



NEWS RELEASE

**Morgan Creek Energy Acquires Option On Approximately 3000 Acres
Of Producing Wells In Duval and Webb Counties In Texas**

Dallas, Texas – May 23, 2007/PRNewswire-Firstcall/ -- Morgan Creek Energy Corp. (OTCBB: MCRE, Frankfurt, Berlin: M6C) (the “Company”), has acquired an option on approximately 3000 acres of producing oil and gas wells in Duval and Webb Counties in southern Texas. The optioned area is located about 120 miles south of San Antonio, Texas.

Morgan Creek Energy’s net revenue interests in the leases range averaging 77 percent, up to 87.5 percent.

The Texas Railroad Commission records show that there have been 79 boreholes drilled on 42 leases in the optioned area, and that these leases have produced 102,044 barrels of oil over the last 36-month period. Rework and infill drilling is expected to increase daily production rates substantially in these underdeveloped leases.

Morgan Creek Energy has a standard 30-day due diligence period over which to check on the various land titles, geology work and historical data of the lease areas. The effective date of the option is May 21, 2007.

With this agreement, Morgan Creek Energy will own the producing wells over the entire lease area. Future potential production and maximum attainable revenues from the south Texas leases will be based primarily on in-fill drilling and rework of previously developed wells with a solid history of production.

The Company expects to provide detailed terms of the agreement upon exercise of the option by Morgan Creek Energy.

About Morgan Creek Energy Corp.: Morgan Creek Energy Corp. is a natural resource exploration company engaged in the acquisition and development of strategic oil and natural gas properties worldwide. For further information see: www.morgancreekenergy.com

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