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CE Franklin Ltd., Canada's largest supplier to the energy industry, will be participating in the 30th Annual Howard Weil Energy Conference at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel in New Orleans, LA on Tuesday April 9th, 2002

Calgary, Alberta, April 5th, 2002 - CE FRANKLIN LTD. (TSE.CFT, AMEX.CFK) announces that Michael West, CE Franklin Ltd.'s President and Chief Executive Officer and Sam Secreti, CE Franklin Ltd.'s Vice President and Chief Financial Officer will be participating at the 30th Annual Howard Weil Energy Conference in New Orleans, LA. Their participation will be in the breakfast meetings on April 9th, 2002 at 7:00 a.m. CT.

The presentation will be available on the CE Franklin website on Wednesday April 10, 2002.

About CE Franklin

CE Franklin, is Canada's largest distributor of supplies for the drilling, production, processing and pipelining of hydrocarbons. In addition to its complete range of production equipment, including artificial lift technology, the company sells pipe, valves, fittings and maintenance supplies and provides complete customer inventory procurement and management services through its 41 locations across Canada. The Company also manufactures and packages specialized products for the energy industry and provides supply packages for projects in the hydrocarbon processing industry through its Piping Resources Division. CE Franklin's common stock trades on The Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol CFT and on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol CFK. For additional information visit the website at www.cefranklin.com.

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