

GOODRICH PETROLEUM CORP

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

OR

.. TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission file number: 001-12719

GOODRICH PETROLEUM CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of

76-0466193
(I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

808 Travis, Suite 1320

Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77002
(Zip Code)

(713) 780-9494 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Common Stock, par value \$0.20 per share
(Title of Class)

New York Stock Exchange
(Name of Exchange)

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Series B Preferred Stock, \$1.00 par value

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Small reporting company

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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). Yes No

The aggregate market value of Common Stock, par value \$0.20 per share (Common Stock), held by non-affiliates (based upon the closing sales price on the New York Stock Exchange National Market on June 30, 2008) the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter was approximately \$1.7 billion. The number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding as of February 25, 2009 was 37,631,407.

Documents Incorporated By Reference:

Portions of Goodrich Petroleum Corporation's definitive Proxy Statement are incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K.

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PART I

Items 1 and 2. *Business and Properties*

General

Goodrich Petroleum Corporation and its subsidiaries (together, we or the Company) is an independent oil and gas company engaged in the exploration, exploitation, development and production of oil and natural gas properties primarily in the Cotton Valley trend of East Texas and Northwest Louisiana, including the recently discovered Haynesville Shale play in the same region. We own working interests in 414 active oil and gas wells located in thirty fields in six states. At December 31, 2008, we had estimated proved reserves of approximately 390.4 Bcf of natural gas and 1.9 MMBbls of oil and condensate, or an aggregate of 402.3 Bcfe with a pre-tax present value of future net cash flows, discounted at 10%, or PV-10, of \$169.8 million and a related standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows of \$167.4 million, which reflects the after-tax present value of discounted future net cash flows. See the table included in the Oil and Natural Gas Reserves section on page 7 for a reconciliation of PV-10 to the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows.

Our principal executive offices are located at 808 Travis Street, Suite 1320, Houston, Texas 77002.

2008 Highlights

We achieved annual production volume growth of 51% with production growing from 16.0 Bcfe in 2007 to 24.2 Bcfe in 2008.

We entered into an agreement with Chesapeake Energy Corporation, or Chesapeake, to jointly develop a portion of our Haynesville Shale acreage in Northwest Louisiana. We sold a portion of our interest in the Haynesville Shale deep rights at the Bethany Longstreet and Longwood fields to Chesapeake for net proceeds of \$172.0 million resulting in a gain of \$145.1 million. Chesapeake serves as operator for these properties.

We established our presence in the Haynesville Shale play in Northwest Louisiana and East Texas and increased our ownership to approximately 63,000 net acres at December 31, 2008.

We drilled and completed 126 gross (75.4 net) wells in 2008, with a success rate of 98%.

We raised net proceeds of \$191.3 million from our equity offering in July 2008 and paid down all of the outstanding borrowings under our senior credit facility. We ended the year with \$147.5 million in cash and short term investments.

Estimated proved reserves grew 12% to approximately 402.3 Bcfe (approximately 390.4 Bcf of natural gas and 1.9 MMBbls of oil and condensate), with a PV-10 of \$169.8 million and a standardized measure of \$167.4 million, approximately 38% of which is developed.

2008 Haynesville Shale Transactions

Chesapeake Haynesville Joint Development

On June 16, 2008, we entered into a joint development agreement with Chesapeake to develop our Haynesville Shale acreage in the Bethany Longstreet and Longwood fields of Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana. Chesapeake purchased the deep rights, including the Haynesville Shale, to approximately 10,250 net acres of oil and natural gas leasehold comprised of a 20% working interest in approximately 25,000 net acres in the Bethany Longstreet field and a 50% working interest in approximately 10,500 net acres in the Longwood field for net proceeds of \$172.0 million. Chesapeake also purchased 7,500 net acres of deep rights in the Bethany Longstreet field from a third party (see Note 11 - Related Party Transactions to our consolidated financial statements), bringing the ownership interest in the deep rights in both fields after closing to 50% each for us and

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Chesapeake. Chesapeake is the operator of the joint Haynesville Shale development. As a result of this transaction, we hold approximately 25,000 gross (12,500 net) acres in the deep rights in the Bethany Longstreet field and approximately 10,500 gross (5,250 net) acres in the deep rights in the Longwood field, both of which are currently believed to be prospective for the Haynesville Shale. Through our joint development arrangement with Chesapeake, we will continue to operate existing production and operate any new wells drilled to the base of the Cotton Valley sand, and Chesapeake will operate any wells drilled below the base of the Cotton Valley sand, including the Haynesville Shale.

We retained the shallow rights to the base of the Cotton Valley sand and the existing production and reserves with respect to our 70% working interest in the Bethany Longstreet field and our 100% working interest in the Longwood field. We also retained our interest in both the shallow and Haynesville Shale rights on all of our East Texas assets. During the third quarter of 2008, Chesapeake began drilling the Holland 17H No.1 as the first horizontal well on the joint acreage in Bethany Longstreet field. In the Longwood field, Chesapeake re-entered the Lona Johnson No. 1 drilling it to the deeper Haynesville Shale and recovered 154 feet of core from the formation to evaluate. During the fourth quarter of 2008, completion operations began on both of these wells and two horizontal Haynesville Shale development wells were spud in Bethany Longstreet field, together with two Haynesville Shale wells in Longwood field. In 2009, we and Chesapeake plan to use an average of approximately three rigs to drill 22 gross wells.

Caddo Parish Acquisition

On May 28, 2008, we acquired additional interests in the Cotton Valley trend, increasing our net exposure in the Haynesville Shale. We acquired approximately 3,665 net acres in Longwood field of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, through the issuance of 908,098 shares of our common stock valued at approximately \$33.9 million. The purchase included interests in 25 gross wells, with approximately 1.1 Mmcfe per day of net production, and 5.2 Bcfe of proved reserves (77% developed) associated with the shallower Hosston and Cotton Valley formations. As of December 31, 2008, we had drilled and participated in three Haynesville wells.

Caddo Pine Island Acquisition

On June 10, 2008, we entered into a definitive agreement with a private company for the right to acquire over time a 50% non-operated interest in 5,800 gross (2,900 net) acres in the Caddo Pine Island field, north of and adjacent to our Longwood field in Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Total consideration paid was approximately \$3.3 million, which was comprised of acreage costs for the 50% interest in the leasehold and the cost of a carried interest on the initial well drilled on the acreage. As of December 31, 2008, four wells had been drilled vertically to the Haynesville Shale on this acreage. In the fourth quarter of 2008, we re-entered two of these wells to drill them horizontally in the Haynesville Shale formation. Completion of the first horizontal well will start in the first quarter of 2009 and we expect to complete the other wells in the second quarter of 2009. In 2009, we plan to drill two additional horizontal Haynesville Shale wells on the acreage.

In connection with the Chesapeake joint development agreement, the Caddo Parish Acquisition and the Caddo Pine Island Acquisition, we have a total of approximately 22,000 net acres in North Louisiana which we believe to be prospective for the Haynesville Shale formation.

Initial Company Operated Haynesville Shale Drilling Program

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As of December 31, 2008, we have been the operator on and drilled four vertical wells on our North Louisiana acreage and seven wells on our East Texas acreage, for a total of eleven vertical wells targeting the Haynesville Shale. In the fourth quarter of 2008, we began drilling our first operated horizontal Haynesville Shale well. We expect to complete this well in the first quarter of 2009. We expect that our development of the Haynesville Shale will continue in 2009 with the drilling and completion of nine company operated horizontal wells in East Texas.

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Business Strategy

Our business strategy is to provide long term growth in net asset value per share, through the growth and expansion of our oil and gas production and reserves. We focus on adding reserve value through the development of our Haynesville Shale acreage and the timely development of our large relatively low risk development program in the Cotton Valley trend. We continue to pursue the acquisition and evaluation of prospective acreage, oil and gas drilling opportunities and potential property acquisitions.

Several of the key elements of our business strategy are the following:

Exploit and Develop Existing Property Base. We seek to maximize the value of our existing assets by developing and exploiting our properties with the lowest risk and the highest production and reserve growth potential. We intend to concentrate on developing our multi-year inventory of drilling locations in the Haynesville Shale and Cotton Valley trend in order to develop our natural gas reserves in East Texas and Northwest Louisiana. We estimate that our Haynesville Shale acreage currently includes as many as 1,000 gross unrisks, non-proved drilling locations and our Cotton Valley trend inventory includes as many as 2,200 gross unrisks, non-proved drilling locations based on anticipated well spacing.

Expand Acreage Position in the Haynesville Shale and Cotton Valley trend. We have increased our acreage position in the Cotton Valley trend from approximately 181,600 gross (114,800 net) acres at December 31, 2007 to approximately 203,300 gross (127,200 net) acres as of December 31, 2008. We continue to concentrate our efforts in areas where we can apply our technical expertise and where we have significant operational control or experience. To leverage our extensive regional knowledge base, we seek to acquire leasehold acreage with significant drilling potential in the Haynesville Shale and Cotton Valley trend that exhibits similar characteristics to our existing properties. We continually strive to rationalize our portfolio of properties by selling marginal properties in an effort to redeploy capital to exploitation, development and exploration projects that offer a potentially higher overall return.

Focus on Low Operating Costs. As we continue to develop our properties, we expect our overall operating costs per Mcfe to decrease, due primarily to our continued efforts to reduce saltwater disposal costs through the installation of field disposal systems, as well as an increasing mix of Haynesville Shale production. Production from the Haynesville Shale is not expected to be as water intensive as production from the Cotton Valley trend and Travis Peak geological formations, thereby reducing our per unit lease operating expenses. Additionally, in March 2007, we sold most of our assets in South Louisiana which had higher operating costs than our Cotton Valley trend properties.

Maintain an Active Hedging Program. We actively manage our exposure to commodity price fluctuations by hedging meaningful portions of our expected production through the use of derivatives, typically fixed price swaps and costless collars. The level of our hedging activity and the duration of the instruments employed depend upon our view of market conditions, available hedge prices and our operating strategy. Please read Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Use of Advanced Technologies. We continually perform field studies of our existing properties and reevaluate exploration and development opportunities using advanced technologies. For example, we recently commenced drilling our initial company operated horizontal Haynesville Shale well and continue to test horizontal drilling in the Cotton Valley and James Lime formations.

Oil and Gas Operations and Properties

Cotton Valley Trend and Haynesville Shale

Overview. As of December 31, 2008, nearly all of our proved oil and gas reserves were in the Cotton Valley trend of East Texas and Northwest Louisiana. We spent nearly all of our 2008 capital expenditures of

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\$380.1 million in the Cotton Valley trend and the Haynesville Shale. Our total capital expenditures, including accrued expenses for services performed during 2008, consist of \$345.8 million for drilling and completion costs, \$28.6 million for leasehold acquisition, \$4.5 million for facilities and infrastructure and \$1.2 million for furniture, fixtures and equipment.

As of December 31, 2008, we have acquired or farmed-in leases totaling approximately 203,300 gross (127,200 net) acres and are continually attempting to acquire additional acreage in the area. Company-operated acreage comprised 150,900 gross acres (with an average working interest of approximately 91%) and non-operated acreage comprised 52,400 gross acres (with an average working interest of approximately 37%). During 2008, we had drilled and completed 126 Cotton Valley trend wells, including 19 Haynesville Shale wells with a success rate in excess of 98%. Our current Cotton Valley trend and Haynesville Shale drilling activities are located in six primary leasehold areas in East Texas and Northwest Louisiana.

The table below details our acreage holdings, average working interest and wells drilled and completed through the base of the Cotton Valley formation.

Field or Area	Acreage		Average Working Interest	Wells Drilled and Completed	
	As of December 31, 2008			As of December 31, 2008	
	Gross	Net		Successful	Unsuccessful
North Minden	31,763	28,011	93%	115	2
Dirgin-Beckville	12,339	11,774	99%	75	2
Angelina River	82,607	41,561	66%	88	1
South Henderson	11,748	8,995	97%	35	
Bethany-Longstreet	28,855	19,430	69%	52	
Longwood	21,364	10,723	57%	27	
Caddo Pine Island	6,400	2,900	52%	5	
Other Cotton Valley trend	6,135	3,551	55%	17	1
Total Cotton Valley	201,211	126,945	81%	414	6
Other	2,134	227	35%		
Total	203,345	127,172	79%	414	6

In those fields or areas where we have made the determination that the Haynesville Shale is productive, these are our acreage positions, average working interest and wells drilled and completed in the Haynesville Shale.

Field or Area	Haynesville Acreage		Average Working Interest	Wells Drilled and Completed	
	As of December 31, 2008			As of December 31, 2008	
	Gross	Net		Successful	Unsuccessful
North Minden	31,642	27,890	100%	5	
Dirgin-Beckville	12,339	11,774	100%	1	
Angelina River	8,314	2,467	50%	1	
South Henderson			100%	1	
Bethany-Longstreet	28,855	12,334	56%	4	
Longwood	10,723	5,361	50%	2	

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Caddo Pine Island	6,400	2,900	52%	5
Other	1,920	544	48%	
Total Haynesville Shale	100,193	63,270	71%	19

Production and Reserves. For the wells completed to date in the Cotton Valley trend, the average initial gross production rate per well was approximately 2,199 Mcfe per day. Initial production from the Cotton Valley trend wells commenced in June 2004. Gross production averaged approximately 123,715 Mcfe/d and net production averaged approximately 70,442 Mcfe/d for the fourth quarter of 2008.

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Field or Area	December 31, 2008		Fourth Quarter 2008	
	Proved Reserves (Mmcfe)	% of Total	Net Average Daily Production (Mcf/d)	% of Total
North Minden	132,934	33%	20,319	29%
Dirgin-Beckville	97,255	24%	10,837	15%
Angelina River	97,087	24%	20,760	29%
South Henderson	32,559	8%	7,993	11%
Bethany-Longstreet	31,286	8%	7,100	10%
Longwood	5,226	1%	1,100	2%
Caddo Pine Island				
Other Cotton Valley trend	3,279	1%	2,333	3%
Total Cotton Valley trend and Haynesville Shale	399,626	99%	70,442	99%
Other	2,723	1%	301	1%
Total	402,349	100%	70,743	100%

Other Properties

In March 2007, we sold substantially all of our oil and gas properties in South Louisiana. The sale resulted in net proceeds of \$72.3 million, after normal closing adjustments. We continue to treat the Plumb Bob field in South Louisiana as held for sale, which represents less than 1% of our total equivalent proved reserves at December 31, 2008.

As of December 31, 2008, we maintain ownership interests in acreage and/or wells in several additional fields including: the Midway field in San Patricio County, Texas; the Mott Slough field in Wharton County, Texas and the Garfield Unit in Kalkaska County, Michigan.

Oil and Natural Gas Reserves

The following tables set forth summary information with respect to our proved reserves as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, as estimated by us by compiling reserve information derived from the evaluations performed by Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc. (NSA), our independent reserve engineers. See Note 15 Oil and Gas Producing Activities (Unaudited) to our consolidated financial statements for additional information. We did not file any reports during the year ended December 31, 2008, with any federal authority or agency with respect to our estimates of oil and natural gas reserves.

	Proved Reserves at December 31, 2008			Total
	Developed Producing	Developed Non-Producing	Undeveloped	
Net Proved Reserves:				
Oil (MBbls)	316	71	1,596	1,983
Natural Gas (MMcf)	130,746	19,428	240,276	390,449

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Natural Gas Equivalent (MMcfe)	132,643	19,852	249,854	402,349
Estimated Future Net Cash Flows				\$ 560,007
Present Value of Future Net Cash Flows (before income taxes) (1)				\$ 169,844
Discounted Future Income Taxes				(2,401)
Standardized Measure of Discounted Net Cash Flows (1)				\$ 167,443

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	Proved Reserves at December 31, 2007			Total
	Developed Producing	Developed Non-Producing	Undeveloped	
(dollars in thousands)				
Net Proved Reserves:				
Oil (MBbls)	252	31	1,528	1,810
Natural Gas (MMcf)	94,049	14,026	238,855	346,930
Natural Gas Equivalent (MMcfe)	95,559	14,211	248,023	357,792
Estimated Future Net Cash Flows				\$ 894,958
Present Value of Future Net Cash Flows (before income taxes) (1)				\$ 312,684
Discounted Future Income Taxes				(28,567)
Standardized Measure of Discounted Net Cash Flows (1)				\$ 284,117

- (1) PV-10 represents the discounted future net cash flows attributable to our proved oil and gas reserves before income tax, discounted at 10%. PV-10 of our total year-end proved reserves may be considered a non-GAAP financial measure as defined by the SEC. We believe that the presentation of the PV-10 is relevant and useful to our investors because it presents the discounted future net cash flows attributable to our proved reserves before taking into account future corporate income taxes and our current tax structure. We further believe investors and creditors use our PV-10 as a basis for comparison of the relative size and value of our reserves to other companies. Our standard measure of discounted future net cash flows of proved reserves, or standardized measure, as of December 31, 2008 was \$167.4 million. See the reconciliation of our PV-10 to the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows in the table above.

