



NEWS RELEASE

**WESTERN ENERGY SERVICES CORP.
2011 FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR END RESULTS
CONFERENCE CALL AND WEBCAST**

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CALGARY, ALBERTA - Western Energy Services Corp. ("**Western**") (TSX: WRG) announces that it intends to release its 2011 year end and fourth quarter results on March 8, 2012 at 5:00 a.m. MT and has scheduled a conference call and webcast to begin promptly at 12:00 Noon MT (2:00 p.m. ET) on March 8, 2012.

The conference call dial-in number is 1-888-231-8192

A live webcast of the conference call will be accessible on Western's website at www.wesc.ca by selecting "*Investor Relations*", then "*Webcasts*". Shortly after the live webcast, an archived version will be available for approximately 14 days.

An archived recording of the conference call will also be available approximately one hour after the completion of the call until March 22, 2012 by dialing 1-855-859-2056 or 1-416-849-0833, passcode 56136739.

Western is an oilfield service company which provides contract drilling services through its wholly-owned subsidiaries Horizon Drilling Inc. in Canada and Stoneham Drilling Corporation in the United States. In addition, Western provides well servicing through its wholly-owned subsidiary Matrix Well Servicing Inc.

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