

## NEWS RELEASE

CANELSON DRILLING  
SIGNS CONTRACTS FOR TWO DRILLING RIGS IN TEXAS

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CALGARY, ALBERTA – CanElson Drilling Inc. (“CanElson”) (TSXV: CDI) announced today that it has entered into multi-well contracts with a Midland, Texas-based resource company to operate 2 drilling rigs in the Permian Basin region. The first drilling rig is anticipated to be operational in Texas by mid-December 2009, with the second to follow mid-January 2010. The rigs dedicated to Texas will be Rig 3 which was completed this spring and Rig 4 which is in the final stages of completion.

President Randy Hawkings says, “We are pleased to be awarded these contracts in an area which management has a great deal of experience.”

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

**Forward Looking Information**

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