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Kingman, Arizona, August 6, 2008 – Brown Drilling is excited to announce the expansion of its core drilling operations with the addition of the Discovery II core drill rig to its drilling operations out of Kingman, AZ. The Discovery II core drill provides both core drilling and reverse circulation performance, providing a cost-effective solution when both reverse circulation and core drilling are required – without having to move off the hole. This combination leads to customer savings and increased productivity.

The rig is designed with state-of-the-art engineering and innovative technology that makes it highly competitive for our use for our core drilling customers. Its design allows us to custom configure it to meet specific needs, such as low-impact and small footprints at the jobsite to reduce the amount of reclamation required during and at the end of a project. Brown Drilling is the first drilling company in the continental United States to operate this rig, while it is currently operated in Australia, Africa and Alaska.

The Discovery II operates with working angle holes of 45° to 90°. It is capable of drilling HQ (3,058 ft), NQ (4,814 ft) and BQ (6,190 ft). Our drill rig is currently mounted on a 4WD truck, though it can be custom-configured to meet specific customer needs, such as skid-mounted, track-mounted, trailer-mounted and even heli-portable. This drill rig can be configured for reverse circulation and with minimum down-time (about an hour) can be reconfigured for core drilling without moving off the hole.

Brown Drilling has full crews available with over 43 years of core drilling experience and has been in the drilling industry since 1974. We are licensed, bonded and insured. We currently provide diamond core and exploration drilling services in Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah. The Discovery II core drill rig is now at Brown Drilling's yard in Kingman, Arizona and will be moving onto its job location next week. For all parties interested in seeing this drill rig prior to its deployment, please feel free to stop by or phone us to make arrangements for a visit. If you are interested in drilling services in these locations or another location, please contact Jonathan Kaufman at (928) 757-1920 or via email at jon@browndrilling.com.