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WELLPOINT SIGNS METALLICA RESOURCES TO SUSTAIN MINING MOMENTUM INTO 2006

CALGARY, Alberta, January 30, 2006 - WellPoint Systems Inc. ("WellPoint") (TSX -V:WPS), today announced that the company has been awarded another contract in the rapidly expanding mining industry, this time with Metallica Resources Inc. ("Metallica") (TSX: MR, AMEX: MRB). For WellPoint, this agreement with Metallica marks the third contract in as many months within the mining sector, complementing the company's growing focus on the mining industry.

In configuring a financial management solution to address the unique characteristics of Metallica's current operation, WellPoint again elected to base the proposed solution on Microsoft's Dynamics AX platform.

"Metallica Resources is a prime example of a company which expects its software applications to be capable of growing with its operation," says Tom Mawhinney, President of WellPoint Systems. "The scalability of our solution instills confidence in the minds of financial executives that this particular investment in technology is one with a view to their company's future."

About Metallica Resources Inc.

Metallica Resources is a publicly held Canadian mineral exploration and development company with a geographic focus in the Americas. The Company has a 100% interest in the Cerro San Pedro gold and silver project in Mexico and a 30% interest (Falconbridge 70% interest) in the El Morro copper-gold project in Chile, in addition to various other exploration projects.

About WellPoint Systems Inc.

WellPoint Systems provides premier software and related services for managing critical operations within the energy industry. Aligning tightly with Microsoft Corporation, WellPoint is the only Independent Software Vendor (ISV) and Microsoft Dynamics partner in the energy sector. It is breaking new ground with the creation of a more comprehensive, integrated energy software suite based on existing Microsoft ERP technology that utilizes state-of-the-art Dynamics AX® and .NET architectures. WellPoint became a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner in 2005.

Founded in 1997, Calgary based WellPoint Systems also has operations in Houston, Texas through its subsidiary company, WellPoint Systems, Inc.

WellPoint is publicly traded on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol WPS.

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