Reserve engineering is a subjective process of estimating underground accumulations of crude oil, condensate and natural gas that cannot be measured in an exact manner, and the accuracy of any reserve estimate is a function of the quality of available data and of engineering and geological interpretation and judgment. The quantities of oil and natural gas that are ultimately recovered, production and operating costs, the amount and timing of future development expenditures and future oil and natural gas sales prices may differ from those assumed in these estimates. Therefore, the PV-10 amounts shown above should not be construed as the current market value of the oil and natural gas reserves attributable to our properties.

In accordance with the guidelines of the SEC, our independent reserve engineers' estimates of future net revenues from our properties and the PV-10 and standardized measure thereof are made using oil and natural gas sales prices in effect as of the dates of such estimates and are held constant throughout the life of the properties, except where such guidelines permit alternate treatment, including the use of fixed and determinable contractual price escalations. The index prices as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, used in such estimates averaged \$5.71 and \$6.80 per Mmbtu, respectively, of natural gas and \$41.00 and \$92.50 per Bbl, respectively, of crude oil/condensate. These prices do not include the impact of hedging transactions, nor do they include applicable transportation and quality differentials, which are deducted from or added to the index prices on a well by well basis.

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The following table sets forth the number of active well bores in which we maintain ownership interests as of December 31, 2008:

	Oil		Natural Gas		Total	
	Gross (1)	Net (2)	Gross (1)	Net (2)	Gross (1)	Net (2)
Louisiana	3	1.6	99	43.9	102	45.5
Texas	5	2.6	326	213.3	331	215.9
Michigan and other	1	0.0	6	0.1	7	0.1
Total Productive Wells	9	4.2	431	257.3	440	261.5

- (1) Does not include royalty or overriding royalty interests.
(2) Net working interest.

Productive wells consist of producing wells and wells capable of production, including gas wells awaiting pipeline connections. A gross well is a well in which we maintain an ownership interest, while a net well is deemed to exist when the sum of the fractional working interests owned by us equals one. Wells that are completed in more than one producing horizon are counted as one well. Of the gross wells reported above, 50 wells had completions in multiple producing horizons.

Acreage

The following table summarizes our gross and net developed and undeveloped acreage under lease as of December 31, 2008. Acreage in which our interest is limited to a royalty or overriding royalty interest is excluded from the table.

	Developed		Undeveloped		Total	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
Louisiana	31,203	17,642	28,639	16,690	59,842	34,332
Texas	101,489	70,093	40,095	22,727	141,584	92,820
Michigan			1,920	19	1,920	19
Total	132,692	87,735	70,654	39,436	203,346	127,171

Undeveloped acreage is considered to be those lease acres on which wells have not been drilled or completed to the extent that would permit the production of commercial quantities of natural gas or oil, regardless of whether or not such acreage contains proved reserves. As is customary in the oil and gas industry, we can retain our interest in undeveloped acreage by drilling activity that establishes commercial production sufficient to maintain the leases or by payment of delay rentals during the remaining primary term of such a lease. The natural gas and oil leases in which we have an interest are for varying primary terms; however, most of our developed lease acreage is beyond the primary term and is held so long

as natural gas or oil is produced.

Lease Expirations

Our undeveloped acreage, including optioned acreage, expires during the next three years at the rate of 13,600 net acres in 2009, 10,200 net acres in 2010, and 10,800 net acres in 2011, unless included in producing units or extended prior to lease expiration.

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We operate a majority of our producing properties by value, and will generally seek to become the operator of record on properties we drill or acquire in the future. Chesapeake will operate under our joint development agreement and drill Haynesville Shale wells on our jointly-owned North Louisiana acreage.

Drilling Activities

The following table sets forth our drilling activities for the last three years. As denoted in the following table, gross wells refer to wells in which a working interest is owned, while a net well is deemed to exist when the sum of the fractional working interests we own in gross wells equals one.

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2008		2007		2006	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
Development Wells:						
Productive	107	65.9	90	72.0	99	75.9
Non-Productive	2	1.1	1	0.7	1	1.0
Total	109	67.0	91	72.7	100	76.9
Exploratory Wells:						
Productive	17	8.4	5	3.4	4	1.6
Non-Productive					1	0.6
Total	17	8.4	5	3.4	5	2.2
Total Wells:						
Productive	124	74.3	95	75.4	103	77.5
Non-Productive	2	1.1	1	0.7	2	1.6
Total	126	75.4	96	76.1	105	79.1

At December 31, 2008, the Company had 25 gross wells that were in the process of being drilled or completed. Those 25 gross wells consisted of approximately 10 gross development wells (5.3 net) and 15 gross exploratory wells (6.0 net).

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The following table presents certain information with respect to natural gas and oil production attributable to our interests in all of our fields, the revenue derived from the sale of such production, average sales prices received and average production costs during each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2008.

	2008	2007	2006
Net Production Continuing Operations:			
Natural gas (MMcf)	23,174	15,281	10,500
Oil and condensate (MBbls)	167	118	106
Total (MMcfe)	24,176	15,991	11,135
Average daily production (Mcfe)	66,054	43,811	30,507
Revenue Continuing Operations (in thousands):			
Natural gas	\$ 199,057	\$ 102,215	\$ 67,372
Oil and condensate	16,312	8,476	6,561
Total	\$ 215,369	\$ 110,691	\$ 73,933
Average Realized Sales Price Per Unit From Continuing Operations:			
Natural gas (per Mcf)	\$ 8.59	\$ 6.69	\$ 6.42
Oil and condensate (per Bbl)	\$ 97.70	\$ 71.83	\$ 62.03
Total (per Mcfe)	\$ 8.91	\$ 6.92	\$ 6.64
Other Data From Continuing Operations (per Mcfe):			
Lease operating	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.14
Production and other taxes	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.30
Transportation	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.34
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	\$ 4.43	\$ 4.99	\$ 3.34
Exploration	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.53
Impairment of oil and gas properties	\$ 1.18	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.89
General and administrative	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.31	\$ 1.55

For a discussion of comparative changes in our production volumes, revenues and operating expenses for the three years ended December 31, 2008, see Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation Results of Operations .

Oil and Gas Marketing and Major Customers

Marketing. Essentially all of our natural gas production is sold under spot or market-sensitive contracts to various gas purchasers on short-term contracts. Our condensate and crude oil production is sold to various purchasers under short-term rollover agreements based on current market prices.

Customers. Due to the nature of the industry, we sell our oil and natural gas production to a limited number of purchasers and, accordingly, amounts receivable from such purchasers could be significant. Revenues from these sources as a percent of oil and gas revenues for the year

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ended December 31, 2008 was as follows:

	2008
Shell Energy	33%
Louis Dreyfus Corporation	20%
Crosstex Energy	9%

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Competition

The oil and gas industry is highly competitive. Major and independent oil and gas companies, drilling and production acquisition programs and individual producers and operators are active bidders for desirable oil and gas properties, as well as the equipment and labor required to operate those properties. Many competitors have financial resources substantially greater than ours, and staffs and facilities substantially larger than us. The availability of a ready market for our oil and gas production will depend in part on the cost and availability of alternative fuels, the level of consumer demand, the extent of domestic production of oil and gas, the extent of importation of foreign oil and gas, the cost of and proximity to pipelines and other transportation facilities, regulations by state and federal authorities and the cost of complying with applicable environmental regulations.

Employees

At February 25, 2009, we had 116 full-time employees in our two administrative offices and one field office, none of whom is represented by any labor union. We regularly use the services of independent consultants and contractors to perform various professional services, particularly in the areas of construction, design, well-site supervision, permitting and environmental assessment. Independent contractors usually perform field and on-site production operation services for us, including gauging, maintenance, dispatching, inspection and well testing.

Available Information

Our website address is <http://www.goodrichpetroleum.com>. We make available, free of charge through the Investor Relations portion of this website, annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the 1934 Act as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. Reports of beneficial ownership filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the 1934 Act are also available on our website. Information contained on our website is not part of this report.

We file or furnish annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other documents with the SEC under the Exchange Act. The public may read and copy any materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Also, the SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers, including us, that file electronically with the SEC. The public can obtain any documents that we file with the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Regulations

The availability of a ready market for any natural gas and oil production depends upon numerous factors beyond our control. These factors include regulation of natural gas and oil production, federal and state regulations governing environmental quality and pollution control, state limits on allowable rates of production by a well or proration unit, the amount of natural gas and oil available for sale, the availability of adequate pipeline and other transportation and processing facilities and the marketing of competitive fuels. For example, a productive natural gas well may be shut-in because of an oversupply of natural gas or the lack of an available natural gas pipeline in the areas in which we may conduct

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operations. State and federal regulations generally are intended to prevent waste of natural gas and oil, protect rights to produce natural gas and oil between owners in a common reservoir, control the amount of natural gas and oil produced by assigning allowable rates of production and control contamination of the environment. Pipelines are subject to the jurisdiction of various federal, state and local agencies as well.

Environmental Matters

Our operations are subject to stringent and complex federal, state and local laws and regulations governing the discharge of materials into the environment or otherwise relating to environmental protection. Compliance

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with these laws and regulations may require the acquisition of various permits before drilling commences, restrict the type, quantities and concentration of various substances that can be released into the environment in connection with drilling and production activities, limit or prohibit drilling activities on certain lands lying within wilderness, wetlands and other protected areas and require remedial measures to mitigate pollution from former and ongoing operations. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may result in the issuance of administrative, civil and criminal penalties, the assessment of remedial obligations, and the imposition of injunctions that may limit or prohibit some or all of our operations.

The trend in environmental regulation has been to place more restrictions and limitations on activities that may affect the environment, and thus, any changes in environmental laws and regulations that result in more stringent and costly waste handling, storage, transport, disposal or remediation requirements could have a material adverse effect on our business. While we believe that we are in substantial compliance with current applicable federal and state environmental laws and regulations and that continued compliance with existing requirements will not have a material adverse impact on our operations or financial condition, there is no assurance that this trend will continue in the future.

The following is a summary of the more significant existing environmental laws to which our business operations are subject and with which compliance may have a material adverse effect on our capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position.

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (CERCLA), also known as the Superfund law, and analogous state laws impose liability, without regard to fault or the legality of the original conduct, on certain classes of persons that are considered to have contributed to the release of a hazardous substance into the environment. These persons include the owner or operator of the disposal site or the sites where the release occurred, and those that disposed or arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances released at the site. Under CERCLA, these persons may be subject to joint and several strict liabilities for remediation costs at the site, natural resource damages and for the costs of certain health studies. Additionally, it is not uncommon for neighboring landowners and other third parties to file tort claims for personal injury and property damage allegedly caused by hazardous substances released into the environment. We generate materials in the course of our operations that are regulated as hazardous substances. We also may incur liability under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA), and comparable state statutes which impose requirements related to the handling and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and various state agencies have limited the approved methods of disposal for certain hazardous and non-hazardous wastes. While there exists an exclusion from the definition of hazardous wastes for certain materials generated in the exploration, development or production of oil and gas, we generate petroleum product wastes and ordinary industrial wastes that may be regulated as solid and hazardous wastes.

We currently own or lease, and in the past have owned or leased, properties that have been used for oil and natural gas exploration and production for many years. Although we believe that we have utilized operating and waste disposal practices that were standard in the industry at the time, hazardous substances, wastes, or hydrocarbons may have been released on or under the properties owned or leased by us, or on or under other locations where such substances have been taken for disposal. In addition, some of our properties have been operated by third parties whose treatment and disposal of hazardous substances, wastes, or hydrocarbons was not under our control. These properties and the substances disposed or released on them may be subject to CERCLA, RCRA, and analogous state laws. Under such laws, we could be required to remove previously disposed substances and wastes, remediate contaminated property, or perform remedial plugging or pit closure operations to prevent future contamination.

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, (Clean Water Act), and analogous state law, impose restrictions and strict controls with respect to the discharge of pollutants, including spills and leaks of oil and other substances, into state and federal waters. The discharge of pollutants into regulated waters is prohibited, except in accordance with the terms of a permit issued by EPA or an analogous state agency.

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and state regulatory agencies can impose administrative, civil and criminal penalties for non-compliance with discharge permits or other requirements of the Clean Water Act and analogous state laws and regulations. In addition, the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA) imposes a variety of requirements related to the prevention of oil spills into navigable waters. OPA subjects owners of facilities to strict, joint and several liabilities for specified oil removal costs and certain other damages including natural reservoir damages arising from a spill. We believe our operations are in substantial compliance with the Clean Water Act and OPA requirements.

The Federal Clean Air Act, as amended, and comparable state laws, regulates emissions of various air pollutants through air emissions permitting programs and the imposition of other requirements. EPA has developed, and continues to develop, stringent regulations governing emissions of toxic air pollutants at specified sources. Federal and state regulatory agencies can impose administrative, civil and criminal penalties for non-compliance with air permits or other requirements of the federal Clean Air Act and associated state laws and regulations. We believe our operations are in substantial compliance with applicable air permitting and control technology requirements.

Recent scientific studies have suggested that emissions of certain gases commonly referred to as greenhouse gases and including carbon dioxide and methane, may be contributing to the warming of the Earth's atmosphere. In response to such studies, President Obama has expressed support for, and it is anticipated that the current session of Congress will consider legislation to restrict or regulate emissions of greenhouse gases. In addition, more than one-third of the states, either individually or through multi-state regional initiatives, already have begun implementing legal measures to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, primarily through the planned development of emission inventories or regional greenhouse gas cap and trade programs. Depending on the particular program, we could be required to purchase and surrender allowances for greenhouse gas emissions resulting from our operations.

Also, as a result of the United States Supreme Court's decision on April 2, 2007 in *Massachusetts, et al. v. EPA*, the EPA may regulate greenhouse gas emissions from mobile sources such as cars and trucks even if Congress does not adopt new legislation specifically addressing emissions of greenhouse gases. The Court's holding in *Massachusetts* that greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide fall under the federal Clean Air Act's definition of air pollutant may also result in future regulation of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources. In July 2008, EPA released an Advance Notice of proposed Rulemaking regarding possible future regulation of greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act, in response to the Supreme Court's decision in *Massachusetts*. In the notice, EPA evaluated the potential regulation of greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act and other potential methods of regulating greenhouse gases. Although the notice did not propose any specific, new regulatory requirements for greenhouse gases, it indicates that federal regulation of greenhouse gas emissions could occur in the near future even if Congress does not adopt new legislation specifically addressing emissions of greenhouse gases. Although it is not possible at this time to predict how legislation or new regulations that may be adopted to address greenhouse gas emissions would impact our business, any such new federal, regional, or state restrictions on emissions of carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gases that may be imposed in areas in which we conduct business could result in increased compliance or operating costs or additional operating restrictions, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business or demand for the oil and gas we produce.

State statutes and regulations require permits for drilling operations, drilling bonds and reports concerning operations. In addition, there are state statutes, rules and regulations governing conservation matters, including the unitization or pooling of oil and gas properties, establishment of maximum rates of production from oil and gas wells and the spacing, plugging and abandonment of such wells. Such statutes and regulations may limit the rate at which oil and gas could otherwise be produced from our properties and may restrict the number of wells that may be drilled on a particular lease or in a particular field.

Management believes that we are in substantial compliance with current applicable federal and state environmental laws and regulations and that continued compliance with existing requirements will not have a material adverse impact on our operations or financial condition.

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Item 1A. Risk Factors

Our financial and operating results are subject to a number of factors, many of which are not within our control.

The following summarizes some, but not all, of the risks and uncertainties which may adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Our actual production, revenues and expenditures related to our reserves are likely to differ from our estimates of proved reserves. We may experience production that is less than estimated and drilling costs that are greater than estimated in our reserve report. These differences may be material.

The proved oil and gas reserve information included in this report are estimates. These estimates are based on reports prepared by NSA, our independent reserve engineers, and were calculated using oil and gas prices as of December 31, 2008. These prices will change and may be lower at the time of production than those prices that prevailed at the end of 2008. Reservoir engineering is a subjective process of estimating underground accumulations of oil and gas that cannot be measured in an exact manner. Estimates of economically recoverable oil and gas reserves and of future net cash flows necessarily depend upon a number of variable factors and assumptions, including:

historical production from the area compared with production from other similar producing wells;

the assumed effects of regulations by governmental agencies;

assumptions concerning future oil and gas prices; and

assumptions concerning future operating costs, severance and excise taxes, development costs and workover and remedial costs.

Because all reserve estimates are to some degree subjective, each of the following items may differ materially from those assumed in estimating proved reserves:

the quantities of oil and gas that are ultimately recovered;

the production and operating costs incurred;

the amount and timing of future development expenditures; and

future oil and gas sales prices.

Furthermore, different reserve engineers may make different estimates of reserves and cash flows based on the same available data. Our actual production, revenues and expenditures with respect to reserves will likely be different from estimates and the differences may be material. The discounted future net cash flows included in this document should not be considered as the current market value of the estimated oil and gas reserves attributable to our properties. As required by the SEC, the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows from proved reserves are generally based on prices and costs as of the date of the estimate, while actual future prices and costs may be materially higher or lower. Actual future net cash flows also will be affected by factors such as:

the amount and timing of actual production;

supply and demand for oil and gas;

increases or decreases in consumption; and

changes in governmental regulations or taxation.

