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HILLCREST SIGNS MERCHANT BANKING AGREEMENT

VANCOUVER, B.C. – Hillcrest Petroleum Ltd. (the "Company" or "Hillcrest") is pleased to announce that the Company has signed a Merchant Banking agreement with WC Capital Inc, an Ontario based organization. WC Capital Inc is an affiliate of Wade & Company, a private family office investment firm and merchant bank, managed by a successful team of investors and entrepreneurs with a breadth of experience across different sectors. WC Capital Inc and Wade & Company specialize in various lending products, direct investment and advisory services.

WC Capital Inc, through their network, will provide assistance in identifying potential business dealings and partners, early stage legal review of all potential business dealings, potential direct or indirect investment in any deals under review or acquired and will assist in expanding the profile of Hillcrest within the circle of their investment community. The agreement between Hillcrest and WC Capital Inc is for a term of 1 year with potential renewals available. The agreement is subject to acceptance of the TSX Venture Exchange.

"This agreement represents a giant step forward for Hillcrest as we search for and review transformational deals for the Company." Don Currie, Hillcrest Petroleum CEO, states: "WC Capital together with Wade & Company provide Hillcrest with financial advisory services, early stage legal review and assistance as well as potential investment strength, which are all critical needs for junior listed companies in early stage negotiations. With a number of acquisition targets under review, the support and services provided by WC Capital Inc is expected to give Hillcrest an increased ability to quickly assess and potentially acquire assets. The Company will update its shareholders as we progress towards any potential purchases or joint ventures."

For more information on Hillcrest Petroleum Ltd, contact Don Currie toll free at 1-855-609-0006 or visit the Company's website at <u>www.hillcrestpetroleum.com</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Donald Currie Chief Executive Officer and Director

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