



Western Plains Petroleum Ltd.

Western Plains Operations Update

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CALGARY, ALBERTA – Western Plains Petroleum Ltd. (TSXV:WPP) (“**Western Plains**” or the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that it has commenced reactivation activities on its recently acquired petroleum and natural gas interests in the Maidstone area of west-central Saskatchewan. The Company expects to have up to 5 wells reactivated and on production by month-end. The Company announced the acquisition of its 100% interest in the 320 acre Maidstone asset in a press release issued on March 31, 2011.

As an update to its press release of March 16, 2011, in respect of a proposed 3 well (1.0 net well to the Company) drilling program on the Blackfoot heavy oil property in the Lloydminster, Alberta, the Company announced it has drilled and completed the first well of the program. The initial well is currently producing and the Company is expecting that once stabilized, production rates will be comparable to that of nearby heavy oil wells. The Blackfoot property has two additional drilling locations that the Company intends to drill after break-up, subject to rig availability. The Company acquired a 33.33% working interest in this property in August 2010 and is the operator.

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 the Company trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol WPP.

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