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Wardrop and CPG-Franz Merge Operations

VANCOUVER, BC – Apr. 11, 2008...Wardrop Engineering Inc. and CPG-Franz Environmental Inc. of Markham, ON, have merged operations. Shayne Smith, CEO of Wardrop is pleased to make the announcement, which complements Wardrop's growth strategy. *"This merger strengthens our capabilities particularly in the environmental area and enables us to provide new and expanded services to our clients while maintaining the high standards of safety, quality, and customer satisfaction for which we have become known,"* he said. The ethics, proven leadership, and business philosophy of CPG-Franz mirrors that of the Wardrop team.

Operating under the banner of Wardrop Engineering Inc., the newly merged team will continue to strive for the highest standard of engineering service and will continue to provide cost-effective solutions to the challenges faced by its clients. The merger brings Wardrop's staffing component to more than 1000 employees who work collaboratively throughout its North American and overseas operations.

Back in 1987, Central Projects Group Inc. (CPG) was formed. The company provided design and geo-environmental consulting services to clients in the petro-chemical sector. In October 2002, CPG became CPG-Franz Environmental Inc., with expanded offerings in the earth sciences and design-consulting fields. The company's history includes the completion of more than 3,500 projects, particularly in the oil and gas industry.

The new staff brings both professional and technical expertise to Wardrop, with particular strength that includes: environmental site assessments; environmental management; decommissioning and clean-up; compliance audits; construction and project management; design/build of petroleum storage tank facilities; expert testimony; soil-vapour extraction/bioremediation; solid and liquid waste management; soil/groundwater assessment and remediation; and geotechnical services. *"We welcome our newest employees and the extensive professional and technical talent and skill sets they bring to enhance our engineering and environmental services. The merger broadens our ability to provide cost-effective and innovative solutions to the challenges faced by our clients both nationally and internationally,"* said Wardrop's Joel Nolin on behalf of the company's Oil and Gas/Industrial Division.

Harry Kim, founding partner of Central Projects Group Inc. said: *"This is a natural progression in our business growth strategy and through this merger, we look forward to enhancing the Wardrop team in the environmental services sector. This move places the future of the former CPG-Franz employees in the hands of a large corporation with a very capable management team. As part of the Wardrop team, our employees will have the opportunity to work on a broader scope of projects and be part of a large and growing multi-disciplined engineering company. Their extensive talent will further advance the innovative solutions Wardrop provides to its clients."*

While the merger is with CPG-Franz Environmental Inc. of Markham, ON, it is noted that Franz Environmental Inc. is not part of the merger with Wardrop and will continue to provide specialized environmental services as an independent company. An expanded working relationship with Franz Environmental Inc. will be explored.

Wardrop is an international multi-disciplined engineering and environmental consulting firm providing innovative solutions to the energy, infrastructure, and mining sectors. The company has been honoured as one of Canada's Top 100 Employers seven times and was recently recognized as one of the Top 20 Best Employers for New Canadians.

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