In addition, the 10% discount factor, which is required by the SEC to be used to calculate discounted future net cash flows for reporting purposes, and which we use in calculating our PV-10, is not necessarily the most appropriate discount factor based on interest rates in effect from time to time and risks associated with us or the oil and gas industry in general.

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Our future revenues are dependent on the ability to successfully complete drilling activity.

Drilling and exploration are the main methods we utilize to replace our reserves. However, drilling and exploration operations may not result in any increases in reserves for various reasons. Exploration activities involve numerous risks, including the risk that no commercially productive oil or gas reservoirs will be discovered. In addition, the future cost and timing of drilling, completing and producing wells is often uncertain. Furthermore, drilling operations may be curtailed, delayed or canceled as a result of a variety of factors, including:

lack of acceptable prospective acreage;

inadequate capital resources;

unexpected drilling conditions;

pressure or irregularities in formations;

equipment failures or accidents;

unavailability or high cost of drilling rigs, equipment or labor;

reductions in oil and gas prices;

limitations in the market for oil and gas;

title problems;

compliance with governmental regulations;

mechanical difficulties; and

risks associated with horizontal drilling.

Our decisions to purchase, explore, develop and exploit prospects or properties depend in part on data obtained through geophysical and geological analyses, production data and engineering studies, the results of which are often uncertain.

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In addition, we recently completed drilling our sixth horizontal well in the Cotton Valley trend. We have only limited experience drilling horizontal wells and there can be no assurance that this method of drilling will be as effective as we currently expect it to be.

In addition, while lower oil and gas prices may reduce the amount of oil and natural gas that we can produce economically, higher oil and gas prices generally increase the demand for drilling rigs, equipment and crews and can lead to shortages of, and increasing costs for, such drilling equipment, services and personnel. Such shortages could restrict our ability to drill the wells and conduct the operations which we currently have planned. Any delay in the drilling of new wells or significant increase in drilling costs could adversely affect our ability to increase our reserves and production and reduce our revenues.

Natural gas and oil prices are volatile; a sustained decrease in the price of natural gas or oil would adversely impact our business.

Our success will depend on the market prices of oil and natural gas. These market prices tend to fluctuate significantly in response to factors beyond our control. The prices we receive for our crude oil production are based on global market conditions. The general pace of global economic growth, the continued instability in the Middle East and other oil and gas producing regions and actions of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, or OPEC, and its maintenance of production constraints, as well as other economic, political, and environmental factors will continue to affect world supply and prices. Domestic natural gas prices fluctuate significantly in response to numerous factors including U.S. economic conditions, weather patterns, other factors affecting demand such as substitute fuels, the impact of drilling levels on crude oil and natural gas supply, and the environmental and access issues that limit future drilling activities for the industry.

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Crude oil and natural gas prices are extremely volatile. Average oil and natural gas prices decreased substantially during the year ended December 31, 2008. Any additional actual or anticipated reduction in crude oil and natural gas prices may further depress the level of exploration, drilling and production activity. We expect that commodity prices will continue to fluctuate significantly in the future. The following table includes high and low natural gas prices (price per Mmbtu) and crude oil prices (West Texas Intermediate or WTI) for 2008, as well as these prices at year-end and at February 25, 2009:

	Henry Hub Per Mmbtu
July 2, 2008 (high)	\$ 13.31
December 23, 2008 (low)	5.38
December 31, 2008	5.63
February 25, 2009	4.21

	WTI Per barrel
July 3, 2008 (high)	\$ 145.31
December 23, 2008 (low)	30.28
December 31, 2008	44.60
February 25, 2009	41.70

Changes in commodity prices significantly affect our capital resources, liquidity and expected operating results. Prices for natural gas and crude oil declined sharply in the second half of 2008 and have remained low when compared with average prices in recent years. These lower prices, coupled with the recent turmoil in financial markets that has significantly limited and increased the cost of capital, have compelled most natural gas and oil producers, including us, to reduce the level of exploration, drilling and production activity. This will have a significant effect on our capital resources, liquidity and expected operating results. Any sustained reductions in natural gas and oil prices will directly affect our revenues and can indirectly impact expected production by changing the amount of funds available to us to reinvest in exploration and development activities. Further reductions in oil and natural gas prices could also reduce the quantities of reserves that are commercially recoverable. A reduction in our reserves could have other adverse consequences including a possible downward redetermination of the availability of borrowings under our senior credit facility, which would restrict our liquidity. Additionally, further or continued declines in prices could result in non-cash charges to earnings due to impairment writedowns. Any such writedown could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in the period taken.

Recent changes in the financial and credit markets may impact economic growth, and a sustained depression of oil and natural gas prices can also affect our ability to obtain funding, obtain funding on acceptable terms or obtain funding under our current credit facility. This may hinder or prevent us from meeting our future capital needs.

We cannot be certain that funding will be available if needed, and to the extent required, on acceptable terms. If funding is not available as needed, or is available only on more expensive or otherwise unfavorable terms, we may be unable to meet our obligations as they come due or we may be unable to implement our development plan, enhance our existing business, complete acquisitions or otherwise take advantage of business opportunities or respond to competitive pressures, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our production, revenues and results of operations.

Our use of oil and gas price hedging contracts may limit future revenues from price increases and result in significant fluctuations in our net income.

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We use hedging transactions with respect to a portion of our oil and natural gas production to achieve more predictable cash flow and to reduce our exposure to price fluctuations. While the use of hedging transactions

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limits the downside risk of price declines, their use may also limit future revenues from price increases. We hedged approximately 51% of our total production volumes for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Our results of operations may be negatively impacted by our commodity derivative instruments and fixed price forward sales contracts in the future and these instruments may limit any benefit we would receive from increases in the prices for oil and natural gas. For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2006 we realized a loss on settled commodity derivatives of \$1.8 million and \$2.1 million, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2007, we realized a gain on settled commodity derivatives of \$9.7 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2008, we recognized in earnings an unrealized gain on commodity derivative instruments not designated as hedges of \$55.4 million. For financial reporting purposes, this unrealized gain was combined with a \$1.8 million realized loss in 2008 resulting in a total unrealized and realized gain on commodity derivative instruments not designated as hedges of \$53.6 million for 2008.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, we recognized in earnings an unrealized loss on commodity derivative instruments not designated as hedges of \$16.1 million. For financial reporting purposes, this unrealized loss was combined with a \$9.7 million realized gain in 2007 resulting in a total unrealized and realized loss on commodity derivative instruments not designated as hedges of \$6.4 million for 2007.

For the year ended December 31, 2006, we recognized in earnings an unrealized gain on commodity derivative instruments not designated as hedges of \$40.2 million. For financial reporting purposes, this unrealized gain was combined with a \$2.1 million realized loss in 2006 resulting in a total unrealized and realized gain on commodity derivative instruments not designated as hedges of \$38.1 million for 2006. This gain was recognized because the natural gas hedges were deemed ineffective for 2006, and all previously effective oil hedges were deemed ineffective for the fourth quarter of 2006.

We account for our commodity derivative contracts in accordance with SFAS 133. SFAS 133 requires each derivative to be recorded on the balance sheet as an asset or liability at its fair value. Additionally, the statement requires that changes in a derivative's fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met at the time the derivative contract is executed. We have elected not to apply hedge accounting treatment to our swaps and collars and, as such, all changes in the fair value of these instruments are recognized in earnings. Our fixed price physical contracts qualify for the normal purchase and normal sale exception. Contracts that qualify for this treatment do not require mark-to-market accounting treatment.

In the future, we will be exposed to volatility in earnings resulting from changes in the fair value of our hedges. See Note 8 Derivative Activities to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion.

Delays in development or production curtailment affecting our material properties may adversely affect our financial position and results of operations.

The size of our operations and our capital expenditure budget limits the number of wells that we can develop in any given year. Complications in the development of any single material well may result in a material adverse affect on our financial condition and results of operations. In addition, a relatively small number of wells contribute a substantial portion of our production. If we were to experience operational problems

resulting in the curtailment of production in any of these wells, our total production levels would be adversely affected, which would have a material adverse affect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Because our operations require significant capital expenditures, we may not have the funds available to replace reserves, maintain production or maintain interests in our properties.

We must make a substantial amount of capital expenditures for the acquisition, exploration and development of oil and natural gas reserves. Historically, we have paid for these expenditures with cash from

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operating activities, proceeds from debt and equity financings and asset sales. Our revenues or cash flows could be reduced because of lower oil and natural gas prices or for other reasons. If our revenues or cash flows decrease, we may not have the funds available to replace reserves or maintain production at current levels. If this occurs, our production will decline over time. Other sources of financing may not be available to us if our cash flows from operations are not sufficient to fund our capital expenditure requirements. Where we are not the majority owner or operator of an oil and gas property, we may have no control over the timing or amount of capital expenditures associated with the particular property. If we cannot fund such capital expenditures, our interests in some properties may be reduced or forfeited.

If we are unable to replace reserves, we may not be able to sustain production at present levels.

Our future success depends largely upon our ability to find, develop or acquire additional oil and gas reserves that are economically recoverable. Unless we replace the reserves we produce through successful development, exploration or acquisition activities, our proved reserves will decline over time. In addition, approximately 62% of our total estimated proved reserves by volume at December 31, 2008, were undeveloped. By their nature, estimates of undeveloped reserves and timing of their production are less certain. Recovery of such reserves will require significant capital expenditures and successful drilling operations. The lack of availability of sufficient capital to fund such future operations could materially hinder or delay our replacement of produced reserves. We may not be able to successfully find and produce reserves economically in the future. In addition, we may not be able to acquire proved reserves at acceptable costs.

We may incur substantial impairment writedowns.

If management's estimates of the recoverable reserves on a property are revised downward or if oil and natural gas prices decline, we may be required to record additional non-cash impairment writedowns in the future, which would result in a negative impact to our financial position. Furthermore, any sustained decline in oil and natural gas prices may require us to make further impairments. We review our proved oil and gas properties for impairment on a depletable unit basis when circumstances suggest there is a need for such a review. To determine if a depletable unit is impaired, we compare the carrying value of the depletable unit to the undiscounted future net cash flows by applying management's estimates of future oil and natural gas prices to the estimated future production of oil and gas reserves over the economic life of the property. Future net cash flows are based upon our independent reservoir engineers' estimates of proved reserves. In addition, other factors such as probable and possible reserves are taken into consideration when justified by economic conditions. For each property determined to be impaired, we recognize an impairment loss equal to the difference between the estimated fair value and the carrying value of the property on a depletable unit basis.

Fair value is estimated to be the present value of expected future net cash flows. Any impairment charge incurred is recorded in accumulated depreciation, depletion, and amortization to reduce our recorded basis in the asset. Each part of this calculation is subject to a large degree of judgment, including the determination of the depletable units' estimated reserves, future cash flows and fair value. For the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, we recorded impairments from continuing operations related to oil and gas properties of \$28.6 million, \$7.7 million and \$9.9 million, respectively.

Management's assumptions used in calculating oil and gas reserves or regarding the future cash flows or fair value of our properties are subject to change in the future. Any change could cause impairment expense to be recorded, impacting our net income or loss and our basis in the related asset. Any change in reserves directly impacts our estimate of future cash flows from the property, as well as the property's fair value. Additionally, as management's views related to future prices change, the change will affect the estimate of future net cash flows and the fair value estimates. Changes in either of these amounts will directly impact the calculation of impairment.

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A majority of our production, revenue and cash flow from operating activities are derived from assets that are concentrated in a single geographic area, making us vulnerable to risks associated with operating in one geographic area.

Approximately 99% of our estimated proved reserves at December 31, 2008, and a similar percentage of our production during 2008 were associated with our Cotton Valley trend properties. Accordingly, if the level of production from these properties substantially declines or is otherwise subject to a disruption in our operations resulting from operational problems, government intervention or natural disasters, it could have a material adverse effect on our overall production level and our revenue.

The results of our planned exploratory horizontal drilling in the Haynesville Shale, a newly emerging play with limited drilling and production history, are subject to more uncertainties than our drilling program in the more established shallower Cotton Valley formation and may not meet our expectations for reserves or production.

We have only recently participated in the drilling of our first four horizontal wells drilled in the Haynesville Shale. Production history from horizontal wells in the Haynesville Shale is limited due to the initial discovery occurring within the last 18 months. Part of the drilling strategy to maximize recoveries from the drilling of horizontal wells in the Haynesville Shale is to use completion techniques involving extensive pressure stimulation and fracturing that have proven successful in other shale formations. The ultimate success of our horizontal drilling and completion strategy and techniques in the formation will be better evaluated over time as more wells are drilled and production profiles are better established. Accordingly, the ultimate results of our future horizontal drilling in the Haynesville Shale over our acreage position are more uncertain than drilling results in the shallower Cotton Valley, where we have established reserves and production as a result of years of development.

We have limited control over the activities on properties we do not operate.

Other companies operate some of the properties in which we have an interest. For example, Chesapeake and Matador Resources Company operate certain properties in the Haynesville Shale. Encana Corporation and St. Mary Land and Exploration Company operate certain properties in the Cotton Valley trend. We have less ability to influence or control the operation or future development of these non-operated properties or the amount of capital expenditures that we are required to fund with respect to them versus those fields in which we are the operator. Our dependence on the operator and other working interest owners for these projects and our reduced influence or ability to control the operation and future development of these properties could materially adversely affect the realization of our targeted returns on capital and lead to unexpected future costs.

Our ability to sell natural gas and receive market prices for our gas may be adversely affected by pipeline and gathering system capacity constraints and various transportation interruptions.

We operate primarily in the Cotton Valley trend, which is in the same geographic region as the recently discovered Haynesville Shale. A number of companies are currently operating in the Haynesville Shale. If drilling in the Haynesville Shale continues to be successful, the amount of natural gas being produced could exceed the capacity of the various gathering and intrastate or interstate transportation pipelines currently available in this region. If this occurs, it will be necessary for new pipelines and gathering systems to be built. Because of the current economic climate, certain pipeline projects that are planned for the Cotton Valley trend and Haynesville Shale region may not occur or may be substantially delayed for lack of financing. In addition, capital constraints could limit our ability to build intrastate gathering systems necessary

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to transport our gas to interstate pipelines. In such event, we might have to shut in our wells awaiting a pipeline connection or capacity or sell natural gas production at significantly lower prices than those quoted on NYMEX or that we currently project, which would adversely affect our results of operations

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A portion of our natural gas and oil production in any region may be interrupted, or shut in, from time to time for numerous reasons, including as a result of weather conditions, accidents, loss of pipeline or gathering system access, field labor issues or strikes, or we might voluntarily curtail production in response to market conditions. If a substantial amount of our production is interrupted at the same time, it could temporarily adversely affect our cash flow.

Our debt instruments impose restrictions on us that may affect our ability to successfully operate our business.

Our senior credit facility and second lien term loan contain customary restrictions, including covenants limiting our ability to incur additional debt, grant liens, make investments, consolidate, merge or acquire other businesses, sell assets, pay dividends and other distributions and enter into transactions with affiliates. We also are required to meet specified financial ratios under the terms of our senior credit facility and second lien term loan. As of December 31, 2008, we were in compliance with all the financial covenants of our senior credit facility and our second lien term loan. These restrictions may make it difficult for us to successfully execute our business strategy or to compete in our industry with companies not similarly restricted. In addition, our current senior credit facility matures in February, 2010. Any replacement credit facility may have more restrictive covenants or provide us with less borrowing capacity.

We may be unable to identify liabilities associated with the properties that we acquire or obtain protection from sellers against them.

The acquisition of properties requires us to assess a number of factors, including recoverable reserves, development and operating costs and potential environmental and other liabilities. Such assessments are inexact and inherently uncertain. In connection with the assessments, we perform a review of the subject properties, but such a review will not reveal all existing or potential problems. In the course of our due diligence, we may not inspect every well, platform or pipeline. We cannot necessarily observe structural and environmental problems, such as pipeline corrosion, when an inspection is made. We may not be able to obtain contractual indemnities from the seller for liabilities relating to the acquired assets and indemnities are unlikely to cover liabilities relating to the time periods after closing. We may be required to assume any risk relating to the physical condition of the properties in addition to the risk that the properties may not perform in accordance with our expectations. The incurrence of an unexpected liability could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations.

We are subject to complex laws and regulations, including environmental regulations that can adversely affect the cost, manner or feasibility of doing business.

Development, production and sale of natural gas and oil in the U.S. are subject to extensive laws and regulations, including environmental laws and regulations. We may be required to make large expenditures to comply with environmental and other governmental regulations. Matters subject to regulation include:

discharge permits for drilling operations;

bonds for ownership, development and production of oil and gas properties;

reports concerning operations; and

taxation.

