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**HILLCREST ANNOUNCES THE CLOSING OF ITS OVERSUBSCRIBED
\$0.05 UNIT NON BROKERED PRIVATE PLACEMENT**

VANCOUVER, B.C. – Hillcrest Petroleum Ltd. (the “Company” or “Hillcrest”) is pleased to announced that it has closed the second and final tranche of its non-brokered private placement (see original press release of November 24, 2016) at a price of \$0.05 per unit (the “Units”). Each Unit consisted of one common share in the capital of the Company (the “Shares”) plus one-half of one common share purchase warrant (collectively the “Offering”). Each whole warrant to this second tranche Offering will entitle the holder to purchase one additional Share at a price of \$0.08 until January 18, 2019.

The securities issued in connection with the second tranche Offering is subject to a statutory hold period of four months plus a day in accordance with applicable securities legislation expiring on May 19, 2017.

The Company has raised gross proceeds of \$445,000 to the second tranche closing, and together with the closing of the previous tranche (see press release of December 15, 2016), an aggregate of 16,200,000 Shares have been issued for aggregate total proceeds of \$810,000. The Offering was oversubscribed, and increased to a maximum of 16,200,000 Units, of which 7,300,000 Shares have been issued pursuant to the closing of the first tranche and 8,900,000 Shares have been issued pursuant to the closing of the second tranche.

The Company has paid a finder’s cash commission to the second tranche in the amount of \$5,200 being 8% of the aggregate proceeds from the sale of shares to purchasers introduced by the finder.

The net proceeds received from the Offering will be used by the Company to pay down secured debt, evaluate new projects and provide general working capital.

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ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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