



## Essential Energy Services Provides a Timing Update Regarding the Patent Litigation Process and Decision

CALGARY, Alberta, Oct. 26, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Essential Energy Services Ltd. ("Essential" or the "Company") wishes to provide a timing update with regard to the litigation process between Essential and Packers Plus Energy Services Inc. ("Packers Plus"), previously disclosed in its Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017. Packers Plus alleges that certain methods associated with the Tryton Multi-Stage Fracturing System ("MSFS") infringe on a patent issued to Packers Plus (the "Packers Plus Claim"). A trial was held in February and March 2017 to determine if the patent is valid and whether Essential infringed on the patent.

The MD&A disclosed the Company's expectation that the Federal Court of Canada (the "Court") would render a decision on validity and infringement prior to October 2017. The Court has not yet rendered its decision and today indicated that the decision will be released the week of October 30, 2017. In addition, the previously scheduled trial to quantify damages (the "Quantification of Damages Trial") that was expected to commence in January 2018 has been rescheduled to April 30, 2018. The Quantification of Damages Trial will only be required if the Court finds that the Packers Plus patent is valid and Essential infringed on it.

Essential continues to believe that the case is without merit. If Essential were to receive an unfavorable decision in respect of both validity and infringement, it will appeal such a decision.

The Packers Plus Claim targets only the Tryton MSFS® ball & seat system, which Essential commenced using in 2009. It does not target past or future operations of Essential's conventional tools, other Tryton MSFS® tools or the rentals service line.

For more information on the Packers Plus Claim, readers are referred to the Company's MD&A which can be found under the Company's SEDAR profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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