## PetroTal Announces Grant of Performance Share Units for Dividend Equivalents

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Dividend of \$18.4 million paid to shareholders on December 15, 2023

Calgary, December 18, 2023 - <u>PetroTal Corp.</u> (TSX: TAL) (AIM: PTAL) (OTCQX: PTALF) ("PetroTal" or the "Company") announces the grant of performance share units ("PSUs") to employees and officers of the Company, in accordance with the Company's performance and restricted share unit plan.

PSU Dividend Equivalents for Q4 2023

PetroTal's PSU plan ("PSU)" includes a value make whole provision to all PSU holders when dividends are issued to shareholders. The dividend equivalent provision compensates PSU holders with additional PSUs equal to the value of the dividends paid on a per unit basis on the record date. Based on the U\$\$0.02 per share dividend at the record date of November 30, 2023 (payable on December 15, 2023), the Company has issued 688,010 PSUs, of which 520,655 PSUs are to Officers. The PSUs issued will vest according to their grant date and each PSU will entitle the holder to acquire for nil cost, equal common shares of the Company ("Shares"), subject to achievement, as evaluated by the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee and Key Performance Indicators ("KPIs") relating to the Company's total shareholder return, net asset value and certain production and operational milestones. The remaining 167,355 PSUs are issued to employees. This new PSU issue is approximately 3.3% of the total outstanding PSUs.

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Following this grant, the Company has a total of 20,801,920 PSUs outstanding.

December 15, 2023 Dividend Payment Confirmation

As announced on November 13, 2023, the Company is pleased to confirm that a total dividend payment of approximately \$18.4 million, representing US\$0.02/share, was paid on December 15, 2023 to shareholders on record at November 30, 2023. This equates to a 13.3% annualized yield based on a US\$0.60/share trading price. Shareholders should confirm with their brokers to verify their ownership status on November 30, 2023. Inclusive of this dividend payment, approximately \$52 million in total dividends has been paid to shareholders in 2023. This is an eligible dividend for the purposes of the Income Tax Act (Canada), and shareholders outside of Canada should contact their respective brokers or register agents for the appropriate tax election forms regarding this dividend.

## ABOUT PETROTAL

PetroTal is a publicly traded, tri‐quoted (TSX: TAL) (AIM: PTAL) (OTCQX: PTALF) oil and gas development and production Company domiciled in Calgary, Alberta, focused on the development of oil assets in Peru. PetroTal's flagship asset is its 100% working interest in Bretana oil field in Peru's Block 95 where oil production was initiated in June 2018. In early 2022, PetroTal became the largest crude oil producer in Peru. The Company's management team has significant experience in developing and exploring for oil in Peru and is led by a Board of Directors that is focused on safely and cost effectively developing the Bretana oil field. It is actively building new initiatives to champion community sensitive energy production, benefiting all stakeholders.

For further information, please see the Company's website at www.petrotal-corp.com, the Company's filed

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and development activities, the performance of new wells, future river water levels, the Company's growth strategy, general economic conditions and availability of required equipment and services. Although the Company believes that the expectations and assumptions on which the forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on the forward-looking statements because the Company can give no assurance that they will prove to be correct. Since forward-looking statements address future events and conditions, by their very nature they involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those currently anticipated due to a number of factors and risks. These include, but are not limited to, risks associated with the oil and gas industry in general (e.g., operational risks in development, exploration and production; delays or changes in plans with respect to exploration or development projects or capital expenditures; the uncertainty of reserve estimates; the uncertainty of estimates and projections relating to production, costs and expenses; and health, safety and environmental risks), commodity price volatility, price differentials and the actual prices received for products, exchange rate fluctuations, legal, political and economic instability in Peru, access to transportation routes and markets for the Company's production, changes in legislation affecting the oil and gas industry and uncertainties resulting from potential delays or changes in plans with respect to exploration or development projects or capital expenditures; changes in the financial landscape both domestically and abroad, including volatility in the stock market and financial system; and wars (including Russia's war in Ukraine). Please refer to the risk factors identified in the Company's most recent AIF and MD&A which are available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. The forward-looking statements contained in this press release are made as of the date hereof and the Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements or information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless so required by applicable securities laws.

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