



**Press Release**

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## **Trican Announces 2010 Capital Budget**

Trican Well Service Ltd. (TCW) is pleased to announce our 2010 Capital Budget.

Trican's Board of Directors has approved the 2010 Capital Budget of \$81.4 million. This capital budget focuses on expansion capital dedicated to key growth areas for Trican but also includes expenditures required to maintain our current operating capabilities.

The Canadian Operations' 2010 capital budget totals \$45.1 million comprising \$30.0 million in expansion capital and \$15.1 million in infrastructure and maintenance capital. The expansion capital focuses on unconventional oil and gas plays in western Canada, and includes the addition of fracturing pumpers totaling 20,000 horsepower (HP), two deep coiled tubing units, and industrial cleaning equipment. In addition, we are modifying a portion of our fracturing pumper capacity with new pumps designed to reduce operating costs and improve operational performance when fracturing shale gas reservoirs. The new fracturing pumpers and the modifications are specifically designed for use in unconventional oil and gas plays and will increase Trican's horsepower capacity to 179,000 HP. Of this 179,000 HP, approximately 90 percent of it is designed for high rate more technical unconventional fracturing.

The Russian Operations' 2010 capital budget totals \$20.5 million comprising \$15.6 million in expansion capital and \$4.9 million in infrastructure and maintenance capital. The expansion capital includes a sixth coiled tubing fleet which will be focused on the higher technology coiled tubing market in eastern Siberia, and two additional fracturing fleets which will be directed towards expanding our market share with certain key customers. These two fracturing fleets will add 18,000 HP increasing our fracturing horsepower in Russia to 106,000 HP. Trican has recently purchased one of the two fracturing crews totaling 9,000 HP for \$5 million. This fracturing fleet was built in 2007 and is virtually unused.

The US Operations' 2010 capital budget totals \$6.3 million and comprises \$1.7 million in expansion capital and \$4.6 million in infrastructure and maintenance capital. The expansion capital will be utilized to modify existing conventional fracturing capacity into high pressure fracturing capacity.

The Algerian Operations' 2010 capital budget totals \$4.7 million. The expenditures will augment our existing coiled tubing services offering, as well as add ancillary equipment and infrastructure that will support cementing equipment transferred from our Canadian operations for a cementing contract expected to commence at the end of the first quarter.

The remainder of our capital program will be directed towards corporate initiatives that support growth in all of our geographic regions with the majority of these expenditures dedicated to increasing and enhancing the scope and capabilities of our research and

development facilities. Trican continues to focus on developing technical solutions that benefit our customers and the expansion of our R and D facilities is expected to enhance our position as a technology leader in the pressure pumping industry.

Trican's 2010 Capital Budget has increased relative to the 2009 Capital Budget in order to support growth initiatives in all of our geographic regions. The increased budget also reflects a cautiously positive outlook for the pressure pumping industry in 2010 and beyond. As always, management will continue to monitor industry conditions and be prepared to adjust our capital budget as necessary to support the growth of the company and maintain the strength of our balance sheet.

## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This document contains statements that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable securities legislation. These forward-looking statements are identified by the use of terms and phrases such as "expect", "expected", and other similar terms and phrases. These statements speak only as of the date of this document and we do not undertake to publicly update these forward-looking statements except in accordance with applicable securities laws. These forward-looking statements include, among others estimates of additional investment required to complete ongoing capital projects, anticipated timing for improved market conditions, and expectations as to our future market position in the industry.

Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates, projections and assumptions, which we believe are reasonable but which may prove to be incorrect and therefore such forward-looking statements should not be unduly relied upon. In addition to other factors and assumptions which may be identified in this document, assumptions have been made regarding, among other things: industry activity; the general stability of the economic and political environment; effect of market conditions on demand for the Company's products and services; the ability to obtain qualified staff, equipment and services in a timely and cost efficient manner; the ability to operate its business in a safe, efficient and effective manner; the performance and characteristics of various business segments; the effect of current plans; the timing and costs of capital expenditures; future oil and natural gas prices; currency, exchange and interest rates; the regulatory framework regarding royalties, taxes and environmental matters in the jurisdictions in which the Company operates; and the ability of the Company to successfully market its products and services.

Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. These risks and uncertainties include: fluctuating prices for crude oil and natural gas; changes in drilling activity; general global economic, political and business conditions; weather conditions; regulatory changes; the successful exploitation and integration of technology; customer acceptance of technology; success in obtaining issued patents; the potential development of competing technologies by market competitors; and availability of products, qualified personnel, manufacturing capacity and raw materials. In addition, actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of the risk factors set forth under the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the Annual Information Form of the Company dated March 27, 2009 which is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

*Headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, Trican has operations in Canada, Russia, the US and North Africa. Trican provides a comprehensive array of specialized products, equipment and services that are used during the exploration and development of oil and gas reserves.*

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