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**WESTERN ENERGY SERVICES CORP. ANNOUNCES \$75 MILLION BOUGHT DEAL FINANCING**

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CALGARY, ALBERTA – Western Energy Services Corp. (TSX Venture: WRG) (“Western” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement with a syndicate of underwriters co-led by Cormark Securities Inc. and RBC Capital Markets and including Raymond James Ltd., Peters & Co. Limited, AltaCorp Capital Inc., FirstEnergy Capital Corp., and HSBC Securities (Canada) Inc. (collectively, the “Underwriters”) pursuant to which the Underwriters have agreed to purchase 192,500,000 common shares (“Common Shares”) at an issue price of \$0.390 per Common Share for gross proceeds to Western of approximately \$75 million (the “Offering”).

Western has also granted the Underwriters an option (the "Over-Allotment Option") to purchase up to an additional 28,875,000 Common Shares to cover over-allotment, if any, for additional gross proceeds of approximately \$11 million. The Over-Allotment Option is exercisable in whole or in part for a period of 30 days following closing of the Offering.

The Offering is scheduled to close on or about March 29, 2011 and is subject to certain conditions including, but not limited to, the receipt of all necessary approvals, including the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange. Proceeds of the offering will be used for the repayment of debt, for future acquisitions and for general corporate purposes. The Common Shares will be offered in certain provinces of Canada by way of a short form prospectus.

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