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CenturyTel Schedules Fourth Quarter 2008 Earnings Conference Call

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MONROE, La., Jan. 20 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- CenturyTel, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) plans to release its fourth quarter 2008 earnings results before the market opens on Thursday, February 19, 2009, and host a related conference call at 10:30 a.m. CST that day.

The conference call will be streamed live over CenturyTel's Web site at www.centurytel.com. Interested parties can also access the call by dialing 866.259.1024 five minutes prior to the start of the call. A digital recording of the call will be available beginning at 2:30 p.m. CST on February 19, 2009 and ending February 25, 2009, at 11:59 p.m. CST. The replay can be accessed by calling 888.266.2081 and entering the access code: 1324380. A replay of the call will also be available on the Web site beginning at 2:00 p.m. CST on February 19, 2009 and ending March 11, 2009, at 11:59 p.m. CST.

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