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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-K**

(Mark One)

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006**

**OR**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the transition period from        to**

**Commission file no. 0-16741  
COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC.**  
*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**NEVADA**  
*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)*

**94-1667468**  
*(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)*

**5300 Town and Country Blvd., Suite 500, Frisco, Texas 75034**  
*(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)*

**(972) 668-8800**  
*(Registrant's telephone number and area code)*

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**Common Stock, \$.50 Par Value  
Preferred Stock Purchase Rights**  
*(Title of class)*

**New York Stock Exchange  
New York Stock Exchange**  
*(Name of exchange on which registered)*

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

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

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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.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):  
Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

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

As of February 28, 2007, there were 44,396,995 shares of common stock outstanding.

The aggregate market value of the Common Stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant, based on the closing price of the Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on June 30, 2006 (the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter), was \$1.2 billion.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the Proxy Statement for the 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 3, 2007 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this report.

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**ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006**

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**CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

The information contained in this report includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These forward-looking statements are identified by their use of terms such as expect, estimate, anticipate, project, plan, intend, believe and similar. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this report, are forward-looking statements, including statements mentioned under Risk Factors and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, regarding:

- amount and timing of future production of oil and natural gas;
- the availability of exploration and development opportunities;
- amount, nature and timing of capital expenditures;
- the number of anticipated wells to be drilled after the date hereof;
- our financial or operating results;
- our cash flow and anticipated liquidity;
- operating costs including lease operating expenses, administrative costs and other expenses;
- finding and development costs;
- our business strategy; and
- other plans and objectives for future operations.

Any or all of our forward-looking statements in this report may turn out to be incorrect. They can be affected by a number of factors, including, among others:

- the risks described in Risk Factors and elsewhere in this report;
- the volatility of prices and supply of, and demand for, oil and natural gas;
- the timing and success of our drilling activities;
- the numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of oil and natural gas reserves and actual future production rates and associated costs;
- our ability to successfully identify, execute or effectively integrate future acquisitions;
- the usual hazards associated with the oil and natural gas industry, including fires, well blowouts, pipe failure, spills, explosions and other unforeseen hazards;
- our ability to effectively market our oil and natural gas;
- the availability of rigs, equipment, supplies and personnel;
- our ability to discover or acquire additional reserves;
- our ability to satisfy future capital requirements;
- changes in regulatory requirements;
- general economic and competitive conditions;
- our ability to retain key members of our senior management and key employees; and
- hostilities in the Middle East and other sustained military campaigns and acts of terrorism or sabotage that impact the supply of crude oil and natural gas.

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**DEFINITIONS**

*The following are abbreviations and definitions of terms commonly used in the oil and gas industry and this report. Natural gas equivalents and crude oil equivalents are determined using the ratio of six Mcf to one barrel. All references to us, our, we or Comstock mean the registrant, Comstock Resources, Inc. and where applicable, its consolidated subsidiaries.*

**Bbl** means a barrel of U.S. 42 gallons of oil.

**Bcf** means one billion cubic feet of natural gas.

**Bcfe** means one billion cubic feet of natural gas equivalent.

**Btu** means British thermal unit, which is the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water from 58.5 to 59.5 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Completion** means the installation of permanent equipment for the production of oil or gas.

**Condensate** means a hydrocarbon mixture that becomes liquid and separates from natural gas when the gas is produced and is similar to crude oil.

**Development well** means a well drilled within the proved area of an oil or gas reservoir to the depth of a stratigraphic horizon known to be productive.

**Dry hole** means a well found to be incapable of producing hydrocarbons in sufficient quantities such that proceeds from the sale of such production exceed production expenses and taxes.

**Exploratory well** means a well drilled to find and produce oil or natural gas reserves not classified as proved, to find a new productive reservoir in a field previously found to be productive of oil or natural gas in another reservoir or to extend a known reservoir.

**Gross** when used with respect to acres or wells, production or reserves refers to the total acres or wells in which we or another specified person has a working interest.

**MBbls** means one thousand barrels of oil.

**MBbls/d** means one thousand barrels of oil per day.

**Mcf** means one thousand cubic feet of natural gas.

**Mcfe** means one thousand cubic feet of natural gas equivalent.

**MMBbls** means one million barrels of oil.

**MMcf** means one million cubic feet of natural gas.

**MMcf/d** means one million cubic feet of natural gas per day.

**MMcfe/d** means one million cubic feet of natural gas equivalent per day.

**MMcfe** means one million cubic feet of natural gas equivalent.

**Net** when used with respect to acres or wells, refers to gross acres of wells multiplied, in each case, by the percentage working interest owned by us.

**Net production** means production we own less royalties and production due others.

**Oil** means crude oil or condensate.

**Operator** means the individual or company responsible for the exploration, development, and production of an oil or gas well or lease.

**PV 10 Value** means the present value of estimated future revenues to be generated from the production of proved reserves calculated in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission



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guidelines, net of estimated production and future development costs, using prices and costs as of the date of estimation without future escalation, without giving effect to non-property related expenses such as general and administrative expenses, debt service, future income tax expense and depreciation, depletion and amortization, and discounted using an annual discount rate of 10%. This amount is the same as the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows related to proved oil and natural gas reserves except that it is determined without deducting future income taxes.

**Proved developed reserves** means reserves that can be expected to be recovered through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods. Additional oil and gas expected to be obtained through the application of fluid injection or other improved recovery techniques for supplementing the natural forces and mechanisms of primary recovery will be included as proved developed reserves only after testing by a pilot project or after the operation of an installed program has confirmed through production response that increased recovery will be achieved.

**Proved developed non-producing** means reserves (i) expected to be recovered from zones capable of producing but which are shut-in because no market outlet exists at the present time or whose date of connection to a pipeline is uncertain or (ii) currently behind the pipe in existing wells, which are considered proved by virtue of successful testing or production of offsetting wells.

**Proved developed producing** means reserves expected to be recovered from currently producing zones under continuation of present operating methods. This category may also include recently completed shut-in gas wells scheduled for connection to a pipeline in the near future.

**Proved reserves** means the estimated quantities of crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids which geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions, i.e., prices and costs as of the date the estimate is made. Prices include consideration of changes in existing prices provided only by contractual arrangements, but not on escalations based upon future conditions.

**Proved undeveloped reserves** means reserves that are expected to be recovered from new wells on undrilled acreage, or from existing wells where a relatively major expenditure is required for recompletion. Reserves on undrilled acreage shall be limited to those drilling units offsetting productive units that are reasonably certain of production when drilled. Proved reserves for other undrilled units can be claimed only where it can be demonstrated with certainty that there is continuity of production from the existing productive formation. Under no circumstances should estimates for proved undeveloped reserves be attributable to any acreage for which an application of fluid injection or other improved recovery technique is contemplated, unless such techniques have been proved effective by actual tests in the area and in the same reservoir.

**Recompletion** means the completion for production of an existing well bore in another formation from which the well has been previously completed.

**Reserve life** means the calculation derived by dividing year-end reserves by total production in that year.

**Reserve replacement** means the calculation derived by dividing additions to reserves from acquisitions, extensions, discoveries and revisions of previous estimates in a year by total production in that year.

**Royalty** means an interest in an oil and gas lease that gives the owner of the interest the right to receive a portion of the production from the leased acreage (or of the proceeds of the sale thereof), but generally does not require the owner to pay any portion of the costs of drilling or operating the wells on the leased acreage. Royalties may be either landowner's royalties, which are reserved by the owner of the leased acreage at the time the lease is granted, or

overriding royalties, which are usually reserved by an owner of the leasehold in connection with a transfer to a subsequent owner.

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**3-D seismic** means an advanced technology method of detecting accumulations of hydrocarbons identified by the collection and measurement of the intensity and timing of sound waves transmitted into the earth as they reflect back to the surface.

**Working interest** means an interest in an oil and gas lease that gives the owner of the interest the right to drill for and produce oil and gas on the leased acreage and requires the owner to pay a share of the costs of drilling and production operations. The share of production to which a working interest owner is entitled will always be smaller than the share of costs that the working interest owner is required to bear, with the balance of the production accruing to the owners of royalties. For example, the owner of a 100% working interest in a lease burdened only by a landowner's royalty of 12.5% would be required to pay 100% of the costs of a well but would be entitled to retain 87.5% of the production.

**Workover** means operations on a producing well to restore or increase production.

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Comstock Resources, Inc. ( Comstock ) is a Nevada corporation whose common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange and is engaged in the acquisition, development, production and exploration of oil and natural gas.

Our oil and gas operations are concentrated onshore in the East Texas/North Louisiana and South Texas regions as well as in Mississippi, and offshore in state and federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Our offshore operations are conducted exclusively through Bois d Arc Energy, Inc. ( Bois d Arc Energy ), a separate publicly-held company. Combined with the ownership by members of our Board of Directors, we own a controlling interest in the common stock of Bois d Arc Energy and are consolidating the results of Bois d Arc Energy effective from January 1, 2006. Our oil and natural gas properties are estimated to have proved reserves of 851 Bcfe with an estimated PV 10 Value of \$2.3 billion as of December 31, 2006 and a standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows of \$1.8 billion. Our consolidated proved oil and natural gas reserve base is 77% natural gas and 23% proved developed on a Bcfe basis as of December 31, 2006.

Our proved reserves at December 31, 2006 and our 2006 average daily production are summarized below:

	Reserves at December 31, 2006				2006 Daily Production			
	Oil (MMBbls)	Gas (Bcf)	Total (Bcfe)	% of Total	Oil (MBbls/d)	Gas (MMcf/d)	Total (MMcfe/d)	% of Total
East Texas/North Louisiana	1.7	247.1	257.6	30%	0.3	48.9	50.8	28%
South Texas	3.4	139.7	159.9	19%	0.6	24.9	28.3	15%
Mississippi	6.7	0.7	40.8	5%	1.5	0.2	9.4	5%
Other Regions	0.2	48.0	49.1	6%	0.1	8.9	9.5	5%
Total Onshore	12.0	435.5	507.4	60%	2.5	82.9	98.0	53%
Offshore (Bois d Arc Energy)	20.4	221.5	344.0	40%	3.8	63.5	86.2	47%
Total	32.4	657.0	851.4	100%	6.3	146.4	184.2	100%

**Strengths**

*High Quality Properties.* Our onshore operations, which comprise 60% of our total proved reserves, are focused in three primary operating areas, the East Texas/North Louisiana and South Texas regions and in Mississippi. Our onshore properties have an average reserve life of approximately 14.2 years and have extensive development and exploration potential. Our offshore reserves, which represent approximately 40% of our total proved reserves, are located in the outer continental shelf of the Gulf of Mexico and include properties located in Louisiana state and federal waters. These offshore reserves have an average reserve life of 10.9 years.

*Successful Exploration and Development Program.* In 2006 we spent \$453.6 million on exploration and development of our oil and natural gas properties. We drilled 16 exploratory wells in 2006, 13.5 net to us, at a cost of \$136.8 million. Eleven of these 16 wells were successful. We spent \$211.5 million on our 2006 development drilling program, which included drilling 119 development wells, 87.4 net to us, with a 97% success rate. In 2006 we also incurred \$105.3 million on recompletions, workovers, abandonment and production facilities.

*Successful Acquisitions.* We have had significant growth over the years as a result of acquisitions. Since 1991, we have added 912 Bcfe of proved oil and natural gas reserves from 35 acquisitions at an

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average cost of \$1.04 per Mcfe. In 2006 we acquired 23 Bcfe of proved oil and natural gas reserves for \$79.8 million. Our application of strict economic and reserve risk criteria have enabled us to successfully evaluate and integrate acquisitions.

*Efficient Operator.* We operate 86% of our proved oil and natural gas reserve base as of December 31, 2006. This allows us to control operating costs, the timing and plans for future development, the level of drilling and lifting costs and the marketing of production. As an operator, we receive reimbursements for overhead from other working interest owners, which reduces our general and administrative expenses.

## **Business Strategy**

*Acquire High Quality Properties at Attractive Costs.* We have a successful track record of increasing our oil and natural gas reserves through opportunistic acquisitions. Since 1991, we have added 912 Bcfe of proved oil and natural gas reserves from 35 acquisitions at a total cost of \$947.3 million, or \$1.04 per Mcfe. The acquisitions were acquired at an average of 64% of their PV 10 Value in the year the acquisitions were completed. In 2006 we acquired 23 Bcfe of proved oil and natural gas reserves for \$79.8 million or \$3.43 per Mcfe. The PV 10 Value of the acquired reserves in 2006 was \$53.2 million. We apply strict economic and reserve risk criteria in evaluating acquisitions. We target properties in our core operating areas with established production and low operating costs that also have potential opportunities to increase production and reserves through exploration and exploitation activities.

*Exploit Existing Reserves.* We seek to maximize the value of our oil and natural gas properties by increasing production and recoverable reserves through active workover, recompletion and exploitation activities. We utilize advanced industry technology, including 3-D seismic data, improved logging tools, and formation stimulation techniques. During 2006, we spent approximately \$211.5 million to drill 119 development wells, 87.4 net to us, all but four of which were successful. In addition, we spent approximately \$105.4 million for leasehold costs, recompletions, workover activities and facilities. Our onshore business plan in 2007 will focus on developing our East Texas/North Louisiana, South Texas and Mississippi properties. We have budgeted \$250.0 million for development drilling and for recompletion and workover activities in 2007 in all of our onshore regions. We also plan to spend \$88.3 million in 2007 for development drilling, recompletions, workover activities and production facilities on our offshore properties.

*Pursue Exploration Opportunities.* We conduct exploration activities to grow our reserve base and to replace our production each year. Most of our exploration efforts are conducted through Bois d Arc Energy. Bois d Arc Energy's 2007 budget includes \$91.7 million to drill 11 offshore exploratory wells. We have also budgeted \$28.0 million for onshore exploration in 2007, primarily in our South Texas and Mississippi regions.

*Maintain Flexible Capital Expenditure Budget.* The timing of most of our capital expenditures is discretionary because we have not made any significant long-term capital expenditure commitments. Consequently, we have a significant degree of flexibility to adjust the level of such expenditures according to market conditions. We anticipate spending approximately \$478.0 million on our development and exploration projects in 2007. We intend to primarily use operating cash flow to fund our development and exploration expenditures in 2007 and to a lesser extent borrowings under our bank credit facilities. We may also make additional property acquisitions in 2007 that would require additional sources of funding. Such sources may include borrowings under our bank credit facility or sales of our equity or debt securities.

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The following table summarizes the estimated proved oil and natural gas reserves for our twenty largest onshore field areas and our five largest offshore operating areas as of December 31, 2006:

	Net Oil (MBbls)	Net Gas (MMcf)	MMcfe	%	PV 10 Value <sup>(1)</sup>	%
<b>East Texas/North Louisiana</b>						
Beckville	133	80,326	81,122	16%	\$ 127,944	13%
Gilmer	115	30,607	31,299	6%	57,298	6%
Blocker	99	29,898	30,495	6%	44,866	5%
Waskom	968	10,151	15,959	3%	42,773	4%
Logansport	31	13,199	13,385	3%	26,766	3%
Darco	68	19,152	19,558	4%	24,503	3%
Cadeville	72	15,079	15,510	3%	23,048	2%
Douglass	4	14,942	14,968	3%	14,537	1%
Longwood	63	4,897	5,273	1%	10,679	1%
Other	185	28,899	30,007	6%	48,720	5%
	1,738	247,150	257,576	51%	421,134	43%
<b>South Texas</b>						
Double A Wells	2,220	59,651	72,971	14%	179,522	18%
Las Hermanitas		25,190	25,190	5%	47,707	5%
Javelina	51	11,074	11,380	2%	28,779	3%
Markham	194	9,647	10,808	2%	27,512	3%
J.C. Martin		13,756	13,756	3%	26,641	3%
Sugar Creek	77	7,707	8,169	2%	15,030	2%
East White Point	499	1,797	4,790	1%	14,612	1%
Ball Ranch	40	4,005	4,247	1%	9,929	1%
Other	292	6,871	8,625	1%	21,069	2%
	3,373	139,698	159,936	31%	370,801	38%
<b>Mississippi</b>						
Laurel	6,557		39,342	8%	112,439	12%
Other	122	700	1,433	%	4,077	%
	6,679	700	40,775	8%	116,516	12%
<b>Other Onshore</b>						
San Juan	36	12,234	12,452	3%	18,031	1%
Southwest Morse		5,914	5,914	1%	10,223	1%
Other	158	29,812	30,760	6%	44,576	5%

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	194	47,960	49,126	10%	72,830	7%
<b>Total Onshore</b>	11,984	435,508	507,413	100%	981,281	100%
<b>Offshore</b>						
Ship Shoal 111 and the Ship Shoal 113 Unit	8,261	71,854	121,417	35%	438,315	33%
South Pelto 5, South Timbalier 9, 11 and 16	1,406	25,204	33,643	10%	145,955	11%
Ship Shoal 66, 67, 68, 69 and South Pelto 1	3,603	9,818	31,436	9%	124,364	9%
Ship Shoal 97, 98, 99, 106, 107, 109, and 110	500	25,872	28,873	9%	95,415	7%
South Pelto 22	1,336	13,428	21,445	6%	91,283	7%
Other Offshore	5,319	75,287	107,196	31%	421,788	33%
<b>Total Offshore<sup>(2)</sup></b>	20,425	221,463	344,010	100%	1,317,120	100%
<b>Total Consolidated</b>	32,409	656,971	851,423		\$ 2,298,401	

(1) The PV10 Value excludes future income taxes related to the future net cash flows. The standardized measure of future net cash flows at December 31, 2006 was \$1.8 billion.

(2) The reserves attributed to the minority interest ownership in Bois d'Arc Energy were 10,320 MBbls of oil and 111,898 MMcf of natural gas or 173,817 MMcfe of natural gas equivalent with a PV10 value of \$665.5 million and a standardized measure of future net cash flows of \$546.2 million.



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**East Texas/North Louisiana**

Approximately 51% or 257.6 Bcfe of our onshore proved reserves are located in East Texas and North Louisiana where we own interests in 752 producing wells, 392.4 net to us, in 31 field areas. We operate 412 of these wells. The largest of our fields in this region are the Beckville, Gilmer, Blocker, Waskom, Logansport, Darco, Cadeville, Logansport, Douglass and Longwood fields. Production from this region averaged 48.9 MMcf of natural gas per day and 321 barrels of oil per day during 2006. Most of the reserves in this area produce from the Cretaceous aged Travis Peak/Hosston formation and the Jurassic aged Cotton Valley formation. The total thickness of these formations range from 2,000 to 4,000 feet of sand, shale and limestone sequences in the East Texas Basin and the North Louisiana Salt Basin, at depths ranging from 6,000 to 12,000 feet. In 2006, we spent \$145.0 million drilling 88 wells, 69.3 net to us, and \$13.3 million on workovers and recompletions in this region. We plan to spend approximately \$175.0 million in 2007 for development activities in this region.

***Beckville***

The Beckville field, located in Panola and Rusk Counties, Texas, is our largest field area in this region with total estimated proved reserves of 81.1 Bcfe which represents approximately 16% of our onshore reserves. We operate 130 wells in this field and own interests in six additional wells for a total of 136 wells, 104.6 net to us. During December 2006, production attributable to our interest from this field averaged 19.9 MMcf of natural gas per day and 45 barrels of oil per day. The Beckville field produces from the Cotton Valley formation at depths ranging from 9,000 to 10,000 feet.

***Gilmer***

We own interests in 73 natural gas wells, 27.7 net to us, in the Gilmer field in Upshur County in East Texas. These wells produce primarily from the Cotton Valley Lime formation at a depth of approximately 11,500 to 12,000 feet. Proved reserves attributable to our interests in the Gilmer field are 31.3 Bcfe which represents 6% of our onshore reserve base. During December 2006, production attributable to our interest from this field averaged 5.7 MMcf of natural gas per day and 58 barrels of oil per day.

***Blocker***

Our proved reserves of 30.5 Bcfe in the Blocker field located in Harrison County, Texas represent approximately 6% of our onshore reserves. We own interests in 60 wells, 57.8 net to us, and operate 57 of these wells. During December 2006, net daily production attributable to our interest from this field averaged 9.8 MMcf of natural gas and 85 barrels of oil. Most of this production is from the Cotton Valley formation between 8,500 and 10,100 feet.

***Waskom***

The Waskom field, located in Harrison and Panola Counties in Texas, represents approximately 3% (16 Bcfe) of our onshore proved reserves as of December 31, 2006. We own interests in 60 wells in this field, 31.6 net to us, and operate 35 wells in this field. During December 2006, net daily production attributable to our interest averaged 1.8 MMcf of natural gas and 16 barrels of oil from this field. The Waskom field produces from the Cotton Valley formation at depths ranging from 9,000 to 10,000 feet.

***Logansport***

The Logansport field produces from multiple sands in the Hosston formation at an average depth of 8,000 feet and is located in DeSoto Parish, Louisiana. Our proved reserves of 13.4 Bcfe in the Logansport

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field represent approximately 3% of our onshore reserves. We own interests in 94 wells, 46.4 net to us, and operate 52 of these wells. During December 2006, net daily production attributable to our interest from this field averaged 3.7 MMcf of natural gas and 22 barrels of oil.

***Darco***

The Darco field is located in Harrison County, Texas and produces from the Cotton Valley formation at depths from approximately 9,800 to 10,200 feet. Our proved reserves of 19.6 Bcfe in the Darco Field represent approximately 4% of our onshore reserves. We own interests in 11 wells, 8.4 net to us, and operate all of these wells. During December 2006, net daily production attributable to our interest from this field averaged 2.3 MMcf of natural gas and 8 barrels of oil.

