

NEWS RELEASE

WesternZagros Commences Drilling in Kurdistan

Calgary, Alberta – May 8, 2008 – WesternZagros Resources Ltd. (TSX-V – WZR) ("WesternZagros") is pleased to announce today that it has commenced drilling at Sarqala-1. The well is planned to target four potential reservoirs zones, reaching a total depth of approximately 4,800 metres. Sarqala-1 is expected to take between 120 and 130 days to drill.

"We are very excited about spudding our first well in Kurdistan," said Simon Hatfield, President of WesternZagros. "This is a momentous achievement for the Company and it is a result of the spirit of cooperation between the Kurdistan Regional Government and WesternZagros. Sarqala-1 is the first well of a multi-well drilling exploration program planned over the next three years."

In addition to commencing drilling operations, WesternZagros continues to actively acquire seismic over the Kalar-Bawanoor Block. WesternZagros is pleased to report that it has exceeded its seismic commitment under its Production Sharing Contract ("PSC") with the acquisition of over 1,265 kilometres to date.

WesternZagros is the operator under the PSC with a 40 per cent working interest.

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About WesternZagros Resources Ltd.

WesternZagros is an international natural resources company engaged in acquiring properties and exploring for, developing and producing crude oil and natural gas in Iraq. WesternZagros, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, holds a Production Sharing Contract with the Kurdistan Regional Government in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. The Company's shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "WZR".

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All of WesternZagros' assets are located in Kurdistan. As such, WesternZagros is subject to political, economic, and other uncertainties of that region as well as risks of loss due to civil strife, acts of war, guerrilla activities and insurrections. WesternZagros' operations may be materially adversely affected by changes in government policies and legislation or social instability and other factors which are not within its control. Risks also include the uncertainty involved in the estimation of undiscovered resources. For further information on WesternZagros and the risks associated with its business, please see the Company's Annual Information Form which is filed at www.sedar.com.

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