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HILLCREST ANNOUNCES 1ST TRANCHE CLOSING OF UNIT PRIVATE PLACEMENT

VANCOUVER, B.C. – Hillcrest Petroleum Ltd. (the “Company” or “Hillcrest”) announces that further to its news release of February 6, 2018, the Company has closed the first tranche of the non-brokered private placement of units of the Company (the “Units”) at \$0.05 per Unit (the “Offering”).

The first tranche closing consisted of 8,792,000 Units, for gross proceeds of \$439,600. Each Unit consisted of one common share in the capital of the Company (the “Shares”) plus one-half of one common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one additional Share at a price of \$0.10 until February 27, 2020.

All securities issued in connection with this first tranche Offering will be subject to a statutory hold period ending on June 28, 2018 in accordance with applicable securities legislation. The net proceeds from the Offering will be used to advance the company's oil and gas projects in Alberta and Saskatchewan and for general working capital. There were no finder's fees paid on this 1st tranche closing. The balance of the Offering is expected to close on or before March 23, 2018.

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ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Donald Currie
Chief Executive Officer and Director

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