***Cadeville***

Our proved reserves of 15.5 Bcfe in the Cadeville field located in Ouachita Parrish, Louisiana represent approximately 3% of our onshore reserves. We own interests in 5 wells, 2.0 net to us, and operate 2 of these wells. During December 2006, net daily production attributable to our interest from this field averaged 1.4 MMcf of natural gas and 5 barrels of oil. This production is primarily from the Cotton Valley formation between 9,800 and 10,700 feet.

***Douglass***

The Douglass field is located in Nacogdoches County, Texas and is productive from stratigraphically trapped reservoirs in the Pettet Lime and Travis Peak formations. These reservoirs are found at depths from 9,200 to 10,300 feet. Our proved reserves of 15.0 Bcfe in the Douglass field represent approximately 3% of our onshore reserves. We own interests in 21 wells, 13.4 net to us, and operate 15 of these wells. During December 2006, net daily production attributable to our interest from this field averaged 2.4 MMcf of natural gas.

***Longwood***

The Longwood field, located in Harrison County, Texas primarily produces from stacked sandstone reservoirs of the Travis Peak and Cotton Valley formations at depths ranging from 6,000 to 10,000 feet. We own interests in 27 wells in this field, 21.8 net to us, and operate 23 wells in this field. Our proved reserves of 5.3 Bcfe in the Longwood field represent approximately 1% of our onshore reserves. During December 2006, net daily production attributable to our interest from this field averaged 1.1 MMcf of natural gas and 15 barrels of oil.

**South Texas**

Approximately 32%, or 159.9 Bcfe, of our onshore proved reserves are located in South Texas, where we own interests in 387 producing wells, 124.4 net to us. We own interests in fifteen field areas in the region, the largest of which are the Double A, Las Hermanitas, Javelina, Markham, J.C. Martin, Sugar Creek, East White Point and Ball Ranch fields. Net daily production rates from the area averaged 24.9 MMcf of natural gas and 573 barrels of oil during 2006. We spent \$29.3 million in this region in 2006 to drill ten wells, 4.3 net to us, and for other development activity. In 2007, we plan to spend approximately \$56.0 million for development and exploration activity in this region.

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***Double A Wells***

Our properties in the Double A Wells field have proved reserves of 73.0 Bcfe, which represent 14% of our onshore reserves. We own interests in and operate 61 producing wells, 30.7 net to us, in this field in Polk County, Texas. Net daily production from the Double A Wells area averaged 7.3 MMcf of natural gas and 260 barrels of oil during December 2006. These wells typically produce from the Woodbine formation at an average depth of 14,300 feet.

***Las Hermanitas***

We acquired interests in three natural gas wells, 3.0 net to us, in the Las Hermanitas field, located in Duval County, Texas in September 2006. We also drilled three (3.0 net to us) wells in this field in 2006. These wells produce from the Wilcox formation at depths from approximately 11,400 to 11,800 feet. Our proved reserves of 25.2 Bcfe in this field represent approximately 5% of our onshore reserves. During December 2006, net daily production attributable to our interest from this field averaged 3.2 MMcf of natural gas.

***Javelina***

We own interests in five natural gas wells and one oil well, 3.1 net to us, in the Javelina field in Hidalgo County in South Texas. These wells produce primarily from the Vicksburg formation at a depth of approximately 10,900 to 12,500 feet. Proved reserves attributable to our interests in the Javelina field are 11.4 Bcfe which represents 2% of our onshore reserve base. During December 2006, production attributable to our interest from this field averaged 3.2 MMcf of natural gas per day and 28 barrels of oil per day.

***Markham***

The Markham field is located in Matagorda County, Texas. We own interests in and operate 22 producing wells, 22.0 net to us, in the Ohio-Sun Unit. The field's estimated proved reserves of 10.8 Bcfe represent 2% of our onshore reserves. The field's active wells produce from more than twenty reservoirs of Oligocene Frio age at depths ranging from 6,500 to 9,000 feet. During December 2006, net daily production attributable to our interests from this field average 70 barrels of oil and 0.3 MMcf of gas per day.

***J.C. Martin***

The J.C. Martin field is located in the structurally complex and highly prolific Wilcox Lobo trend in Zapata County, Texas on the Mexico border. We own interests in 90 wells in this field, 14.4 net to us, with proved reserves of 13.8 Bcfe or 3% of our onshore reserves. During December 2006, net daily production attributable to our interest from this field averaged 3.5 MMcf of natural gas. This field produces primarily from Eocene Wilcox Lobo sands at depths ranging from 7,000 to 9,000 feet. The Lobo section is characterized by geopressured, multiple pay sands occurring in a highly faulted area.

***Sugar Creek***

Our proved reserves of 8.2 Bcfe in the Sugar Creek field located in Tyler County, Texas represent approximately 2% of our onshore reserves. We own interests in 4 wells, 2.6 net to us, and operate 2 of these wells. During December 2006, net daily production attributable to our interest from this field averaged 0.5 MMcf of natural gas and 7 barrels of oil.



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***East White Point***

We own interests in four producing natural gas and three producing oil wells for a total of seven wells, 3.2 net to us, at East White Point in Nueces Bay off of the Texas Gulf Coast. We operate two of these wells. The wells produce from the Miocene and Frio formations from 1,800 to 11,000 feet. We have proved reserves of 4.8 Bcfe at East White Point which represent approximately 1% of our onshore reserves. During December 2006, net daily production attributable to our interest from this field averaged 0.5 MMcf of natural gas and 18 barrels of oil.

***Ball Ranch***

Our proved reserves of 4.2 Bcfe in the Ball Ranch field located in Kenedy County, Texas represent approximately 1% of our onshore reserves. Production is from the Vicksburg formation in sands that range in depth from 13,000 feet to 14,300 feet. We own interests in 21 wells, 4.0 net to us in this field. During December 2006, net daily production attributable to our interest from this field averaged 2.8 MMcf of natural gas and 20 barrels of oil.

**Mississippi**

Approximately 8% or 40.8 Bcfe of our onshore proved reserves are located in Mississippi, where we own interests in three fields, the largest of which is the Laurel field. Our Mississippi properties contain 55 producing wells, 51.2 net to us, which averaged net daily production rates of 1,529 barrels of oil and 0.5 MMcf of natural gas during 2006. We drilled eleven wells, 10.5 net to us, in Mississippi during 2006 and we plan to spend approximately \$45.0 million for development and exploration activity.

***Laurel***

Our properties in Mississippi are mainly located within the Laurel field, located in Jones County, Mississippi near a structurally complex salt dome. We own interests in and operate 53 producing wells, 50.2 net to us, in the Laurel field. This field's estimated proved reserves of 39.3 Bcfe represent 8% of our onshore reserves. The field produces from more than 42 horizons that range in depth from 6,600 feet in the Stanley Sand to 13,100 feet in the Middle Hosston formation. Recovery of low viscosity crude oil from this field is being enhanced through waterflood operations. During December 2006, net daily production attributable to our interests in this field averaged 1,683 barrels of oil per day.

**Other Onshore**

Approximately 10%, or 49.1 Bcfe, of our onshore proved reserves are in various other areas, primarily in the Mid-Continent region and in Kentucky and New Mexico. Within these areas we own interests in 461 producing wells, 176.2 net to us in 21 fields. Fields with the largest proved reserves in these areas include the San Juan Basin properties in New Mexico and our Southwest Morse field in the Texas panhandle. Net daily production from our other onshore fields totaled 9.0 MMcf of natural gas and 100 barrels of oil during 2006. We drilled thirteen wells, 5.5 net to us on these properties in 2006. In 2007, we plan to spend approximately \$2.0 million for development and exploration activity on these properties.

***San Juan***

Our San Juan Basin properties are located in the west-central portion of the basin in San Juan County, New Mexico. These wells produce from multiple sands of the Cretaceous Dakota formation and the prolific Fruitland Coal seams. The Dakota is generally found at about 6,000 feet with the shallower Fruitland seams generally encountered at 2,500

to 3,000 feet. Our proved reserves of 12.5 Bcfe in the San Juan field

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represent approximately 3% of our onshore reserves. We own interests in 93 wells, 13.6 net to us. During December 2006, net daily production attributable to our interest from this field averaged 1.3 MMcf of natural gas and 5 barrels of oil.

### ***Southwest Morse***

Located in Hutchinson County, Texas, the Southwest Morse field is situated on the edge of the greater Hugoton Field producing complex. Production is from the structurally trapped, underpressured Brown Dolomite formation. The Brown Dolomite reservoir is typically encountered at depths of 2,900 to 3,400 feet. Our proved reserves of 5.9 Bcfe in the Southwest Morse field represent approximately 1% of our onshore reserves. We own interests in 40 wells, 39.1 net to us, and operate 39 of these wells. During December 2006, net daily production attributable to our interest from this field averaged 0.7 MMcf of natural gas.

### **Offshore Gulf of Mexico**

Prior to July 2004, substantially all of our exploration activities in the Gulf of Mexico were conducted under a joint exploration venture with Bois d Arc Offshore, Ltd. and its principals, which we collectively refer to as Bois d Arc. Under the exploration venture, Bois d Arc was responsible for generating exploration prospects in the Gulf of Mexico. From 1997 when the exploration venture was commenced until July 16, 2004 when it was terminated, we participated in drilling approximately 40 exploratory wells to test prospects generated under the exploration venture. Of these exploratory wells drilled, 34 or 85% were successful discoveries. In July 2004, we together with Bois d Arc and certain participants in their exploration activities, which are collectively referred to as the Bois d Arc Participants, formed Bois d Arc Energy, LLC to replace the joint exploration venture. We and each of the Bois d Arc Participants contributed to Bois d Arc Energy substantially all of our respective Gulf of Mexico related assets and assigned our related liabilities, including certain debt, in exchange for equity interests in Bois d Arc Energy.

We initially owned 60% of Bois d Arc Energy, and we accounted for our share of the Bois d Arc Energy financial and operating results using proportionate consolidation accounting until Bois d Arc Energy converted into a corporation and completed its initial public offering in May 2005. Subsequent to the conversion of Bois d Arc Energy into a corporation and the public offering, we owned 48% of Bois d Arc Energy and we changed our accounting method for our investment in Bois d Arc Energy to the equity method through December 31, 2005. Beginning in September 2006, we own a controlling interest in Bois d Arc Energy and are consolidating the results of Bois d Arc Energy effective January 1, 2006.

Bois d Arc Energy has total proved reserves in the outer continental shelf of the Gulf of Mexico of 344 Bcfe, which represents approximately 40% of our total reserves. Bois d Arc Energy owns interests in 111 gross (76.6 net) and operates 89 of these wells. Production from Bois d Arc Energy's properties in 2006 averaged 63.5MMcf per day of natural gas and 3,789 barrels per day of oil for a total of 86.2 MMcfe per day. During 2006, Bois d Arc Energy spent \$129.0 million drilling 11 (9.5 net) exploratory wells and \$23.4 million drilling two (1.7 net) development wells. Bois d Arc Energy also spent \$71.1 million on production facilities, recompletions, abandonments and workovers, \$18.1 million on acquisition of proved reserves, and \$7.6 million acquiring exploration acreage and seismic data during 2006. In 2007, Bois d Arc Energy plans to spend \$200.0 million for exploration and development activities.

### ***Ship Shoal 111 and the Ship Shoal 113 Unit***

The Ship Shoal 113 unit is located in federal waters having water depths from 20 to 50 feet, offshore of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana and is comprised of 33,125 acres of federal leases covering portions of Ship Shoal blocks 93, 94, 112, 113, 114, 117, 118, 119 and 120. This unit was discovered in the late 1940s and has had cumulative production of 951 Bcfe of natural gas. These properties have 70 productive sands occurring





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at depths from 2,500 to 16,000 feet. We acquired a 50% working interest in these properties in December 2002, acquired an additional 30% working interest in October 2003 and the remaining 20% interest during 2006. We acquired the adjacent Ship Shoal block 111 in 2005 together with an existing production platform. Since 2003 we have drilled 17 wells (15.7 net to us) in this area. We operate the four production platforms and the 22 producing wells (20.2 net to us) comprising these properties. Production from these properties net to our interest averaged 23.3 MMcf of natural gas per day and 1,343 barrels of oil per day during December 2006.

***South Pelto 5 and South Timbalier 9, 11, 16***

We own interests in 15 producing wells, 10.6 net to us, in South Pelto block 5 and South Timbalier blocks 9, 11 and 16. These blocks are located in Louisiana state waters and in federal waters, offshore of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana in water depths from 30 to 50 feet. These wells share common production facilities comprised of a four-pile main production platform and a tripod satellite production platform. We acquired our lease position in South Pelto block 5 and South Timbalier block 11 through a farm-in in 1998. We leased adjacent acreage in South Timbalier blocks 9, 11 and 16 from the State of Louisiana from 1998 through 2002. We have drilled 19 wells, including redrills of existing wells (13.4 net to us), in these blocks. These wells have 18 productive sands occurring at depths from 8,000 to 17,000 feet. Production from these properties net to our interest averaged 7.6 MMcf of natural gas per day and 287 barrels of oil per day during December 2006.

***Ship Shoal 66, 67, 68, 69 and South Pelto 1***

Ship Shoal blocks 66, 67, 68, 69 and South Pelto block 1 are located in Louisiana state waters and in federal waters with depths from 20 to 35 feet, offshore of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. These properties produce from ten sands occurring at depths from 9,000 to 13,500 feet. We own interests in eight wells (7.8 net to us) on Louisiana state leases partially covering Ship Shoal blocks 66 and 67 and South Pelto 1, and federal leases covering Ship Shoal blocks 68 and 69. We acquired these properties in December 1997 from Bois d Arc Resources and other interest owners. We have drilled 8 wells (7.1 net to us) subsequent to the acquisition. These wells are connected to four production platforms and share common oil terminal facilities. Production from these properties net to our interest averaged 255 barrels of oil per day during December 2006.

***Ship Shoal 99, 107, 109 and 110***

Ship Shoal blocks 99, 107, 109 and 110 are located in federal waters with depths from 20 to 25 feet, offshore of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. We acquired these leases in federal lease sales in 2000 and 2001 and subsequently drilled 11 successful wells (8.4 net to us). These wells have 15 productive sands occurring at depths from 8,800 to 12,300 feet. Production from these properties net to our interest averaged 7.5 MMcf of natural gas per day, 111 barrels of oil per day during December 2006.

***South Pelto 22***

South Pelto block 22 is located in federal waters with depths from 50 to 60 feet, offshore of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. We farmed-in this acreage from another offshore operator in 2003 and have subsequently drilled four wells (2.5 net to us). These wells have 14 productive sands occurring at depths from 13,400 to 17,000 feet. Production from these properties net to our interest averaged 16.5 MMcf of natural gas per day and 436 barrels of oil per day during December 2006.

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**Major Property Acquisitions**

As a result of our acquisitions, we have added 912 Bcfe of proved oil and natural gas reserves since 1991 including 23.2 Bcfe we acquired in 2006.

Our largest acquisitions are the following:

*Denali Acquisition.* In September 2006 we acquired proved and unproved oil and gas properties in the Las Hermanitas field in South Texas from Denali Oil & Gas Partners LP and other working interest owners for \$67.2 million in cash. The properties acquired have estimated proved reserves of approximately 16.5 Bcfe. The transaction was funded with borrowings under our bank credit facility.

*EnSight Acquisition.* In May 2005, we completed the acquisition of certain oil and natural gas properties and related assets from EnSight Energy Partners, L.P., Laurel Production, LLC, Fairfield Midstream Services, LLC and EnSight Energy Management, LLC (collectively, EnSight ) for \$190.9 million. We also purchased additional interests in those properties from other owners for \$10.9 million in July 2005. The properties acquired had estimated proved reserves of approximately 121.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas equivalent and included 312 active wells, of which 119 are operated by us. Major fields acquired in the acquisition include the Darco, Cadeville, Douglass, and Laurel fields. The acquisition was funded with proceeds from a public stock offering completed in April 2005 and borrowings under our bank credit facility.

*Ovation Energy Acquisition.* In October 2004, we acquired producing oil and gas properties in the East Texas, Arkoma, Anadarko and San Juan basins from Ovation Energy, L.P. for \$62.0 million. The properties acquired had estimated proved reserves of approximately 41.0 billion cubic feet of gas equivalent and include 165 active wells, of which 69 are operated by us. Major fields acquired in the acquisition include Southwest Morse and San Juan fields. The acquisition was funded by borrowings under our bank credit facility.

*DevX Energy Acquisition.* In December 2001, we completed the acquisition of DevX Energy, Inc. ( DevX ) by acquiring 100% of the common stock of DevX for \$92.6 million. The total purchase price including debt and other liabilities assumed in the acquisition was \$160.8 million. As a result of the acquisition of DevX, we acquired interests in 600 producing oil and natural gas wells located onshore primarily in East and South Texas, Kentucky, Oklahoma and Kansas. Major fields acquired in the acquisition include the Gilmer field in East Texas and the J.C. Martin and the Ball Ranch fields in South Texas. DevX s properties had 1.2 MMBbls of oil reserves and 156.5 Bcf of natural gas reserves at the time of the acquisition.

*Bois d Arc Acquisition.* In December 1997, Comstock acquired working interests in certain producing offshore Louisiana oil and gas properties as well as interests in undeveloped offshore oil and natural gas leases for approximately \$200.9 million from Bois d Arc Resources and certain of its affiliates and working interest partners. We acquired interests in 43 wells, 29.6 net to us, and eight separate production complexes located in the Gulf of Mexico offshore of Plaquemines and Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana. The acquisition included interests in the Louisiana state and federal offshore areas of Main Pass Block 21, Ship Shoal Blocks 66, 67, 68 and 69 and South Pelto Block 1. The net proved reserves acquired in this acquisition were estimated at 14.3 MMBbls of oil and 29.4 Bcf of natural gas.

*Black Stone Acquisition.* In May 1996, we acquired 100% of the capital stock of Black Stone Oil Company and interests in producing and undeveloped oil and gas properties located in Southeast Texas for \$100.4 million. We acquired interests in 19 wells, 7.7 net to us, that were located in the Double A Wells field



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in Polk County, Texas and we became the operator of most of the wells in the field. The net proved reserves acquired in this acquisition were estimated at 5.9 MMBbls of oil and 100.4 Bcf of natural gas.

*Sonat Acquisition.* In July 1995, we purchased interests in certain producing oil and gas properties located in East Texas and North Louisiana from Sonat Inc. for \$48.1 million. We acquired interests in 319 producing wells, 188.0 net to us. The acquisition included interests in the Beckville, Blocker, Waskom, Logansport and Longwood fields. The net proved reserves acquired in this acquisition were estimated at 0.8 MMBbls of oil and 104.7 Bcf of natural gas.

**Oil and Natural Gas Reserves**

The following table sets forth our estimated proved oil and natural gas reserves and the PV10 Value as of December 31, 2006:

	<b>Oil (MBbls)</b>	<b>Gas (MMcf)</b>	<b>Total (MMcfe)</b>	<b>PV10 Value (000 \$)</b>
Proved Developed:				
Producing	10,591	247,906	311,454	\$ 853,686
Non-producing	12,957	176,339	254,082	900,241
Proved Undeveloped	8,860	232,725	285,888	544,474
<b>Total Proved</b>	<b>32,408</b>	<b>656,970</b>	<b>851,424</b>	<b>2,298,401</b>
Discounted Future Income Taxes				(469,896)
Standardized Measure of Discounted Future Net Cash Flows <sup>(1)</sup>				\$ 1,828,505

- (1) The PV 10 Value represents the discounted future net cash flows attributable to our proved oil and gas reserves before income tax, discounted at 10%. Although it is a non-GAAP measure, we believe that the presentation of the PV 10 Value is relevant and useful to our investors because it presents the discounted future net cash flows attributable to our proved reserves prior to taking into account corporate future income taxes and our current tax structure. We use this measure when assessing the potential return on investment related to our oil and gas properties. The standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows represents the present value of future cash flows attributable to our proved oil and natural gas reserves after income tax, discounted at 10%.

The reserves attributed to the minority interest ownership in Bois d Arc Energy as of December 31, 2006 were 10,320 MBbls of oil and 111,898 MMcf of natural gas or 173,817 MMcfe of natural gas equivalent with a PV10 Value of \$665.5 million and a standardized measure of future net cash flows of \$546.2 million.

Proved oil and gas reserves are the estimated quantities of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids which geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions (i.e., prices and costs as of the date the estimate is made). Proved developed reserves are reserves that can be expected to be recovered through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods. Proved undeveloped reserves are reserves that are expected to be recovered from new wells on undrilled acreage, or from existing wells where a relatively major expenditure is required for recompletion.

The PV 10 Value and standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows was determined based on the market prices for oil and natural gas on December 31, 2006. The market price for our oil production on December 31, 2006, after basis adjustments, was \$56.17 per barrel as compared to \$49.17 per barrel on December 31, 2005. The market price received for our natural gas production on December 31, 2006, after basis adjustments, was \$5.70 per Mcf as compared to \$8.27 per Mcf on December 31, 2005.

We did not provide estimates of total proved oil and natural gas reserves during the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 or 2006 to any federal authority or agency, other than the SEC.

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During the three-year period ended December 31, 2006, we drilled development and exploratory wells as set forth in the table below.