In addition, our operations are subject to stringent federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations governing the discharge of materials into the environment and environmental protection. Governmental authorities enforce compliance with these laws and regulations and the permits issued under them, which can result in an obligation to undertake difficult and costly actions. Failure to comply with these laws, regulations and permits may result in the assessment of administrative, civil and criminal penalties, the

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imposition of remedial obligations, and the issuance of injunctions limiting or prohibiting some or all of our operations. There is inherent risk of incurring significant environmental costs and liabilities in our business. The imposition of joint and several and strict liabilities is common in environmental laws and may result in us incurring costs in connection with discharges or releases of hydrocarbons and wastes due to our handling of hydrocarbons and wastes, the release of air emissions or water discharges in connection with our operations, and historical industry operations and waste disposal practices conducted by us or predecessor operators on, under or from our properties and from facilities where our wastes have been taken for disposal. Private parties affected by such discharges or releases may also have the right to pursue legal actions to enforce compliance as well as seek damages for personal injury or property damage. In addition, changes in environmental laws and regulations occur frequently, and any such changes that result in more stringent and costly requirements could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Competition in the oil and gas industry is intense, and we are smaller and have a more limited operating history than some of our competitors.

We compete with major and independent oil and natural gas companies for property acquisitions. We also compete for the equipment and labor required to operate and to develop these properties. Some of our competitors have substantially greater financial and other resources than us. In addition, larger competitors may be able to absorb the burden of any changes in federal, state and local laws and regulations more easily than we can, which would adversely affect our competitive position. These competitors may be able to pay more for oil and natural gas properties and may be able to define, evaluate, bid for and acquire a greater number of properties than we can. Our ability to acquire additional properties and develop new and existing properties in the future will depend on our ability to conduct operations, to evaluate and select suitable properties and to consummate transactions in this highly competitive environment.

Our success depends on our management team and other key personnel, the loss of any of whom could disrupt our business operations.

Our success will depend on our ability to retain and attract experienced engineers, geoscientists and other professional staff. We depend to a large extent on the efforts, technical expertise and continued employment of these personnel and members of our management team. If a significant number of them resign or become unable to continue in their present role and if they are not adequately replaced, our business operations could be adversely affected.

Terrorist attacks or similar hostilities may adversely impact our results of operations.

The impact that future terrorist attacks or regional hostilities (particularly in the Middle East) may have on the energy industry in general, and on us in particular, is unknown. Uncertainty surrounding military strikes or a sustained military campaign may affect our operations in unpredictable ways, including disruptions of fuel supplies and markets, particularly oil, and the possibility that infrastructure facilities, including pipelines, production facilities, processing plants and refineries, could be direct targets of, or indirect casualties of, an act of terror or war. Moreover, we have incurred additional costs since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 to safeguard certain of our assets and we may be required to incur significant additional costs in the future.

The terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and the changes in the insurance markets attributable to such attacks have made certain types of insurance more difficult for us to obtain. There can be no assurance that insurance will be available to us without significant additional costs. Instability in the financial markets as a result of terrorism or war could also affect our ability to raise capital.

The oil and gas business involves many uncertainties, economic risks and operating risks that can prevent us from realizing profits and can cause substantial losses.

The nature of the oil and gas business involves certain operating hazards such as well blowouts, cratering, explosions, uncontrollable flows of oil, gas or well fluids, fires, formations with abnormal pressures, pollution,

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releases of toxic gas and other environmental hazards and risks. Any of these operating hazards could result in substantial losses to us. As a result, substantial liabilities to third parties or governmental entities may be incurred. The payment of these amounts could reduce or eliminate the funds available for exploration, development or acquisitions. These reductions in funds could result in a loss of our properties. Additionally, some of our oil and gas operations are located in areas that are subject to weather disturbances such as hurricanes. Some of these disturbances can be severe enough to cause substantial damage to facilities and possibly interrupt production. In accordance with customary industry practices, we maintain insurance against some, but not all, of such risks and losses. The occurrence of an event that is not fully covered by insurance could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations.

We cannot be certain that the insurance coverage maintained by us will be adequate to cover all losses that may be sustained in connection with all oil and natural gas activities.

We maintain general and excess liability policies, which we consider to be reasonable and consistent with industry standards. These policies generally cover:

personal injury;

bodily injury;

third party property damage;

medical expenses;

legal defense costs;

pollution in some cases;

well blowouts in some cases; and

workers compensation.

As is common in the oil and natural gas industry, we will not insure fully against all risks associated with our business either because such insurance is not available or because we believe the premium costs are prohibitive. A loss not fully covered by insurance could have a materially adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations. There can be no assurance that the insurance coverage that we maintain will be sufficient to cover every claim made against us in the future. A loss in connection with our oil and natural gas properties could have a materially adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations to the extent that the insurance coverage provided under our policies cover only a portion of any such loss.

Title to the properties in which we have an interest may be impaired by title defects.

We generally obtain title opinions on significant properties that we drill or acquire. However, there is no assurance that we will not suffer a monetary loss from title defects or title failure. Additionally, undeveloped acreage has greater risk of title defects than developed acreage. Generally, under the terms of the operating agreements affecting our properties, any monetary loss is to be borne by all parties to any such agreement in proportion to their interests in such property. If there are any title defects or defects in assignment of leasehold rights in properties in which we hold an interest, we will suffer a financial loss.

Our large inventory of undeveloped acreage and large percentage of undeveloped proved reserves may create additional economic risk.

Our success is largely dependent upon our ability to develop our large inventory of future drilling locations, undeveloped acreage and undeveloped reserves in our resource-style plays in Texas and Louisiana. As of December 31, 2008 approximately 62% of our total proved reserves were undeveloped. To the extent our drilling results are not as successful as we anticipate, natural gas and oil prices decline, or sufficient funds are not

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available to drill these locations and reserves, we may not capture the expected or projected value of these properties. In addition, our estimates of gross unrisked well locations included in this report may not be reflective of what we will, or could, drill on such acreage. Such estimates are intended only to reflect our current view of the potential for drilling on such acreage. The numbers of wells on such acreage that we drill or participate in drilling could be substantially different.

Item 1B. *Unresolved Staff Comments*

None.

Item 3. *Legal Proceedings*

We are party to lawsuits arising in the normal course of business. We intend to defend these actions vigorously and believe, based on currently available information, that adverse results or judgments from such actions, if any, will not be material to our financial position or results of operations.

Item 4. *Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders*

None.

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Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol **GDP**.

At February 25, 2009, the number of holders of record of our common stock without determination of the number of individual participants in security positions was 1,397 with 37,631,407 shares outstanding. High and low sales prices for our common stock for each quarter during the calendar years 2008 and 2007 are as follows:

	2008		2007	
	High	Low	High	Low
First Quarter	\$ 30.08	\$ 18.32	\$ 36.90	\$ 28.09
Second Quarter	82.92	29.02	38.31	30.91
Third Quarter	80.49	37.05	41.14	28.64
Fourth Quarter	41.84	20.48	35.20	22.05

Dividends

We have neither declared nor paid any cash dividends on our common stock and do not anticipate declaring any dividends in the foreseeable future. We expect to retain our cash for the operation and expansion of our business, including exploration, development and production activities. In addition, our senior bank credit facility contains restrictions on the payment of dividends to the holders of common stock. For additional information, see Item 7. *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*.

Issuer Repurchases of Equity Securities

We made no open market repurchases of our common stock for the year ended December 31, 2008. When an employee's restricted stock shares vest, the company (at the option of the employee) generally withholds an amount of shares necessary to cover that employee's minimum income tax withholding obligation. The company then advances the withholding amount to the appropriate tax authority and subsequently retires the shares. During 2008, we withheld 15,640 shares in this manner and paid \$0.5 million to the appropriate tax authority as minimum withholding.

For information on securities authorized for issuance under our equity compensation plans, see Item 12. *Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management*.

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The following table sets forth our selected financial data and other operating information. The selected consolidated financial data in the table are derived from our consolidated financial statements. This data should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements, related notes and other financial information included herein.

Statement of Operations Data:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)				
Revenues:					
Oil and gas revenues	\$ 215,369	\$ 110,691	\$ 73,933	\$ 34,986	\$ 3,759
Other	682	614	838	325	151
	216,051	111,305	74,771	35,311	3,910
Operating Expenses					
Lease operating expense	31,950	22,465	12,688	3,494	306
Production and other taxes	7,542	2,272	3,345	2,136	205
Transportation	8,645	5,964	3,791	558	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	107,123	79,766	37,225	12,214	1,486
Exploration	8,404	7,346	5,888	5,697	955
Impairment of oil and gas properties	28,582	7,696	9,886	340	
General and administrative	24,254	20,888	17,223	8,622	5,821
Gain on sale of assets	(145,876)	(42)	(23)	(235)	(50)
Other		109			
	70,624	146,464	90,023	32,826	8,723
Operating income (loss)	145,427	(35,159)	(15,252)	2,485	(4,813)
Other income (expense):					
Interest expense	(15,862)	(11,870)	(7,845)	(2,359)	(1,110)
Interest Income	2,184				
Gain (loss) on derivatives not designated as hedges	51,547	(6,439)	38,128	(37,680)	2,317
Loss on early extinguishment of debt			(612)		
	37,869	(18,309)	29,671	(40,039)	1,207
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	183,296	(53,468)	14,419	(37,554)	(3,606)
Income tax (expense) benefit	(46,556)	(3,034)	(5,120)	13,144	8,594
Income (loss) from continuing operations	136,740	(56,502)	9,299	(24,410)	4,988
Discontinued operations including gain on sale of assets, net of income taxes	(502)	11,469	(7,660)	6,960	13,539
Net income (loss)	136,238	(45,033)	1,639	(17,450)	18,527
Preferred stock dividends	6,047	6,047	6,016	755	633

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Preferred stock redemption premium				1,545	
Net income (loss) applicable to common stock	\$ 130,191	\$ (51,080)	\$ (5,922)	\$ (18,205)	\$ 17,894
Income (loss) per common share from continuing operations:					
Basic	\$ 4.04	\$ (2.21)	\$ 0.37	\$ (1.05)	\$ 0.26
Diluted	\$ 3.49	\$ (2.21)	\$ 0.37	\$ (1.05)	\$ 0.25
Income (loss) per common share from discontinued operations:					
Basic	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.45	\$ (0.30)	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.69
Diluted	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.45	\$ (0.31)	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.66
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:					
Basic	33,806	25,578	24,948	23,333	19,552
Diluted	40,397	25,578	25,412	23,333	20,347

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	Year Ended December 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
	(In thousands)				
Balance Sheet Data:					
Total assets	\$ 1,038,946	\$ 590,118	\$ 479,264	\$ 296,526	\$ 127,977
Total long-term debt	250,000	215,500	201,500	30,000	27,000
Stockholders' equity	650,646	283,615	205,133	181,589	65,307

Item 7. *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations***Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements in this report, including statements of our future plans, objectives, and expected performance of the Company, are forward-looking statements that are dependent upon certain events, risks and uncertainties that may be outside our control, and which could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. Some of these include, but are not limited to:

planned capital expenditures;

future drilling activity;

our financial condition;

business strategy;

the market prices of oil and gas;

economic and competitive conditions;

legislative and regulatory changes; and

financial market conditions and availability of capital.

There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of proved oil and gas reserves and in projecting future rates of production and the timing of development expenditures. The total amount or timing of actual future production may vary significantly from reserve and production estimates. The drilling of exploratory wells can involve significant risks, including those related to timing, success rates and cost overruns. Lease and rig availability, complex geology and other factors can affect these risks. Although from time to time we make use of futures contracts, swaps, costless collars and fixed-price physical contracts to mitigate risk, fluctuations in oil and gas prices, or a prolonged continuation of low prices may adversely affect our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Overview

We are an independent oil and gas company engaged in the exploration, exploitation, development and production of oil and natural gas properties primarily in the Cotton Valley trend of East Texas and Northwest Louisiana, including the recently discovered Haynesville Shale play in the same general area. We operate as one segment as each of our operating areas have similar economic characteristics and each meet the criteria for aggregation as defined in the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 131, *Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information*.

We seek to increase shareholder value by growing our oil and gas reserves, production revenues and operating cash flow. In our opinion, on a long term basis, growth in oil and gas reserves and production on a cost-effective basis are the most important indicators of performance success for an independent oil and gas company.

Management strives to increase our oil and gas reserves, production and cash flow through exploration and exploitation activities. We develop an annual capital expenditure budget which is reviewed and approved by our

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board of directors on a quarterly basis and revised throughout the year as circumstances warrant. We take into consideration our projected operating cash flow and externally available sources of financing, such as bank debt, when establishing our capital expenditure budget.

We place primary emphasis on our internally generated operating cash flow in managing our business. For this purpose, operating cash flow is defined as cash flow from operating activities as reflected in our Statement of Cash Flows. Management considers operating cash flow a more important indicator of our financial success than other traditional performance measures such as net income because operating cash flow considers only the cash expenses incurred during the period and excludes the non-cash impact of unrealized hedging gains and losses.

Our revenues and operating cash flow are dependent on the successful development of our inventory of capital projects with available capital, the volume and timing of our production, as well as commodity prices for oil and gas. Such pricing factors are largely beyond our control, however, we employ commodity hedging techniques in an attempt to minimize the volatility of short term commodity price fluctuations on our earnings and operating cash flow.

Cotton Valley Trend

Our relatively low risk development drilling program in the Cotton Valley trend is primarily centered in and around Rusk, Panola, Angelina, Nacogdoches, Cherokee, Harrison, Smith and Upshur Counties, Texas and DeSoto and Caddo Parishes, Louisiana. We continue to build our acreage position in the Cotton Valley trend and hold 201,203 gross acres as of December 31, 2008. As of year end 2008, we drilled and completed a cumulative total of 414 Cotton Valley trend wells with a success rate in excess of 98%. Our net production volumes from our Cotton Valley trend wells aggregated approximately 65,598 Mcfe per day in 2008, or approximately 99% of our total oil and gas production for the year.

2008 Haynesville Shale Transactions

Chesapeake Haynesville Joint Development

On June 16, 2008, we entered into a joint development agreement with Chesapeake Energy Corporation, or Chesapeake, to develop our Haynesville Shale acreage in the Bethany Longstreet and Longwood fields of Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana. Chesapeake purchased the deep rights, including the Haynesville Shale, to approximately 10,250 net acres of oil and natural gas leasehold comprised of a 20% working interest in approximately 25,000 net acres in the Bethany Longstreet field and a 50% working interest in approximately 10,500 net acres in the Longwood field for net proceeds of \$172.0 million. Chesapeake also purchased 7,500 net acres of deep rights in the Bethany Longstreet field from a third party (see Note 11 Related Party Transactions to our consolidated financial statements), bringing the ownership interest in the deep rights in both fields after closing to 50% each for us and Chesapeake. Chesapeake is the operator of the joint Haynesville Shale development. As a result of this transaction, we hold approximately 25,000 gross (12,500 net) acres in the deep rights in the Bethany Longstreet field and approximately 10,500 gross (5,250 net) acres in the deep rights in the Longwood field, both of which are currently believed to be prospective for the Haynesville Shale. Through our joint development arrangement with Chesapeake, we will continue to operate existing production and operate any new wells drilled to the base of the Cotton Valley sand, and Chesapeake will operate any wells drilled below the base of the Cotton Valley sand, including the Haynesville Shale.

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We retained the shallow rights to the base of the Cotton Valley sand and the existing production and reserves with respect to our 70% working interest in the Bethany Longstreet field and our 100% working interest in the Longwood field. We also retained our interest in both the shallow and Haynesville Shale rights on all of our East Texas assets. During the third quarter of 2008, Chesapeake began drilling the Holland 17H No.1 as the first horizontal well on the joint acreage in Bethany Longstreet field. In the Longwood field, Chesapeake re-entered the Lona Johnson No.1 drilling it to the deeper Haynesville Shale as a horizontal well and recovered

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154 feet of core from the formation to evaluate. During the fourth quarter of 2008, completion operations began on both of these wells and two horizontal Haynesville Shale development wells were spud in Bethany Longstreet field together with two Haynesville Shale wells in Longwood field. In 2009, we and Chesapeake plan to use approximately three rigs most of the year to drill 22 gross joint wells.

Caddo Parish Acquisition

On May 28, 2008, we acquired additional interests in the Cotton Valley trend, increasing our net exposure in the Haynesville Shale. We acquired approximately 3,665 net acres in Longwood field of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, through the issuance of 908,098 shares of our common stock valued at approximately \$33.9 million. The purchase included interests in 25 gross wells, with approximately 1.1 Mmcfe per day of net production, and 5.2 Bcfe of proved reserves (77% developed) associated with the shallower Hosston and Cotton Valley formations. As of December 31, 2008, we had drilled and participated in three Haynesville wells.

Caddo Pine Island Acquisition

On June 10, 2008, we entered into a definitive agreement with a private company for the right to acquire over time a 50% non-operated interest in 5,800 gross (2,900 net) acres in the Caddo Pine Island field, north of and adjacent to our Longwood field in Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Total consideration paid was approximately \$3.3 million, which was comprised of acreage costs for the 50% interest in the leasehold and the cost of a carried interest on the initial well drilled on the acreage. As of December 31, 2008, four wells had been drilled vertically to the Haynesville Shale on this acreage. In the fourth quarter of 2008, we re-entered two of these wells to drill them horizontally in the Haynesville Shale formation. Completion of the first horizontal well will start in the first quarter of 2009 and we expect to complete the other wells in the second quarter of 2009. In 2009, we plan to drill two additional horizontal Haynesville Shale wells on the acreage.

