PyroGenesis Receives First Payment of $139K Under Previously Announced Military Contract for US $950,000 to Upgrade Company’s Plasma System for the Destruction of Chemical Warfare Agents

MONTREAL, Quebec (Marketwired September 14, 2016) - PyroGenesis Canada Inc. (http://pyrogenesis.com) (TSX-V: PYR) (OTCQB: PYRNF), (the "Company" or "PyroGenesis") that designs, develops, manufactures and commercializes plasma waste-to-energy systems and plasma torch products, is pleased to announce today that, further to its press release of July 25, 2016, the Company has received the first payment of $139K under a previously announced military contract of US $950,000 (approx. CDN$1.25MM), wherein the Company was contracted to provide additional testing on, and further improvements to, the Company’s Tactical Mobile Plasma System used for the Destruction of Chemical Warfare Agents (the “Contract”). As announced, the Company was awaiting the Client’s approval before providing the details below.

PyroGenesis was first engaged by its client, a multi-national military consortium (the “Client”), to develop a first of its kind Tactical Mobile Plasma System (the “System”) to be used for the destruction of Chemical Warfare Agents, such as those discovered, and being dealt with, in Syria. This System has since been completed and, subsequently, PyroGenesis was awarded, and now completed, two (2) additional contracts relating to the System. The first was to perform in-depth testing of the System at the Company’s facilities in Montreal, Canada; the second was to further automate the System.

This new Contract is aimed at enhancing the System’s reliability and performance, including upgrading several of its components. Once the upgrades are completed, the Company will perform specific long duration performance tests using surrogate material. During this period, PyroGenesis will also train specialized personnel to enable them to be able to perform final testing with live agents at the Client’s facilities. Once the local testing and training is complete, the System will be refurbished, packaged, and sent abroad for live testing. The Client is planning to spend an additional US $100MM during this final testing phase of PyroGenesis’ System.

According to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, 6,715 metric tonnes of declared chemical warfare agent (“CWA”), such as the ones used in Syria, still remain worldwide¹. Many of these stockpiles are aging and are too dangerous to transport, making PyroGenesis’ Tactical Mobile Plasma System an ideal solution for this problem.

PyroGenesis has received total funding of approximately US $2MM (including this new Contract) to develop this technology. “What was merely an idea a few years ago,” said Pierre Carabin, Director of Engineering of PyroGenesis, “is now a full scale operating reality. We are looking forward to the further improvements and testing program of the System”.

Work on this new Contract is expected to be completed by Q1-2017.

“This Contract is a testament to the level of confidence the military has in our experience and expertise,” said P. Peter Pascali, President and CEO of PyroGenesis. “It further underscores our

¹www.opcw.org
ability to perform to military standards which is serving us well as we expand into several other fast growing business segments.”

Separately, the Company announces today that Ms. Sophy Cesar, VP, Investor Relations and Communications, will no longer be employed by the Company as at September 21, 2016.

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