	2004		Onshore				2004		Offshore			
	Gross	Net	2005	2006	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	2005	2006	Gross	Net
Development Wells:												
Oil	1	0.6	2	1.9	8	7.6	4	3.2	2	1.5		
Gas	44	20.0	70	46.5	105	75.9	5	3.8	8	6.4	2	1.7
Dry	1	0.3			4	2.2	5	3.1	1	0.6		
	46	20.9	72	48.4	117	85.7	14	10.1	11	8.5	2	1.7
Exploratory Wells:												
Oil	4	1.9					1	1.0	3	3.0		
Gas	9	3.6	1	.2	3	2.0	9	7.1	6	5.2	8	7.0
Dry	11	4.5	2	1.2	2	2.0			2	2.0	3	2.5
	24	10.0	3	1.4	5	4.0	10	8.1	11	10.2	11	9.5
Total	70	30.9	75	49.8	122	89.7	24	18.2	22	18.7	13	11.2

In 2007 to the date of this report, we have drilled twenty-five wells, 18.6 net to us. Twenty-four of the wells were successful and one (0.8 net to us) was a dry hole. As of the date of this report, we have eleven wells, 9.2 net to us, that are in the process of drilling.

**Producing Well Summary**

The following table sets forth the gross and net producing oil and natural gas wells in which we owned an interest at December 31, 2006:

	Oil		Gas	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
Onshore:				
Arkansas			15	8.0
Kansas			12	4.5
Kentucky			91	81.5
Louisiana	6	2.4	241	105.1
Mississippi	61	51.9	2	1.1
New Mexico			93	13.6
Oklahoma	3	0.5	137	19.7

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Texas	64	39.9	898	413.5
Wyoming			32	2.4
Total Onshore	134	94.7	1,521	649.4
Offshore Gulf of Mexico:				
Louisiana	10	7.9	9	7.0
Federal	34	17.9	58	43.8
Total Offshore	44	25.8	67	50.8
Total	178	120.5	1,588	700.2

We operate 805 of the 1,766 producing wells presented in the above table. As of December 31, 2006, we owned interests in 23 wells containing multiple completions, which means that a well is producing out of



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more than one completed zone. Wells with more than one completion are reflected as one well in the table above.

**Acreage**

The following table summarizes our developed and undeveloped leasehold acreage at December 31, 2006. We have excluded acreage in which our interest is limited to a royalty or overriding royalty interest.

	<b>Developed</b>		<b>Undeveloped</b>	
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Net</b>
Onshore:				
Arkansas	1,280	684		
Kansas	6,400	4,064		
Kentucky	7,271	5,838	1,513	1,513
Louisiana	100,689	64,467	9,329	3,670
Mississippi	4,273	1,747	7,515	4,938
New Mexico	8,400	1,260	84,131	37,017
Oklahoma	38,080	5,707		
Texas	250,147	153,288	42,625	14,568
Wyoming	13,440	927		
Total Onshore	429,980	237,982	145,113	61,706
Offshore Gulf of Mexico:				
Louisiana	5,484	4,929	1,304	1,304
Federal	213,771	156,623	171,208	171,208
Total Offshore	219,255	161,552	172,512	172,512
Total	649,235	399,534	317,625	234,218

Title to our oil and natural gas properties is subject to royalty, overriding royalty, carried and other similar interests and contractual arrangements customary in the oil and gas industry, liens incident to operating agreements and for current taxes not yet due and other minor encumbrances. All of our oil and natural gas properties are pledged as collateral under our bank credit facilities. As is customary in the oil and gas industry, we are generally able to retain our ownership interest in undeveloped acreage by production of existing wells, by drilling activity which establishes commercial reserves sufficient to maintain the lease or by payment of delay rentals.

**Markets and Customers**

The market for oil and natural gas produced by us depends on factors beyond our control, including the extent of domestic production and imports of oil and natural gas, the proximity and capacity of natural gas pipelines and other transportation facilities, demand for oil and natural gas, the marketing of competitive fuels and the effects of state and federal regulation. The oil and gas industry also competes with other industries in supplying the energy and fuel requirements of industrial, commercial and individual consumers.

Our oil production is sold at prices tied to the spot oil markets. Our natural onshore gas production is primarily sold under short-term contracts and priced on first of the month index prices or on daily spot market prices. Approximately 64% of our 2006 natural gas sales were priced utilizing index prices and approximately 36% were priced utilizing daily spot prices. Two subsidiaries of Shell Oil Company accounted for approximately 42% of our total 2006 sales. Sales to National Energy & Trading LP comprised approximately 13% of our total 2006 sales. The loss of any of the foregoing customers would

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not have a material adverse effect on us as there is an available market for our crude oil and natural gas production from other purchasers.

## **Competition**

The oil and gas industry is highly competitive. Competitors include major oil companies, other independent energy companies and individual producers and operators, many of which have financial resources, personnel and facilities substantially greater than we do. We face intense competition for the acquisition of oil and natural gas properties.

## **Regulation**

*General.* Various aspects of our oil and natural gas operations are subject to extensive and continually changing regulation, as legislation affecting the oil and natural gas industry is under constant review for amendment or expansion. Numerous departments and agencies, both federal and state, are authorized by statute to issue, and have issued, rules and regulations binding upon the oil and natural gas industry and its individual members. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC, regulates the transportation and sale for resale of natural gas in interstate commerce pursuant to the Natural Gas Act of 1938, or NGA, and the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, or NGPA. In 1989, however, Congress enacted the Natural Gas Wellhead Decontrol Act, which removed all remaining price and nonprice controls affecting all first sales of natural gas, effective January 1, 1993, subject to the terms of any private contracts that may be in effect. While sales by producers of natural gas and all sales of crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids can currently be made at uncontrolled market prices, in the future Congress could reenact price controls or enact other legislation with detrimental impact on many aspects of our business. Under the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (the 2005 Act), the NGA has been amended to prohibit any form of market manipulation with the purchase or sale of natural gas, and the FERC has issued new regulations that are intended to increase natural gas pricing transparency. The 2005 Act has also significantly increased the penalties for violations of the NGA.

*Regulation and transportation of natural gas.* Our sales of natural gas are affected by the availability, terms and cost of transportation. The price and terms for access to pipeline transportation are subject to extensive regulation. In recent years, the FERC has undertaken various initiatives to increase competition within the natural gas industry. As a result of initiatives like FERC Order No. 636, issued in April 1992, the interstate natural gas transportation and marketing system has been substantially restructured to remove various barriers and practices that historically limited non-pipeline natural gas sellers, including producers, from effectively competing with interstate pipelines for sales to local distribution companies and large industrial and commercial customers. The most significant provisions of Order No. 636 require that interstate pipelines provide firm and interruptible transportation service on an open access basis that is equal for all natural gas supplies. In many instances, the results of Order No. 636 and related initiatives have been to substantially reduce or eliminate the traditional role of interstate pipelines as wholesalers of natural gas in favor of providing storage and transportation services.

In 2000, the FERC issued Order No. 637 and subsequent orders, which imposed additional reforms designed to enhance competition in natural gas markets. Among other things, Order No. 637 revised the FERC's pricing policy by waiving price ceilings for short-term released capacity for an experimental period, and effected changes in the FERC regulations relating to scheduling procedures, capacity segmentation, penalties, rights of first refusal and information reporting. While most major aspects of Order No. 637 have been upheld on judicial review, certain issues such as capacity segmentation and right of first refusal are pending further consideration by the FERC. We cannot predict what action the FERC will take on these matters in the future or whether the FERC's actions will survive further judicial review.



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Intrastate natural gas regulation is subject to regulation by state regulatory agencies. The Texas Railroad Commission has been changing its regulations governing transportation and gathering services provided by intrastate pipelines and gatherers. While the changes by these state regulators affect us only indirectly, they are intended to further enhance competition in natural gas markets. We cannot predict what further action the FERC or state regulators will take on these matters; however, we do not believe that we will be affected differently than other natural gas producers with which we compete by any action taken.

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, or OCSLA, which the FERC implements as to transportation and pipeline issues, requires that all pipelines operating on or across the outer continental shelf, or OCS, provide open access, non-discriminatory transportation service. One of FERC's principal goals in carrying out OCSLA's mandate is to increase transparency in the market to provide producers and shippers on the OCS with greater assurance of open access service on pipelines located on the OCS and to help ensure non-discriminatory rates and conditions of service on such pipelines.

Although the FERC has historically imposed light-handed regulation on offshore facilities that meet its traditional test of gathering status, it has the authority under the OCSLA to exercise jurisdiction over gathering facilities, if necessary, to permit non-discriminatory access to service. In an effort to heighten its oversight of the OCS, the FERC recently attempted to promulgate reporting requirements for all OCS service providers, including gatherers, but the regulations were struck down as *ultra vires* by a federal district court, which decision was affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals in October 2003. The FERC withdrew those regulations in March 2004. Subsequently, in April 2004, the Minerals Management Service, or MMS, initiated an inquiry into whether it should amend its regulations to assure that pipelines provide open and non-discriminatory access over OCS pipeline facilities. For those facilities transporting natural gas across the OCS that are not considered to be gathering facilities, the rates, terms and conditions applicable to this transportation are generally regulated by the FERC under the NGA and NGPA, as well as the OCSLA.

Additional proposals and proceedings that might affect the natural gas industry are pending before Congress, the FERC, state commissions and the courts. The natural gas industry historically has been very heavily regulated; therefore, there is no assurance that the less stringent regulatory approach recently pursued by the FERC, Congress and state regulatory authorities will continue.

*Federal leases.* Substantially all of our offshore operations are located on federal oil and natural gas leases that are administered by the MMS pursuant to the OCSLA. These leases are issued through competitive bidding and contain relatively standardized terms. These leases require compliance with detailed Department of Interior and MMS regulations and orders that are subject to interpretation and change.

For offshore operations, lessees must obtain MMS approval for exploration, development and production plans prior to the commencement of such operations. In addition to permits required from other agencies such as the Coast Guard, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency, lessees must obtain a permit from the MMS prior to the commencement of drilling. The MMS has promulgated regulations requiring offshore production facilities located on the OCS to meet stringent engineering and construction specifications. The MMS also has regulations restricting the flaring or venting of natural gas, and has proposed to amend such regulations to prohibit the flaring of liquid hydrocarbons and oil without prior authorization. Similarly, the MMS has promulgated other regulations governing the plug and abandonment of wells located offshore and the installation and removal of all production facilities.

To cover the various obligations of lessees on the OCS, the MMS generally requires that lessees have substantial net worth or post bonds or other acceptable assurances that such obligations will be satisfied. The cost of these bonds or assurances can be substantial, and there is no assurance that they can be obtained in all



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cases. We are currently exempt from supplemental bonding requirements by the MMS. Under some circumstances, the MMS may require any of our operations on federal leases to be suspended or terminated. Any such suspension or termination could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

The MMS also administers the collection of royalties under the terms of the OCSLA and the oil and natural gas leases issued thereunder. The amount of royalties due is based upon the terms of the oil and natural gas leases as well as the regulations promulgated by the MMS. The MMS regulations governing the calculation of royalties and the valuation of crude oil produced from federal leases currently rely on arm's-length sales prices and spot market prices as indicators of value. Although the method of calculating royalties on production from federal leases has been the subject of much public discussion in recent years, the basis for calculating royalty payments established or to be established by the MMS is generally applicable to all federal lessees. Accordingly, we believe that the impact of royalty regulation on our operations should generally be the same as the impact on our competitors.

*Oil and Natural Gas Liquids Transportation Rates.* Our sales of crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids are not currently regulated and are made at market prices. In a number of instances, however, the ability to transport and sell such products is dependent on pipelines whose rates, terms and conditions of service are subject to FERC jurisdiction under the Interstate Commerce Act. In other instances, the ability to transport and sell such products is dependent on pipelines whose rates, terms and conditions of service are subject to regulation by state regulatory bodies under state statutes. The price received from the sale of these products may be affected by the cost of transporting the products to market.

The regulation of pipelines that transport crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids is generally more light-handed than the FERC's regulation of natural gas pipelines under the NGA. Regulated pipelines that transport crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids are subject to common carrier obligations that generally ensure non-discriminatory access. With respect to interstate pipeline transportation subject to regulation of the FERC under the Interstate Commerce Act, rates generally must be cost-based, although market-based rates or negotiated settlement rates are permitted in certain circumstances. Pursuant to FERC Order No. 561, issued in October 1993, the FERC implemented regulations generally grandfathering all previously unchallenged interstate pipeline rates and made these rates subject to an indexing methodology. Under this indexing methodology, pipeline rates are subject to changes in the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods, minus one percent. A pipeline can seek to increase its rates above index levels provided that the pipeline can establish that there is a substantial divergence between the actual costs experienced by the pipeline and the rate resulting from application of the index. A pipeline can seek to charge a market-based rate if it establishes that it lacks significant market power. In addition, a pipeline can establish rates pursuant to settlement if agreed upon by all current shippers. A pipeline can seek to establish initial rates for new services through a cost-of-service proceeding, a market-based rate proceeding, or through an agreement between the pipeline and at least one shipper not affiliated with the pipeline. As provided for in Order No. 561, in July 2000, the FERC issued a Notice of Inquiry seeking comment on whether to retain or to change the existing oil rate-indexing method. In December 2000, the FERC issued an order concluding that the rate index reasonably estimated the actual cost changes in the pipeline industry and should be continued for another five-year period, subject to review in July 2005. In February 2003, on remand of its December 2000 order from the D.C. Circuit, the FERC increased its index slightly. A challenge to FERC's remand order was denied by the D.C. Circuit in April 2004.

With respect to intrastate crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids pipelines subject to the jurisdiction of state agencies, such state regulation is generally less rigorous than the regulation of interstate pipelines. State agencies have generally not investigated or challenged existing or proposed rates in the absence of shipper complaints or protests. Complaints or protests have been infrequent and are usually resolved informally.

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We do not believe that the regulatory decisions or activities relating to interstate or intrastate crude oil, condensate or natural gas liquids pipelines will affect us in a way that materially differs from the way it affects other crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids producers or marketers.

*Environmental regulations.* We are subject to stringent federal, state and local laws. These laws, among other things, govern the issuance of permits to conduct exploration, drilling and production operations, the amounts and types of materials that may be released into the environment, the discharge and disposition of waste materials, the remediation of contaminated sites and the reclamation and abandonment of wells, sites and facilities. Numerous governmental departments issue rules and regulations to implement and enforce such laws, which are often difficult and costly to comply with and which carry substantial civil and even criminal penalties for failure to comply. Some laws, rules and regulations relating to protection of the environment may, in certain circumstances, impose strict liability for environmental contamination, rendering a person liable for environmental damages and cleanup cost without regard to negligence or fault on the part of such person. Other laws, rules and regulations may restrict the rate of oil and natural gas production below the rate that would otherwise exist or even prohibit exploration and production activities in sensitive areas. In addition, state laws often require various forms of remedial action to prevent pollution, such as closure of inactive pits and plugging of abandoned wells. The regulatory burden on the oil and natural gas industry increases our cost of doing business and consequently affects our profitability. These costs are considered a normal, recurring cost of our on-going operations. Our domestic competitors are generally subject to the same laws and regulations.

We believe that we are in substantial compliance with current applicable environmental laws and regulations and that continued compliance with existing requirements will not have a material adverse impact on our operations. However, environmental laws and regulations have been subject to frequent changes over the years, and the imposition of more stringent requirements could have a material adverse effect upon our capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position, including the suspension or cessation of operations in affected areas. As such, there can be no assurance that material cost and liabilities will not be incurred in the future.

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, or CERCLA, imposes liability, without regard to fault, on certain classes of persons that are considered to be responsible for the release of a hazardous substance into the environment. These persons include the current or former owner or operator of the disposal site or sites where the release occurred and companies that disposed or arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances. Under CERCLA, such persons may be subject to joint and several liability for the cost of investigating and cleaning up hazardous substances that have been released into the environment, for damages to natural resources and for the cost of certain health studies. In addition, companies that incur liability frequently also confront third party claims because it is not uncommon for neighboring landowners and other third parties to file claims for personal injury and property damage allegedly caused by hazardous substances or other pollutants released into the environment from a polluted site.

The Federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, or RCRA, regulates the generation, transportation, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous wastes and can require cleanup of hazardous waste disposal sites. RCRA currently excludes drilling fluids, produced waters and other wastes associated with the exploration, development or production of oil and natural gas from regulation as hazardous waste. Disposal of such non-hazardous oil and natural gas exploration, development and production wastes usually are regulated by state law. Other wastes handled at exploration and production sites or used in the course of providing well services may not fall within this exclusion. Moreover, stricter standards for waste handling and disposal may be imposed on the oil and natural gas industry in the future. From time to time, legislation is proposed in Congress that would revoke or alter the current exclusion of exploration, development and production wastes from RCRA's definition of





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hazardous wastes, thereby potentially subjecting such wastes to more stringent handling, disposal and cleanup requirements. If such legislation were enacted, it could have a significant impact on our operating cost, as well as the oil and natural gas industry in general. The impact of future revisions to environmental laws and regulations cannot be predicted.

Our operations are also subject to the Clean Air Act, or CAA, and comparable state and local requirements. Amendments to the CAA were adopted in 1990 and contain provisions that may result in the gradual imposition of certain pollution control requirements with respect to air emissions from our operations. We may be required to incur certain capital expenditures in the future for air pollution control equipment in connection with obtaining and maintaining operating permits and approvals for air emissions. However, we believe our operations will not be materially adversely affected by any such requirements, and the requirements are not expected to be any more burdensome to us than to other similarly situated companies involved in oil and natural gas exploration and production activities.

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, as amended, or the Clean Water Act, imposes restrictions and controls on the discharge of produced waters and other wastes into navigable waters. Permits must be obtained to discharge pollutants into state and federal waters and to conduct construction activities in waters and wetlands. Certain state regulations and the general permits issued under the Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program prohibit the discharge of produced waters and sand, drilling fluids, drill cuttings and certain other substances related to the oil and natural gas industry into certain coastal and offshore waters, unless otherwise authorized. Further, the EPA has adopted regulations requiring certain oil and natural gas exploration and production facilities to obtain permits for storm water discharges. Costs may be associated with the treatment of wastewater or developing and implementing storm water pollution prevention plans. The Clean Water Act and comparable state statutes provide for civil, criminal and administrative penalties for unauthorized discharges for oil and other pollutants and impose liability on parties responsible for those discharges for the cost of cleaning up any environmental damage caused by the release and for natural resource damages resulting from the release. We believe that our operations comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Clean Water Act and state statutes enacted to control water pollution.

Federal regulators require certain owners or operators of facilities that store or otherwise handle oil to prepare and implement spill prevention, control, countermeasure and response plans relating to the possible discharge of oil into surface waters. The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 ( OPA ) contains numerous requirements relating to the prevention and response to oil spills in the waters of the United States. The OPA subjects owners of facilities to strict joint and several liability for all containment and cleanup costs and certain other damages relating to a spill. Noncompliance with OPA may result in varying civil and criminal penalties and liabilities.

Executive Order 13158, issued on May 26, 2000, directs federal agencies to safeguard existing Marine Protected Areas, or MPAs, in the United States and establish new MPAs. The order requires federal agencies to avoid harm to MPAs to the extent permitted by law and to the maximum extent practicable. It also directs the EPA to propose new regulations under the Clean Water Act to ensure appropriate levels of protection for the marine environment. This order has the potential to adversely affect our operations by restricting areas in which we may carry out future exploration and development projects and/or causing us to incur increased operating expenses.

Certain flora and fauna that have officially been classified as threatened or endangered are protected by the Endangered Species Act. This law prohibits any activities that could take a protected plant or animal or reduce or degrade its habitat area. If endangered species are located in an area we wish to develop, the work could be prohibited or delayed and/or expensive mitigation might be required.

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Other statutes that provide protection to animal and plant species and which may apply to our operations include, but are not necessarily limited to, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, the Oil Pollution Act, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. These laws and regulations may require the acquisition of a permit or other authorization before construction or drilling commences and may limit or prohibit construction, drilling and other activities on certain lands lying within wilderness or wetlands and other protected areas and impose substantial liabilities for pollution resulting from our operations. The permits required for our various operations are subject to revocation, modification and renewal by issuing authorities.

We maintain insurance against sudden and accidental occurrences, which may cover some, but not all, of the risks described above. Most significantly, the insurance we maintain will not cover the risks described above which occur over a sustained period of time. Further, there can be no assurance that such insurance will continue to be available to cover all such cost or that such insurance will be available at a cost that would justify its purchase. The occurrence of a significant event not fully insured or indemnified against could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

*Regulation of oil and natural gas exploration and production.* Our exploration and production operations are subject to various types of regulation at the federal, state and local levels. Such regulations include requiring permits and drilling bonds for the drilling of wells, regulating the location of wells, the method of drilling and casing wells and the surface use and restoration of properties upon which wells are drilled. Many states also have statutes or regulations addressing conservation matters, including provisions for the unitization or pooling of oil and natural gas properties, the establishment of maximum rates of production from oil and natural gas wells and the regulation of spacing, plug and abandonment of such wells. Some state statutes limit the rate at which oil and natural gas can be produced from our properties.

*State Regulation.* Most states regulate the production and sale of oil and natural gas, including requirements for obtaining drilling permits, the method of developing new fields, the spacing and operation of wells and the prevention of waste of oil and gas resources. The rate of production may be regulated and the maximum daily production allowable from both oil and gas wells may be established on a market demand or conservation basis or both.

## **Office and Operations Facilities**

Our executive offices are located at 5300 Town and Country Blvd., Suite 500 in Frisco, Texas 75034 and our telephone number is (972) 668-8800. We lease office space in Frisco, Texas covering 32,896 square feet at a monthly rate of \$61,680 and in Houston, Texas covering 16,285 square feet at a monthly rate of \$28,600. These leases expire on July 31, 2014 and April 30, 2012, respectively. We also own production offices and pipe yard facilities near Marshall and Livingston, Texas; Logansport, Louisiana; Guston, Kentucky and Laurel, Mississippi.

## **Employees**

As of December 31, 2006, we had 130 employees and utilized contract employees for certain of our field operations. We consider our employee relations to be satisfactory.