In connection with the Chesapeake joint development agreement, the Caddo Parish Acquisition and the Caddo Pine Island Acquisition, we have a total of approximately 22,000 net acres in North Louisiana which we believe to be prospective for the Haynesville Shale formation.

Initial Company Operated Haynesville Shale Drilling Program

As of December 31, 2008, we have been the operator on and drilled four vertical wells on our North Louisiana acreage and seven wells on our East Texas acreage, for a total of eleven vertical wells targeting the Haynesville Shale. In the fourth quarter of 2008, we began drilling our first operated horizontal Haynesville Shale well. We expect to complete this well in the first quarter of 2009. We expect that our development of the Haynesville Shale will continue in 2009 with the drilling and completion of nine company operated horizontal wells in East Texas.

Sale of South Louisiana Assets

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On March 20, 2007, we completed the sale of substantially all of our assets in South Louisiana to a private company. The sale resulted in total proceeds of \$72.3 million, net to us, after normal closing adjustments. We recognized a gain of \$9.7 million (net of tax) in 2007. The effective date of the sale was July 1, 2006.

On August 4, 2008, we closed the sale of the St. Gabriel field to a private party for \$0.1 million, resulting in a gain of \$0.1 million. On August 12, 2008, we assigned our rights in the Bayou Bouillon field to a private party for a nominal amount. We realized a loss of \$0.3 million. We continue to hold our interests in the Plumb Bob field. We have an asset retirement obligation of \$1.4 million on the balance sheet for properties in the Plumb Bob field.

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We achieved annual production volume growth of 51% with production growing from 16.0 Bcfe in 2007 to 24.2 Bcfe in 2008.

We entered into an agreement with Chesapeake to jointly develop a portion of our Haynesville Shale acreage in Northwest Louisiana. We sold a portion of our interest in the Haynesville Shale deep rights at the Bethany Longstreet and Longwood fields to Chesapeake for net proceeds of \$172.0 million resulting in a gain of \$145.1 million. Chesapeake serves as operator for these properties.

We established our presence in the Haynesville Shale play in Northwest Louisiana and East Texas and increased our ownership to approximately 63,000 net acres at December 31, 2008.

We drilled and completed 126 gross (75.4 net) wells in 2008, as compared to 104 gross (64.65 net) wells in 2007.

We raised net proceeds of \$191.3 million from our equity offering in July 2008 and paid down all of the outstanding borrowings under our senior credit facility. We ended the year with \$147.5 million in cash and short term investments.

Estimated proved reserves grew 12% to approximately 402.3 Bcfe (approximately 390.4 Bcf of natural gas and 1.9 MMBbls of oil and condensate), with a PV-10 of \$169.8 million (before discounted future income taxes of \$2.4 million) and a standardized measure of \$167.4 million, approximately 38% of which is developed.

Capital expenditures totaled \$380.1 million in 2008, versus \$300.1 million in 2007.

Our 2008 oil and gas revenues from continuing operations totaled \$215.4 million compared to \$110.7 million in 2007, a 95% increase.

Net cash provided by operating activities increased \$21.1 million from 2007, to \$107.0 million in 2008.

We reduced our total operating expenses by \$0.90 per Mcfe from 2007 to 2008 excluding impairment expense and the impact of the \$145.9 million gain on sale of assets during the third quarter of 2008 in making these calculations.

Summary Operating Information:

Year End December 31,

Year End December 31,

Continuing Operations	Year End December 31,				Year End December 31,			
	2008	2007	Variance		2007	2006	Variance	
Revenues:								
Natural gas	\$ 199,057	\$ 102,215	\$ 96,842	95%	\$ 102,215	\$ 67,372	\$ 34,843	52%
Oil and condensate	16,312	8,476	7,836	92%	8,476	6,561	1,915	29%
Natural gas, oil and condensate	215,369	110,691	104,678	95%	110,691	73,933	36,758	50%
Operating revenues	216,051	111,305	104,746	94%	111,305	74,771	36,534	49%
Operating expenses	70,624	146,464	(75,840)	(52%)	146,464	90,023	56,441	63%
Operating income (loss)	145,427	(35,159)	180,586	514%	(35,159)	(15,252)	(19,907)	(131%)
Net income (loss) applicable to common stock	130,191	(51,080)	181,271	355%	(51,080)	(5,922)	(45,158)	(763%)

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Net Production:								
Natural gas (MMcf)	23,174	15,281	7,893	52%	15,281	10,500	4,781	46%
Oil and condensate (MBbls)	167	118	49	42%	118	106	12	11%
Total (MMcfe)	24,176	15,991	8,185	51%	15,991	11,135	4,856	44%
Average daily production (Mcf/d)	66,054	43,811	22,243	51%	43,811	30,507	13,304	44%
Average Realized Sales Price Per Unit:								
Natural gas (per Mcf)	\$ 8.59	\$ 6.69	\$ 1.90	28%	\$ 6.69	\$ 6.42	\$ 0.27	4%
Oil and condensate (per Bbl)	97.70	71.83	25.87	36%	71.83	62.03	9.80	16%
Average realized price (per Mcfe)	8.91	6.92	1.99	29%	6.92	6.64	0.28	4%

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Results of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2008, we reported net income applicable to common stock of \$130.2 million, or \$3.85 per share (basic) and \$3.48 per share (diluted), on oil and gas revenues from continuing operations of \$215.4 million. This compares to a net loss applicable to common stock of \$51.1 million, or \$2.00 per share (basic and diluted) for the year ended December 31, 2007, and a net loss applicable to common stock of \$5.9 million, or \$0.24 per share (basic and diluted) for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Some highlights for the year ended December 31, 2008 include:

We recorded a \$145.9 million gain on the sale of assets in a sale that closed in July 2008. This gain includes \$145.1 million from the sale of a portion of our interest in the Haynesville Shale deep rights to Chesapeake.

In conjunction with the decline in natural gas prices during late 2008, we recorded a \$51.5 million gain on derivatives not designated as hedges for the year ended December 31, 2008. This includes a realized loss of \$1.8 million and an unrealized gain of \$55.4 million for our natural gas commodity contracts and a realized loss of \$0.7 million and an unrealized loss of \$1.4 million on our interest rate swaps.

Our income tax expense for the year was reduced by a \$25.5 million decrease in our valuation allowance related to our deferred tax assets. We released a majority of our valuation allowance in the third quarter of 2008 upon closing and recognizing a significant gain on the Chesapeake sale.

Operating Income

Year ended December 31, 2008 compared to year ended December 31, 2007

Revenues from continuing operations increased 94% compared to 2007, to a total of \$216.1 million in 2008 due to a 51% increase in production and a 29% increase in the average realized price. Production increased year-to-year from 15,991 MMcfe to 24,176 MMcfe and our average realized price increased from \$6.92 per Mcfe to \$8.91 per Mcfe. The drilling and completion of 126 wells in the Cotton Valley trend resulted in the continued natural gas production growth for the company, even though we estimate we curtailed approximately 300 MMcfe of natural gas production in September 2008 as a result of Hurricane Ike. Operating expenses of \$70.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, include the \$145.9 million gain on sale of assets as a reduction in operating expenses and impairment expense of \$28.6 million. Excluding the gain on sales of assets for 2008 and impairment expense for both 2008 and 2007, operating expenses of \$187.9 million increased 35% or \$49.1 million over 2007 operating expenses of \$138.8 million (not including \$7.7 million of impairment expense). This increase is a direct result of increased production from year-to-year. Although revenues were up significantly for the full year, we experienced a substantial reduction in revenues in the last half of 2008 versus the first half of the year, due to the substantial oil and natural gas price declines.

Year ended December 31, 2007 compared to year ended December 31, 2006

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Operating revenues increased 49%, or \$36.5 million, compared to 2006, to a total of \$111.3 million in 2007 due to production increases and a slight increase in average realized price per Mcfe. Production increased 44% year-to-year from 11,135 MMcfe to 15,991 MMcfe and our average realized price increased 4% from \$6.64 Mcfe to \$6.92 per Mcfe. The drilling and completion of 95 wells in the Cotton Valley trend led to the gains in natural gas production for 2007. Operating expenses increased 63% to \$146.5 million in 2007. The primary driver behind the \$56.4 million increase in operating expenses was a \$42.5 million increase in depreciation, depletion and amortization (DD&A) year-to-year.

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Operating Expenses (in thousands)	Year Ended December 31,				Year Ended December 31,			
	2008	2007	Variance		2007	2006	Variance	
Lease operating expenses	\$ 31,950	\$ 22,465	\$ 9,485	42%	\$ 22,465	\$ 12,688	\$ 9,777	77%
Production and other taxes	7,542	2,272	5,270	232%	2,272	3,345	(1,073)	(32%)
Transportation	8,645	5,964	2,681	45%	5,964	3,791	2,173	57%
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	107,123	79,766	27,357	34%	79,766	37,225	42,541	114%
Exploration	8,404	7,346	1,058	14%	7,346	5,888	1,458	25%
Impairment	28,582	7,696	20,886	271%	7,696	9,886	(2,190)	(22%)
General and administrative	24,254	20,888	3,366	16%	20,888	17,223	3,665	21%

Operating Expenses per Mcfe	Year Ended December 31,				Year Ended December 31,			
	2008	2007	Variance		2007	2006	Variance	
Lease operating expenses	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.40	\$ (0.08)	(6%)	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.14	\$ 0.26	23%
Production and other taxes	0.31	0.14	0.17	121%	0.14	0.30	(0.16)	(53%)
Transportation	0.36	0.37	(0.01)	(3%)	0.37	0.34	0.03	9%
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	4.43	4.99	(0.56)	(11%)	4.99	3.34	1.65	49%
Exploration	0.35	0.46	(0.11)	(24%)	0.46	0.53	(0.07)	(13%)
Impairment of oil and gas properties	1.18	0.48	0.70	146%	0.48	0.89	(0.41)	(46%)
General and administrative	1.00	1.31	(0.31)	(24%)	1.31	1.55	(0.24)	(15%)

Operating Expenses

Year ended December 31, 2008 compared to year ended December 31, 2007

LOE decreased \$0.08 per Mcfe, or 6%, on a per unit basis compared to 2007. Production gains of 51% year-over-year offset the impact of generally higher costs. On an absolute dollar basis, LOE increased \$9.5 million or 42% for 2008 as compared to 2007. The largest cost components of LOE for 2008 include salt water disposal (SWD) costs of \$9.7 million, compressor rental costs of \$6.6 million and LOE for properties operated by others (Non-Op) of \$2.0 million. SWD and compressor rental costs tend to fluctuate with production. As a result of increased production, SWD increased \$3.0 million in 2008 (\$9.7 million or \$0.40 per Mcfe for 2008 versus \$6.7 million or \$0.42 per Mcfe for 2007). Compressor rental costs increased \$2.1 million in 2008 (\$6.6 million or \$0.27 per Mcfe for 2008 versus \$4.5 million or \$0.28 per Mcfe for 2007). Both of these cost areas were relatively flat on a per Mcfe basis. Non-Op LOE also increased \$1.1 million (\$2.0 million or \$0.08 per Mcfe for 2008 versus \$0.9 million or \$0.06 per Mcfe for 2007) due to a greater number of our properties being operated by others. The remaining \$3.3 million increase year-to-year represents the increased cost of labor, services and chemicals partially offset by lower workover costs. Workover costs represented \$0.16 per Mcfe of the LOE rate for 2007, while workover costs only represented \$0.06 per Mcfe of the LOE rate for 2008, due to fewer workover projects slated for 2008.

Production and other taxes of \$7.5 million for 2008 include production tax of \$5.5 million and ad valorem tax of \$2.0 million. For 2007, production and other taxes of \$2.3 million include production tax of \$1.1 million and ad valorem tax of \$1.2 million. Production tax for 2008 is net of \$3.2 million of accrued Tight Gas Sands (TGS) credits for our wells in the State of Texas, which credits equate to \$0.13 per Mcfe of production. This compares to TGS credits of \$3.9 million for 2007. These TGS credits allow for reduced and in many cases the complete elimination of severance taxes in the State of Texas for qualifying wells for up to ten years of production. We only accrue for such credits once we have been notified of the State's approval. We also anticipate lower production tax rates in the future as we continue to add Cotton Valley trend wells to our production base and as credits are approved. Production taxes are higher for 2008 as the result of a 51% increase in production over 2007, as well as the higher prices received during the year.

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Ad valorem taxes increased to \$2.0 million for 2008 from \$1.2 million for 2007. Ad valorem tax is assessed on the value of properties as of the first day of the year and is highly influenced by commodity prices for the prior several months. The number of properties we owned increased from January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2008 and the assessed values for our existing properties were higher year-to-year. The combination of these two factors led to the increase in ad valorem taxes year-to-year.

Transportation expense increased 45% to \$8.6 million in 2008 compared to \$6.0 million in 2007, as a result of a 51% increase in production year-to-year. The rate per Mcfe decreased slightly to \$0.36 per Mcfe in 2008 from \$0.37 the prior year.

DD&A expense increased to \$107.1 million in 2008 from \$79.8 million in 2007 due to a 51% increase in production year-to-year. The DD&A rate declined from \$4.99 per Mcfe for 2007 to \$4.43 per Mcfe for 2008. We calculated the first and second quarter 2008 DD&A rates using the December 31, 2007 reserves. During the third quarter of 2008, we engaged an independent engineering firm to fully engineer our June 30, 2008 proved reserve estimates. The mid-year reserve report was used to calculate the rate for the third and fourth quarters of 2008. The DD&A rate per Mcfe based on this report resulted in a DD&A rate of \$4.17 per Mcfe and \$4.11 per Mcfe for the third and fourth quarters of 2008, respectively. These rates are lower than the rates used for the first half of 2008 due to the cost effective drilling of wells in the first six months of 2008. We engaged the same firm to prepare a mid-year reserve report in 2007 as well as year-end reports since 2005.

Exploration expense for 2008 increased to \$8.4 million from \$7.3 million for 2007. The primary component of exploration expense for us is the amortization of undeveloped leasehold costs, which represented \$5.8 million of the total. Exploration expenses on a per unit basis declined by 24% from \$0.46 per Mcfe for 2007 to \$0.35 per Mcfe for 2008. Exploration expenses include \$0.3 million for exploratory dry hole costs.

We recorded impairment expense of \$28.6 million in 2008, \$27.5 million in connection with our independent engineer's report on our reserves as of December 31, 2008. The expense relates to the Brachfield, Blocker, Alabama Bend and Gilmer Fields, which are located in non-core areas in North Louisiana and East Texas. We recorded an impairment expense of \$7.7 million in 2007 for our Alabama Bend field and two wells in a non-core area of East Texas.

General and administrative (G&A) expense increased 16% to \$24.3 million for 2008 compared to \$20.9 million for 2007. G&A on a per unit basis decreased 24% to \$1.00 per Mcfe resulting from a 51% increase in production volumes in 2008 as compared to 2007. This increase in costs results from a 33% increase in the number of employees from 86 at December 31, 2007 to 114 at December 31, 2008. Stock based compensation expense, which is a non-cash item, amounted to \$5.5 million in 2008 compared to \$5.3 million for 2007.

Year ended December 31, 2007 compared to year ended December 31, 2006

LOE for 2007 increased 78% to \$22.5 million from \$12.7 million for 2006. Generally higher operating costs, primarily SWD and compression costs, contributed to the majority of the increase in 2007. Most of our fields experienced increases in the cost of SWD due to rising fuel costs for trucking. We did see lower SWD costs for the year in the Beckville field, beginning in June 2007, when our East Texas low pressure gathering system (LPGS) in the Beckville field became operational. The LPGS lowers SWD costs by utilizing flowlines to pipe the water to the commercial SWD wells rather than hauling the water with trucks. Higher workover costs also contributed to the higher LOE. Workover costs rose \$0.13 per Mcfe with increased activity in the Beckville and North Minden fields (\$2.6 million or \$0.16 per Mcfe in 2007 vs. \$0.3 million or \$0.03 per Mcfe in 2006).

Production and other taxes of \$2.3 million for 2007 consist of production tax of \$1.1 million and ad valorem tax of \$1.2 million. Production and ad valorem taxes in 2006 were \$2.9 million and \$0.4 million, respectively. Production tax in 2007 included \$3.9 million of accrued TGS credits for our wells in the State of Texas. Ad valorem tax is assessed on the value of properties as of the first day of the year. The number of properties we

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owned increased from January 1, 2006 to January 1, 2007 and the assessed values for our existing properties were higher year-to-year. The combination of these two factors led to the increase in ad valorem taxes year-to-year.

Transportation expense was \$6.0 million in 2007 compared to \$3.8 million for 2006 as production volumes increased 44 % year-over-year. The unit cost increased nine percent (from \$0.34 per Mcfe in 2006 to \$0.37 per Mcfe in 2007) due to an increase in production rates from fields requiring greater transportation, and due to several contracts entered into which transported gas to higher valued markets.

