

**CENTRAL ALBERTA WELL SERVICES COMPLETES
ACQUISITION OF SERVICE RIG DIVISION OF
WELLCO ENERGY SERVICES**

CALGARY, ALBERTA - January 8, 2008 – Central Alberta Well Services Corp. ("CWC" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously announced transaction to acquire all of the assets and business of the Service Rig Division (the "Service Rig Division") of Wellco Energy Services Partnership ("Wellco Partnership"). The total purchase consideration paid by CWC to the Wellco Partnership for the assets and business of the Service Rig Division was \$11.31 million, which was drawn from the Company's \$63 million revolving credit facility. The acquisition adds nine 1500 meter service rigs and related equipment to CWC's current fleet of 26 service rigs. CWC is also expected to take delivery of three additional service rigs currently under construction, bringing CWC's total operating service rig fleet to 38 units by the end of the first quarter of 2008. In addition, the acquisition enhances CWC's geographical presence in southern Alberta with the newly acquired operating facility in Brooks, Alberta. CWC has also made offers to employ all of the employees of Wellco's Service Rig Division.

Darryl E. Wilson, President and CEO of CWC stated "We are very pleased with this transaction which brings an experienced management team and qualified field staff to CWC that enables us to extend our geographical reach to Brooks, Alberta and the surrounding region. The addition of the operating facility at Brooks accelerates the expansion strategy of CWC's core well servicing business and facilitates cross-selling our other complementary lines of service including coil tubing, snubbing, nitrogen pumping, well testing and equipment rental services to our existing and new customers."

About Central Alberta Well Services

Central Alberta Well Services is headquartered in Red Deer, Alberta, with additional operating centres in eastern and northern Alberta and a business office in Calgary. The Company provides oilfield services, including well servicing, coil tubing, snubbing, nitrogen, well testing and oilfield equipment rentals to oil and gas companies operating in the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin.

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