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# DELIVERY OF HPQ GEN3 PUREVAP<sup>™</sup> QRR FURNACE AT PYROGENESIS PLANT; ASSEMBLY PHASE OF PILOT EQUIPMENT STARTING

HPQ Silicon Resources Inc ("HPQ") (TSX Venture: HPQ) is pleased to inform shareholders that PyroGenesis Canada Inc (PyroGenesis) (TSX Venture: PYR) has taken delivery of the Gen3 PUREVAP<sup>TM</sup> "Quartz Reduction Reactor" ("QRR") furnace, a key component of the pilot equipment. Furthermore HPQ has made another milestone payment of \$561,600 to PyroGenesis. Since August 2016, HPQ has invested \$3,988,400 for the pilot equipment, representing 90% of the \$4,430,000 design, fabrication and assembly budget. Delivery of the furnace marks the start of the assembly phase of the Pilot Plant in an HPQ - dedicated area at the production facility of PyroGenesis in Montréal. The Pilot Plant assembly will be completed during Q1 2019, commissioned during Q2 2019 and operational mid – 2019, only 3 years after the original concept was validated.

## VALIDATING COMMERCIAL SCALABILITY OF INNOVATION REQUIRES FOCUS AND FLEXIBILITY

The Pilot Plant will have an output capacity of 50 tonnes per year, or  $\sim$  1,000 kg of material per week. This step in the program is the single largest scaling up step and, once successful, will pave the way for the order of HPQ first commercial production unit, planned for 2020.

Using the data generated by the Gen2 PUREVAP<sup>TM</sup> tests and Apollon Solar technical knowhow, HPQ and PyroGenesis will continue to look for ways of optimizing our approach of validating the commercial scalability of the process while mitigating the technical and commercial risks associated with the project.

Bernard J. Tourillon, Chairman, President and CEO of HPQ Silicon stated, "We are very excited to move to this final stage of the PUREVAP<sup>TM</sup> QRR testing program. Now that we have closed all necessary financings, we can focus efforts on the process improvements, scalability, seeking customers, and preparing for commercialization. With these financings closed, our objective going forward will be delivering on the Gen3 PUREVAP<sup>TM</sup> Pilot Plant phase with our "Solar Silicon Team" as well as building market awareness of our progress, plans and success."

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### **About HPQ Silicon**

HPQ Silicon Resources Inc. is a TSX-V listed resource company planning to become a vertically integrated and diversified High Purity, Solar Grade Silicon Metal (SoG Si) producer and a manufacturer of multi and monocrystalline solar cells of the P and N types, required for production of high performance photovoltaic conversion.



HPQ's goal is to develop, in collaboration with industry leaders, PyroGenesis (TSX-V: PYR) and Apollon Solar, that are experts in their fields of interest, the innovative metallurgical PUREVAP<sup>TM</sup> "Quartz Reduction Reactors (QRR)" process (patent pending), which will permit the transformation and purification of quartz (SiO<sub>2</sub>) into high purity silicon metal (Si) in one step and reduce by a factor of at least two-thirds (2/3) the steps required to transform quartz (SiO<sub>2</sub>) into SoG Si. The pilot plant equipment that will validate the commercial potential of the process is on schedule to start mid-2019.

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