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**Western Energy Services Corp. Announces the Acquisition of Cedar Creek Drilling Ltd.**

CALGARY, ALBERTA – Western Energy Services Corp. (“Western” or the “Company”) (TSX Venture: WRG) is pleased to announce that it has closed the previously announced acquisition of Cedar Creek Drilling Ltd. (“Cedar Creek”), a privately held company which owns and operates oil and natural gas drilling rigs.

Western has taken up 100% of Cedar Creek’s outstanding Class A common shares (“Cedar Creek Shares”), being the shares tendered to Western’s offer dated March 2, 2010 to acquire all of the outstanding Cedar Creek Shares on the basis of 2.66 Western Shares for each Cedar Creek Share (the “Cedar Creek Offer”). An aggregate of 20,517,331 Western Shares are being issued to Cedar Creek shareholders pursuant to the Cedar Creek Offer.

The assets of Cedar Creek include 3 telescopic double drilling rigs with a depth rating of 3,500 metres and 750 hp drawworks. All of the Cedar Creek drilling rigs are well suited for horizontal drilling.

**Pro Forma Asset Base**

Pursuant to the acquisitions of Horizon Drilling Inc. (“Horizon”) and Cedar Creek, Western now has a fleet of 11 drilling rigs which are, on average, less than 4 years old, have modern designs, move and rig-up efficiently and enjoy a premium customer base. Western believes the assets will be in high demand as exploration and development of key resource plays requiring horizontal drilling continues to increase. Western also anticipates very little integration risk with Horizon and Cedar Creek as management is intimately familiar with the assets and believes operational efficiencies can be achieved with larger scale.

Western currently has approximately 527.6 million shares outstanding (578.1 million on a fully diluted basis) and approximately \$5.0 million of net debt.

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In particular, this press release makes reference to the anticipated demand for its assets and the integration risk of Horizon and Cedar Creek. As such, many factors could cause the performance or achievement of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

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