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CENTRAL ALBERTA WELL SERVICES ANNOUNCES 2006 GUIDANCE

CALGARY, ALBERTA – July 6, 2006. Central Alberta Well Services Corp. ("Central Alberta" or the "Company") is pleased to announce its guidance for the balance of the 2006 fiscal year, featuring a significant improvement over its comparable 2005 results. The Company is benefiting from the impact of the three accretive acquisitions it completed on March 31, 2006, combined with the continuing deployment of new oilfield service equipment and the ongoing strength in the Canadian well service industry.

Central Alberta estimates that it will generate 2006 consolidated revenues of \$44.7 million and EBITDA of \$11.8 million. In preparing its estimates for the balance of 2006, the Company has made certain key assumptions, including:

- Continued high levels of demand for its well service product lines in its market areas in the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin.
- Access to debt and equity financing as required and capital additions that will remain on schedule through the balance of 2006

In the furtherance of its business plans and in response to expected high levels of demand for its comprehensive oilfield service lines, Central Alberta plans to invest \$41.2 million in capital equipment over the balance of 2006, allocated as follows:

- \$27.4 million for the expansion of its service rig and coil tubing fleet, with 25 units targeted to be in operation by December, 2006;
- \$10.6 million for the expansion of its snubbing and nitrogen fleet, with 17 units targeted to be in operation by December, 2006;
- \$2.4 million for the expansion of its production testing division and \$0.8 million for the growth of its fleet of specialized rental equipment by December, 2006;

President and CEO Darryl Wilson stated: "We are confident in our operations and the performance of our service divisions. What is normally perceived as the slowest season of the year due to road bans has been an active quarter for the Company's service equipment. The light weight design of the Company's equipment provided high utilization levels in the quarter comparable to industry standards for other seasons. The Company continues to experience strong demand for its services in all divisions.

Non-GAAP Measures

This press release references EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization), which the Company defines as revenues less operating costs and general and administrative expenses, excluding stock based compensation expenses. Management believes that this information will assist investors to assess the Company's ability to generate cash from operations and better understand the level of the Company's core earnings.

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About Central Alberta

Central Alberta Well Services is based in Red Deer, Alberta and 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. For further information please contact:

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