

**CENTRAL ALBERTA WELL SERVICES RECEIVES PROPOSAL**

**CALGARY, ALBERTA.** March 19, 2009 – Central Alberta Well Services Corp. (“CWC” or the “Company”) confirmed today that it has received an unsolicited proposal (the “Proposal”) from Tricap Partners II LP (“Tricap”) to acquire all of the outstanding Class A Voting Common Shares (“Class A Shares”) of the Company, other than those already held by Tricap or its affiliates, at a proposed price of \$0.45 per share. Tricap currently owns approximately 9.9 million Class A Shares representing approximately 49.0% of the currently issued and outstanding Class A Shares. In addition, Tricap owns approximately 7.0 million Class B non-voting common shares of the Company (“Class B Shares”) representing all of the outstanding Class B Shares. The Class B Shares are convertible into Class A Shares in certain circumstances.

The Company's Board of Directors will evaluate the Proposal carefully in the context of its strategic plans to create value for the Company and will make its determination following a detailed review of the Proposal. The Board of Directors of the Company has established a Special Committee of independent directors of the Board to review the Proposal. The mandate of the Special Committee is to investigate, review, assess and evaluate the Proposal with the assistance of independent legal and financial advisors and to oversee the preparation of the formal independent valuation. The Proposal is subject to approval by the Board of Directors of CWC and regulatory and other applicable approvals. There can be no assurance that acceptable terms will be concluded or that the Proposal will lead to a transaction.

**About Central Alberta Well Services**

Central Alberta Well Services has its corporate office in Calgary, Alberta, with its operational head office in Red Deer, Alberta, and additional operating centres in Provost, Brooks and Grande Prairie, Alberta. 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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