



Western Plains Petroleum Ltd.

Western Plains Petroleum Adds Properties in Landrose Area

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CALGARY, ALBERTA – Western Plains Petroleum Ltd. (TSXV:WPP) (“**Western Plains**” or the “**Company**”) announces it has completed a property swap of its 50% net interest in petroleum and natural gas rights on 320 acres (160 net acres) of undeveloped lands located in the Golden Lake area of west central Saskatchewan in exchange for a 50% net interest in petroleum and natural gas rights, including a standing cased well, on 240 acres (120 net acres) of lands located in the Landrose area of Saskatchewan, located approximately 16 kilometres east of Lloydminster, Alberta. The transaction was with a major producer in the area and had an effective date of February 1, 2011. No finder’s fee was paid or is payable in connection with this transaction.

A service rig has been reserved and the Company expects to re-complete the standing cased well on this property within the next ten (10) days as seasonal road bans in this area are anticipated to be lifted next week. In addition, the Company has identified six (6) low risk drill locations on this property, of which the Company expects to add at least three (3) to its 2011 drilling program.

The Company now holds 880 gross acres (410 net acres) in the Landrose area on which there are 5 gross (2.25 net) producing wells and 1 (0.5 net) well to be reactivated in the next two weeks. Including the re-completion proposed for the standing cased well on the newly acquired property, the Company expects to have 7 gross (3.25 net) wells producing on the Landrose property by month-end. All these wells are either producing or targeting the McLaren, Waseca, Sparky or Lloydminster formations.

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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