**Table of Contents****Directors, Executive Officers and Other Management**

The following table sets forth certain information concerning our executive officers and directors.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position With Company</b>	<b>Age</b>
M. Jay Allison	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors	51
Roland O. Burns	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Treasurer and Director	46
D. Dale Gillette	Vice President of Land and General Counsel	61
Mack D. Good	Chief Operating Officer	56
Stephen E. Neukom	Vice President of Marketing	57
Daniel K. Presley	Vice President of Accounting and Controller	46
Richard D. Singer	Vice President of Financial Reporting	52
David K. Lockett	Director	52
Cecil E. Martin, Jr.	Director	65
David W. Sledge	Director	50
Nancy E. Underwood	Director	55

***Executive Officers***

A brief biography of each person who serves as a director or executive officer follows below.

***M. Jay Allison*** has been a director since June 1987, and our President and Chief Executive Officer since 1988. Mr. Allison was elected Chairman of the board of directors in 1997. From 1987 to 1988, Mr. Allison served as our Vice President and Secretary. From 1981 to 1987, he was a practicing oil and gas attorney with the firm of Lynch, Chappell & Alsup in Midland, Texas. He received B.B.A., M.S. and J.D. degrees from Baylor University in 1978, 1980 and 1981, respectively. Mr. Allison also serves as Chairman of the board of directors of Bois d' Arc Energy, Inc. and currently serves as a director of Tidewater Marine, Inc., on the Board of Regents for Baylor University and on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army in Dallas, Texas.

***Roland O. Burns*** has been our Senior Vice President since 1994, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since 1990, our Secretary since 1991 and a director since 1999. Mr. Burns also serves as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and a director of Bois d' Arc Energy, Inc. From 1982 to 1990, Mr. Burns was employed by the public accounting firm, Arthur Andersen LLP. During his tenure with Arthur Andersen LLP, Mr. Burns worked primarily in the firm's oil and gas audit practice. Mr. Burns received B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Mississippi in 1982 and is a Certified Public Accountant.

***D. Dale Gillette*** joined us as Vice President of Land and General Counsel in September 2006. Prior to joining us, Mr. Gillette practiced law extensively in the energy sector for 32 years, most recently as a partner with Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, and before that with Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP. During that time he represented independent exploration and production companies and large financial institutions in numerous oil and gas transactions. Mr. Gillette has also served as corporate counsel in the legal department of Mesa Petroleum Co. and in the legal department of Enserch Corp. Mr. Gillette holds B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas.



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***Mack D. Good*** was appointed our Chief Operating Officer in 2004. From 1999 to 2004, he served as Vice President of Operations. From August 1997 until February 1999, Mr. Good served as our district engineer for the East Texas/North Louisiana region. From 1983 until July 1997, Mr. Good was with Enserch Exploration, Inc. serving in various operations management and engineering positions. Mr. Good received a B.S. of Biology/Chemistry from Oklahoma State University in 1975 and a B.S. of Petroleum Engineering from the University of Tulsa in 1983. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Texas.

***Stephen E. Neukom*** has been our Vice President of Marketing since December 1997 and has served as our manager of crude oil and natural gas marketing since December 1996. From October 1994 to 1996, Mr. Neukom served as vice president of Comstock Natural Gas, Inc., our former wholly owned gas marketing subsidiary. Prior to joining us, Mr. Neukom was senior vice president of Victoria Gas Corporation from 1987 to 1994. Mr. Neukom received a B.B.A. degree from the University of Texas in 1972.

***Daniel K. Presley*** has been our Vice President of Accounting since December 1997 and has been with us since December 1989, serving as controller since 1991. Prior to joining us, Mr. Presley had six years of experience with several independent oil and gas companies including AmBrit Energy, Inc. Prior thereto, Mr. Presley spent two and one-half years with B.D.O. Seidman, a public accounting firm. Mr. Presley received a B.B.A. from Texas A & M University in 1983.

***Richard D. Singer*** joined us in June 2005 as Vice President of Financial Reporting. Mr. Singer has over 30 years of experience in financial accounting and reporting. Prior to joining us, Mr. Singer most recently served as an assistant controller for Holly Corporation from March 2004 to May 2005 and as assistant controller for Santa Fe International Corporation from July 1988 to December 2002. Mr. Singer received a B.S. degree from the Pennsylvania State University in 1976 and is a Certified Public Accountant.

***Outside Directors***

***David K. Lockett*** has served as a director since July 2001. Mr. Lockett has been a Vice President of Dell Inc. and has managed Dell's Small and Medium Business Group since 1996. Mr. Lockett has been employed by Dell Inc. for the last 15 years and has spent the past 25 years in the technology industry. Mr. Lockett also serves as a director of Boisd Arc Energy, Inc. Mr. Lockett received a B.B.A. degree from Texas A&M University in 1976.

***Cecil E. Martin, Jr.*** has served as a director since October 1989. Mr. Martin is an independent commercial real estate investor who has primarily been managing his personal real estate investments since 1991. From 1973 to 1991, he also served as chairman of a public accounting firm in Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Martin also serves as a director of Boisd Arc Energy, Inc. and on the board of directors of Crosstex Energy, Inc. and Crosstex Energy, L.P. Mr. Martin holds a B.B.A. degree from Old Dominion University and is a Certified Public Accountant.

***David W. Sledge*** has served as a director since May 1996. Mr. Sledge is currently President and Chief Officer of Sledge Drilling Corporation. He served as an area operations manager for Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. from May 2004 until January 2006. From October 1996 until May 2004, Mr. Sledge managed his personal investments in oil and gas exploration activities. Mr. Sledge is a past director of the International Association of Drilling Contractors and is a past chairman of the Permian Basin chapter of this association. Mr. Sledge also serves as a director of Boisd Arc Energy, Inc. He received a B.B.A. degree from Baylor University in 1979.

***Nancy E. Underwood*** has served as a director since 2004. Ms. Underwood is owner and President of Underwood Financial Ltd., a position she has held since 1986. Ms. Underwood holds B.S. and J.D. degrees from Emory University and practiced law at an Atlanta, Georgia based law firm before joining River Hill



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Development Corporation in 1981. Ms. Underwood is involved civically in the Dallas community and currently serves on the board of the Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas Foundation.

## **Available Information**

Our executive offices are located at 5300 Town and Country Blvd., Suite 500, Frisco, Texas 75034. Our telephone number is (972) 668-8800. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other documents with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The public may read and copy any materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., 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. In addition, the SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information that is electronically filed with the SEC. The public can obtain any documents that we file with the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). We also make available free of charge on our website ([www.comstockresources.com](http://www.comstockresources.com)) our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and, if applicable, amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after we file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC.

## **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

You should carefully consider the following risk factors as well as the other information contained or incorporated by reference in this report, as these are important factors, among others, that could cause our actual results to differ from our expected or historical results. It is not possible to predict or identify all such factors. Consequently, you should not consider any such list to be a complete statement of all of our potential risks or uncertainties.

***A substantial or extended decline in oil and natural gas prices may adversely affect our business, financial condition, cash flow, liquidity or results of operations and our ability to meet our capital expenditure obligations and financial commitments and to implement our business strategy.***

Our business is heavily dependent upon the prices of, and demand for, oil and natural gas. Historically, the prices for oil and natural gas have been volatile and are likely to remain volatile in the future. The prices we receive for our oil and natural gas production and the level of such production will be subject to wide fluctuations and depend on numerous factors beyond our control, including the following:

- the domestic and foreign supply of oil and natural gas;
- weather conditions;
- the price and quantity of imports of crude oil and natural gas;
- political conditions and events in other oil-producing and natural gas-producing countries, including embargoes, continued hostilities in the Middle East and other sustained military campaigns, and acts of terrorism or sabotage;
- the actions of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, or OPEC;
- domestic government regulation, legislation and policies;
- the level of global oil and natural gas inventories;
- technological advances affecting energy consumption;
- the price and availability of alternative fuels; and
- overall economic conditions.

Any continued and extended decline in the price of crude oil or natural gas will adversely affect:

- our revenues, profitability and cash flow from operations;





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the value of our proved oil and natural gas reserves;  
the economic viability of certain of our drilling prospects;  
our borrowing capacity; and  
our ability to obtain additional capital.

We have entered into certain natural gas price hedging arrangements on certain of our anticipated sales. In the future we may enter into additional hedging arrangements in order to reduce our exposure to price risks. Such arrangements would limit our ability to benefit from increases in oil and natural gas prices.

***The unavailability or high cost of drilling rigs, equipment, supplies or qualified personnel and oilfield services could adversely affect our ability to execute our exploration and development plans on a timely basis and within our budget.***

With the increasing oil and natural gas prices, our industry has experienced a shortage of drilling rigs, equipment, supplies and qualified personnel. Costs and delivery times of rigs, equipment and supplies are substantially greater than they were several years ago. In addition, demand for, and wage rates of, qualified drilling rig crews rise with increases in the number of active rigs in service. Shortages of drilling rigs, equipment or supplies or qualified personnel in the areas in which we operate could delay or restrict our exploration and development operations, which in turn could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations because of our concentration in those areas.

***We plan to pursue acquisitions as part of our growth strategy and there are risks in connection with acquisitions.***

Our growth has been attributable in part to acquisitions of producing properties and companies. We expect to continue to evaluate and, where appropriate, pursue acquisition opportunities on terms we consider favorable. However, we cannot assure you that suitable acquisition candidates will be identified in the future, or that we will be able to finance such acquisitions on favorable terms. In addition, we compete against other companies for acquisitions, and we cannot assure you that we will successfully acquire any material property interests. Further, we cannot assure you that future acquisitions by us will be integrated successfully into our operations or will increase our profits.

The successful acquisition of producing properties requires an assessment of numerous factors beyond our control, including, without limitation:

recoverable reserves;  
exploration potential;  
future oil and natural gas prices;  
operating costs; and  
potential environmental and other liabilities.

In connection with such an assessment, we perform a review of the subject properties that we believe to be generally consistent with industry practices. The resulting assessments are inexact and their accuracy uncertain, and such a review may not reveal all existing or potential problems, nor will it necessarily permit us to become sufficiently familiar with the properties to fully assess their merits and deficiencies. Inspections may not always be performed on every well, and structural and environmental problems are not necessarily observable even when an inspection is made.

Additionally, significant acquisitions can change the nature of our operations and business depending upon the character of the acquired properties, which may be substantially different in operating and geologic characteristics or geographic location than our existing properties. While our current operations are focused



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in the East Texas/North Louisiana, Southeast Texas, South Texas, Mississippi, the Mid-Continent and other regions, as well as the Gulf of Mexico through our ownership interest in Bois d Arc Energy we may pursue acquisitions or properties located in other geographic areas.

***Our future production and revenues depend on our ability to replace our reserves.***

Our future production and revenues depend upon our ability to find, develop or acquire additional oil and natural gas reserves that are economically recoverable. Our proved reserves will generally decline as reserves are depleted, except to the extent that we conduct successful exploration or development activities or acquire properties containing proved reserves, or both. To increase reserves and production, we must continue our acquisition and drilling activities. We cannot assure you, however, that our acquisition and drilling activities will result in significant additional reserves or that we will have continuing success drilling productive wells at low finding and development costs. Furthermore, while our revenues may increase if prevailing oil and natural gas prices increase significantly, our finding costs for additional reserves could also increase.

***Prospects that we decide to drill may not yield oil or natural gas in commercially viable quantities or quantities sufficient to meet our targeted rate of return.***

A prospect is a property in which we own an interest or have operating rights and has what our geoscientists believe, based on available seismic and geological information, to be an indication of potential oil or natural gas. Our prospects are in various stages of evaluation, ranging from a prospect that is ready to be drilled to a prospect that will require substantial additional evaluation and interpretation. There is no way to predict in advance of drilling and testing whether any particular prospect will yield oil or natural gas in sufficient quantities to recover drilling or completion costs or to be economically viable. The use of seismic data and other technologies and the study of producing fields in the same area will not enable us to know conclusively prior to drilling whether oil or natural gas will be present or, if present, whether oil or natural gas will be present in commercial quantities. The analysis that we perform using data from other wells, more fully explored prospects and/or producing fields may not be useful in predicting the characteristics and potential reserves associated with our drilling prospects. If we drill additional unsuccessful wells, our drilling success rate may decline and we may not achieve our targeted rate of return.

***We are vulnerable to operational, regulatory and other risks associated with the Gulf of Mexico, including the effects of adverse weather conditions such as hurricanes, because we currently explore and produce exclusively in that area.***

Our offshore operations and revenues are significantly impacted by conditions in the Gulf of Mexico. Risks associated with the Gulf of Mexico include:

- adverse weather conditions, including hurricanes and tropical storms;
- delays or decreases in production, the availability of equipment, facilities or services;
- delays or decreases in the availability of capacity to transport, gather or process production; and
- changes in the regulatory environment.

Offshore operations are also subject to a variety of operating risks peculiar to the marine environment, such as capsizing, collisions and damage or loss from hurricanes or other adverse weather conditions. These conditions can cause substantial damage to our facilities and interrupt our production. As a result, we could incur substantial liabilities that could reduce or eliminate the funds available for exploration and development or result in loss of equipment and property. For example, our offshore operations were substantially impacted in 2004, 2005 and 2006 by hurricane and tropical storm activity. In both 2004 and 2005, we had



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production shut-in for six different hurricanes or tropical storms. In 2004, 2005 and 2006 we also had production shut-in awaiting repairs to third party pipelines that were damaged by the hurricanes.

***We plan to conduct exploration, development and production operations on the deep shelf and in the deepwater of the Gulf of Mexico, which presents greater operating and financial risks than conventional shelf operations.***

The deep shelf of the Gulf of Mexico is an area that has had limited historical drilling activity. This is due, in part, to its geological complexity and depth. Deep shelf development can be more expensive than conventional shelf projects as deep shelf development requires more actual drilling days and higher drilling and services costs due to extreme pressure and temperatures associated with greater drilling depths. Moreover, drilling expense and the risk of mechanical failure are significantly higher because of the additional depth and adverse conditions such as high temperature and pressure. Also, seismic interpretation of deeper, geopressured formations is more difficult than at shallower, normally pressured conventional well depths. Our overall exploration success rate has been 73%. Of the 25 deep shelf wells that we have drilled, 15 successfully found hydrocarbons at geologic and drilling depths below 15,000 feet, for a success rate of 54%. This success rate is lower than our overall success rate, reflecting the fact that deep shelf drilling is inherently more risky than conventional shelf drilling. Deepwater development costs can also be significantly higher than shelf development costs because deepwater drilling requires bigger installation equipment; sophisticated sea floor production handling equipment; expensive, state-of-the-art platforms and/or investment in infrastructure. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that our oil and natural gas exploration activities, in the deep shelf, the deepwater and elsewhere, will be commercially successful.

***Our debt service requirements could adversely affect our operations and limit our growth.***

We had \$455.0 million in debt as of December 31, 2006, and our ratio of total debt to total capitalization was approximately 40%.

Our outstanding debt will have important consequences, including, without limitation:

- a portion of our cash flow from operations will be required to make debt service payments;
- our ability to borrow additional amounts for working capital, capital expenditures (including acquisitions) or other purposes will be limited; and
- our debt could limit our ability to capitalize on significant business opportunities, our flexibility in planning for or reacting to changes in market conditions and our ability to withstand competitive pressures and economic downturns.

In addition, future acquisition or development activities may require us to alter our capitalization significantly. These changes in capitalization may significantly increase our debt. Moreover, our ability to meet our debt service obligations and to reduce our total debt will be dependent upon our future performance, which will be subject to general economic conditions and financial, business and other factors affecting our operations, many of which are beyond our control. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow from operations in the future to service our indebtedness and to meet other commitments, we will be required to adopt one or more alternatives, such as refinancing or restructuring our indebtedness, selling material assets or seeking to raise additional debt or equity capital. We cannot assure you that any of these actions could be effected on a timely basis or on satisfactory terms or that these actions would enable us to continue to satisfy our capital requirements.

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Our bank credit facility contains a number of significant covenants. These covenants will limit our ability to, among other things:

- borrow additional money;
- merge, consolidate or dispose of assets;
- make certain types of investments;
- enter into transactions with our affiliates; and
- pay dividends.

Our failure to comply with any of these covenants would cause a default under our bank credit facility and the indenture governing our 67/8% senior notes due 2012. A default, if not waived, could result in acceleration of our indebtedness, in which case the debt would become immediately due and payable. If this occurs, we may not be able to repay our debt or borrow sufficient funds to refinance it. Even if new financing is available, it may not be on terms that are acceptable to us. Complying with these covenants may cause us to take actions that we otherwise would not take or not take actions that we otherwise would take.

***Our business involves many uncertainties and operating risks that can prevent us from realizing profits and can cause substantial losses.***

Our future success will depend on the success of our exploration and development activities. Exploration activities involve numerous risks, including the risk that no commercially productive natural gas or oil reserves will be discovered. In addition, these activities may be unsuccessful for many reasons, including weather, cost overruns, equipment shortages and mechanical difficulties. Moreover, the successful drilling of a natural gas or oil well does not ensure we will realize a profit on our investment. A variety of factors, both geological and market-related, can cause a well to become uneconomical or only marginally economical. In addition to their costs, unsuccessful wells can hurt our efforts to replace production and reserves.

Our business involves a variety of operating risks, including:

- unusual or unexpected geological formations;
- fires;
- explosions;
- blow-outs and surface cratering;
- uncontrollable flows of natural gas, oil and formation water;
- natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tropical storms and other adverse weather conditions;
- pipe, cement, sub-sea pipeline or onshore pipeline failures;
- casing collapses;
- mechanical difficulties, such as lost or stuck oil field drilling and service tools;
- abnormally pressured formations; and
- environmental hazards, such as natural gas leaks, oil spills, pipeline ruptures and discharges of toxic gases.

If we experience any of these problems, well bores, gathering systems and processing facilities could be affected, which could adversely affect our ability to conduct operations.

We could also incur substantial losses as a result of:

- injury or loss of life;
- severe damage to and destruction of property, natural resources and equipment;

pollution and other environmental damage;



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clean-up responsibilities;  
regulatory investigation and penalties;  
suspension of our operations; and  
repairs to resume operations.

***We operate in a highly competitive industry, and our failure to remain competitive with our competitors, many of which have greater resources than we do, could adversely affect our results of operations.***

The oil and natural gas industry is highly competitive in the search for and development and acquisition of reserves. Our competitors for the acquisition, development and exploration of oil and natural gas properties and capital to finance such activities, include companies that have greater financial and personnel resources than we do. These resources could allow those competitors to price their products and services more aggressively than we can, which could hurt our profitability. Moreover, our ability to acquire additional properties and to discover reserves in the future will be dependent upon our ability to evaluate and select suitable properties and to close transactions in a highly competitive environment.

***Our competitors may use superior technology that we may be unable to afford or which would require costly investment by us in order to compete.***

If our competitors use or develop new technologies, we may be placed at a competitive disadvantage, and competitive pressures may force us to implement new technologies at a substantial cost. In addition, our competitors may have greater financial, technical and personnel resources that allow them to enjoy technological advances and may in the future allow them to implement new technologies before we can. We cannot be certain that we will be able to implement technologies on a timely basis or at a cost that is acceptable to us. One or more of the technologies that we currently use or that we may implement in the future may become obsolete. All of these factors may inhibit our ability to acquire additional prospects and compete successfully in the future.

***Substantial exploration and development activities could require significant outside capital, which could dilute the value of our common shares and restrict our activities. Also, we may not be able to obtain needed capital or financing on satisfactory terms, which could lead to a limitation of our future business opportunities and a decline in our oil and natural gas reserves.***

We expect to expend substantial capital in the acquisition of, exploration for and development of oil and natural gas reserves. In order to finance these activities, we may need to alter or increase our capitalization substantially through the issuance of debt or equity securities, the sale of non-strategic assets or other means. The issuance of additional equity securities could have a dilutive effect on the value of our common shares. The issuance of additional debt would require that a portion of our cash flow from operations be used for the payment of interest on our debt, thereby reducing our ability to use our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, dividends and general corporate requirements, which could place us at a competitive disadvantage relative to other competitors. Additionally, if our revenues decrease as a result of lower oil or natural gas prices, operating difficulties or declines in reserves, our ability to obtain the capital necessary to undertake or complete future exploration and development programs and to pursue other opportunities may be limited, which could result in a curtailment of our operations relating to exploration and development of our prospects, which in turn could result in a decline in our oil and natural gas reserves.

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***If oil and natural gas prices decrease, we may be required to write-down the carrying values and/or the estimates of total reserves of our oil and natural gas properties, which would constitute a non-cash charge to earnings and adversely affect our results of operations.***

Accounting rules applicable to us require that we review periodically the carrying value of our oil and natural gas properties for possible impairment. Based on specific market factors and circumstances at the time of prospective impairment reviews and the continuing evaluation of development plans, production data, economics and other factors, we may be required to write down the carrying value of our oil and natural gas properties. A write-down constitutes a non-cash charge to earnings. We may incur non-cash charges in the future, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in the period taken. We may also reduce our estimates of the reserves that may be economically recovered, which could have the effect of reducing the total value of our reserves. Such a reduction in carrying value could impact our borrowing ability and may result in accelerating the repayment date of any outstanding debt.

