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CenturyTel to Participate in Analyst Conferences

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MONROE, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 1, 2006--CenturyTel, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) announces that it is scheduled to participate in the following analyst conferences:

CIBC Annual Communications & Technology Conference	Tuesday May 9
Morgan Stanley 11th Annual Global Media & Communications Conference	Wednesday May 24

Conference hosts may provide webcast availability in some cases. For information regarding the specific presentation times and webcast availability, please visit CenturyTel's Web site at www.centurytel.com, Investor Relations, Calendar of Events. Participation in these conferences is subject to change due to unforeseen events. Therefore, please check the company's Investor Relations Calendar of Events prior to each conference.

CenturyTel (NYSE: CTL) is a leading provider of consumer and business communications solutions in rural areas and small to mid-size cities in 26 states and is included in the S&P 500 Index. The company delivers advanced communications with a personal touch. Visit CenturyTel at www.centurytel.com.

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