

# **Portrush Petroleum Announces Joint Venture Memorandum of Understanding**

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Portrush Petroleum Corporation is pleased to announce that it has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Harrison Western Cdn. Inc. to enter into a licensing agreement to build the first portable pilot plant for testing in the Alberta tar sands. The mission of Harrison Western is to become the leader in recovery of oil and water remediation with a focus on the Alberta Tar Sands - an immense opportunity. A diminishing supply of fresh water and contamination of ground waters have created an urgency for environmental compliance necessary for Produced Water, Sag-D, Frac, Completion and Drilling Fluids in the Oil and Gas Industry.

Harrison Western was established in the USA in the late 1960's to provide construction services to the mining industry and has evolved into an international, full service civil engineering and construction firm. J.D. (Dave) Meer, Vice President Canadian Operations for Harrison Western commented "I am excited about the opportunity to partner with Portrush in the ongoing development of this project. Harrison Western is in the process of developing a solid customer base within Canada by building successful interactive relationships with major oil and gas companies who in turn can profit through cost effective processing and a new efficiency with a view to meeting their targets of being socially responsible by minimizing wastewater impact on the environment and cost efficient recovery of oil."

In addition, the Company has entered into an Investor Relations Agreement with Mr. Bill G. Calsbeck of BGC Consultants Limited for the provision of public relations services to develop an investor awareness program for the Company for the next 12 months. The consideration to be paid by the Company for the services is \$5,000 per month plus approved expenses; either party may terminate the agreement on 30 days notice.

On Behalf of the Board, Martin Cotter, President

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