

**CENTRAL ALBERTA WELL SERVICES ANNOUNCES
COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUER BID PROGRAM**

CALGARY, ALBERTA, Monday, August 20, 2007 – Central Alberta Well Services Corp. (“CWC” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has obtained approval from the TSX Venture Exchange (“TSXV”) for the commencement of a Normal Course Issuer Bid program. The program shall commence on August 22, 2007, run for one year to August 21, 2008 and will be managed through BMO Nesbitt Burns in Calgary, Alberta. It is the Company's intention to purchase up to 1,133,597 Class A Shares of the Company through the facilities of the TSXV in the twelve month period commencing on this date. Any shares purchased will be returned to treasury and cancelled. Under the Normal Course Issuer Bid program, a maximum of 2% of the outstanding Class A Shares may be purchased in any 30 day period. The Company intends to commence purchasing shares immediately.

About Central Alberta Well Services

Central Alberta Well Services Corp. 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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