

NEWS RELEASE

CANELSON DRILLING SIGNS ASSETS PURCHASE AGREEMENT
TO PURCHASE DRILLING RIGS

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CALGARY, ALBERTA – Further to its news release of November 5, 2009, CanElson Drilling Inc. ("CanElson") (TSX VENTURE: CDI) announces that it has signed a definitive Asset Purchase Agreement, as purchaser, with Bronco Drilling Services Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Bronco Energy Ltd., for the purchase of a telescopic double rig, a single rig, and related contracts and equipment for cash proceeds of \$6.5 million.

The parties expect to close the purchase by November 18, 2009.

CanElson is an Alberta, Canada corporation that is engaged in the manufacture and operation of drilling rigs in Canada's Western Sedimentary Basin.

Forward-Looking Information

This press release contains forward-looking information related to the closing of the purchase that involves material assumptions and known and unknown risks and uncertainties, certain of which are beyond CanElson's control. Such assumptions, risks and uncertainties include, without limitation, those associated with, loss of markets, volatility of commodity prices, delays resulting from or inability to obtain required regulatory approvals, the effect of general economic conditions in Canada and the United States, industry conditions, changes in laws and regulations and changes in how they are interpreted and enforced, the lack of qualified personnel or management, and stock market volatility. CanElson's actual achievements could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, this forward-looking information and, accordingly, no assurances can be given that any of the events anticipated by the forward-looking information will transpire or occur, or if any of them do so, what benefits CanElson will derive therefrom. The forward-looking information is made as at the date of this press release and CanElson does not undertake any obligation to update publicly or to revise any of the included forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by applicable securities laws.

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