily operations for engineering, construction, technology, operations, regulatory, human resources, investor relations, health, safety & environment, marketing, supply chain management, IT & systems, and corporate governance. From 2007-2008 he was VP of MegaWest Energy Corp. (now Gravis Energy) and from 2006-2007 he was Senior Manager of Total E&P (formerly Deer Creek Energy, Ltd.), where he was charged with leading a large scale business & digital transformation to integrate Deer Creek Energy's technology infrastructure into Total's enterprise-wide global infrastructure. Mr. Sealock holds a Bachelor's Degree, Business Management and is a Registered Engineering Technologist with ASET.

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 oils 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 produces zero greenhouse gas, zero 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 facility located near Vernal, Utah. The Company also owns a minority stake in an exploration and production play located in southwest Texas held by Accord GR Energy Inc. In addition, the Company, through its wholly owned subsidiary PetroBLOQ, LLC, is seeking to develop the first blockchain based platform created exclusively for the supply chain needs

of the oil & gas sector. For more information, visit www.Petroteq.energy and PetroBLOQ.com.

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