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## **Central Alberta Well Services Corp. Announces Acquisition of Service Rig Division of Trinidad Drilling Ltd., New Credit Facilities and Corporate Name Change**

**CALGARY, ALBERTA** – (TSXV: CWC) Central Alberta Well Services Corp. (“CWC” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the assets and ongoing operations of Trinidad Well Servicing (“TWS”), the service rig division of Trinidad Drilling Ltd. (“Trinidad”) (TSX: TDG), for total consideration of \$38 million in cash. The transaction is expected to close on June 15, 2011.

### **Transaction Information**

TWS is a well servicing business operating 22 fully crewed service rigs throughout Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan from key operating bases in Grande Prairie, Red Deer and Lloydminster. The implied value of the transaction is \$1.73 million per rig.

The TWS acquisition will boost CWC’s service rig count to 64 active rigs, making CWC the 6<sup>th</sup> largest service rig provider in the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin (“WCSB”), operating one of the youngest and most modern fleets in the industry. TWS assets and personnel will be integrated into CWC’s service rig division and further expand CWC’s footprint with an operating base in Lloydminster. CWC has identified operational synergies it believes can be realized from this transaction beginning immediately and expects that those synergies will better enable it to capitalize on organic growth opportunities and facilitate complimentary acquisitions as the industry consolidates. The TWS workforce is comprised of some of the most experienced personnel in the WCSB and we look forward to this transaction creating meaningful competitive benefits for CWC and its customers.

### **Financing**

CWC has secured written commitments for a new credit facility of \$70 million which will consist of a three year committed Revolving Facility of \$40 million and a \$30 million Non-Revolving Facility to replace the existing debt facilities of the Company. The Revolving Facility will initially be used to help pay for the acquisition of the Trinidad service rigs and will subsequently be available to assist the Company in completing acquisitions, financing capital expenditures and for working capital purposes. Cash on hand, of approximately \$10 million, will also be used to fund the acquisition.

### **Corporate Name Change**

On June 8, 2011, at CWC's annual and special shareholders' meeting, the shareholders approved the change of name of the Company to CWC Well Services Corp. from Central Alberta Well Services Corp. The name change was considered appropriate to better reflect the Company’s identity and current scope of business activities. The final name change is subject to the completion of certain legal and regulatory approvals. The stock trading symbol on the TSX Venture Exchange will remain as “CWC”.

### **About Central Alberta Well Services Corp.**

Central Alberta Well Services Corp. is a premier well servicing company operating in the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin with a complementary suite of oilfield services including service rigs, coil tubing, snubbing, nitrogen and well testing. The Company's corporate office is located in Calgary, Alberta, with operational locations in Red Deer, Provost, Brooks, Grande Prairie and Whitecourt, Alberta and Weyburn, Saskatchewan.

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