



Western Plains Petroleum Ltd.

Western Plains Petroleum 2011 Drilling Update

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CALGARY, ALBERTA – Western Plains Petroleum Ltd. (TSXV:WPP) (“**Western Plains**” or the “**Company**”) announces that it intends to start its 2011 drilling program with three new wells (1 net well to the Company) on its heavy oil interests located in the Lloydminster area of Alberta. The drilling locations are proposed to be on sections 24-050-02-W4, 11-050-02-W4 and 14-050-02-W4, on lands that the Company acquired a 33.33% interest in August 2010. Drilling operations will commence as soon as practicable after receipt of licensing approvals. Western Plains is the operator of these interests.

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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