***Our reserve estimates depend on many assumptions that may turn out to be inaccurate. Any material inaccuracies in our reserve estimates or underlying assumptions will materially affect the quantities and present value of our reserves.***

Reserve engineering is a subjective process of estimating the recovery from underground accumulations of oil and natural gas that cannot be precisely measured. The accuracy of any reserve estimate depends on the quality of available data, production history and engineering and geological interpretation and judgment. Because all reserve estimates are to some degree imprecise, 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 prices may all differ materially from those assumed in these estimates. The information regarding present value of the future net cash flows attributable to our proved oil and natural gas reserves is only estimated and should not be construed as the current market value of the oil and natural gas reserves attributable to our properties. Thus, such information includes revisions of certain reserve estimates attributable to proved properties included in the preceding year's estimates. Such revisions reflect additional information from subsequent activities, production history of the properties involved and any adjustments in the projected economic life of such properties resulting from changes in product prices. Any future downward revisions could adversely affect our financial condition, our borrowing ability, our future prospects and the value of our common stock.

As of December 31, 2006, 34% of our total proved reserves are undeveloped and 30% are developed non-producing. These reserves may not ultimately be developed or produced. Furthermore, not all of our undeveloped or developed non-producing reserves may be ultimately produced at the time periods we have planned, at the costs we have budgeted, or at all. As a result, we may not find commercially viable quantities of oil and natural gas, which in turn may result in a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

***If we are unsuccessful at marketing our oil and gas at commercially acceptable prices, our profitability will decline.***

Our ability to market oil and gas at commercially acceptable prices depends on, among other factors, the following:

- the availability and capacity of gathering systems and pipelines;
- federal and state regulation of production and transportation;
- changes in supply and demand; and
- general economic conditions.



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Our inability to respond appropriately to changes in these factors could negatively effect our profitability.

***Market conditions or operational impediments may hinder our access to oil and natural gas markets or delay our production.***

Market conditions or the unavailability of satisfactory oil and natural gas transportation arrangements may hinder our access to oil and natural gas markets or delay our production. The availability of a ready market for our oil and natural gas production depends on a number of factors, including the demand for and supply of oil and natural gas and the proximity of reserves to pipelines and terminal facilities. Our ability to market our production depends in a substantial part on the availability and capacity of gathering systems, pipelines and processing facilities, in some cases owned and operated by third parties. Our failure to obtain such services on acceptable terms could materially harm our business. We may be required to shut in wells for a lack of a market or because of the inadequacy or unavailability of pipelines or gathering system capacity. If that were to occur, then we would be unable to realize revenue from those wells until arrangements were made to deliver our production to market.

***We depend on our key personnel and the loss of any of these individuals could have a material adverse effect on our operations.***

We believe that the success of our business strategy and our ability to operate profitably depend on the continued employment of M. Jay Allison, our President and Chief Executive Officer, and a limited number of other senior management personnel. Loss of the services of Mr. Allison or any of those other individuals could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

***Our insurance coverage may not be sufficient or may not be available to cover some liabilities or losses that we may incur.***

If we suffer a significant accident or other loss, our insurance coverage will be net of our deductibles and may not be sufficient to pay the full current market value or current replacement value of our lost investment, which could result in a material adverse impact on our operations and financial condition. Our insurance does not protect us against all operational risks. We do not carry business interruption insurance. For some risks, we may not obtain insurance if we believe the cost of available insurance is excessive relative to the risks presented. Because third party drilling contractors are used to drill our wells, we may not realize the full benefit of workers' compensation laws in dealing with their employees. In addition, some risks, including pollution and environmental risks, generally are not fully insurable.

***We are subject to extensive governmental laws and regulations that may adversely affect the cost, manner or feasibility of doing business.***

Our operations and facilities are subject to extensive federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the exploration for, and the development, production and transportation of, oil and natural gas, and operating safety. Future laws or regulations, any adverse changes in the interpretation of existing laws and regulations or our failure to comply with existing legal requirements may harm our business, results of operations and financial condition. We may be required to make large and unanticipated capital expenditures to comply with governmental laws and regulations, such as:

- lease permit restrictions;
- drilling bonds and other financial responsibility requirements, such as plug and abandonment bonds;
- spacing of wells;

unitization and pooling of properties;

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safety precautions;  
regulatory requirements; and  
taxation.

Under these laws and regulations, we could be liable for:

personal injuries;  
property and natural resource damages;  
well reclamation costs; and  
governmental sanctions, such as fines and penalties.

Our operations could be significantly delayed or curtailed and our cost of operations could significantly increase as a result of regulatory requirements or restrictions. We are unable to predict the ultimate cost of compliance with these requirements or their effect on our operations.

***Compliance with MMS regulations could significantly delay or curtail our operations or require us to make material expenditures, all of which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.***

Substantially all of Bois d'Arc Energy's offshore operations are located on federal oil and natural gas leases that are administered by the MMS. As an offshore operator, Bois d'Arc Energy must obtain MMS approval for our exploration, development and production plans prior to commencing such operations. The MMS has promulgated regulations that, among other things, require Bois d'Arc Energy to meet stringent engineering and construction specifications, restrict the flaring or venting of natural gas, govern the plug and abandonment of wells located offshore and the installation and removal of all production facilities, and govern the calculation of royalties and the valuation of crude oil produced from federal leases.

***Our operations may incur substantial liabilities to comply with environmental laws and regulations.***

Our oil and natural gas operations are subject to stringent federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the release or disposal of materials into the environment and otherwise relating to environmental protection. These laws and regulations:

require the acquisition of a permit before drilling commences;  
restrict the types, quantities and concentration of 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  
impose substantial liabilities for pollution resulting from our operations.

Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may result in:

the assessment of administrative, civil and criminal penalties;  
the incurrence of investigatory or remedial obligations; and  
the imposition of injunctive relief.

Changes in environmental laws and regulations occur frequently, and any changes that result in more stringent or costly waste handling, storage, transport, disposal or cleanup requirements could require us to make significant expenditures to reach and maintain compliance and may otherwise have a material adverse effect on our industry in

general and on our own results of operations, competitive position or financial

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condition. Under these environmental laws and regulations, we could be held strictly liable for the removal or remediation of previously released materials or property contamination regardless of whether we were responsible for the release or contamination or if our operations met previous standards in the industry at the time they were performed.

***Provisions of our articles of incorporation, bylaws and Nevada law will make it more difficult to effect a change in control of us, which could adversely affect the price of our common stock.***

Nevada corporate law and our articles of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that could delay, defer or prevent a change in control of us. These provisions include:

- allowing for authorized but unissued shares of common and preferred stock;
- a classified board of directors;
- requiring special stockholder meetings to be called only by our chairman of the board, our chief executive officer, a majority of the board or the holders of at least 10% of our outstanding stock entitled to vote at a special meeting;
- requiring removal of directors by a supermajority stockholder vote;
- prohibiting cumulative voting in the election of directors; and
- Nevada control share laws that may limit voting rights in shares representing a controlling interest in us.

We have in place a stockholders' rights plan. The provisions of the stockholders' rights plan and the above provisions could make an acquisition of us by means of a tender offer or proxy contest or removal of our incumbent directors more difficult. As a result, these provisions could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us, even if doing so would benefit our stockholders, which may limit the price that investors are willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock.

**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

We are not a party to any legal proceedings which management believes will have a material adverse effect on our consolidated results of operations or financial condition.

**ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

No matters were submitted to a vote of our security holders during the fourth quarter of 2006.



**Table of Contents****PART II****ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

Our common stock is listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CRK. The following table sets forth, on a per share basis for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices by calendar quarter for the periods indicated as reported by the New York Stock Exchange.

		<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
2005	First Quarter	\$ 30.23	\$ 19.90
	Second Quarter	29.64	20.33
	Third Quarter	33.60	25.23
	Fourth Quarter	33.98	27.10
2006	First Quarter	\$ 34.25	\$ 25.43
	Second Quarter	33.53	24.79
	Third Quarter	30.99	24.84
	Fourth Quarter	33.80	23.97

As of February 28, 2007, we had 44,396,995 shares of common stock outstanding, which were held by 340 holders of record and approximately 20,700 beneficial owners who maintain their shares in street name accounts.

We have never paid cash dividends on our common stock. We presently intend to retain any earnings for the operation and expansion of our business and we do not anticipate paying cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any future determination as to the payment of dividends will depend upon the results of our operations, capital requirements, our financial condition and such other factors as our board of directors may deem relevant. In addition, we are limited under our bank credit facility and by the terms of the indenture for our senior notes from paying or declaring cash dividends in excess of \$40.0 million.

During the fourth quarter of 2006, we did not repurchase any of our equity securities.

The following table summarizes certain information regarding our equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2006:

<b>Number of Securities to be Issued upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights</b>	<b>Number of Securities Authorized for Future Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights)</b>
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Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders	1,468,970	\$	11.59	328,351 <sup>(1)</sup>
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(1) Plus 1% of the outstanding shares of common stock each year beginning on each subsequent January 1.

We do not have any equity compensation plans that were not approved by stockholders.

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The historical financial data presented in the table below as of and for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2006 are derived from our consolidated financial statements. The financial results are not necessarily indicative of our future operations or future financial results. The data presented below should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. Effective January 1, 2006, we began including Bois d'Arc Energy in our financial statements as a consolidated subsidiary. Our financial statements for data and periods prior to January 1, 2006 have not been adjusted. For comparative purposes, financial information for 2005 are also presented pro forma to reflect Bois d'Arc Energy as a consolidated subsidiary.

**Statement of Operations Data:**

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>					<b>2005</b>
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Pro Forma</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share data)</b>					
Oil and gas sales	\$ 142,085	\$ 235,102	\$ 261,647	\$ 303,336	\$ 511,928	\$ 449,242
Operating expenses:						
Oil and gas operating <sup>(1)</sup>	33,499	45,746	52,068	50,966	107,303	81,356
Exploration	5,479	4,410	15,610	19,725	20,132	33,693
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	53,155	61,169	63,879	63,338	153,922	95,977
Impairment		4,255	1,648	3,400	10,444	3,990
General and administrative, net	5,113	7,006	14,569	16,533	31,769	24,017
Total operating expenses	97,246	122,586	147,774	153,962	323,570	239,033
Income from operations	44,839	112,516	113,873	149,374	188,358	210,209
Other income (expenses):						
Interest income	62	73	1,207	1,604	1,012	610
Other income	8,027	223	166	209	781	209
Interest expense	(31,252)	(29,860)	(21,182)	(20,272)	(27,429)	(21,365)
Loss of disposal of assets						(89)
Formation costs of Bois d'Arc Energy			(1,101)			
Gain on sale of stock by Bois d'Arc Energy				28,797		28,797
Gain (loss) from derivatives	(2,326)	(3)	(155)	(13,556)	10,716	(13,556)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt			(19,599)			
Total other income (expense)	(25,489)	(29,567)	(40,664)	(3,218)	(14,920)	(5,394)

Income from continuing operations before income taxes, equity in loss of Bois d Arc Energy, and minority interest in earnings of Bois d Arc Energy	19,350	82,949	73,209	146,156	173,438	204,815
Income tax expense	(6,773)	(29,682)	(26,342)	(35,815)	(74,339)	(161,623)
Equity in loss of Bois d Arc Energy				(49,862)		
Minority interest in earnings of Bois d Arc Energy					(28,434)	17,287
Net income from continuing operations	12,577	53,267	46,867	60,479	70,665	60,479
Discontinued operations including gain (loss) on disposal, net of income taxes	(1,072)					
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle		675				
Net income	11,505	53,942	46,867	60,479	70,665	60,479
Preferred stock dividends	(1,604)	(573)				
Net income attributable to common stock	\$ 9,901	\$ 53,369	\$ 46,867	\$ 60,479	\$ 70,665	\$ 60,479
Basic net income per share:						
From continuing operations	\$ 0.38	\$ 1.65	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.54	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.54
Discontinued operations	(0.04)					
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle		0.02				
	0.34	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.54	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.54
Diluted net income per share:						
From continuing operations	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.51	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.61	\$ 1.47
Discontinued operations	(0.03)					
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle		0.02				
	\$ 0.34	\$ 1.53	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.61	\$ 1.47
Weighted average shares outstanding:						
Basic	28,764	31,964	34,187	39,216	42,220	39,216
Diluted	33,901	35,275	36,252	41,154	43,556	41,154

(1) Includes lease operating costs and production and ad valorem taxes.

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	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>					
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005 Pro Forma</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,682	\$ 5,343	\$ 2,703	\$ 89	\$ 10,715	\$ 12,132
Property and equipment, net	664,208	698,686	827,761	706,928	1,773,626	1,368,859
Investment in Bois d Arc Energy				252,134		
Total assets	711,053	746,356	941,476	1,016,663	1,878,125	1,477,307
Total debt	366,272	306,623	403,150	243,000	458,250	312,000
Redeemable convertible preferred stock	17,573					
Stockholders' equity	208,427	289,656	355,853	582,859	682,563	582,859
Cash flows provided by operating activities	84,437	153,785	171,351	217,954	364,605	322,744
Cash flows used for investing activities	(79,903)	(92,930)	(258,061)	(207,086)	(529,751)	(512,692)
Cash flows provided by (used for) financing activities	(8,974)	(57,194)	84,070	(13,482)	163,729	198,408

**ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our selected historical consolidated financial data and our accompanying consolidated financial statements and the notes to those financial statements included elsewhere in this report. The following discussion includes forward-looking statements that reflect our plans, estimates and beliefs. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in these forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed below and elsewhere in this report, particularly in Risk Factors and Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.

**Overview**

We are an independent energy company engaged in the acquisition, discovery and production of oil and natural gas in the United States. We own interests in 1,766 (820.7 net to us) producing oil and natural gas wells and we operate 805 of these wells. We own a controlling interest in Bois d Arc Energy, an independent exploration company that owns interests in offshore producing oil and natural gas wells in the Gulf of Mexico. The results of Bois d Arc Energy have been included in our consolidated financial statements as of January 1, 2006. In managing our business, we are concerned primarily with maximizing return on our stockholders' equity. To accomplish this goal, we focus on profitably increasing our oil and natural gas reserves and production.

Our future growth will be driven primarily by acquisition, development and exploration activities. Under our current drilling budget, we plan to spend approximately \$478.0 million in 2007 for development and exploration activities. We plan to drill approximately 160 development wells, 113 net to us, and 25 exploratory wells, 15.9 net to us in 2007. However, the number of wells that we drill in 2007 will be subject to the availability of drilling rigs that we can hire. In addition, we could reduce the wells that we drill if oil and natural gas prices were to decline significantly. We do not budget for acquisitions as the timing and size of acquisitions are not predictable. We use the successful efforts method of accounting which allows only for the capitalization of costs associated with developing proven oil and natural gas properties as well as exploration costs associated with successful exploration activities. Accordingly, our exploration costs

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consist of costs we incur to acquire and reprocess 3-D seismic data, impairments of our unevaluated leasehold where we were not successful in discovering reserves and the costs of unsuccessful exploratory wells that we drill.

We generally sell our oil and natural gas at current market prices at the point our wells connect to third party purchaser pipelines. We market our products several different ways depending upon a number of factors, including the availability of purchasers for the product, the availability and cost of pipelines near our wells, market prices, pipeline constraints and operational flexibility. Accordingly, our revenues are heavily dependent upon the prices of, and demand for, oil and natural gas. Oil and natural gas prices have historically been volatile and are likely to remain volatile in the future.

Our operating costs are generally comprised of several components, including costs of field personnel, repair and maintenance costs, production supplies, fuel used in operations, transportation costs, workover expenses and state production and ad valorem taxes.

Like all oil and natural gas exploration and production companies, we face the challenge of replacing our reserves. Although in the past we have offset the effect of declining production rates from existing properties through successful acquisition and drilling efforts, there can be no assurance that we will be able to offset production declines or maintain production at rates through future acquisitions or drilling activity. Our future growth will depend on our ability to continue to add new reserves in excess of production.

Our operations and facilities are subject to extensive federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the exploration for, and the development, production and transportation of, oil and natural gas, and operating safety. Future laws or regulations, any adverse changes in the interpretation of existing laws and regulations or our failure to comply with existing legal requirements may harm our business, results of operations and financial condition. Applicable environmental regulations require us to remove our equipment after production has ceased, to plug and abandon our wells and to remediate any environmental damage our operations may have caused. The present value of the estimated future costs to plug and abandon our oil and gas wells and to dismantle and remove our production facilities is included in our reserve for future abandonment costs, which was \$57.1 million as of December 31, 2006.

**Investment in Bois d Arc Energy**

Bois d Arc Energy was organized in July 2004 as a limited liability company through the contribution of substantially all of our offshore properties together with the properties of Bois d Arc Resources, Ltd. and its partners. We initially owned 60% of Bois d Arc Energy, and we accounted for our share of Bois d Arc Energy's financial and operating results using proportionate consolidation accounting until Bois d Arc Energy was converted into a corporation and completed its initial public offering in May 2005. The results for offshore operations in 2004 represent our direct ownership interests in offshore properties that were ultimately contributed to Bois d Arc Energy upon its formation and our proportionate consolidation of the results of Bois d Arc Energy from its inception through December 31, 2004. Subsequent to the conversion into a corporation and as a result of the public offering, we owned 48% of the outstanding shares of Bois d Arc Energy. Since proportionate consolidation is not a generally accepted accounting principle applicable to an investment in a corporation, we changed our accounting method for our investment in Bois d Arc Energy to the equity method concurrent with Bois d Arc Energy's conversion to a corporation. The offshore results for 2005 include our proportionate interest in the operations of Bois d Arc Energy based upon our ownership interest throughout the period presented. The equity method adjustments reflect the reductions to our share of Bois d Arc Energy's operating results that are necessary to apply the equity method of accounting for all periods subsequent to the conversion of Bois d Arc Energy to a corporation.



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During 2006 we acquired additional shares of common stock of Bois d Arc Energy, which increased our direct ownership interest in Bois d Arc Energy. As a result, we have voting control of Bois d Arc Energy through our direct share ownership combined with the share ownership of members of our Board of Directors. The results of Bois d Arc Energy are included in our financial statements as a consolidated subsidiary, and as permitted by generally accepted accounting principles, consolidated revenues, expenses and cash flows for 2006 reflect Bois d Arc Energy as a consolidated subsidiary as of January 1, 2006. Financial statements for dates and periods prior to January 1, 2006, have not been adjusted. The inclusion of Bois d Arc Energy as a consolidated subsidiary in our financial statements had no impact on our net income, and although the adjustment to reflect Bois d Arc Energy as a consolidated subsidiary had no impact on our net income, comparisons of the separate components of our results of operations are significantly impacted by this change. In order to provide more meaningful information regarding comparisons of our results for the year ended December 31, 2006, our discussion of our operating results and capital expenditures is presented based upon a comparison of actual 2006 results to pro forma results for 2005 adjusted to include Bois d Arc Energy as a consolidated subsidiary.

The onshore data in the tables below contains the results of operations for our direct ownership in our onshore oil and gas properties. The offshore data contains the results of operations of Bois d Arc Energy after its formation in July 2004 and our Gulf of Mexico production that we contributed to Bois d Arc Energy prior to Bois d Arc Energy's formation. The 2006 data and the pro forma 2005 data reflect 100% of the operations of Bois d Arc Energy. The 2004 and 2005 results reflect only our proportionate share of Bois d Arc Energy's operations.

**Results of Operations*****Year Ended December 31, 2006 Compared to Pro Forma Year Ended December 31, 2005***

Our operating data for 2006 and 2005 on a pro forma basis is summarized below:

	<b>Onshore</b>	<b>Offshore</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><i>Year Ended December 31, 2006</i></b>			
<b>Net Production Data:</b>			
Oil (MBbls)	921	1,383	2,304
Natural gas (MMcf)	30,271	23,183	53,454
Natural gas equivalent (MMcfe)	35,797	31,481	67,278
<b>Average Sales Price:</b>			
Oil (\$/Bbl)	\$ 55.32	\$ 64.66	\$ 60.93
Natural gas (\$/Mcf)	\$ 6.81	\$ 7.13	\$ 6.95
Average equivalent price (\$/Mcf)	\$ 7.19	\$ 8.09	\$ 7.61
<b>Expenses (\$ per Mcfe):</b>			
Oil and gas operating <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1.51	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.59
Depreciation, depletion and amortization <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 2.10	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.28
<b><i>Pro Forma Year Ended December 31, 2005</i></b>			
<b>Net Production Data:</b>			
Oil (MBbls)	735	1,155	1,890
Natural gas (MMcf)	28,742	14,896	43,638
Natural gas equivalent (MMcfe)	33,151	21,825	54,976
<b>Average Sales Price:</b>			

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Oil (\$/Bbl)	\$ 49.34	\$ 52.88	\$ 51.50
Natural gas (\$/Mcf)	\$ 7.95	\$ 8.28	\$ 8.06
Average equivalent price (\$/Mcf)	\$ 7.99	\$ 8.45	\$ 8.17
<b>Expenses (\$ per Mcfe):</b>			
Oil and gas operating <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.48
Depreciation, depletion and amortization <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.74

(1) Includes lease operating costs and production and ad valorem taxes.

(2) Represents depreciation, depletion and amortization of oil and gas properties only.

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*Oil and gas sales.* Our oil and gas sales increased \$62.7 million (14%) in 2006 to \$511.9 million from pro forma consolidated sales of \$449.2 million in 2005. This increase primarily reflects a 22% increase in production which was partially offset by lower natural gas prices in 2006. Our average natural gas price decreased by 14% in 2006 as compared to our average gas price in 2005. Prices for crude oil increased by 18% in 2006 as compared to our prices for crude oil in 2005. Our natural gas production increased by 22% in 2006 over 2005. Higher offshore natural gas production was primarily due to production from new wells drilled and the restoration of certain of our offshore production with the return to service of pipelines and facilities in 2006 after being shut in due to hurricanes in 2005. Our onshore natural gas production increased by 5%, reflecting our active development drilling program and production attributable to the properties we acquired in 2005. Oil production increased 22% in 2006 over 2005. Higher oil production onshore in 2006 resulted mainly from additional production from the properties we acquired in 2005. The increase in offshore oil production resulted from the restoration of pipelines and facilities offshore and production from new wells that we drilled.

