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CenturyTel Schedules Third Quarter 2006 Earnings Conference Call

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CenturyTel, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) plans to release its third quarter 2006 earnings results pre-market opening on Thursday, November 2, 2006, 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 866.261.3330 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 November 2, 2006 and ending November 8, 2006, at 11:59 p.m. CST. The replay can be accessed by calling 888.266.2081 and entering the access code: 978143. A replay of the call will also be available on the Web site beginning at 2:00 p.m. CST on November 2, 2006 and ending November 22, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. CST.

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