

BENCHMARK ENERGY CORP.

NEWS RELEASE

BENCHMARK FILES SEPTEMBER 30th, 2006 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Calgary, Alberta, Canada, January 10, 2007 – **Benchmark Energy Corp.** (“Benchmark” or the “Corporation” – TSX Venture: BEE) announces that it has filed its unaudited financial statements for the period ended September 30th, 2006 and the accompanying Management’s Discussion and Analysis with the securities regulatory authorities of Canada. This information can be viewed on the Corporation’s website at www.benchmarkenergy.com or under its SEDAR profile at www.sedar.com.

Background

Benchmark Energy is a junior Canadian oil and gas exploration Company with an international focus.

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