



NORTHERN CRANE SERVICES



The Lifting & Heavy Haul Solutions Provider of Choice

NC Energy Services Group of Companies

NC ENERGY SERVICES LTD. ACQUIRES TRANS TECH CONTRACTING INC.

Continuing Strategy to be the Dominant Provider of Lifting & Heavy Haul Solutions

EDMONTON, AB, January 10, 2008 – NC Energy Services Ltd. (“NCES”), a Northwest Capital Appreciation portfolio company, and parent company of Northern Crane Services and A1 Crane Services, today announces the acquisition of Trans Tech Contracting Inc. (“Trans Tech”). Trans Tech is Canada’s largest independent heavy hauling company. Trans Tech was formed by four partners in October 1996 to supply specialized transportation services to the oil and gas, construction, and forestry industries in Western Canada. Based in Edmonton (Acheson), Alberta, Trans Tech has operating authority in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Northwest Territories.

As part of the transaction, NCES welcomes Dan Duffy, George Rodgers, Terry Colban, Glenn Dales, and all of the Trans Tech employees to the NCES group and looks forward to providing lifting solutions to Trans Tech’s existing customers. Trans Tech will be a wholly owned subsidiary of NCES.

“We are excited to partner with such a well established and reputable company,” said Leo Davis, NCES CEO and co-founder of Northern Crane. “The Trans Tech acquisition is another significant step in our strategy to strengthen our position as the lifting and heavy haul solutions provider of choice” said John Stevens, NCES President and COO. “There are significant opportunities to offer existing Northern Crane customers with additional equipment and resources through our partnership with Trans Tech.”

Dan Duffy, Trans Tech’s President noted, “The partnership is exciting for us and our customers as additional capital and resources provided by NCES will allow us to continue to provide an outstanding level of service to our customers. There are also significant opportunities to offer existing Trans Tech customers with additional lifting services through our partnership with Northern Crane.”

About Northern Crane Services

www.northerncrane.com

Founded in 1987, Northern Crane Services, Inc. (“NCS”) is the largest independent full service crane-operating company in Alberta. NCS has been a long-time participant in the growing Alberta economy and has offices in Edmonton, Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie and Bonnyville providing lift services

throughout Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Northwest Territories. NCS has a diverse fleet of approximately 100 cranes, ranging in size from 8 to 1,000 tons servicing oil sands and infrastructure projects. NCS is a subsidiary of NC Energy Services Ltd., which seeks to become the dominant provider of lifting and heavy haul services in Western Canada.

About Northwest Capital Appreciation

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Northwest Capital Appreciation, Inc. (“NCA”) is a leading Seattle-based private equity firm whose mission is to acquire and grow middle market companies located primarily on the West Coast of the U.S. and Canada. NCA has consistently built value by making investments in well managed leveraged buyouts, consolidations, recapitalizations and growth financings of smaller middle market companies, defined as companies with enterprise values generally ranging from \$50 million to \$500 million. Since its founding in 1992, NCA has completed more than 75 acquisitions.

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