

NEWS RELEASE

WesternZagros Provides Drilling Update on Kurdamir-1

Calgary, Alberta – June 17, 2009 – WesternZagros Resources Ltd. (TSX-V – WZR) ("WesternZagros" or "the Company") announced today that drilling of Kurdamir-1 has progressed to a current depth of 1,700 metres with no significant drilling issues encountered, and the 13 5/8" intermediate casing was set in the Lower Fars as planned.

Total depth for Kurdamir-1 is planned to be approximately 4,000 metres. Drilling is expected to be completed in October 2009 and, upon exploration success, testing operations would commence. Kurdamir-1 is targeting four potential reservoir zones – the Oligocene and Pilsapi/Jaddala intervals in the Tertiary, and the Shiranish and upper Qamchuqa intervals in the Cretaceous. The top of the first reservoir in the well is expected at approximately 2,100 metres.

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. WesternZagros' shares trade in Canada on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "WZR".

For further information please contact:

Greg Stevenson
Vice President, Finance
(403) 693-7007

Dorreen Miller
Manager, Investor Relations & Communications
(403) 693-7019

Email: investorrelations@westernzagros.com
WesternZagros Website: www.westernzagros.com

This news release may contain forward-looking information based on assumptions that are subject to a wide range of business risks. WesternZagros' operations are subject to all risks normally incident to the exploration, development and operation of crude oil and natural gas properties and the drilling of crude oil and natural gas wells, including geological risk, encountering unexpected formations or pressures, premature declines of reservoirs, potential environment damage, blow-outs, fires and spills, all of which could result in personal injuries, loss of life and damage to property of WesternZagros and others; environment risks; delay or changes in plans with respect to exploration or development projects or capital expenditures; the ability to attract key personnel; the risk of commodity price and foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

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 WesternZagros' Annual Information from dated March 26, 2009 which is filed at www.sedar.com and on the Company's web site.

Forward-looking information typically contains statements with words such as "anticipate", "estimate", "expect", "potential", "could", or similar words suggesting future outcomes. We caution readers and prospective investors of the Company's securities not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information as by its nature, it is based on current expectations regarding future events that involve a number of assumptions, inherent risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by WesternZagros.

NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO U.S. NEWSWIRE SERVICES OR DISSEMINATION IN THE UNITED STATES

**THE TSX VENTURE EXCHANGE DOES NOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADEQUACY
OR ACCURACY OF THIS RELEASE**