



Western Energy Services Corp. Announces Operational Update

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CALGARY, ALBERTA – Western Energy Services Corp. (“Western” or “the Company”) (TSX Venture: WRG) is pleased to provide an update with regards to its strong operating results.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fleet of 24 modern, fully crewed drilling rigs, 100% of which are currently being utilized;
- Of the 24 rig fleet, 88% (21 rigs) are Efficient Long Reach (“ELR”) rigs ideally suited for horizontal drilling in the key resource plays in Western Canada;
- Utilization in the contract drilling subsidiary Horizon Drilling Inc. (“Horizon”) well exceeded industry average utilization rates for Q4 2010, January 2011 and February 2011;
- Continued strong performance from our production services subsidiary StimSol Canada Inc. (“Stimsol”); and
- Commenced construction of Western’s 25th rig (4,500m telescopic double ELR rig) anticipated to be operational in early Q4 2011.

Record Operating Activity

Western currently has a fleet of 24 modern, fully crewed drilling rigs, 100% (including move days) of which are being utilized at present. Western’s newest rig, a 4,500m telescopic double ELR, was successfully fully crewed during the peak employment demand of the drilling season and spudded its first well on March 4, 2011.

Operating Highlights	Q4 2010	January 2011	February 2011
Contract Drilling			
Contract drilling rig fleet (# of rigs at end of period)	22	23	24
Drilling rig utilization rate (spud to rig release)	65%	87%	91%
CAODC industry average utilization rate (spud to rig release)	50%	66%	74%
Production Services			
Jobs completed	885	379	373

Stimsol experienced a strong increase in operating activity due to high industry demand for fluid and pumping services. The number of jobs completed in production services increased by 147% in Q4 2010, by 72% in January 2011 and by 26% in February 2011 as compared to the same prior year periods.

Construction of 25th Rig

Western is also pleased to announce that it has commenced the construction of its 25th rig which is anticipated to be operational in early Q4 2011 and will be under a four year term contract.

Release of 2010 year end results

Western expects to release its Q4 and year end 2010 financial and operational results on or about April 13, 2011.

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