*Oil and gas operating expenses.* Our oil and gas operating expenses, including production taxes, increased \$25.9 million (32%) to \$107.3 million in 2006 from pro forma consolidated operating expenses of \$81.4 million in 2005. Oil and gas operating expenses per equivalent Mcf produced increased \$0.11 to \$1.59 in 2006 as compared with \$1.48 in 2005. Onshore operating expenses in 2006 increased due to costs associated with the properties we acquired in 2005 or drilled in 2006. The increase in offshore operating expenses resulted primarily from increased cost of services and materials for fuel, services and supplies, and higher insurance costs.

*Exploration expense.* In 2006, we incurred \$20.1 million in exploration expense as compared to pro forma consolidated exploration expense of \$33.7 million in 2005. Exploration expense in 2006 primarily relates to dry hole expense for three offshore exploratory wells, two onshore exploratory wells, the acquisition and reprocessing of offshore 3-D seismic data, and impairment of unproved properties. Pro forma exploration expense in 2005 includes \$16.7 million for the Big Sandy dry hole onshore, and the cost of one offshore exploratory dry hole and offshore seismic costs.

*DD&A.* Depreciation, depletion and amortization ( DD&A ) increased \$57.9 million (60%) to \$153.9 million in 2006 from pro forma consolidated DDA expense of \$96.0 million in 2005. Our DD&A rate per Mcfe produced averaged \$2.28 in 2006 as compared to \$1.74 for 2005. DD&A expense in 2006 for onshore operations increased \$22.1 million or (42%) from 2005 due to higher production and an increase in the onshore amortization rate caused by higher capitalized costs of the development wells we drilled. Offshore DD&A expenses for 2006 increased from 2005 due to increased production and a higher the amortization rate. The offshore amortization rate results from higher capitalized costs associated with the wells we drilled and the installation of new production facilities.

*Impairment.* We recorded impairments to our oil and gas properties of \$10.4 million in 2006 as compared to pro forma consolidated impairment expense of \$4.0 million in 2005. Impairment of onshore properties of \$8.8 million increased in 2006 over 2005 primarily due to impairment in 2006 of a property that was held for resale. Subsequently the plan to sell the property was cancelled. The impairment reflected this property's estimated fair market value at the time the plan to sell the property changed. Offshore impairments of \$1.6 million were related to several minor valued fields.

*General and administrative expenses.* General and administrative expenses, which are reported net of overhead reimbursements, of \$31.8 million for 2006 were 32% higher than pro forma consolidated general and administrative expenses of \$24.0 million for 2005. The increase primarily reflects higher personnel costs in 2006 due to increased staffing necessary to support the higher activity levels in our exploration and development programs, an increase of \$3.4 million in stock-based compensation in 2006 as



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compared to 2005, and the increased costs of compliance related to Bois d Arc Energy which became a public company in May 2005.

*Interest expense.* Interest expense increased \$6.0 million (28%) to \$27.4 million in 2006 from pro forma consolidated interest expense of \$21.4 million in 2005. The increase was primarily the result of higher borrowings and higher interest rates in 2006. Average borrowings under our bank credit facilities increased to \$188.6 million in 2006 as compared to \$166.4 million for 2005. The average interest rate on the outstanding borrowings under our credit facilities increased to 6.5% in 2006 as compared to 4.6% in 2005.

*Derivative Gains and Losses.* We did not designate our derivatives we utilize as part of our price risk management program as cash flow hedges and accordingly, we recognize gains or losses for the changes in the fair value of these liabilities during each period. The fair value of our liability for these derivatives decreased during 2006 resulting in a net unrealized gain of \$11.2 million. During 2005, the fair value of these liabilities increased due to the increase in natural gas prices and we accordingly recognized an unrealized loss of \$11.1 million during 2005. We realized losses to settle derivative positions of \$0.7 million and \$2.5 million during 2006 and 2005, respectively.

*Minority Interest.* Minority interest in earnings of Bois d Arc Energy of \$28.4 million for 2006 increased \$45.7 million from the pro forma minority interest in losses of \$17.3 million for 2005 primarily due to Bois d Arc Energy's higher net income in 2006. This increase is mainly due to the absence of Bois d Arc Energy's one time tax provision of \$108.2 million associated with recognizing cumulative deferred tax liabilities when it converted from a limited liability company to a corporation.

*Income taxes.* Income tax expense decreased in 2006 to \$74.3 million from pro forma income tax expense of \$161.6 million in 2005. The pro forma tax expense in 2005 included a \$108.2 million provision for deferred taxes related to Bois d Arc Energy's conversion from a nontaxable entity to a corporation during 2005. Income tax expense in 2006 also increased from pro forma 2005 tax expense due to our higher income before income taxes and deferred taxes provided on the undistributed earnings of Bois d Arc Energy.

*Net income.* We reported net income of \$70.7 million in 2006, as compared to net income of \$60.5 million in 2005. Net income per share for 2006 was \$1.61 on 43.6 million weighted average diluted shares outstanding as compared to \$1.47 for 2005 on 41.2 million weighted average diluted shares outstanding.

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Our operating data for 2005 and 2004 is summarized below:

	<b>Onshore</b>	<b>Offshore</b>	<b>Adjustments To Equity Method<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Year Ended December 31, 2005</b>				
<b>Net Production Data:</b>				
Oil (MBbls)	735	615	(313)	1,037
Natural gas (MMcf)	28,742	7,849	(4,342)	32,249
Natural gas equivalent (MMcfe)	33,151	11,537	(6,219)	38,469
<b>Average Sales Price:</b>				
Oil (\$/Bbl)	\$ 49.34	\$ 52.42		\$ 49.01
Natural gas (\$/Mcf)	\$ 7.95	\$ 8.15		\$ 7.83
Average equivalent price (\$/Mcfe)	\$ 7.99	\$ 8.34		\$ 7.89
<b>Expenses (\$ per Mcfe):</b>				
Oil and gas operating <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.66		\$ 1.32
Depreciation, depletion and amortization <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.95		\$ 1.64
<b>Year Ended December 31, 2004</b>				
<b>Net Production Data:</b>				
Oil (MBbls)	430	1,104		1,534
Natural gas (MMcf)	26,388	7,131		33,519
Natural gas equivalent (MMcfe)	28,967	13,755		42,722
<b>Average Sales Price:</b>				
Oil (\$/Bbl)	\$ 39.96	\$ 39.81		\$ 39.86
Natural gas (\$/Mcf)	\$ 5.88	\$ 6.36		\$ 5.98
Average equivalent price (\$/Mcfe)	\$ 5.95	\$ 6.49		\$ 6.12
<b>Expenses (\$ per Mcfe):</b>				
Oil and gas operating <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 1.09	\$ 1.48		\$ 1.22
Depreciation, depletion and amortization <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.94		\$ 1.46

(1) Adjustments to eliminate our proportionate share of Bois d'Arc Energy's operations subsequent to adoption of the equity method of accounting effective May 10, 2005.

(2) Includes lease operating costs and production and ad valorem taxes.

(3) Represents depreciation, depletion and amortization of oil and gas properties only.

*Oil and gas sales.* Our oil and gas sales increased \$41.7 million (16%) in 2005 to \$303.3 million from \$261.6 million in 2004. Oil and gas sales from our onshore operations increased to \$264.8 million, an increase of \$92.4 million or 54%, from \$172.4 million in 2004. This increase is attributable to the higher oil and gas prices we realized and increased production from our onshore properties. Our average onshore natural gas price increased by 35% and our average onshore crude oil price increased by 23% in 2005 as compared to prices in 2004. Our onshore production increased by 14% in 2005 over 2004 primarily due to new production from our successful drilling activity and the additional production attributable to the properties we acquired from EnSight in May 2005. Sales from our offshore operations of \$96.2 million in 2005 were 8% higher than offshore revenues in 2004 of \$89.3 million as higher oil and gas prices realized were offset by lower production. Our average offshore natural gas price increased by 28% and our

average crude oil price increased by 32% in 2005 as compared to prices in 2004. Offshore production in 2005 decreased by 16% from production in 2004. The lower offshore production was primarily attributable to the hurricane activity in the Gulf of Mexico that occurred during the third and fourth quarters of 2005 and partially to our lower ownership interest in Bois d'Arc Energy subsequent to the completion of its initial public offering on May 11, 2005.

*Oil and gas operating expenses.* Our oil and gas operating expenses, including production taxes, decreased \$1.1 million (2%) to \$51.0 million in 2005 from \$52.1 million in 2004. Oil and gas operating expenses per equivalent Mcf produced increased \$0.10 to \$1.32 in 2005 as compared with \$1.22 in 2004. Onshore operating expenses for 2005 of \$44.3 million increased by \$12.6 million compared to 2004 due to the

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acquisition of the EnSight properties, the start up of new wells and higher production taxes due to increased oil and gas prices. Offshore oil and gas operating costs for 2005 of \$19.1 million decreased \$1.2 million (6%) due to our lower ownership interest in certain high lifting cost fields that were contributed to Bois d Arc Energy.

*Exploration expense.* In 2005, we incurred \$19.7 million in exploration expense as compared to \$15.6 million in 2004. Exploration expense in 2005 primarily relates to the exploratory dry hole drilled to test the Big Sandy prospect and the acquisition of 3-D seismic data.

*DD&A.* Depreciation, depletion and amortization ( DD&A ) decreased \$0.6 million (1%) to \$63.3 million in 2005 from \$63.9 million in 2004. DD&A associated with our onshore properties increased by \$16.7 million to \$52.9 million primarily due to our increased production and an increase in our amortization rate. Our DD&A rate per Mcfe produced for our onshore properties averaged \$1.60 in 2005 as compared to \$1.25 for 2004. The increase relates to higher costs of properties acquired in late 2004 and in 2005 together with an increase in capitalized costs on our existing properties. DD&A attributable to our offshore properties for 2005 declined primarily due to lower produced volumes. Our DD&A rate per Mcfe produced for offshore properties was essentially unchanged in 2005 from 2004.

*Impairment.* We recorded impairments to our oil and gas properties of \$3.4 million in 2005 and \$1.6 million in 2004. These impairments relate to minor valued fields where an impairment was indicated based on estimated future cash flows attributable to the fields estimated proved oil and natural gas reserves.

*General and administrative expenses.* General and administrative expenses, which are reported net of overhead reimbursements, of \$16.5 million for 2005 were 13% higher than general and administrative expenses of \$14.6 million for 2004. The increase primarily reflects higher personnel costs in 2005 and additional staffing that was necessitated by the EnSight acquisition.

*Interest income.* Interest income in 2005 was \$1.6 million as compared to \$1.2 million in 2004. Included in interest income was \$1.2 million in 2005 and \$1.1 million in 2004 related to interest received from the other owners of Bois d Arc Energy.

*Interest expense.* Interest expense decreased \$0.9 million (4%) to \$20.3 million in 2005 from \$21.2 million in 2004. The decrease was primarily the result of lower borrowings in 2005. Average borrowings under our bank credit facility decreased to \$151.9 million in 2005 as compared to \$176.7 million for 2004. The average interest rate on the outstanding borrowings under our credit facility increased to 4.6% in 2005 as compared to 3.2% in 2004.

*Equity in earnings.* Commencing May 10, 2005 we began accounting for our share of the earnings from Bois d Arc Energy under the equity method on an after-tax basis. Accordingly, our results for 2005 include a loss of \$49.9 million with respect to our ownership interest in Bois d Arc Energy. This loss includes a one time provision of \$64.6 million associated with recognizing, under the equity method of accounting, our proportionate share of the cumulative deferred tax liabilities recorded by Bois d Arc Energy when it converted from a limited liability company to a corporation. We also recognized a gain of \$28.8 million on our investment in Bois d Arc Energy based on our share of the amount that Bois d Arc Energy's equity increased as a result of the sale of shares in Bois d Arc Energy's initial public offering.

*Derivative losses.* The fair value of the liability for the derivatives we utilize as part of our natural gas price risk management program increased substantially during 2005 due to the increase in natural gas prices that occurred in 2005. Since we did not designate these derivative positions as hedges, an unrealized loss of \$11.1 million associated with the increase in fair value of these derivative positions was recorded as an expense during 2005. We realized losses of \$2.5 million in 2005 to settle derivative positions.





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*Income taxes.* Income tax expense increased in 2005 to \$35.8 million from \$26.3 million in 2004 due to the higher pre-tax income in 2005.

*Net income.* We reported net income of \$60.5 million in 2005, as compared to net income of \$46.9 million in 2004. Net income per share for 2005 was \$1.47 on 41.2 million weighted average diluted shares outstanding as compared to \$1.29 for 2004 on 36.3 million weighted average diluted shares outstanding. Excluding the effect of the one time adjustments for Bois d'Arc Energy's conversion to a corporation and its initial public offering and the unrealized loss on derivatives, our net income for 2005 would have been \$91.0 million or \$2.21 per share. The 2004 results include a charge of \$19.6 million (\$12.5 million after income taxes or \$0.35 per diluted share) relating to the early retirement of our 11 1/4% senior notes.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Funding for our activities has historically been provided by our operating cash flow, debt or equity financings or asset dispositions. In 2006, our net cash flow provided by operating activities totaled \$364.6 million. Our other primary source of funds in 2006 was a net increase of \$143.0 million under our bank credit facilities and \$15.9 million from the exercise of stock options and warrants. In 2005, our net cash flow provided by operating activities totaled \$218.0 million and we received proceeds of \$121.2 million from a public offering of our common stock. In 2005 we also increased the debt outstanding under our bank credit facilities by \$179.0 million and we received \$25.6 million from the exercise of stock options and warrants. In 2004 our net cash flow provided by operating activities totaled \$171.4 million and we received proceeds of \$175.0 million from a sale of new eight year 6 7/8% senior notes. In 2004 we also increased the debt outstanding under our bank credit facility by \$142.0 million and received \$9.4 million from the exercise of stock options and warrants.

Our cash flow from operating activities in 2006 increased by \$146.6 million to \$364.6 million as compared to \$218.0 million in 2005 primarily due to higher revenues which were attributable to our increase in our production and the consolidation of Bois d'Arc Energy's cash flows. Cash flows from operating activities in 2005 of \$218.0 million increased by \$46.6 million from the 2004 cash flows from operating activities of \$171.4 million mainly due to higher revenues caused by increased natural gas prices. Our cash flow from operating activities in 2006 also increased from pro forma 2005 cash flow from operating activities of \$322.7 million due to the increased oil and gas production in 2006.

Our primary need for capital, in addition to funding our ongoing operations, relate to the acquisition, development and exploration of our oil and gas properties, and the repayment of our debt. Capital expenditures for exploration, development and exploration activities were \$209.8 million, \$355.4 million and \$533.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

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Our capital expenditure activity for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, including 2005 pro forma data as if we had consolidated Bois d'Arc Energy's capital expenditures for the full year of 2005 is summarized in the following table:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Pro Forma 2005<sup>(1)</sup></b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Exploration and development:			
Acquisitions of proved oil and gas properties	\$ 201,788	\$ 79,767	\$ 201,788
Acquisitions of unproved oil and gas properties	2,027	10,010	6,935
Developmental leasehold costs	3,102	2,902	3,102
Workovers and recompletions	21,100	41,646	34,561
Other development	2,580	50,764	109,300
Development drilling	98,710	211,491	77,601
Exploratory drilling	26,106	136,759	78,228
	355,413	533,339	511,515
Other	849	2,924	2,637
Total	\$ 356,262	\$ 536,263	\$ 514,152

(1) Pro forma for consolidating the capital expenditures of Bois d'Arc Energy as of January 1, 2005.

Our capital expenditures in 2006 of \$536.3 million increased by \$22.1 million over pro forma 2005 capital expenditures of \$514.2 million mostly due to higher drilling and construction costs. Capital expenditures in 2005 increased above 2004 capital expenditures of \$209.8 million primarily due to the acquisitions we made in 2005.

The timing of most of our capital expenditures is discretionary because we have no material long-term capital expenditure commitments. Consequently, we have a significant degree of flexibility to adjust the level of our capital expenditures as circumstances warrant. We currently expect to spend approximately \$478.0 million for development and exploration projects in 2007, which will be funded primarily by cash flows from operating activities and to a lesser extent borrowings under our bank credit facilities. Our operating cash flow and therefore, our capital expenditures are highly dependent on oil and natural gas prices, and in particular natural gas prices.

In 2006 we acquired producing oil and gas properties for an aggregate amount of \$79.8 million. We spent \$201.8 million on acquisition activities in 2005. We do not have a specific acquisition budget for 2007 since the timing and size of acquisitions are unpredictable. Smaller acquisitions will generally be funded from operating cash flow. With respect to significant acquisitions, we intend to use borrowings under our bank credit facilities, or other debt or equity financings to the extent available, to finance such acquisitions. The availability and attractiveness of these sources of financing will depend upon a number of factors, some of which will relate to our financial condition and performance and some of which will be beyond our control, such as prevailing interest rates, oil and natural gas prices and other market conditions.

We have \$175.0 million of senior notes outstanding. The senior notes are due March 1, 2012 and bear interest at 67/8%, which is payable semiannually on each March 1 and September 1. The senior notes are unsecured obligations

and are guaranteed by all of our wholly owned subsidiaries.

We have a \$600.0 million bank credit facility with Bank of Montreal, as the administrative agent. The bank credit facility is a five-year revolving credit commitment that matures on December 15, 2011. Indebtedness under the bank credit facility is secured by substantially all of our and our wholly-owned subsidiaries' assets and is guaranteed by all of our wholly-owned subsidiaries. The bank credit facility is

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subject to borrowing base availability, which is redetermined semiannually based on the banks' estimates of the future net cash flows of our oil and natural gas properties. As of December 31, 2006 the borrowing base was \$400.0 million, \$220.0 million of which was available. The borrowing base may be affected by the performance of our properties and changes in oil and natural gas prices. The determination of the borrowing base is at the sole discretion of the administrative agent and the bank group. Borrowings under the bank credit facility bear interest, based on the utilization of the borrowing base, at our option at either LIBOR plus 1.0% to 1.75% or the base rate (which is the higher of the prime rate or the federal funds rate) plus 0% to 0.25%. A commitment fee of 0.25% to 0.375%, based on the utilization of the borrowing base, is payable on the unused portion of the borrowing base. The bank credit facility contains covenants that, among other things, restrict the payment of cash dividends in excess of \$40.0 million, limit the amount of consolidated debt that we may incur and limit our ability to make certain loans and investments. The only financial covenants are the maintenance of a ratio of current assets, including the availability under the bank credit facility, to current liabilities of at least one-to-one and maintenance of a minimum tangible net worth. We were in compliance with these covenants as of December 31, 2006.

Bois d'Arc Energy has a \$200.0 million bank credit facility with The Bank of Nova Scotia and several other banks. Borrowings under the Bois d'Arc Energy credit facility are limited to a borrowing base that is re-determined semi-annually based on the banks' estimates of the future net cash flows of our oil and natural gas properties. The borrowing base was \$200.0 million, \$100.0 million of which was available as of December 31, 2006. The determination of the borrowing base is at the sole discretion of the administrative agent and the bank group. The Bois d'Arc Energy credit facility matures on May 11, 2009. Borrowings under the credit facility bear interest at Bois d'Arc Energy's option at either (1) LIBOR plus a margin that varies from 1.25% to 2.0% depending upon the ratio of the amounts outstanding to the borrowing base or (2) the base rate (which is the higher of the prime rate or the federal funds rate) plus a margin that varies from 0% to 0.75% depending upon the ratio of the amounts outstanding to the borrowing base. A commitment fee ranging from 0.375% to 0.50% (depending upon the ratio of the amounts outstanding to the borrowing base) is payable on the unused borrowing base. Indebtedness under the Bois d'Arc Energy credit facility is secured by substantially all of Bois d'Arc Energy's and its subsidiaries' assets, and all of Bois d'Arc Energy's subsidiaries are guarantors of the indebtedness. The Bois d'Arc Energy credit facility contains covenants that restrict the payment of cash dividends in excess of \$5.0 million, borrowings, sales of assets, loans to others, capital expenditures, investments, merger activity, hedging contracts, liens and certain other transactions without the prior consent of the lenders and requires Bois d'Arc Energy to maintain a ratio of current assets, including the availability under the bank credit facility, to current liabilities of at least one-to-one and a ratio of indebtedness to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, depletion, and amortization, exploration and impairment expense of no more than 2.5 to one. Bois d'Arc Energy was in compliance with these covenants as of December 31, 2006.

We believe that our cash flow from operations and available borrowings under our bank credit facilities will be sufficient to fund our operations and future growth as contemplated under our current business plan. However, if our plans or assumptions change or if our assumptions prove to be inaccurate, we may be required to seek additional capital. We cannot provide any assurance that we will be able to obtain such capital, or if such capital is available, that we will be able to obtain it on acceptable terms.

The following table summarizes our aggregate liabilities and commitments by year of maturity:

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Thereafter	Total
	(In thousands)						
Bank credit facilities	\$	\$	\$ 100,000	\$	\$ 180,000	\$	\$ 280,000
67/8% senior notes						175,000	175,000
Interest on debt	31,211	31,211	26,820	24,361	23,821	2,005	139,429

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Operating leases	1,123	1,128	1,142	1,152	1,158	2,055	7,758
Acquisition of seismic data	5,250	8,250					13,500
Contracted drilling services	80,257	13,594					93,851
	\$ 117,841	\$ 54,183	\$ 127,962	\$ 25,513	\$ 204,979	\$ 179,060	\$ 709,538

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Future interest costs are based upon the interest rate on our outstanding senior notes and on the December 31, 2006 rate for our bank credit facilities.

