



Western Plains Petroleum Ltd.

Western Plains Announces Drilling of Farm-out Well

JULY 19, 2010 - CALGARY, ALBERTA – Western Plains Petroleum Ltd. (TSXV:WPP) (“**Western Plains**” or the “**Company**”) announces that, further to its previously announced farm-out to Arctic Hunter Uranium Inc. (“**Arctic Hunter**”) for the drilling of one well on section 6-50-25 W3M, the vertical well has been drilled, penetrating the McLaren formation and 3 other zones of interest, and is expected to be completed later this week. Based on the production history of similar wells in this area, the new well is expected to produce at an initial rate of approximately 30 to 35 bbls/d of heavy oil from the McLaren formation.

Under the terms of the farm-out, Arctic Hunter paid 100% of the costs to drill, complete and equip the well to earn a 100% working interest before payout, reserving to Western Plains a convertible overriding royalty of 10% until payout. After payout, Western Plains has the option to either convert to a 50% working interest in the well spacing unit or remain in a gross overriding royalty position.

About Western Plains Petroleum Ltd.

Western Plains is a Lloydminster, Alberta, based junior heavy oil producer with interests located in the Lloydminster area in both Saskatchewan and Alberta. The Common Shares of Western Plains trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol WPP.

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