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**AUSAM ANNOUNCES U.S. OPERATIONS UPDATE AND GRANT OF STOCK OPTIONS**

Ausam Energy Corporation ("**Ausam**" or the "**Company**") announces additions to its management team in the United States and the grant of stock options. Ausam's operations in the United States will be conducted through its wholly owned subsidiary, Noram Resources, Inc. ("Noram"), based in Houston, Texas.

Ausam is pleased to announce the following appointments to Noram's management team:

Arnold Milton – Vice President, Exploration. Mr. Milton has over 40 years experience as a geologist and geophysicist, originating and screening oil and gas deals for major oil companies, independents, and private investors. He has worked both domestically and internationally and, in addition to his technical background, has experience and credentials as a certified broker-dealer, working for A. G. Edwards and Associates. Mr. Milton earned a BSc. degree in Geological Engineering in 1961 from Colorado School of Mines and a M.A. in Geology from the University of Texas in 1963.

Todd Regalado – Vice President, Operations. Mr. Regalado has over 26 years experience in worldwide drilling operations (onshore/offshore) firefighting, blowout control, project management, and equipment design. For the past 20 years he has acted as Manager of Operations for industry leading oilwell firefighting firms. Mr. Regalado was a Team Leader during the Al-awda project in Kuwait and has controlled exploratory and production wells onshore and offshore in 34 different countries. Mr. Regalado's well control experience includes conventional capping methods, drillpipe capping operations, underground blowouts, shallow gas blowouts, relief well design and implementation, critical well environments (H2S), nitrogen, geothermal and sub-zero environments. He is a member of SPE, ADE, IADC and API and maintains his certifications in well control (Operators Level), Incident command, H2S, first aid, and Haz-waper (40 hour). Mr. Regalado is also a certified IADC Well Control Trainer.

Curtis Weddle – Vice President, Engineering. Mr. Weddle founded Cherokee Offshore Engineering in 1999 to provide project management, well engineering, dual gradient drilling, well control, and technology development services to the industry worldwide. Prior thereto, he had 16 years of experience with BP Exploration and the Standard Oil Company of Ohio as a drilling engineer, business analyst, and global drilling consultant. Mr. Weddle earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Oklahoma State University in 1978.

Ausam announces that the directors of the Company have approved the granting of 7,446,253 stock options to directors, officers and employees, exercisable at a price of C\$0.475, and exercisable until April 4, 2012. Following this grant there will be an aggregate of 11,446,253 stock options outstanding, representing 7.7% of the total shares outstanding. A total of 14,901,418 shares are reserved for issuance under the plan approved by shareholders in December 2006.

As part of the acquisition of assets from SKH and related financings, Ausam had intended to consolidate its shares on a four to one basis. The directors of the Company determined in February 2007 that it was in the best interest of the Company to delay this consolidation. Ausam intends to present this consolidation at the next shareholder meeting, expected to be held in early June, 2007.

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### **About Ausam**

Ausam is a public company trading on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol AUZ and is engaged in the business of oil and gas exploration. Ausam has acquired a diverse portfolio of oil and gas leases in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Arkansas and is pursuing exploration and development activities on these leases. Ausam, through its Australian subsidiary Ausam Resources Pty Ltd., is also applying proven North American drilling and completion techniques that have not traditionally been used in the Australian energy industry to targets in Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia. Ausam's growth strategy includes the organic development of its current holdings and selective corporate transactions.

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