## **Federal Taxation**

At December 31, 2006, we had federal income tax net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$42.4 million. We have established a \$23.0 million valuation allowance against part of the net operating loss carryforwards that we acquired in an acquisition due to a change in control limitation which will prevent us from fully realizing these carryforwards. The carryforwards expire from 2017 through 2021. The realization of these carryforwards depends on our ability to generate future taxable income in order to utilize these carryforwards.

## **Critical Accounting Policies**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires us to make estimates and use assumptions that can affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues or expenses.

*Successful efforts accounting.* We are required to select among alternative acceptable accounting policies. There are two generally acceptable methods for accounting for oil and gas producing activities. The full-cost method allows the capitalization of all costs associated with finding oil and natural gas reserves, including certain general and administrative expenses. The successful efforts method allows only for the capitalization of costs associated with developing proven oil and natural gas properties as well as exploration costs associated with successful exploration projects. Costs related to exploration that are not successful are expensed when it is determined that commercially productive oil and gas reserves were not found. We have elected to use the successful efforts method to account for our oil and gas activities and we do not capitalize any of our general and administrative expenses.

*Oil and natural gas reserve quantities.* The determination of depreciation, depletion and amortization expense as well as impairments that are recognized on our oil and gas properties are highly dependent on the estimates of the proved oil and natural gas reserves attributable to our properties. Reserve engineering is a subjective process of estimating underground accumulations of oil and natural gas that cannot be precisely measured. The accuracy of any reserve estimate depends on the quality of available data, production history and engineering and geological interpretation and judgment. Because all reserve estimates are to some degree imprecise, 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 prices may all differ materially from those assumed in these estimates. The information regarding present value of the future net cash flows attributable to our proved oil and natural gas reserves are estimates only and should not be construed as the current market value of the estimated oil and natural gas reserves attributable to our properties. Thus, such information includes revisions of certain reserve estimates attributable to proved properties included in the preceding year's estimates. Such revisions reflect additional information from subsequent activities, production history of the properties involved and any adjustments in the projected economic life of such properties resulting from changes in product prices. Any future downward revisions could adversely affect our financial condition, our borrowing ability, our future prospects and the value of our common stock.

*Impairment of oil and gas properties.* The determination of impairment of our oil and gas reserves is based on the oil and gas reserve estimates using projected future oil and natural gas prices that we have determined to be reasonable. The projected prices that we employ represent our long-term oil and natural

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gas price forecast and may be higher or lower than the December 31, 2006 market prices for crude oil and natural gas. For the impairment review of our oil and gas properties that we conducted as of December 31, 2006, we used oil and natural gas prices that were based on the current futures market. We used an oil price of \$53.50 for 2007 and escalated prices by 5% each year thereafter to a maximum price of \$66.91 per barrel. For natural gas we used a price of \$7.90 per Mcf for 2007 and escalated prices by 5% each year thereafter to a maximum price of \$12.12 per Mcf. The initial prices we used were tied to the one-year market prices for oil and natural gas. To the extent we had used lower prices in our impairment review, an impairment could have been indicated on certain of our oil and gas properties.

*Asset retirement obligations.* We have significant obligations to remove tangible equipment and facilities and to restore land or seafloor at the end of oil and gas production operations. Our removal and restoration obligations are primarily associated with plugging and abandoning wells and removing and disposing of offshore oil and gas platforms. Estimating the future restoration and removal costs is difficult and requires management to make estimates and judgments because most of the removal obligations are many years in the future. Asset removal technologies and costs are constantly changing, as are regulatory, political, environmental, safety and public relations considerations.

*Stock-based compensation.* We follow the fair value based method prescribed in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* ( SFAS 123R ) in accounting for equity-based compensation. Under the fair value based method, compensation cost is measured at the grant date based on the fair value of the award and is recognized on a straight-line basis over the award vesting period. We adopted SFAS 123R utilizing the modified prospective transition method and accordingly the financial results for periods prior to January 1, 2006 have not been adjusted. Prior to adopting SFAS 123R we followed the fair value based method prescribed in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, *Accounting for Stock Based Compensation* for all periods beginning January 1, 2004. Under the fair value based method, compensation cost is measured at the grant date based on the fair value of the award and is recognized over the award vesting period. Because we previously recorded stock-based compensation using the fair value method, adoption of SFAS 123R did not have a significant impact on our net income or earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2006.

*New accounting standards.* In June 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 ( FIN 48 ). FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN 48 also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006, and we adopted FIN 48 at the beginning of fiscal 2007. The impact of adoption was not material.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* (SFAS No. 157). This Statement establishes a framework for fair value measurements in the financial statements by providing a single definition of fair value, provides guidance on the methods used to estimate fair value and increases disclosures about estimates of fair value. SFAS No. 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and is generally applied prospectively. We are currently evaluating the impact of this statement on our consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued FSP AUG AIR-1, *Accounting for Planned Major Maintenance Activities* (FSP AUG AIR-1). This FSP addresses the planned major maintenance of assets and prohibits the use of the accrue-in-advance method of accounting for these activities. This FSP is effective for the first fiscal year beginning after December 15, 2006. We are currently evaluating the impact of this FSP, but do not expect it to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.



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**Related Party Transactions**

In recent years, we have not entered into any material transactions with our officers or directors apart from the compensation they are provided for their services. We also have not entered into any business transactions with our significant stockholders or any other related parties except for the purchase of 2,250,000 shares of Bois d'Arc Energy's common stock for \$35.9 million in August 2006.

**ITEM 7A. *QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISKS***

**Oil and Natural Gas Prices**

Our financial condition, results of operations and capital resources are highly dependent upon the prevailing market prices of oil and natural gas. These commodity prices are subject to wide fluctuations and market uncertainties due to a variety of factors that are beyond our control. Factors influencing oil and natural gas prices include the level of global demand for crude oil, the foreign supply of oil and natural gas, the establishment of and compliance with production quotas by oil exporting countries, weather conditions which determine the demand for natural gas, the price and availability of alternative fuels and overall economic conditions. It is impossible to predict future oil and natural gas prices with any degree of certainty. Sustained weakness in oil and natural gas prices may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations, and may also reduce the amount of oil and natural gas reserves that we can produce economically. Any reduction in our oil and natural gas reserves, including reductions due to price fluctuations, can have an adverse effect on our ability to obtain capital for our exploration and development activities. Similarly, any improvements in oil and natural gas prices can have a favorable impact on our financial condition, results of operations and capital resources. Based on our oil and natural gas production in 2006, a \$1.00 change in the price per barrel of oil would have resulted in a change in our cash flow for such period by approximately \$2.2 million and a \$1.00 change in the price per Mcf of natural gas would have changed our cash flow by approximately \$52.1 million.

We periodically use derivative transactions with respect to a portion of our oil and natural gas production to mitigate our exposure to price changes. While the use of these derivative arrangements limits the downside risk of price declines, such use may also limit any benefits which may be derived from price increases. We use swaps, floors and collars to hedge oil and natural gas prices. Swaps are settled monthly based on differences between the prices specified in the instruments and the settlement prices of futures contracts quoted on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Generally, when the applicable settlement price is less than the price specified in the contract, we receive a settlement from the counterparty based on the difference multiplied by the volume hedged. Similarly, when the applicable settlement price exceeds the price specified in the contract, we pay the counterparty based on the difference. We generally receive a settlement from the counterparty for floors when the applicable settlement price is less than the price specified in the contract, which is based on the difference multiplied by the volumes hedged. For collars, we generally receive a settlement from the counterparty when the settlement price is below the floor and pay a settlement to the counterparty when the settlement price exceeds the cap. No settlement occurs when the settlement price falls between the floor and the cap. We had no derivative financial instrument outstanding as of December 31, 2006. During 2006 we recognized unrealized gains on derivatives of \$11.2 million to reflect the changes in these liabilities and we had realized losses of \$0.7 million to settle derivative positions.

**Interest Rates**

At December 31, 2006, we had long-term debt of \$455.0 million. Of this amount, \$175.0 million bears interest at a fixed rate of 67/8%. The fair market value of the fixed rate debt as of December 31, 2006 was



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\$170.4 million based on the market price of 97% of the face amount. At December 31, 2006, we had \$280.0 million outstanding under our bank credit facilities, which were subject to floating market rates of interest. Borrowings under the bank credit facility bear interest at a fluctuating rate that is tied to LIBOR or the corporate base rate, at our option. Any increases in these interest rates can have an adverse impact on our results of operations and cash flow. Based on borrowings outstanding at December 31, 2006, a 100 basis point change in interest rates would change our annual interest expense on our variable rate debt by approximately \$2.8 million. We had no interest rate derivatives outstanding during 2006 or at December 31, 2006.

**ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

Our consolidated financial statements are included on pages F-1 to F-36 of this report.

We have prepared these financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. We are responsible for the fairness and reliability of the financial statements and other financial data included in this report. In the preparation of the financial statements, it is necessary for us to make informed estimates and judgments based on currently available information on the effects of certain events and transactions.

Our independent public accountants, Ernst & Young LLP, are engaged to audit our financial statements and to express an opinion thereon. Their audit is conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States to enable them to report whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, our financial position and results of operations in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The audit committee of our board of directors is composed of three directors who are not our employees. This committee meets periodically with our independent public accountants and management. Our independent public accountants have full and free access to the audit committee to meet, with and without management being present, to discuss the results of their audits and the quality of our financial reporting.

**ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

None.

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**ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

*Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.* Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have evaluated, as required by Rule 13a-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)) as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Based on that evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures are adequate and effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

*Changes in internal control over financial reporting.* There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the fourth quarter of 2006 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

The management of Comstock Resources, Inc. (the Company ) is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed under the supervision of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the Company's financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

As of December 31, 2006, management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting established in Internal Control Integrated Framework, issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on the assessment, management determined that the Company maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006, based on those criteria.

Ernst & Young LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm that audited the consolidated financial statements of the Company included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, has issued an attestation report on management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006. The report, which expresses unqualified opinions on management's assessment and on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006 is included below.

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm  
on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

The Board of Directors and Stockholders  
Comstock Resources, Inc.

We have audited management's assessment, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, that Comstock Resources, Inc. maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). Comstock Resources, Inc.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assessment and an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, evaluating management's assessment, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, management's assessment that Comstock Resources, Inc. maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the COSO criteria. Also, in our opinion, Comstock Resources, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Comstock Resources, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and comprehensive income, and cash flows for the years in the period ended December 31, 2006 of Comstock Resources, Inc. and our report dated February 28, 2007 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Dallas, Texas

February 28, 2007

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**ITEM 9B. *OTHER INFORMATION***

None.

**PART III**

**ITEM 10. *DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT***

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to Business Directors, Executive Officers and Other Management in this Form 10-K and to our definitive proxy statement which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after December 31, 2006.

*Code of Ethics.* We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that is applicable to all of our directors, officers and employees as required by New York Stock Exchange rules. We have also adopted a Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers that is applicable to our Chief Executive Officer and senior financial officers. Both the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers may be found on our website at [www.comstockresources.com](http://www.comstockresources.com). Both of these documents are also available, without charge, to any stockholder upon request to: Comstock Resources, Inc., Attn: Investor Relations, 5300 Town and Country Blvd., Suite 500, Frisco, Texas 75034, (972) 668-8800. We intend to disclose any amendments or waivers to these codes that apply to our Chief Executive Officer and senior financial officers on our website in accordance with applicable SEC rules. Please see the definitive proxy statement for our 2007 annual meeting, which will be filed with the SEC within 120 days of December 31, 2006, for additional information regarding our corporate governance policies.

**ITEM 11. *EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION***

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after December 31, 2006.

**ITEM 12. *SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS***

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after December 31, 2006.

**ITEM 13. *CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE***

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after December 31, 2006.

**Table of Contents****ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES**

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after December 31, 2006.

**PART IV****ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES***(a) Financial Statements:*

1. The following consolidated financial statements and notes are included on Pages F-2 to F-36 of this report.

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2. All financial statement schedules are omitted because they are not applicable, or are immaterial or the required information is presented in the consolidated financial statements or the related notes.

*(b) Exhibits:*

The exhibits to this report required to be filed pursuant to Item 15 (c) are listed below.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1(a)	Restated Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995).
3.1(b)	Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Articles of Incorporation dated July 1, 1997 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1997).
3.2	Bylaws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to our Registration Statement on Form S-3, dated October 25, 1996).
4.1	Rights Agreement dated as of December 14, 2000, by and between Comstock and American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, as Rights Agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 1 to our Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated January 11, 2001).
4.2	Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2 to our Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated January 11,



2001).

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
4.3	Indenture dated February 25, 2004 between Comstock, the guarantors and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., Trustee for debt securities issued by Comstock Resources, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003).
4.4	First Supplemental Indenture, dated February 25, 2004 between Comstock, the guarantors and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., Trustee for the 67/8% Senior Notes due 2012 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.7 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003).
4.5	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated March 11, 2004 between Comstock, the guarantors and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. for the 67/8% Senior Notes due 2012 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2004).
4.6	Third Supplemental Indenture dated July 16, 2004 between Comstock, the guarantors and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2004).
4.7	Fourth Supplemental Indenture dated May 20, 2005 between Comstock, the guarantors and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2005).
10.1*	Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated December 15, 2006, among Comstock, as the borrower, the lenders from time to time thereto, Bank of Montreal, as administrative agent and issuing bank, Bank of America, N.A., as syndication agent and Comerica Bank, Fortis Capital Corp., and Union Bank of California, N.A. as co-documentation agents.
10.2#	Employment Agreement dated June 1, 2002, by and between Comstock and M. Jay Allison (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2002).
10.3#	First Amendment to Employment Agreement dated July 16, 2004, by and between Comstock and M. Jay Allison (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004).
10.4#	Employment Agreement dated June 1, 2002, by and between Comstock and Roland O. Burns (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2002).
10.5#	First Amendment to Employment Agreement dated July 16, 2004, by and between Comstock and Roland O. Burns (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004).
10.6#	Comstock Resources, Inc. 1999 Long-term Incentive Plan (As restated on April 1, 2001) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004).
10.7#	Amendment No. 2 dated April 7, 2004 to the Comstock Resources, Inc. 1999 Long-term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2004).
10.8#	Form of Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement between Comstock and certain officers and directors of Comstock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the year ended June 30, 1999).
10.9#	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement between Comstock and certain officers of Comstock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1999).
10.10	Warrant Agreement dated July 31, 2001 by and between Comstock and Gary W. Blackie and Wayne L. Laufer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the



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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.11	Contribution Agreement dated July 16, 2004, among Bois d Arc Energy, LLC, Bois d Arc Properties, LP, Bois d Arc Resources, Ltd., Wayne L. Laufer, Gary W. Balckie, Haro Investments LLC, such other persons listed on the signature pages thereto, Comstock Offshore LLC, and Comstock Resources, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004).
10.12	Amended and Restated Operating Agreement, dated as of August 23, 2004, to be effective July 16, 2004, of Bois d Arc Energy, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 [File No. 33-119511] filed by Bois d Arc Energy, LLC on October 4, 2004).
10.13	Services Agreement dated July 16, 2004, between Comstock Resources, Inc. and Bois d Arc Energy, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004).
10.14	Lease between Stonebriar I Office Partners, Ltd. and Comstock Resources, Inc. dated May 6, 2004 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004).
10.15	First Amendment to the Lease Agreement dated August 25, 2005, between Stonebriar I Office Partners, Ltd. and Comstock Resources, Inc.(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005).
10.16	Amended and Restated Operating Agreement dated as of August 23, 2004, to be effective July 16, 2004 of Bois d Arc Energy, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Bois d Arc Energy s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-19511)).
10.17	Stock Purchase Agreement dated August 25, 2006, between Bois d Arc Energy, Inc. and Comstock Resources, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to our Form 8-K dated August 25, 2006).
21*	Subsidiaries of the Company.
23.1*	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.
23.2*	Consent of Independent Petroleum Engineers.
31.1*	Chief Executive Officer certification under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2*	Chief Financial Officer certification under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1+	Chief Executive Officer certification under Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2+	Chief Financial Officer certification under Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

\* Filed herewith.

+ Furnished herewith.

# Management contract or compensatory plan document.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC.**

By: /s/ M. JAY ALLISON

M. Jay Allison  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)  
Date: February 28, 2007

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ M. JAY ALLISON	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors (Principal Executive Officer)	February 28, 2007
M. Jay Allison		
/s/ ROLAND O. BURNS	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Treasurer and Director (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	February 28, 2007
Roland O. Burns		
/s/ DAVID K. LOCKETT	Director	February 28, 2007
David K. Lockett		
/s/ CECIL E. MARTIN, JR.	Director	February 28, 2007
Cecil E. Martin, Jr.		
/s/ DAVID W. SLEDGE	Director	February 28, 2007
David W. Sledge		
/s/ NANCY E. UNDERWOOD	Director	February 28, 2007
Nancy E. Underwood		

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Board of Directors and Stockholders  
Comstock Resources, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Comstock Resources, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and comprehensive income, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Comstock Resources, Inc. and subsidiaries at December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2006, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share Based Payment" in accounting for equity-based compensation.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the effectiveness of Comstock Resources, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated February 28, 2007 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Dallas, Texas  
February 28, 2007

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As of December 31, 2005 and 2006

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 89	\$ 10,715
Accounts Receivable:		
Oil and gas sales	37,646	56,328
Joint interest operations	5,553	19,233
Other Current Assets	9,482	12,552
Total current assets	52,770	98,828
Property and Equipment:		
Unevaluated oil and gas properties	10,723	13,645
Oil and gas properties, successful efforts method	1,018,341	2,511,782
Other	3,342	8,483
Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(325,478)	(760,284)
Net property and equipment	706,928	1,773,626
Investment in Bois d' Arc Energy	252,134	
Other Assets	4,831	5,671
	\$ 1,016,663	\$ 1,878,125
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Short-term Debt	\$	\$ 3,250
Accounts Payable	48,955	132,504
Accrued Expenses	7,920	16,107
Unrealized Loss on Derivatives	11,242	
Total current liabilities	68,117	151,861
Long-term Debt	243,000	455,000
Deferred Income Taxes Payable	119,481	311,236
Reserve for Future Abandonment Costs	3,206	57,116
Minority Interest in Bois d' Arc Energy		220,349
Commitments and Contingencies		
Stockholders' Equity:		
Common stock \$0.50 par, 50,000,000 shares authorized, 42,969,262 and 44,395,495 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively	21,485	22,197
Additional paid-in capital	338,996	367,323
Retained earnings	222,378	293,043



Total stockholders' equity	582,859	682,563
	\$ 1,016,663	\$ 1,878,125

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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**Table of Contents****COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS****For the Years Ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</b>		
Oil and gas sales	\$ 261,647	\$ 303,336	\$ 511,928
Operating expenses:			
Oil and gas operating	52,068	50,966	107,303
Exploration	15,610	19,725	20,132
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	63,879	63,338	153,922
Impairment	1,648	3,400	10,444
General and administrative, net	14,569	16,533	31,769
Total operating expenses	147,774	153,962	323,570
Income from operations	113,873	149,374	188,358
Other income (expenses):			
Interest income	1,207	1,604	1,012
Other income	166	209	781
Interest expense	(21,182)	(20,272)	(27,429)
Formation costs of Bois d'Arc Energy	(1,101)		
Gain on sale of shares by Bois d'Arc Energy		28,797	
Gain (loss) on derivatives	(155)	(13,556)	10,716
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	(19,599)		
Total other income (expenses)	(40,664)	(3,218)	(14,920)
Income before income taxes, minority interest and equity in loss of Bois d'Arc Energy	73,209	146,156	173,438
Provision for income taxes	(26,342)	(35,815)	(74,339)
Equity in loss of Bois d'Arc Energy		(49,862)	
Minority interest in earnings of Bois d'Arc Energy			(28,434)
Net income	\$ 46,867	\$ 60,479	\$ 70,665
Net income per share:			
Basic	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.54	\$ 1.67
Diluted	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.61
Weighted average shares outstanding:			
Basic	34,187	39,216	42,220
Diluted	36,252	41,154	43,556

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY  
AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006**

	<b>Common Shares</b>	<b>Common Stock Par Value</b>	<b>Additional Paid-In Capital (In thousands)</b>	<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance at December 31, 2003	34,309	\$ 17,154	\$ 157,470	\$ 115,032	\$ 289,656
Stock purchase warrants issued for exploration prospects, net of deferred income taxes			1,512		1,512
Exercise of stock options and warrants	1,065	532	8,847		9,379
Tax benefit of stock option and warrant exercises			3,732		3,732
Stock-based compensation	275	138	4,569		4,707
Net income				46,867	46,867
Balance at December 31, 2004	35,649	17,824	176,130	161,899	355,853
Public offering of common stock	4,545	2,273	118,977		121,250
Stock issuance costs			(175)		(175)
Exercise of stock options and warrants	2,433	1,217	24,376		25,593
Tax benefit of stock option and warrant exercises			15,609		15,609
Stock-based compensation	342	171	4,079		4,250
Net income				60,479	60,479
Balance at December 31, 2005	42,969	21,485	338,996	222,378	582,859
Exercise of stock options and warrants	1,083	541	15,407		15,948
Tax benefit of stock option and warrant exercises			6,218		6,218
Stock-based compensation	343	171	6,702		6,873
Net income				70,665	70,665
Balance at December 31, 2006	44,395	\$ 22,197	\$ 367,323	\$ 293,043	\$ 682,563

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	2004	2005 (In thousands)	2006
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net income	\$ 46,867	\$ 60,479	\$ 70,665
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities, net of acquisition effects:			
Stock-based compensation	6,208	5,419	13,249
Excess tax benefit from stock based compensation			(6,218)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	63,879	63,338	153,922
Debt issuance costs amortization	970	942	1,649
Impairment of oil and gas properties	1,648	3,400	10,444
Deferred income taxes	20,739	31,201	66,550
Equity in loss of Bois d'Arc Energy		49,862	
Minority interest in earnings of Bois d'Arc Energy			28,434
Gain on sale of shares by Bois d'Arc Energy		(28,797)	
Dry hole costs and leasehold impairments	16,151	16,889	14,351
Loss (gain) on derivatives	155	13,556	(10,716)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	19,599		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	5,584	(13,030)	(2,917)
Decrease (increase) in other current assets	(1,735)	616	3,526
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(8,714)	14,079	21,666
Net cash provided by operating activities	171,351	217,954	364,605
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Capital expenditures and acquisitions	(209,790)	(356,262)	(529,225)
Formation of Bois d'Arc Energy, net of cash acquired	(48,271)		
Advances to Bois d'Arc Energy		(6,421)	
Repayments from Bois d'Arc Energy		158,066	
Payments to settle derivatives		(2,469)	(526)
Net cash used for investing activities	(258,061)	(207,086)	(529,751)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Borrowings	272,673	179,000	190,000
Proceeds from senior notes offering	175,000		
Debt issuance costs	(5,963)		(1,437)
Principal payments on debt	(367,019)	(339,150)	(47,000)
Proceeds from common stock issuances	9,379	146,843	15,948
Stock issuance costs		(175)	
Excess tax benefit from stock based compensation			6,218

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Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	84,070	(13,482)	163,729
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(2,640)	(2,614)	(1,417)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	5,343	2,703	89
Bois d'Arc Energy cash and equivalents as of January 1, 2006			12,043
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 2,703	\$ 89	\$ 10,715

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**COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Accounting policies used by Comstock Resources, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries (collectively, the Company) reflect oil and natural gas industry practices and conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation***

The Company is engaged in oil and natural gas exploration, development and production, and the acquisition of producing oil and natural gas properties. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Comstock Resources, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries ( Comstock ) and, effective January 1, 2006, Bois d Arc Energy, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries ( Bois d Arc Energy ). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The Company accounts for its undivided interest in properties using the proportionate consolidation method, whereby its share of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses are included in its financial statements.

