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#### POLO RESOURCES LIMITED

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#### HIBISCUS PETROLEUM - INVESTMENT UPDATE

### Hibiscus Petroleum's Earnings Boosted by Two Asset Streams

Polo Resources Limited (AIM: POL), the multi-sector investment company with interests in oil, gold, coal, copper, phosphate, lithium, iron and vanadium, notes that its 8.75% investee company Hibiscus Petroleum Berhad ("Hibiscus") has announced its results for the quarter ended 30 September 2018. Hibiscus reports that its profit after tax ("PAT") rose by 827% to RM100.0 million (USD23.84 million) (1Q2018: RM10.8 million (USD2.57 million)) while earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") rose by 625% to RM209.2 million (USD49.87 million) (1Q2018: RM28.9 million (USD6.89 million).

Earnings Per Share ("EPS") for 1Q2019 on a fully diluted basis increased to 5.25 sen compared to 0.73 sen in 1Q2018. Hibiscus remains debt-free with a cash balance of RM302.2 million (USD72.04 million) as at 30 September 2018 compared with RM136.0 million (USD32.42 million) as at 30 June 2018.

The financial performance in the quarter reflects the contributions of Hibiscus' two producing assets – Anasuria in the UK and the North Sabah PSC in Malaysia. A total of approximately 1.1 million barrels ("bbls") of crude oil were sold in the quarter. This consists of about 524 thousand bbls from Anasuria sold at an average realised oil price of USD73.88 per bbl, and about 595 thousand bbls of oil from the North Sabah PSC sold at an average realised oil price of USD78.55 per bbl.

Commenting on the oil market, Hibiscus' Managing Director, Dr Kenneth Pereira, said, "While we have achieved high prices for crude oil sold in this quarter, world oil markets are experiencing increased volatility. The Group has seen oil prices at various levels; on some occasions lower and other times, higher, and we have managed to remain profitable throughout. This is primarily because our average unit production cost for both the Anasuria and the North Sabah assets have always been significantly below the average realised oil price. The careful management of costs to maintain low operational expenditure and the delivery of production enhancement projects are key towards achieving low unit production costs. This remains an area of focus for the Group."

The full details of this announcement can be found at http://www.hibiscuspetroleum.com/.

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