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**Persta Resources Inc.**

*(incorporated under the laws of Alberta with limited liability)*

**(Stock code: 3395)**

**(1) DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF THE  
AUDITED ANNUAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020;  
(2) PUBLICATION OF THE UNAUDITED ANNUAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020; AND  
(3) MANAGEMENT CEASE TRADE ORDER**

This announcement is made by the board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of Persta Resources Inc. (the “**Company**”) pursuant to Rule 13.09(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”) and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined under the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the “**SFO**”).

**(1) DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF THE AUDITED ANNUAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Pursuant to Rule 13.49(1) of the Listing Rules, the Company is required to publish an announcement in relation to its preliminary results in respect of the financial year ended December 31, 2020 (the “**2020 Annual Results**”) not later than three months after the end of the financial year of the Company, i.e. on or before March 31, 2021. Under Rule 13.49(2) of the Listing Rules, the preliminary announcement in relation to the 2020 Annual Results shall be based on the Company’s financial statements for the financial year ended December 31, 2020 which have been agreed with the Company’s auditors.

Subsequent to the resignation of KPMG LLP as the Company’s auditors on August 25, 2020, the Company had significant difficulties engaging a Canadian auditor that was capable of issuing, or willing to issue, an audit opinion in Hong Kong. This is primarily due to the new requirement of the recognition of overseas auditors under the Hong Kong’s Financial Reporting Council Ordinance (Chapter 588 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the “**FRCO**”), whereby all non-Hong Kong auditors intending to carry out a public interest entity audit engagement of a company listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited are required to be recognized by the Financial Reporting Council in Hong Kong. The legislative amendments to the FRCO, which became

effective on October 1, 2019, significantly increased the compliance obligations for overseas auditors. After several months of efforts to engage a suitable auditor to provide an audit opinion in both Canada and Hong Kong, the Company engaged BDO Limited Hong Kong (“**BDO**”) on March 26, 2021.

The Board wishes to announce that, due to ongoing logistics caused by a change of the Company’s auditors on August 25, 2020, the Company’s new auditors, BDO, have advised that they do not anticipate being able to complete the necessary procedures in order for the Company to finalize its audited financial statements for the financial year ended December 31, 2020 by March 31, 2021. The audit for the 2020 Annual Results has not been completed as the Company was unable to appoint BDO as its auditor until March 26, 2021. The appointment of BDO was impacted by the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic as international travel bans resulted in an extended new client onboarding process. This process was further delayed from lockdowns in Calgary, Alberta between December 2020 to February 2021 restricting the Company’s access to its head office and its ability to gather necessary documents on a timely basis.

As a result, the Company is unable to publish the 2020 Annual Results based on the Company’s financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020 which shall have been agreed with BDO.

## **(2) PUBLICATION OF THE UNAUDITED ANNUAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Rule 13.49(3) of the Listing Rules provides that where an issuer is unable to issue its preliminary results in accordance with Rules 13.49(1) and (2) of the Listing Rules, it must announce, so far as the information is available, results for the financial year based on the financial results which have yet to be agreed with the auditors.

In order to keep the shareholders and potential investors of the Company informed of the Company’s business operation and financial position, the Board announces that the unaudited annual results of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2020 (the “**2020 Unaudited Annual Results**”) will be issued on March 31, 2021 which will have been reviewed by the audit and risk committee of the Company. The 2020 Unaudited Annual Results will be based on financial results which have yet to be agreed with BDO.

At the Board meeting scheduled to be held on March 31, 2021, the Board will review and approve, among other things, the publication of the 2020 Unaudited Annual Results based on the management accounts of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2020.

BDO has informed the Company that they expect to be in a position to complete their audit and deliver their audit opinion by mid-May 2021. The Company will continue to cooperate with BDO to complete their audit work as soon as possible. Following the completion of the audit by BDO, the Company will publish an announcement containing the audited 2020 Annual Results and

despatch the annual report for the year ended December 31, 2020 as soon as practicable. The Company will make further announcement(s) to provide updates on the above matters as and when appropriate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the SFO.

### (3) MANAGEMENT CEASE TRADE ORDER

Pursuant to the applicable Canadian securities law, in light of the inability to meet the Canadian annual filing deadline, the Company has applied for a management cease trade order (“**MCTO**”) from the Alberta Securities Commission to be imposed against all of the directors and officers of the Company, precluding them from trading securities of the Company. If granted, the Company expects that the MCTO will be in effect until the following continuous disclosure documents (the “**Documents**”), which are required to be filed by the Company pursuant to its Canadian reporting obligations under National Instrument 51-102 — *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*, are filed:

- (i) annual audited financial statements for the financial year ended December 31, 2020;
- (ii) management’s discussion and analysis for the financial year ended December 31, 2020;
- (iii) CEO and CFO certifications of annual filings under National Instrument 52-109 — *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers’ Annual and Interim Filings*; and
- (iv) annual information form for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Until the Documents are filed, the Company intends to issue bi-weekly default status reports in accordance with National Policy 12-203 — *Management Cease Trade Orders* (“**NP 12-203**”). The Company intends to satisfy the provisions of the Alternative Information Guidelines of NP 12-203 during the period it remains in default of the filing requirements. The Company expects that the MCTO will not affect the ability of investors who are not insiders to trade in the securities of the Company. There is no guarantee that the MCTO will be granted in the manner as applied for by the Company, or at all.

As at the date of this announcement, the Company was not subject to any insolvency proceedings. If the Company provides any information to any of its creditors during the period in which the MCTO, if approved, is in place, the Company confirms that it will also file material change reports on SEDAR containing such information as is required. The Company confirms that there is no other material information relating to its affairs that has not been generally disclosed.

**Shareholders and potential investors of the Company should exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.**

By Order of the Board  
**Persta Resources Inc.**  
**Yongtan Liu**  
*Chairman*

Calgary, March 29, 2021

Hong Kong, March 29, 2021

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises of two executive Directors, being Mr. Yongtan Liu and Mr. Pingzai Wang; and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Richard Dale Orman, Mr. Peter David Robertson and Mr. Larry Grant Smith.*