DD&A expense increased to \$79.8 million in 2007 from \$37.2 million for 2006 primarily due to a higher DD&A rate coupled with higher levels of production. Since we use the successful efforts method of accounting, our DD&A rate is primarily a function of our capitalized drilling, completion and facilities costs divided by our proved developed reserves. Beginning in late 2004/early 2005 we embarked on an aggressive drilling program to fully develop our extensive East Texas/North Louisiana Cotton Valley trend acreage position during a period of record high costs for drilling and completion services. Additionally, to hold the majority of our acreage and thereby allow for the most prudent development plan going forward, we chose to drill many wells in the outlying areas of our acreage block, where per well results were less certain than in the initial established areas. Finally, many of our initial wells in certain fields required us to pay the costs of other industry partners to earn access to the full acreage position.

We calculated first and second quarter 2007 DD&A rates using the December 31, 2006 reserves, which did not recognize any impact of our 2007 Cotton Valley trend drilling program reserve additions. During 2007, we engaged NSA, our independent reserve engineers, to fully engineer our June 30, 2007 proved reserve estimates. This mid-year reserve report was used to calculate rates for the third and fourth quarters of 2007. As mentioned above, the DD&A rate per Mcfe based on this report was \$4.77, which was lower than the rate used for the first half of this year primarily due to the inclusion of more wells drilled in our core areas during the first half of this year relative to the mix of wells in the December 31, 2006 reserve report.

Exploration expenses for 2007 increased to \$7.3 million from \$5.9 million for 2006. Exploration expenses on a per unit basis declined to \$0.46 per Mcfe in 2007 from \$0.53 per Mcfe in 2006. The increase in exploration expense year-to-year relates to an increase in leasehold amortization, a non-cash expense and the largest component of exploration expense. We increased our undeveloped acreage position from last year which resulted in higher leasehold cost amortization of \$6.1 million for 2007, compared to \$4.8 million in the same period last year.

We recorded an impairment expense of \$7.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, \$6.1 million of which related to our Alabama Bend field located in the other Cotton Valley trend leasehold area. We also recorded an impairment expense of \$1.4 million and \$0.3 million in the fourth and third quarters of 2007, respectively, related to two wells in a non-core area of East Texas. We recorded impairment expense in conjunction with the receipt of the independent engineer's year-end and mid-year reports on reserves.

G&A expense increased to \$20.9 million for 2007, compared to \$17.2 million for 2006, resulting from generally higher compensation costs and a Louisiana franchise tax payment made under protest. G&A on a per unit basis decreased 17% as a result of higher production volumes in 2007. Salaries and benefits account for a large portion of total G&A. After the sale of substantially all of our properties in South Louisiana in March 2007, we had 74 employees. As of December 31, 2007, we had 86 employees. We paid \$0.3 million in severance to employees in conjunction with the sale of all of our South Louisiana properties in March 2007. G&A for the year also includes a \$0.3 million non-cash charge for the acceleration of vesting of options and restricted stock associated with the resignation of an officer of the Company effective August 30, 2007.

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We accrued a liability for \$1.0 million in March 2007, representing \$0.4 million in penalties and interest and \$0.6 million the State of Louisiana asserts we owe for franchise taxes (see Note 9 Discontinued Operations to

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our consolidated financial statements). While we paid this amount under protest in April 2007, we plan to pursue the reimbursement of the full \$1.0 million. Should our efforts prevail, the amounts paid under protest would be refunded.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
	(In thousands)		
Other Income (Expense):			
Interest expense	\$ (15,862)	\$ (11,870)	\$ (7,845)
Interest Income	2,184		
Gain (loss) on derivatives not designated as hedges	51,547	(6,439)	38,128
Loss on early extinguishment of debt			(612)
Income tax expense	(46,556)	(3,034)	(5,120)
Gain on disposal, net of tax	29	9,662	
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	(531)	1,807	(7,660)
Average total borrowings	271,246	235,712	99,542
Weighted average interest rate	5.8%	5.0%	7.5%

Other Income (Expense)*Year ended December 31, 2008 compared to December 31, 2007*

Interest expense increased by \$4.0 million, or 34%, to \$15.9 million for 2008 compared to \$11.9 million for 2007 as a result of a higher average level of borrowings in 2008, and a slightly higher weighted average interest rate. We added a second lien term loan in January 2008 for \$75.0 million, which carries a higher interest rate than both our Senior Credit Facility and our 3.25% convertible senior notes. In July 2008, we paid off all amounts outstanding under our Senior Credit Facility with the proceeds from the sale of assets and an equity offering. We ended the year with no amounts outstanding under our Senior Credit Facility.

We invested the net proceeds from our equity offering and the sale of assets, both in July 2008, in money market funds and time deposits with certain acceptable institutions, subject to our newly implemented Short Term Investment Policy. The income earned on these investments during 2008 is reflected in the Interest income line.

Gain on derivatives not designated as hedges was \$51.5 million for 2008, including a realized loss of \$1.8 million and an unrealized gain of \$55.4 million for the change in fair value of our natural gas commodity contracts. The decrease in natural gas prices experienced during the last half of 2008 led to substantial unrealized gains on our commodity contracts. The 2008 gain also includes a realized loss of \$0.7 million and an unrealized loss of \$1.4 million on our interest rate swap. As a comparison, 2007 includes an unrealized loss of \$15.6 million for the changes in fair value of our commodity contracts, a realized gain of \$9.5 million and a loss of \$0.3 million on our interest rate swap. We will continue to be exposed to volatility in earnings resulting from changes in the fair value of our commodity contracts as we do not designate these contracts as hedges.

In July 2008, we realized a significant gain on the sale of assets related primarily to our sale of deep rights acreage to Chesapeake which helped generate income from continuing operations before taxes of \$183.3 million for 2008. As a result of the significant gain generated by the sale,

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we believe that we will be in a position to utilize the majority of our net operating loss carryforwards when we file our 2008 tax return. We believe it is now more likely than not that we will be able to recognize our deferred tax assets associated with these net operating loss carryforwards. As a result, we released \$25.5 million of our previously booked valuation allowance in the third quarter of this year. The impact of this is to reduce income tax expense for the year to a total of \$46.6 million. Primarily as a result of the Chesapeake sale, our 2008 estimated income tax liability to the State of Louisiana is \$10 million, which is included in the total of \$46.6 million.

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In a sale that closed March 20, 2007, we sold our assets in South Louisiana to a private company. We realized a gain of \$9.7 million, net of tax, in 2007. In August 2008, we closed on the sale of our St. Gabriel field to a private company for \$0.1 million. Also in August 2008, we assigned our rights in the Bayou Bouillon field to a private party for a nominal amount. We continue to hold our interests in the Plumb Bob field. Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax of \$0.5 million for 2008 includes an impairment of our Plumb Bob field for \$1.2 million before tax (\$0.8 million net of tax) in connection with our independent engineer's report on reserves as of December 31, 2008.

Year ended December 31, 2007 compared to December 31, 2006

Interest expense was \$11.9 million for 2007, compared to \$7.8 million for 2006, with the increase primarily attributable to a higher level of average borrowings in 2007. With the issuance of 3.25% convertible notes in December 2006, the weighted average interest rate fell to 5.0%, a significant reduction from the prior year's 7.5%.

Loss on derivatives not designated as hedges was \$6.4 million for 2007, compared to a gain of \$38.1 million for 2006. The loss in 2007 includes an unrealized loss of \$15.6 million for the change in fair value of our gas and oil hedges, and a realized gain of \$9.5 million for the effect of settled derivatives. The loss also includes an unrealized loss of \$0.5 million and a realized gain of \$0.2 million on our interest rate swap. We did not designate any of our oil and gas derivatives as hedges for 2007. Our natural gas hedges were ineffective in 2006, and certain oil hedges were deemed ineffective in the fourth quarter of 2006 thereby rendering all of our commodity derivatives ineffective. For these ineffective hedges, we are required to reflect the changes in the fair value of the hedges in earnings rather than in accumulated other comprehensive loss, a component of stockholders' equity. As applied to our hedging program, there must be a high degree of correlation between the actual prices received and the hedge prices to justify treatment as cash flow hedges pursuant to SFAS No. 133 *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* (SFAS 133). We perform historical correlation analyses of the actual and hedged prices over an extended period of time. In the fourth quarter of 2006, we determined that certain of our oil hedges which had previously been effective, fell short of the effectiveness guidelines to be accounted for as cash flow hedges.

We retired our term loan in early December 2006 with the proceeds of the 3.25% convertible senior notes offering. In the fourth quarter of 2006, we fully amortized remaining deferred loan financing costs of \$0.6 million incurred in connection with the initial funding of this loan and a subsequent amendment.

Income tax expense on continuing operations of \$3.0 million for 2007 includes a write off of our December 31, 2006 net deferred tax asset of \$9.7 million and a tax benefit of \$6.1 million to offset the tax expense related to discontinued operations. We increased our valuation allowance and reduced our net deferred tax asset to zero during 2007 after considering all available positive and negative evidence related to the realization of our deferred tax asset. Income tax expense on continuing operations of \$5.1 million in 2006, which was non-cash, represents 35.5% of the pre-tax income in 2006.

In conjunction with the sale of our South Louisiana assets in March 2007, we realized a gain (loss) on disposal, net of tax, of \$9.7 million (\$14.9 million before tax). Income, net of tax on discontinued operations was \$1.8 million for 2007 versus a loss of \$7.7 million for 2006. This includes an impairment expense, before tax, of \$0.4 million and \$14.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, on certain assets treated as held for sale. See Note 9 *Discontinued Operations* and Note 12 *Acquisitions and Divestitures* to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion of our discontinued operations.

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Our principal requirements for capital are to fund our exploration and development activities and to satisfy our contractual obligations. These obligations include the repayment of debt and any amounts owing during the period relating to our hedging positions. Our uses of capital include the following:

drilling and completing new natural gas and oil wells;

constructing and installing new production infrastructure;

acquiring and maintaining our lease position, specifically in the Cotton Valley trend;

plugging and abandoning depleted or uneconomic wells.

Our capital budget for 2009 is \$300 million. We continue to evaluate our capital budget throughout the year based in part upon availability of capital, status of our drilling operations and the outlook for oil and natural gas prices. Please see *Disruptions in the Credit and Capital Markets and Impact on Liquidity* below.

Future commitments

The table below provides estimates of the timing of future payments that we are obligated to make based on agreements in place at December 31, 2008. In addition to the contractual obligations presented in the table, our Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2008 reflected accrued interest on our bank debt of \$1.8 million payable in the first quarter of 2009. See Note 4 *Long-Term Debt* and Note 10 *Commitments and Contingencies* to our consolidated financial statements for additional information.

	Note	Total	Payment due by Period				2013 and After
			2009	2010	2011	2012	
Contractual Obligations							
Long term debt (1)	4	\$ 250,000	\$	\$ 75,000	\$ 175,000	\$	\$
Interest on 3.25% notes	4	16,590	5,688	5,688	5,214		
Office space leases	10	1,699	679	207	213	220	380
Office equipment leases	10	387	279	79	13	8	8
Drilling & operations contracts	10	49,261	27,675	9,174	7,956	4,456	
Transportation contracts	10	3,831	1,804	1,926	101		
Total contractual obligations		\$ 321,768	\$ 36,125	\$ 92,074	\$ 188,497	\$ 4,684	\$ 388

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- (1) The \$175.0 million 3.25% convertible senior notes have a provision at the end of years 5, 10 and 15, for the investors to demand payment on these dates; the first such date is December 1, 2011.
- (2) This table does not include the estimated liability for dismantlement, abandonment and restoration costs of oil and gas properties of \$13.8 million. The Company records a separate liability for the fair value of this asset retirement obligation. See Note 3 Asset Retirement Obligation to our consolidated financial statements.

Capital Resources

We intend to fund our capital expenditure program, contractual commitments, including settlement of derivative contracts and future acquisitions with cash flows from our operations and borrowings under our revolving bank credit facility and second lien term loan. In the future, we may also access public markets to issue additional debt and/or equity securities.

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At December 31, 2008, we had excess borrowing capacity of \$175.0 million under our revolving bank credit facility. Our primary sources of cash during 2008 were from net proceeds from the issuance of common stock of \$191.3 million in July 2008, net proceeds from property sales of \$175.1 million (primarily the Chesapeake transaction), funds generated from operations and bank borrowings. Cash was used primarily to fund exploration and development expenditures. We made aggregate cash payments of \$13.0 million for interest and \$14.8 million for income taxes in 2008. The table below summarizes the sources of cash during 2008, 2007 and 2006:

Cash flow statement information:	Year Ended December 31,			Year Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	Variance	2007	2006	Variance
	(In thousands)					
Net Cash:						
Provided by operating activities	\$ 107,039	\$ 85,925	\$ 21,114	\$ 85,925	\$ 65,133	\$ 20,792
Used in investing activities	(187,786)	(219,193)	31,407	(219,193)	(258,737)	39,544
Provided by financing activities	223,847	131,532	92,315	131,532	179,946	(48,414)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 143,100	\$ (1,736)	\$ 144,836	\$ (1,736)	\$ (13,658)	\$ 11,922

At December 31, 2008, we had working capital of \$109.8 million and long-term debt of \$250.0 million. Our working capital position is primarily due to the remaining cash received from the equity offering and Chesapeake transaction in the third quarter of 2008.

Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2008 compared to year ended December 31, 2007

Operating activities. Cash flow from operations is dependent upon production volumes generated from our development, exploration and acquisition activities, the price of oil and natural gas and costs incurred in our operations. Our cash flow from operations is also impacted by changes in working capital. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$107.0 million, an increase of \$21.1 million, or 25%, from \$85.9 million in 2007. Our operating revenues increased 94% in 2008 with a 51% increase in average daily production and a 29% increase in commodity prices as compared to 2007.

Investing activities. Net cash used in investing activities was \$187.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to \$219.2 million for 2007. We received net proceeds of \$175.1 million from sale of assets (primarily the Chesapeake transaction) compared to net proceeds of \$72.3 million received from the sale of substantially all of our South Louisiana assets in 2007. Total capital expenditures of \$362.8 million for 2008 increased \$71.3 million from \$291.5 million in 2007. We conducted drilling and completion operations on 126 gross wells in 2008 compared to 104 gross wells in 2007, an increase of 21%. Of the \$362.8 million invested this year, we spent \$328.8 million for drilling and completion activities, \$28.6 million for leasehold acquisition, \$4.2 million for facilities and infrastructure and \$1.2 million for furniture, fixtures and equipment. We spent \$273.8 million for drilling and completion activities and \$14.3 million for facility installation activities in the Cotton Valley trend in 2007.

Financing activities. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$223.8 million for 2008, an increase of \$92.3 million over 2007. In January 2008, we borrowed \$75.0 million on our Second Lien Term Loan and used \$53.5 million of the borrowings to pay-off the balance on our

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revolving credit facility. In July 2008, we received net proceeds of \$191.3 million from an equity offering. We used these proceeds to pay the full outstanding balance on our existing bank credit facility. We have zero borrowings outstanding under our Senior Credit Facility as of December 31, 2008.

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Year ended December 31, 2007 compared to year ended December 31, 2006

Operating activities. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$85.9 million, an increase of \$20.8 million or 32% from \$65.1 million in 2006. A 49% increase in operating revenues resulting from a 44% increase in production volumes from continuing operations contributed to the increased cash flow in 2007. Operating cash flow amounts are net of changes in our current assets and current liabilities, which provided additional cash flow of \$17.9 million and \$4.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, with \$12.5 million of the increase in 2007 due to a year-end prepay transaction. In late 2007, one of our physical purchasers advanced \$12.5 million for gas to be delivered under contract in the first quarter of 2008.

Investing activities. Net cash used in investing activities was \$219.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, compared to \$258.7 million for 2006. This includes \$291.5 million in capital expenditures partially offset by \$72.3 million in net proceeds from the sale of our South Louisiana assets. Of the \$291.5 million, approximately \$273.8 million was spent for drilling and completion activities and \$14.3 million for facility installation activities in the Cotton Valley trend. We spent \$211.0 million in 2006 for drilling, completion and facility installation activities.

Financing activities. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$131.5 million in 2007 versus \$179.9 million in 2006. The majority of our net financing cash flows came from the \$123.8 million in proceeds from the issuance of common stock net of purchased capped call options, and \$14.0 million in net proceeds from bank borrowings.

Disruptions in the Credit and Capital Markets and Impact on Liquidity

We have historically funded our operations from a combination of borrowings under our bank facilities, accessing the capital markets and cash flow from operations. There have been significant disruptions in the U.S. and global credit and capital markets. In recent months, the volatility and disruption have reached unprecedented levels. In some cases, the markets have exerted downward pressure on stock prices and credit capacity for certain issuers. We believe that with prices as of December 31, 2008, we can fund up to \$300 million of capital expenditures in 2009 from available cash and cash flow from operations without borrowing under our senior credit facility. We have approximately \$147.5 million of cash on hand and \$175.0 million of undrawn capacity available under our senior credit facility that matures in February 2010. Availability under our credit facility is subject to semi-annual borrowing base redeterminations, set at the discretion of our lenders. Both we and our lenders also have the discretion to call for at least one additional redetermination per year. The borrowing base is calculated by our lenders based on their valuation of our proved reserves utilizing our reserve reports and their internal decisions. There is no assurance that we can sustain or increase our borrowing base, which if reduced will reduce our borrowing capacity. Because we control the timing of a substantial portion of our capital expenditures and will manage such expenditures accordingly, we do not anticipate an immediate need for borrowings under our senior credit facility or access to the capital markets for the duration of 2009. Accordingly, we may adjust our capital budget further based on further evaluations of our available funding, the status of our drilling operations and the outlook for oil and natural gas prices.

