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CANELSON ANNOUNCES
FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL RESULTS

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CALGARY, ALBERTA – CanElson Drilling Inc. (“CanElson” or the “Corporation”) (TSX-V: CDI) announced its first quarter financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2010.

Highlights:

- Record quarterly revenue
- Highest CAODC recorded utilization in Canada
- First full quarter with United States and Mexico operations
- Operating drilling rig fleet increased to 8 (net:7) and 1 (net: .5) service rig

During the first quarter of 2010, the Corporation recorded utilization in Canada of 86%, which is the highest reported utilization by any CAODC contractor, increased its west Texas drilling fleet from 1 drilling rig to 3 drilling rigs and continued to see improved operating efficiencies in Mexico during its first full quarter of joint venture operations.

During the first quarter of 2010, CanElson generated revenue of \$11.6 million compared to \$3.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2009. The Corporation earned net income of \$0.3 million (\$0.01 per share) compared to a net loss of \$0.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2009.

The full text of the unaudited financial statements and management’s discussion and analysis are to be posted on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com.

CanElson is an Alberta, Canada corporation that is currently engaged in the manufacture, acquisition and operation of drilling rigs for the oil and gas industry. The Corporation currently operates in the western Canadian sedimentary basin (the “WCSB”), the United States and Mexico.

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