



Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. (CWEI) Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer to Ring The NASDAQ Stock Market Closing Bell

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What:

Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. (CWEI) will visit the NASDAQ MarketSite in New York City's Times Square.

In honor of the occasion, Clayton W. Williams, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, will ring The NASDAQ Stock Market Closing Bell.

Where:

NASDAQ MarketSite — 4 Times Square — 43rd & Broadway — Broadcast Studio

When:

Tuesday, April 12th, 2011 at 3:50 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET

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Feed Information:

The Closing Bell is available from 3:50 p.m. to 4:05 p.m. on AMC-3/C-3 (ul 5985V; dl 3760H). The feed can also be found on Ascent fiber 1623. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Madden (646) 441-5045.

Radio Feed:

An audio transmission of the Closing Bell is also available from 3:50 p.m. to 4:05 p.m. on uplink IA6 C band / transponder 24, downlink frequency 4180 horizontal. The feed can be found on Ascent fiber 1623 as well.

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Webcast:

A live webcast of the NASDAQ Closing Bell will be available at: <http://www.nasdaq.com/about/marketsitetowervideo.aspx>

Photos:

To obtain a hi-resolution photograph of the Market Close, please go to http://www.nasdaq.com/reference/marketsite_events.stm and click on the market close of your choice.

About Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. (CWEI):

Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. is an independent oil and gas company engaged in the exploration for and production of oil and natural gas primarily in Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana. At December 31, 2010, our estimated proved reserves were 51.1 MBOE, of which 68% were proved developed. Our portfolio of oil and natural gas reserves is weighted in favor of oil, with approximately 74% of our proved reserves at December 31, 2010 consisting of oil and natural gas liquids and approximately 26% consisting of natural gas. During 2010, we added proved reserves of 23.2 MBOE through the drill bit, resulting in a reserve replacement of 425%.

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