As our senior credit facility is set to expire in February 2010, we are planning to explore refinancing alternatives in the near future. Given the current state of the bank markets, there can be no assurance that a replacement facility will provide similar borrowing capacity, nor do we expect to replace the facility without paying materially higher fees and higher rates on drawn borrowings.

3.25% Convertible Senior Notes

In December 2006, we sold \$175.0 million of 3.25% convertible senior notes (the notes) due in December 2026. The notes mature on December 1, 2026, unless earlier converted, redeemed or repurchased. The notes are our senior unsecured obligations and rank equally in right of payment to all of our other existing and future

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indebtedness. The notes accrue interest at a rate of 3.25% annually, and interest is paid semi-annually on June 1 and December 1. Interest payments on the notes began on June 1, 2007.

Before December 1, 2011, we may not redeem the notes. On or after December 11, 2011, we may redeem all or a portion of the notes for cash, and the investors may require us to repurchase the notes on each of December 11, 2011, 2016 and 2021. Upon conversion, we have the option to deliver shares at the applicable conversion rate, redeem in cash or in certain circumstances redeem in a combination of cash and shares. The notes are convertible into shares of our common stock at a rate equal to the sum of:

- a) 15.1653 shares per \$1,000 principal amount of notes (equal to a base conversion price of approximately \$65.94 per share) plus,
- b) an additional amount of shares per \$1,000 of principal amount of notes equal to the incremental share factor (2.6762), multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the applicable stock price less the base conversion price and the denominator of which is the applicable stock price.

Share Lending Agreement

In connection with the offering of the notes we agreed to lend an affiliate of Bear, Stearns & Co. (BSC) a total of 3,122,263 shares of our common stock under the Share Lending Agreement. Under this agreement, BSC is entitled to offer and sell the shares and use the sale to facilitate the establishment of a hedge position by investors in the notes. BSC will receive all proceeds from the common stock offerings and lending transactions under this agreement. BSC is obligated to return the shares to us in the event of certain circumstances, including the redemption of the notes or the conversion of the notes to shares pursuant to the terms of the indenture governing the notes.

The Share Lending Agreement also requires BSC to post collateral of our common stock if its credit rating is below either A3 by Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) or A- by Standard and Poor's (S&P). As a result of the long term ratings downgrade of BSC in March 2008, BSC was required to return all or a portion of the borrowed shares or collateralize the return obligation with cash or highly liquid non-cash collateral. On March 20, 2008, BSC had returned 1,497,963 shares of the 3,122,263 originally borrowed shares and fully collateralized the remaining 1,624,300 borrowed shares with a cash collateral deposit of approximately \$41.3 million. This amount represents the market value of the remaining borrowed shares at March 20, 2008. Under certain conditions, BSC is required to maintain collateral value in the amount at least equal to the market value of the outstanding borrowed shares. The 1,497,963 shares returned to us were recorded as treasury stock and retired in March 2008.

The 1,624,300 shares of common stock outstanding as of December 31, 2008, under the Share Lending Agreement are required to be returned to us in the future. The shares are treated in basic and diluted earnings per share as if they were already returned and retired. As a result, the shares of common stock lent under the Share Lending Agreement have no impact on the earnings per share calculation.

In May 2008, JP Morgan Chase & Co. completed its acquisition of The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. JP Morgan Chase & Co.'s credit rating exceeds that required by the Share Lending Agreement. Thus, collateral is no longer required. Should JP Morgan Chase & Co.'s credit ratings decline below either A3 by Moody's or A- by S&P, it would be required to post collateral to support its obligation to return any remaining borrowed shares.

Senior Credit Facility

On November 17, 2005, we amended our existing credit agreement and entered into an amended and restated senior credit agreement (as amended, the Senior Credit Facility) and a term loan that expanded our borrowing capabilities. Total lender commitments under the Senior Credit Facility were \$200 million, and the Senior Credit Facility matures on February 25, 2010. Revolving borrowings under the Senior Credit Facility are

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limited to, and subject to periodic redeterminations of the borrowing base. At December 31, 2008, we had a borrowing base of \$175.0 million and no amounts outstanding under the Senior Credit Facility. Pursuant to the terms of our Senior Credit Facility, the next redetermination of our borrowing base will be March 31, 2009. Interest on revolving borrowings under the Senior Credit Facility accrues at a rate calculated, at our option, at the bank base rate plus 0.00% to 0.75%, or LIBOR plus 1.25% to 2.25%, depending on borrowing base utilization.

Substantially all our assets are pledged as collateral to secure the Senior Credit Facility.

The terms of the Senior Credit Facility, as amended, require us to maintain certain covenants. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, here have the meanings assigned to them in the Senior Credit Facility. As of December 31, 2008, we were in compliance with all of the financial covenants of our Senior Credit Facility. The covenants in effect at December 31, 2008 include:

Current Ratio of 1.0/1.0;

Interest Coverage Ratio of not less than 3.0/1.0 for the trailing four quarters;

Total Debt of no greater than 3.0 times EBITDAX for the trailing four quarters (EBITDAX is earnings before interest expense, income tax, DD&A, exploration expense and impairment of oil and gas properties. In calculating EBITDAX for this purpose, earnings include realized gains (losses) from derivatives, but exclude unrealized gains (losses) from derivatives. The 3.25% convertible senior notes are excluded from the calculation of Total Debt for the purpose of computing this ratio.); and

Asset coverage ratio (defined as the present value of proved reserves discounted at 10% divided by total debt, excluding 3.25% convertible senior notes) of not less than 1.5 to 1.0.

Second Lien Term Loan

On January 16, 2008, we entered into a new Second Lien Term Loan Agreement which provides for a 3-year, non-revolving loan of \$75.0 million and is due in a single maturity on December 31, 2010. We have no rights to prepay in the first year. Voluntary prepayment rights in the second year are at 101% of par, and thereafter at par. Interest on the Second Lien Term Loan accrues at a rate of LIBOR plus 550 basis points and is payable quarterly in arrears. As of December 31, 2008, we were in compliance with all of the financial covenants of our Second Lien Term Loan. The terms of the Second Lien Term Loan Agreement contain financial covenants which include:

Asset coverage ratio (defined as the present value of proved reserves discounted at 10% divided by total debt, excludes 3.25% convertible senior notes) of not less than 1.5 to 1.0;

Total debt to EBITDAX ratio of not more than 3.0 to 1.0 (total debt to exclude the 3.25% convertible senior notes); and

EBITDAX to interest expense ratio of not less than 3.0 to 1.0.

Capped Call Option Transactions

On December 10, 2007, we closed the public offering of 6,430,750 shares of our common stock at a price of \$23.50 per share. Net proceeds from the offering were approximately \$145.4 million after deducting the underwriters' discount and estimated offering expenses. We used approximately \$123.8 million of the net proceeds to pay off outstanding borrowings under our Senior Credit Facility and approximately \$21.6 million of the net proceeds to purchase capped call options on shares of our common stock from affiliates of BSC and JP Morgan Securities Inc. The capped call option transactions covered, subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments, approximately 5.8 million shares of our common stock, and each of them was divided into a number of tranches with differing expiration dates. One third of the options will expire over each of three separate multi-day settlement periods beginning approximately 18 months, 24 months and 30 months from the closing of the offering, respectively.

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The capped call option transactions are expected to result in our receipt, on a net share, cashless basis of a certain number of shares of our common stock if the market value per share of the common stock, as measured under the terms of the capped call option agreements, on the option expiration date for the relevant tranche is greater than the lower call strike price of the capped call option transactions. We refer to the amount by which the market value per share exceeds the lower call strike price as an in-the-money amount for the relevant tranche of the capped call option transaction. The in-the-money amount will never exceed the difference between the upper call strike price and the lower call strike price (i.e., it will be capped). The lower call strike price is \$23.50, which corresponds to the price to the public in the equity offering and the upper call strike price is \$32.90, which corresponds to 140% of the price to the public in the offering. Both lower and upper call strike prices are subject to customary anti-dilution and certain other adjustments. The number of shares of our common stock that we will receive from the option counterparties upon expiration of each tranche of the capped call option transactions will be equal to the in-the-money amount of that tranche divided by the market value per share of the common stock, as measured under the terms of the capped call option agreements, on the option expiration date for that tranche. If the stock price is equal to the upper call strike price of \$32.90 on each of the settlement dates, we will recoup up to 1.6 million shares.

The capped call option agreements were separate transactions entered into by us with the option counterparties and were not part of the terms of the offering of common stock.

The capped call option agreements require an option counterparty to transfer their rights and obligations within 30 days if their credit rating is below either Baa1 by Moody's or BBB+ by S&P. As a result of the ratings downgrade of BSC on March 14, 2008, BSC was obligated to transfer their rights and obligations under the capped call option agreement to a suitable counterparty (one with a credit rating of at least BBB+ by S&P and Baa1 by Moody's within 30 days). BSC's obligation to transfer its rights and obligations to an entity with a higher credit rating was cured by a ratings upgrade on March 24, 2008.

During the second quarter of 2008, BSC sold its position in the capped call options to Bank of America.

Equity Offering

On July 14, 2008, we closed the public offering of 3,121,300 shares of our common stock at a price of \$64.00 per share. Net proceeds from the offering were approximately \$191.3 million after deducting the underwriters' discount and estimated offering expenses. We used approximately \$96.0 million of the net proceeds to pay off outstanding borrowings under our Senior Credit Facility. We used the remaining net proceeds for general corporate purposes, including funding a portion of our remaining 2008 drilling program, other capital expenditures and working capital requirements.

Short Term Investments

The net proceeds from our July 2008 equity offering and the net proceeds from sale of assets were invested in short term investments. As of December 31, 2008, our short term investments amounted to \$136.5 million. Prior to making these investments, our board of directors instituted a short term investment policy, to be implemented by our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. The short term investment policy was adopted to meet the following objectives:

Preserve principal;

Maintain liquidity;

Diversify investment risk; and

Maximize earnings on surplus funds consistent with the first three objectives.

This new policy also authorizes transactions only with institutions that meet the following criteria:

Short-term debt ratings of at least A1 by Standard and Poor's (S&P) and P1 by Moody's;

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Long-term debt ratings of at least AA- by S&P and Aa3 by Moody's; and

Market capitalization of at least \$25.0 billion for the parent company at the time of the transaction.

Also, funds on deposit at any one institution shall not exceed \$100.0 million, unless previously approved by our Chief Financial Officer and Chief Executive Officer.

As of December 31, 2008, we held short term investments in money market funds with three institutions meeting all of these criteria. Short term investments as of December 31, 2008, carried maturities of fourteen days or less and are considered cash equivalents. We will continue to monitor these institutions in light of the current financial market crisis and in accordance with our policy.

Series B Convertible Preferred Stock

Our Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series B Convertible Preferred Stock") was initially issued on December 21, 2005, in a private placement of 1,650,000 shares for net proceeds of \$79.8 million (after offering costs of \$2.7 million). Each share of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock has a liquidation preference of \$50 per share, aggregating to \$82.5 million, and bears a dividend of 5.375% per annum. Dividends are payable quarterly in arrears beginning March 15, 2006. If we fail to pay dividends on our Series B Convertible Preferred Stock on any six dividend payment dates, whether or not consecutive, the dividend rate per annum will be increased by 1.0% until we have paid all dividends on our Series B Convertible Preferred Stock for all dividend periods up to and including the dividend payment date on which the accumulated and unpaid dividends are paid in full.

On January 23, 2006, the initial purchasers of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock exercised their over-allotment option to purchase an additional 600,000 shares at the same price per share, resulting in net proceeds of \$29.0 million, which was used to fund our 2006 capital expenditure program.

Each share is convertible at the option of the holder into our common stock, par value \$0.20 per share (the "Common Stock") at any time at an initial conversion rate of 1.5946 shares of Common Stock per share, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$31.36 per share of Common Stock. Upon conversion of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, we may choose to deliver the conversion value to holders in cash, shares of Common Stock, or a combination of cash and shares of Common Stock.

If a fundamental change occurs, holders may require us in specified circumstances to repurchase all or part of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock. In addition, upon the occurrence of a fundamental change or specified corporate events, we will under certain circumstances increase the conversion rate by a number of additional shares of Common Stock. A "fundamental change" will be deemed to have occurred if any of the following occurs:

We consolidate or merge with or into any person or convey, transfer, sell or otherwise dispose of or lease all or substantially all of our assets to any person, or any person consolidates with or merges into us or with us, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which

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our outstanding voting shares are changed into or exchanged for cash, securities, or other property; or

We are liquidated or dissolved or adopt a plan of liquidation or dissolution.

A fundamental change will not be deemed to have occurred if at least 90% of the consideration in the case of a merger or consolidation under the first clause above consists of common stock traded on a U.S. national securities exchange and the Series B Preferred Stock becomes convertible solely into such common stock.

On or after December 21, 2010, we may, at our option, cause the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock to be automatically converted into that number of shares of Common Stock that are issuable at the then-prevailing

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conversion rate, pursuant to the Company Conversion Option. We may exercise our conversion right only if, for 20 trading days within any period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the trading day before the announcement of our exercise of the option, the closing price of the Common Stock equals or exceeds 130% of the then-prevailing conversion price of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock. The Series B Convertible Preferred Stock is non-redeemable by us.

We used the net proceeds of the offering of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock to fully repay all outstanding indebtedness under our senior revolving credit facility. The remaining net proceeds of the offering were added to our working capital to fund 2006 capital expenditures and for other general corporate purposes.

Summary of Critical Accounting Policies

The following summarizes several of our critical accounting policies. See a complete list in Note 1 Description of Business and Significant Accounting Policies to our consolidated financial statements.

Proved oil and natural gas reserves

Proved reserves are defined by the SEC as those volumes of crude oil, condensate, natural gas liquids and natural gas that geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty are recoverable from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions. Proved developed reserves are volumes expected to be recovered through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods. Although our external engineers are knowledgeable of and follow the guidelines for reserves as established by the SEC, the estimation of reserves requires the engineers to make a significant number of assumptions based on professional judgment. Estimated reserves are often subject to future revision, certain of which could be substantial, based on the availability of additional information, including: reservoir performance, new geological and geophysical data, additional drilling, technological advancements, price changes and other economic factors. Changes in oil and natural gas prices can lead to a decision to start-up or shut-in production, which can lead to revisions to reserve quantities. Reserve revisions inherently lead to adjustments of depreciation rates used by us. We cannot predict the types of reserve revisions that will be required in future periods.

Successful efforts accounting

We use the successful efforts method to account for exploration and development expenditures and to calculate DD&A. Unsuccessful exploration wells, as well as other exploration expenditures such as seismic costs, are expensed and can have a significant effect on operating results. Successful exploration drilling costs, all development capital expenditures and asset retirement costs are capitalized and systematically charged to expense using the units of production method based on proved developed oil and natural gas reserves as estimated by engineers. Certain costs related to fields or areas that are not fully developed are charged to expense using the units of production method based on total proved oil and natural gas reserves.

Impairment of properties

We continually monitor our long-lived assets recorded in oil and gas properties in the Consolidated Balance Sheets to ensure that they are fairly presented. We must evaluate our properties for potential impairment when circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset could exceed its fair value. Performing these evaluations requires a significant amount of judgment since the results are based on estimated future events. Such events include a projection of future oil and natural gas sales prices, an estimate of the ultimate amount of recoverable proved and probable oil and natural gas reserves that will be produced from a field, the timing of this future production, future costs to produce the oil and natural gas, and future inflation levels. The need to test a property for impairment can be based on several factors, including a significant reduction in sales prices for oil and/or natural gas, unfavorable adjustments to reserves, or other changes to contracts, environmental regulations or tax laws. We cannot predict the amount of impairment charges that may be recorded in the future.

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Asset retirement obligations

We are required to make estimates of the future costs of the retirement obligations of our producing oil and gas properties. This requirement necessitates us to make estimates of our property abandonment costs that, in some cases, will not be incurred until a substantial number of years in the future. Such cost estimates could be subject to significant revisions in subsequent years due to changes in regulatory requirements, technological advances and other factors which may be difficult to predict.

Income taxes

We are subject to income and other related taxes in areas in which we operate. When recording income tax expense, certain estimates are required by management due to timing and the impact of future events on when income tax expenses and benefits are recognized by us. We periodically evaluate our tax operating loss and other carryforwards to determine whether a gross deferred tax asset, as well as a related valuation allowance, should be recognized in our financial statements. In July 2008, we realized a significant gain on sale of assets which helped generate income from continuing operations before taxes of \$183.3 million for 2008. As a result of the significant gain generated by the sale, we believe that we will be in a position to utilize the majority of our net operating loss carryforwards when we file our 2008 tax return. We believe it is now more likely than not that we will be able to recognize our deferred tax assets associated with these net operating loss carryforwards. As a result, we released \$25.5 million of our previously booked valuation allowance in the third quarter of this year.

