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**NORTH WEST UPGRADING BEGINS CONSTRUCTION ON UPGRADER  
PROJECT FOLLOWING ALL REGULATORY APPROVALS**

***Voice Construction Awarded Contract for Earthwork Operations***

**CALGARY, AB, October 4, 2007** – North West Upgrading Inc. (North West), a Calgary-based, privately-owned company building an independent, heavy oil Upgrader in Alberta's Industrial Heartland, today announced the commencement of construction on its Upgrader project in the Fort Saskatchewan/Redwater area in central Alberta. Following receipt of required approvals from the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) and Alberta Environment, North West has awarded Edmonton-based Voice Construction Ltd. the contract for the initial earthwork operations for the North West Upgrader site. Site construction is scheduled to commence in early October 2007.

"North West is excited to be working with such a strong, locally-based contractor as we commence construction of our bitumen Upgrader," said Robert Pearce, President, North West Upgrading. "Voice Construction brings to the Project a proven track record for safely meeting deadlines and budgets on large industrial site construction projects such as the North West Upgrader."

**About North West Upgrading**

North West Upgrading Inc. is a Calgary-based, privately-owned company committed to building an independent, heavy oil upgrader in Alberta's Industrial Heartland. The North West Upgrader will enhance the economic value of Alberta's bitumen and heavy oil production by producing light, low sulphur products and diluent. The Upgrader will have a total processing capacity of 231,000 barrels per day of blended feedstock over three phases. North West anticipates it will achieve start up for the first phase in early 2011. All three phase are expected to be operating by 2015.

[www.northwestupgrading.com](http://www.northwestupgrading.com).



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**About Voice Construction**

Voice Construction is a privately-owned Canadian construction firm specializing in industrial site preparation and heavy construction projects. With over 60 years in the heavy construction field, Voice has developed an extensive equipment fleet, client base, and experience to sustain its operations. Gold Seal Certified Project Managers, Superintendents, and Estimators lead a dedicated core of employees to the safe and timely completion of a variety of diverse projects.

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