FASB Interpretation No. 48 (FIN 48), *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, provides guidance on recognition and measurement of uncertainties in income taxes. FIN 48 requires that we recognize the financial statement benefit of a tax position only after determining that the relevant tax authority would more likely than not sustain the position following an audit. For tax positions meeting the more-likely-than-not threshold, the amount recognized in the financial statements is the largest benefit that has a greater than 50 percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement with the relevant tax authority. See Notes 1 and 6 to our consolidated financial statements.

Fair Value Measurement

Derivative instruments are carried at fair value. Recurring fair value measurements at interim periods and annually use quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data correlation or other means. These measurements fall within level 2 of the fair value hierarchy of SFAS 157.

Share-Based Compensation Plans

For all new, modified and unvested share-based payment transactions with employees, we measure at fair value and recognize as compensation expense over the requisite period. The fair value of each option award is estimated using a Black-Scholes option valuation model that requires us to develop estimates for assumptions used in the model. The Black-Scholes valuation model uses the following assumptions: expected volatility, expected term of option, risk-free interest rate and dividend yield. Expected volatility estimates are developed by us based on historical volatility of our stock. We use historical data to estimate the expected term of the options. The risk-free interest rate for periods within the expected life of

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the option is based on the U.S. Treasury yield in effect at the grant date. Our common stock does not pay dividends; therefore the dividend yield is zero.

New Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 1 Description of Business and Significant Accounting Policies - New Accounting Pronouncements to our consolidated financial statements.

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We do not currently use any off-balance sheet arrangements to enhance our liquidity and capital resource positions, or for any other purpose.

Item 7A. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**Commodity Price Risk*

Despite the measures taken by us to attempt to control price risk, we remain subject to price fluctuations for natural gas and crude oil sold in the spot market. Prices received for natural gas sold on the spot market are volatile due primarily to seasonality of demand and other factors beyond our control. Domestic crude oil and gas prices could have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations and quantities of reserves recoverable on an economic basis.

We enter into futures contracts or other hedging agreements from time to time to manage the commodity price risk for a portion of our production. We consider these agreements to be hedging activities and, as such, monthly settlements on the contracts that qualify for hedge accounting are reflected in our crude oil and natural gas sales. Our strategy, which is administered by the Hedging Committee of the Board of Directors, and reviewed periodically by the entire Board of Directors, has been to generally hedge between 30% and 70% of our production. As of December 31, 2008, the commodity hedges we use were in the form of:

- (a) swaps, where we receive a fixed price and pay a floating price, based on NYMEX and field prices, and
- (b) collars, where we receive the excess, if any, of the floor price over the reference price, based on NYMEX quoted prices, and pay the excess, if any, of the reference price over the ceiling price.

See Note 8 *Derivative Activities* to our consolidated financial statements for additional information. At December 31, 2008, we had the following commodity hedges in place (in millions):

	Daily Volume	Total Volume	Average Floor/Cap	
Collars (NYMEX)				
Natural gas (MMBtu)				
1Q 2009	20,000	1,800,000	\$ 8.75	\$13.10
2Q 2009	20,000	1,820,000	\$ 8.75	\$13.10
3Q 2009	20,000	1,840,000	\$ 8.75	\$13.10
4Q 2009	20,000	1,840,000	\$ 8.75	\$13.10
Swaps (NYMEX)				
Natural gas (MMBtu)				
1Q 2009	20,000	1,800,000	Average Price \$8.83	
2Q 2009	20,000	1,820,000	\$8.83	

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3Q 2009	20,000	1,840,000	\$8.83
4Q 2009	20,000	1,840,000	\$8.83
Swaps (TexOk)			Price (1)
Natural gas (MMBtu)			
1Q 2009	20,000	1,800,000	\$7.87
2Q 2009	20,000	1,820,000	\$7.87
3Q 2009	20,000	1,840,000	\$7.87
4Q 2009	20,000	1,840,000	\$7.87

- (1) The index price is based upon Natural Gas Pipeline of America, TexOk (NGPLTXOK) zone as published in the Inside FERC. The comparable index price based on NYMEX was approximately \$8.25/Mmbtu.

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Our hedging contracts fall within our targeted range of 30% to 70% of our estimated net oil and gas production volumes for the applicable periods of 2009. The fair value of the natural gas hedging contracts in place at December 31, 2008, resulted in a current asset of \$55.3 million. Based on gas pricing in effect at December 31, 2008, a hypothetical 10% increase in gas prices would have resulted in a current derivative asset of \$42.5 million while a hypothetical 10% decrease in gas prices would have increased the current derivative asset to \$69.2 million.

We have entered into the following contracts subsequent to December 31, 2008:

- (a) A NGPLTXOK priced basis swap contract with the Bank of Montreal for 20,000 Mmbtu per day for the months of March through December 2009, locking in a fixed basis to the Company of \$0.52 per Mmbtu, and
- (b) A NGPLTXOK priced basis swap contract with BNP for 20,000 Mmbtu per day for the months of March through December 2009 locking in a fixed basis to the Company of \$0.52 per Mmbtu.

Interest Rate Risk

We have a variable-rate debt obligation that exposes us to the effects of changes in interest rates. To partially reduce our exposure to interest rate risk, from time to time we enter into interest rate swap agreements. At December 31, 2008, we had the following interest rate swaps in place with BNP and BMO (in millions):

Effective Date	Maturity Date	Libor Swap Rate	Notional Amount (Millions)	Fair Value (Dollars)
2/26/2007	2/26/2009	4.860%	\$ 40.0	\$ (271,029)
4/22/2008	4/22/2010	3.191%	25.0	(515,584)
4/22/2008	4/22/2010	3.191%	50.0	(1,017,416)
				\$ (1,804,029)

The fair value of the interest rate swap contracts in place at December 31, 2008, resulted in a current liability of \$1.2 million and a long term liability of \$0.6 million. Based on interest rates at December 31, 2008, a hypothetical 10% increase in interest rates would have decreased the liability to \$1.6 million whereas a 10% decrease in interest rates would have increased the liability to \$2.0 million.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The information required here is included in the report as set forth in the Index to Consolidated Financial Statements on page F-1.

Item 9. *Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure*

None.

Item 9A. *Controls and Procedures*

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We have established disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure that material information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the Securities and Exchange Commission and that any material information relating to us is recorded, processed, summarized and reported to our management

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including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures, our management recognizes that controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving desired control objectives. In reaching a reasonable level of assurance, our management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures.

As required by SEC rule 13a-15(b), we have evaluated, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in rules 13a-15(c) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, based upon their evaluation as of December 31, 2008, the end of the period covered in this report, concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Our management's assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, is set forth on page F-2 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, has made an independent assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, as stated in their report which is included herein on page F-3.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information

None.

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Our executive officers and directors and their ages and positions as of February 27, 2009, are as follows:

Name	Age	Position
Patrick E. Malloy, III	66	Chairman of the Board of Directors
Walter G. Gil Goodrich	50	Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Robert C. Turnham, Jr.	51	President, Chief Operating Officer and Director
David R. Looney	52	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Mark E. Ferchau	54	Executive Vice President
Michael J. Killelea	46	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Henry Goodrich	78	Chairman Emeritus and Director
Josiah T. Austin	62	Director
Geraldine A. Ferraro	73	Director
Michael J. Perdue	54	Director
Arthur A. Seeligson	50	Director
Stephen M. Straty	53	Director
Gene Washington	62	Director

Patrick E. Malloy, III became Chairman of the Board of Directors in February 2003. He has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Malloy Enterprises, Inc., a real estate and investment holding company since 1973. In addition, Mr. Malloy served as a director of North Fork Bancorporation, Inc. (NYSE) from 1998 to 2002 and was Chairman of the Board of New York Bancorp, Inc. (NYSE) from 1991 to 1998. He joined the Company's Board in May 2000.

Walter G. Gil Goodrich became Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors in February 2003. He has served as the Company's Chief Executive Officer since August 1995. Mr. Goodrich was Goodrich Oil Company's Vice President of Exploration from 1985 to 1989 and its President from 1989 to August 1995. He joined Goodrich Oil Company, which held interests in and served as operator of various properties owned by a predecessor of the Company, as an exploration geologist in 1980. Gil Goodrich is the son of Henry Goodrich. He has served as one of the Company's directors since August 1995.

Robert C. Turnham, Jr. has served as the Company's Chief Operating Officer since August 1995 and became President and Chief Operating Officer in February 2003. Mr. Turnham joined the Board of Directors of the Company in December 2006. He has held various positions in the oil and natural gas business since 1981. From 1981 to 1984, Mr. Turnham served as a financial analyst for Pennzoil. In 1984, he formed Turnham Interests, Inc. to pursue oil and natural gas investment opportunities. From 1993 to August 1995, he was a partner in and served as President of Liberty Production Company, an oil and natural gas exploration and production company.

David R. Looney joined us as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in May 2006. Mr. Looney has over twenty-nine years of experience in the energy finance business, most recently as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Energy Partners, Ltd., a publicly traded E&P company, from March 2005 to April 2006 and Vice President, Finance and Treasurer of EOG Resources, Inc., one of the largest publicly traded E&P Companies in the U.S., from August 1999 to February 2005.

Mark E. Ferchau became Executive Vice President in April 2004. From February 2003 to April 2004, he served as our Senior Vice President, Engineering and Operations, after initially joining us as Vice President in September 2001. Mr. Ferchau previously worked in the divestment group of Forest Oil Corporation, an oil and gas exploration and production company, from December 2000 to September 2001 after the merger with Forcenergy Inc. Before the merger, he served as Production Manager for Forcenergy Inc., a publicly-held oil and

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gas exploration and production company, from October 1997 to December 2000. From July 1993 to October 1997, he held various positions including Vice President, Engineering of Convest Energy Corporation and Edisto Resources Corporation, which were publicly-held oil and gas exploration and development companies. From June 1982 to July 1993, Mr. Ferchau held various positions with Wagner & Brown, Ltd., a privately held oil and gas exploration and development company. Prior thereto, he held various positions with various independent oil and gas exploration and development companies and oilfield service companies.

Michael J. Killelea joined the Company as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary in January 2009. Mr. Killelea has over 20 years of experience in the energy industry. From June 2008 through November 2008, he served as Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Maxus Energy Corporation, a private oil and gas exploration and production company located in The Woodlands, Texas. Prior to that time, Mr. Killelea was Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Pogo Producing Company, a publicly traded oil and gas exploration and production company headquartered in Houston, Texas, from March 2000 until the sale of Pogo Producing Company to Plains Exploration Company in November 2007.

Henry Goodrich is the Chairman of the Board of Directors Emeritus. Mr. Goodrich began his career as an exploration geologist with the Union Producing Company and McCord Oil Company in the 1950 s. From 1971 to 1975, Mr. Goodrich was President, Chief Executive Officer and a partner of McCord-Goodrich Oil Company. In 1975, Mr. Goodrich formed Goodrich Oil Company, which held interests in and served as operator of various properties owned by a predecessor of the Company. He was elected to our board in August 1995, and served as Chairman of the Board from March 1996 through February 2003. Henry Goodrich is the father of Walter G. Goodrich.

Josiah T. Austin is the managing member of El Coronado Holdings, L.L.C., a privately owned investment holding company. He and his family own and operate agricultural properties in the state of Arizona and Sonora, Mexico through El Coronado Ranch & Cattle Company, L.L.C. and other entities. Mr. Austin previously served on the Board of Directors of Monterey Bay Bancorp of Watsonville, California, and is a prior board member of New York Bancorp, Inc., which merged with North Fork Bancorporation, Inc. (NYSE) in early 1998. He was elected to the Board of Directors of North Fork Bancorporation, Inc. in May 2004. He became one of our directors in August 2002.

Geraldine A. Ferraro is Of Counsel to Blank Rome LLP, a national law firm, and a Principal of Blank Rome LLC, a national law firm. Before joining Blank Rome in February 2007, Ms. Ferraro was head of the Public Affairs Practice of The Global Consulting Group, a New York-based international investor relations and corporate communications firm. Ms. Ferraro served as a Member of Congress for three terms before accepting the Democratic nomination for vice-president in 1984. She is a Board member of the National Democratic Institute of International Affairs and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and was formerly United States Ambassador to the United Nations Human Rights Commission. Ms. Ferraro has been affiliated with numerous public and private sector organizations, including serving as a director of the former New York Bancorp, Inc., a NYSE-listed company. She was elected to our Board of Directors in August 2003.

Michael J. Perdue is the President of PacWest Bancorp, a publicly traded holding company and of Pacific Western Bank, a subsidiary of the holding company, based in San Diego, California. Before assuming his present position in October 2006, Mr. Perdue was President and Chief Executive Officer of Community Bancorp Inc., from July 2003. Before Community Bancorp Inc. Mr. Perdue was Executive Vice President of Entrepreneurial Corporate Group and President of its subsidiary, Entrepreneurial Capital Corporation. From September 1993 to April 1999, Mr. Perdue served in executive positions with Zions Bancorporation and FP Bancorp, Inc., as a result of FP Bancorp s acquisition by Zions Bancorporation in May 1998. He has also held senior management positions with Ranpac, Inc., a real estate development company, and PacWest Bancorp. He was elected to our Board of Directors in January 2001.

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Arthur A. Seeligson is currently engaged in the management of his personal investments in Houston, Texas. Previously, Mr. Seeligson was an investment banker focused on the oil and gas industry. In that capacity, he was

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Vice President, Energy Corporate Finance and Principal, Corporate Finance for Schroder Wertheim & Company and Wasserstein, Perella & Co., respectively, in their Houston offices. He has been primarily engaged in the management of his personal investments since 1995 and is the Managing Partner of Seeligson Oil Co. Ltd. He has served as a director since August 1995.

Stephen M. Straty is the Co-Head and a Managing Director of Jefferies Randall & Dewey, the Energy Investment Banking Group at Jefferies. Mr. Straty joined the firm in June 2008 and has nearly 30 years of experience in finance, most recently as Senior Managing Director and Head of the Natural Resources Group at Bear, Stearns & Co., Inc. where he worked for 17 years. Mr. Straty has extensive experience in serving a broad array of energy clients, having completed over \$40.0 billion in merger and acquisition and financing assignments during the past ten years. Previously, he spent ten years at Smith Barney, Harris, Upham & Co. focusing on the energy sector, and prior to that, he worked in investment banking at Prudential Insurance, advising on private placements of debt and equity as well as leveraged buyouts. Mr. Straty received MBA and BA degrees with highest honors at The University of Texas at Austin.

Gene Washington is the Director of Football Operations with the National Football League (NFL) in New York. He previously served as a professional sportscaster and as Assistant Athletic Director for Stanford University before assuming his present position with the NFL in 1994. Mr. Washington serves and has served on numerous corporate and civic boards, including serving as a director for Delia's, a NYSE-listed company as well as a director of the former New York Bancorp, Inc., a NYSE-listed company. He was elected to our Board of Directors in June 2003.

Additional information required under Item 10, Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant and Corporate Governance, will be provided in our Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Additional information regarding our corporate governance guidelines as well as the complete texts of its Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and the charters of our Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may be found on our website at www.goodrichpetroleum.com.

Item 11. *Executive Compensation*

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information provided under the caption Executive Compensation in our definitive proxy statement for the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders to be filed within 120 days from December 31, 2008.

Item 12. *Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management*

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information provided under the caption Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management in our definitive proxy statement for the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders to be filed within 120 days from December 31, 2008.

Item 13. *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence*

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information provided under the caption Transactions with Related Persons and Corporate Governance-Our Board-Board Size; Director Independence in our definitive proxy statement for the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders to be filed within 120 days from December 31, 2008.

Item 14. *Principal Accounting Fees and Services*

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information provided under the caption "Audit and Non-Audit Fees" in our definitive proxy statement for the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders to be filed within 120 days from December 31, 2008.

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- 4.4 Form of Grant of Restricted Phantom Stock (1995 Stock Option Plan) (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on October 23, 2006).
- 4.5 Form of Grant of Restricted Phantom Stock (2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan) (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on October 23, 2006).

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basis. As of December 31, 2008 and 2007, the amounts billed and outstanding to MEC for its share of monthly capital and operating costs were \$0.6 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, and are included in trade and other accounts receivable at each year-end. Such amounts at each year-end were paid by MEC to us in the month after billing and the affiliate is current on payment of its billings.

At the same time we sold a portion of our interests in the Haynesville Shale deep rights at Bethany Longstreet field, MEC consummated a similar transaction for its 30% working interest in the same deep rights with Chesapeake Energy Corporation, or Chesapeake. We and MEC also sold our interest in the St. Gabriel field in August 2008. See Note 12.

We also serve as the operator for a number of other oil and gas wells owned by affiliates of MEC in which we will earn an average working interest of 11% after payout. In accordance with industry standard joint operating agreements, we bill the affiliate for its share of the capital and operating costs of these wells on a monthly basis. As of December 31, 2008 and 2007, the amounts billed and outstanding to the affiliate for its