***Formation of and Investment in Bois d Arc Energy***

In July 2004, Bois d Arc Energy, LLC was formed by Comstock Offshore, LLC ( Comstock Offshore ), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Comstock, and Bois d Arc Resources, Ltd. ( Bois d Arc Resources ), Bois d Arc Offshore, Ltd. and certain participants in their exploration activities (collectively, the Bois d Arc Participants ) to replace a joint exploration venture established in 1997 by Comstock Offshore and Bois d Arc Resources to explore for oil and natural gas in the Gulf of Mexico. Under the joint exploration venture, Bois d Arc Resources was responsible for generating exploration prospects in the Gulf of Mexico utilizing 3-D seismic data and their extensive geological expertise in the region. Comstock Offshore advanced the funds for the acquisition of 3-D seismic data and leases. Comstock Offshore was reimbursed for all advanced costs and was entitled to a non-promoted working interest in each prospect generated. For each successful discovery well drilled pursuant to the joint exploration venture, Comstock issued to the two principals of Bois d Arc Resources warrants exercisable for the purchase of shares of Comstock s common stock.

In July 2004, each of the Bois d Arc Participants and Comstock Offshore contributed to Bois d Arc Energy substantially all of their Gulf of Mexico related assets and assigned their related liabilities, including certain debt, in exchange for equity interests in Bois d Arc Energy. The equity interests issued in exchange for the contributions were determined by using a valuation of the properties contributed by the particular contributor relative to the value of the properties contributed by all contributors. Comstock Offshore contributed its interests in its Gulf of Mexico properties and assigned to Bois d Arc Energy \$83.2 million of related debt in exchange for an approximately 60% ownership interest in Bois d Arc Energy. The Bois d Arc Participants contributed their offshore oil and natural gas properties as well as ownership of Bois d Arc Offshore, Ltd., the operator of the properties, and assigned to Bois d Arc Energy \$28.2 million of related liabilities in exchange for an approximately 40% aggregate ownership interest in Bois d Arc Energy. The Bois d Arc Participants also received \$27.6 million in cash to equalize the amount that Comstock Offshore s debt exceeded its proportional share of the liabilities assigned. Bois d Arc Energy also reimbursed Comstock Offshore \$12.7 million and Bois d Arc \$0.8 million for advances made under the exploration joint venture for undrilled prospects.

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The following table sets forth the assets contributed and the liabilities assumed on the date of the formation of Bois d Arc Energy:

	<b>Comstock Offshore</b>	<b>Bois d Arc Participants (In thousands)</b>	<b>Combined</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6	\$ 17,024	\$ 17,030
Other current assets		21,992	21,992
Property and equipment, net	362,959	119,738	482,697
Current liabilities and bank loan		(66,788)	(66,788)
Payable to Comstock Resources	(83,177)		(83,177)
Reserve for future abandonment	(18,458)	(7,985)	(26,443)
Cash distributed	(12,742)	(28,342)	(41,084)
Net contribution	\$ 248,588	\$ 55,639	\$ 304,227

Under the terms of Bois d Arc Energy's operating agreement, management of Bois d Arc Energy was shared jointly by Comstock and the principals of Bois d Arc Resources. Management and operating decisions were made based on unanimous agreement between the parties. Because the Company had the ability to exercise significant influence over Bois d Arc Energy, but not control it, and because Bois d Arc Energy was similar to a partnership in that it maintained a specific ownership percentage for each member, the Company accounted for its interest in Bois d Arc Energy's assets, liabilities and operations under the proportionate consolidation method.

The consolidated financial statements include \$1.1 million of costs incurred during 2004 in connection with the formation of Bois d Arc Energy, including a termination fee of \$0.7 million for the cancellation of a service agreement for accounting and administrative services provided to Bois d Arc Offshore, Ltd. The fee was payable in monthly installments over a two year period beginning in October 2004.

In connection with the formation of Bois d Arc Energy, Comstock provided to Bois d Arc Energy a revolving line of credit with a maximum outstanding amount of \$200.0 million. Approximately \$59.4 million of the outstanding balance was attributable to the Bois d Arc Participants and is reflected in the consolidated balance sheet as a receivable from Bois d Arc Energy. Borrowings under the credit facility bore interest at Bois d Arc Energy's option at either LIBOR plus 2% or the base rate (which is the higher of the prime rate or the federal funds rate) plus 0.75%. Interest expense of \$2.7 million was charged by the Company to Bois d Arc Energy under the credit facility during the period from July 16, 2004 to December 31, 2004 and interest expense of \$2.7 million was charged by the Company to Bois d Arc Energy during the period from January 1, 2005 to May 10, 2005. Approximately \$1.1 million and \$1.2 million of interest was attributable to the Bois d Arc Participants and is included in interest income in the consolidated statement of operations in 2004 and 2005, respectively.



On May 10, 2005 Bois d'Arc Energy, LLC was converted to a corporation and changed its name to Bois d'Arc Energy, Inc. On May 11, 2005 Bois d'Arc Energy completed an initial public offering of 13.5 million shares of common stock at \$13.00 per share to the public. Bois d'Arc Energy sold 12.0 million shares of common stock and received net proceeds of \$145.1 million and a selling stockholder sold 1.5 million shares. Bois d'Arc Energy used the proceeds from its initial public offering together with borrowings under a new bank credit facility to repay \$158.0 million in outstanding advances from Comstock. As a result of Bois d'Arc Energy's conversion to a corporation and the offering, Comstock's ownership in Bois d'Arc Energy

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decreased to 48% and Comstock discontinued accounting for its interest in Bois d Arc Energy using the proportionate consolidation method and began using the equity method to account for its investment in Bois d Arc Energy.

At the time that Bois d Arc Energy converted to a corporation, it recorded a tax provision of \$108.2 million to record a deferred tax liability. Comstock recognized its proportionate share of this provision for taxes of \$64.6 million in its equity in loss of Bois d Arc Energy in the consolidated statement of operations. In connection with the initial public offering completed by Bois d Arc Energy, Comstock recognized a gain of \$28.8 million on its investment in Bois d Arc Energy based on Comstock's share of the amount that Bois d Arc Energy's equity was increased as a result of the sale of shares in the offering.

Comstock did not previously own interests in a subsidiary which had sold shares. The Company has no present plans for any future sale of Bois d Arc Energy common stock and has adopted a policy of recognizing its proportional share of the gain when Bois d Arc Energy sells shares to third parties.

During 2006, Comstock acquired 2,285,000 additional shares of Bois d Arc Energy for \$36.4 million which increased its ownership of Bois d Arc Energy's common stock to 32,220,761 shares or 49.5%. As a result, the Company has voting control of Bois d Arc Energy through the combined share ownership by Comstock and the members of its Board of Directors. Upon obtaining voting control of Bois d Arc Energy, Comstock began including Bois d Arc Energy in its financial statements as a consolidated subsidiary. Consolidated revenues, expenses and cash flows for 2006 reflect Bois d Arc Energy as a consolidated subsidiary as of January 1, 2006. The Company's financial statements for dates and periods prior to January 1, 2006, have not been adjusted. The inclusion of Bois d Arc Energy as a consolidated subsidiary in the Company's financial statements had no impact on the Company's net income.

The following table summarizes the pro forma results as if Bois d Arc Energy was consolidated in 2005:

	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2005</b>		
	<b>As Reported</b>	<b>Consolidating Adjustments (In thousands)</b>	<b>Pro Forma Consolidated</b>
<b>Balance Sheet -</b>			
Current assets	\$ 52,770	\$ 50,048	\$ 102,818
Property and equipment, net	706,928	661,931	1,368,859
Investment in Bois d Arc Energy	252,134	(252,134)	
Other assets	4,831	799	5,630
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,016,663</b>	<b>\$ 460,644</b>	<b>\$ 1,477,307</b>
Current liabilities	\$ 68,117	\$ 66,282	\$ 134,399
Long-term debt	243,000	69,000	312,000
Deferred income taxes payable	119,481	123,256	242,737
Reserve for future abandonment costs	3,206	35,034	38,240

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Minority interest in Bois d Arc Energy		167,072	167,072
Stockholder s equity	582,859		582,859
Total liabilities and stockholder s equity	\$ 1,016,663	\$ 460,644	\$ 1,477,307

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	Year Ended December 31, 2005		
	As Reported	Consolidating Adjustments (In thousands)	Pro Forma Consolidated
<b>Statement of Operations -</b>			
Total oil and gas sales	\$ 303,336	\$ 145,906	\$ 449,242
Income from operations	\$ 149,374	\$ 60,835	\$ 210,209
Income before income taxes, minority interest and equity in earnings of Bois d Arc Energy	\$ 146,156	\$ 58,659	\$ 204,815
Provision for income taxes	\$ (35,815)	\$ (125,808)	\$ (161,623)
Minority interest in losses of Bois d Arc Energy		\$ 17,287	\$ 17,287
Equity interest in losses of Bois d Arc Energy	\$ (49,862)	\$ 49,862	\$
Net income	\$ 60,479	\$	\$ 60,479

In connection with the acquisition of additional common shares of Bois d Arc Energy, Comstock has allocated the purchase price paid for the shares in excess of its underlying net book value in Bois d Arc Energy of \$18.9 million together with the related deferred income tax liability of \$10.1 million to oil and gas properties in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. This additional amount is being amortized over the productive lives of Bois d Arc Energy's oil and gas properties using the unit-of-production method. The pro forma impact of the acquisition of these shares was not material to the Company's historical results of operations.

***Reclassifications***

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior periods' financial statements to conform to the current presentation.

***Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual amounts could differ from those estimates. Changes in the future estimated oil and natural gas reserves or the estimated future cash flows attributable to the reserves that are utilized for impairment analysis could have a significant impact on the future results of operations.

***Concentration of Credit Risk and Accounts Receivable***

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to a concentration of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and derivative financial instruments, the Company places its cash with high credit quality financial institutions and its derivative financial instruments with financial institutions and other firms that management believes have high credit rating. Substantially all of the Company's accounts receivable are due from either purchasers of oil and gas or participants in oil and gas wells for which the Company serves as the operator. Generally, operators of oil and gas wells have the right to offset future revenues against unpaid charges related to

operated wells. Oil and gas sales are generally unsecured. The Company has not had any significant credit losses in the past and

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believes its accounts receivable are fully collectable. Accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been provided.

***Fair Value of Financial Instruments***

The following table presents the carrying amounts and estimated fair value of the Company's financial instruments as of December 31, 2005 and 2006:

	2005		2006	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value (In thousands)	Carrying Value	Fair Value
Long-term debt, including current portion	\$ 243,000	\$ 239,281	\$ 455,000	\$ 450,406

The fair market value of the fixed rate debt was based on the market prices as of December 31, 2005 and 2006. The fair market value of the floating rate debt approximates its carrying value.

Derivatives at December 31, 2005 are presented at their estimated fair value. The Company had no derivatives outstanding as of December 31, 2006. The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, other current assets, and accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate fair value due to the short maturity of these instruments.

***Other Current Assets***

Other current assets at December 31, 2005 and 2006 consist of the following:

	As of December 31,	
	2005	2006
	(In thousands)	
Prepaid expenses	\$ 3,511	\$ 9,889
Pipe inventory	1,408	1,251
Deferred tax asset	4,439	
Income taxes receivable		1,386
Other	124	26
	\$ 9,482	\$ 12,552

***Property and Equipment***

The Company follows the successful efforts method of accounting for its oil and natural gas properties. Acquisition costs for proved oil and natural gas properties, costs of drilling and equipping productive wells, and costs of unsuccessful development wells are capitalized and amortized on an equivalent unit-of-production basis over the life of the remaining related oil and gas reserves. Equivalent units are determined by converting oil to natural gas at the ratio of six barrels of oil for one thousand cubic feet of natural gas. Cost centers for amortization purposes are determined on a field area basis. Costs incurred to acquire oil and gas leasehold are capitalized. Unproved oil and gas properties are periodically assessed and any impairment in value is charged to exploration expense. The costs of unproved properties which are determined to be productive are transferred to proved oil and gas properties and amortized on an equivalent unit-of-production basis. Exploratory expenses, including geological and geophysical expenses and delay rentals for unevaluated oil and gas properties, are charged to expense as incurred. Exploratory drilling costs are

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initially capitalized as unproved property but charged to expense if and when the well is determined not to have found proved oil and gas reserves. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 19, exploratory drilling costs are evaluated within a one-year period after the completion of drilling.

The Company records a liability in the period in which an asset retirement obligation ( ARO ) is incurred, in an amount equal to the discounted estimated fair value of the obligation that is capitalized. Thereafter this liability is accreted up to the final retirement cost. The Company s ARO s relate to future plugging and abandonment expenses of its oil and gas properties and related facilities disposal.

The following table summarizes the changes in the Company s total estimated liability:

	<b>For the Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Beginning asset retirement obligations	\$ 19,174	\$ 19,248	\$ 3,206
Bois d Arc Energy abandonment liability <sup>(1)</sup>		(16,915)	35,034
New wells placed on production and changes in estimates	1,870	266	18,134
Acquisition liabilities assumed	88	455	3,346
Liabilities settled	(3,030)		(5,145)
Accretion expense	1,146	152	2,541
Ending asset retirement obligations	\$ 19,248	\$ 3,206	\$ 57,116

- (1) The Company s share of the asset retirement obligations of Bois d Arc Energy was reclassified to the Investment in Bois d Arc Energy upon the change to the equity accounting method in 2005. Concurrent with including Bois d Arc Energy as a consolidated subsidiary as of January 1, 2006, the asset retirement obligations of Bois d Arc Energy are included in the Company s financial statements.

The Company assesses the need for an impairment of the costs capitalized of its oil and gas properties on a property or cost center basis. If an impairment is indicated based on undiscounted expected future cash flows, then an impairment is recognized to the extent that net capitalized costs exceed discounted expected future cash flows based on escalated prices and including risk adjusted probable reserves, where appropriate. The Company recognized impairment charges related to its oil and gas properties of \$1.6 million, \$3.4 million and \$10.4 million in 2004, 2005, and 2006, respectively. The impairment in 2006 includes \$7.9 million related to a property that was held for resale. Subsequently, the plan to sell the property was cancelled. The impairment reflected the property s estimated fair market value at the time the plan to sell the property changed.

Other property and equipment consists primarily of gas gathering systems, computer equipment, furniture and fixtures and interests in private aircraft which are depreciated over estimated useful lives ranging from five to 31 1/2 years on a straight-line basis.



***Other Assets***

Other assets primarily consist of deferred costs associated with issuance of the senior notes and the bank credit facilities. These costs are amortized over the eight year life of the senior notes and the life of the bank credit facility on a straight-line basis which approximates the amortization that would be calculated using an effective interest rate method.

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***Stock-based Compensation***

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company follows the fair value based method prescribed in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* ( SFAS 123R ) in accounting for equity-based compensation. The Company adopted SFAS 123R utilizing the modified prospective transition method and accordingly the financial results for periods prior to January 1, 2006 have not been adjusted. Prior to adopting SFAS 123R the Company followed the fair value based method prescribed in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, *Accounting for Stock Based Compensation* for all periods beginning January 1, 2004. Because the Company previously recorded stock-based compensation using the fair value method, adoption of SFAS 123R did not have a significant impact on the Company's net income or earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2006. Under the fair value based method, compensation cost is measured at the grant date based on the fair value of the award and is recognized on a straight-line basis over the award vesting period.

Prior to adopting SFAS 123R, the Company presented all tax benefits of the deductions that resulted from stock-based compensation as cash flows from operating activities. SFAS 123R requires that excess tax benefits on stock-based compensation be recognized as a part of cash flows from financing activities. Comstock's excess income tax benefit realized from tax deductions associated with stock-based compensation totaled \$3.7 million, \$15.6 million and \$6.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively. Upon adoption of SFAS 123R effective January 1, 2006, \$6.2 million of tax benefits have been included in cash flows from financing activities.

***Segment Reporting***

The Company presently operates in one business segment, the exploration and production of oil and natural gas.

***Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities***

The Company follows Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* ( SFAS 133 ), which requires that every derivative instrument (including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts) be recorded on the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value. SFAS 133 requires that changes in the derivative's fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. The Company estimates fair value based on quotes obtained from the counterparties to the derivative contract. The fair value of derivative contracts that expire in less than one year are recognized as current assets or liabilities. Those that expire in more than one year are recognized as long-term assets or liabilities. Derivative financial instruments that are not accounted for as hedges are adjusted to fair value through income. If the derivative is designated as a cash flow hedge, changes in fair value are recognized in other comprehensive income until the hedged item is recognized in earnings. The Company had no derivative financial instruments outstanding at December 31, 2006.

***Major Purchasers***

In 2006, the Company had two purchasers of its oil and natural gas production that accounted for 10% of total oil and gas sales. Such purchasers accounted for 42% and 13% of total 2006 oil and gas sales. In 2005, Comstock had two purchasers that accounted for 15% and 12% of total 2005 oil and gas sales. In 2004, Comstock had two purchasers that accounted for 21% and 16% of total oil and gas sales. The loss of



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any of the foregoing customers would not have a material adverse effect on the Company as there is an available market for its crude oil and natural gas production from other purchasers.

***Revenue Recognition and Gas Balancing***

Comstock utilizes the sales method of accounting for oil and natural gas revenues whereby revenues are recognized based on the amount of oil or natural gas sold to purchasers. The amount of oil or natural gas sold may differ from the amount to which the Company is entitled based on its revenue interests in the properties. The Company did not have any significant imbalance positions at December 31, 2004, 2005 or 2006.

***General and Administrative Expenses***

General and administrative expenses are reported net of reimbursements of overhead costs that are allocated to working interest owners of the oil and gas properties operated by the Company.

***Income Taxes***

The Company accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability method, whereby deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis, as well as the future tax consequences attributable to the future utilization of existing tax net operating loss and other types of carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences and carryforwards are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

***Comprehensive Income***

Comprehensive income is defined as the change in equity of a business enterprise during a period from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources. There were no differences between comprehensive income and reported income in the periods presented.

***Earnings Per Share***

Basic and diluted earnings per share for 2004, 2005 and 2006 were determined as follows:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>								
	<b>2004</b>		<b>2005</b>			<b>2006</b>			
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Per</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Per</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Per</b>
			<b>Share</b>			<b>Share</b>			<b>Share</b>
	<b>(In thousands except per share data)</b>								

*Basic  
Earnings*

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<i>Per Share:</i>									
Net Income	\$ 46,867	34,187	\$ 1.37	\$ 60,479	39,216	\$ 1.54	\$ 70,665	42,220	\$ 1.67
<i>Diluted Earnings</i>									
<i>Per Share:</i>									
Net Income	\$ 46,867	34,187	\$ 1.37	\$ 60,479	39,216	\$ 1.54	\$ 70,665	42,220	\$ 1.67
Effect of Dilutive Securities: Stock Grants and Stock Options		2,065			1,938		(488)	1,336	
Net Income	\$ 46,867	36,252	\$ 1.29	\$ 60,479	41,154	\$ 1.47	\$ 70,177	43,556	\$ 1.61

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Stock options and warrants to purchase common stock at exercise prices in excess of the average actual stock price for the period that were anti-dilutive and that were excluded from the determination of diluted earnings per share are as follows:

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands except per share data)</b>		
Weighted average anti-dilutive stock options	28	7	117
Weighted average exercise price	\$ 20.03	\$ 32.50	\$ 32.52

***Statements of Cash Flows***

For the purpose of the consolidated statements of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

The following is a summary of all significant noncash investing and financing activities and cash payments made for interest and income taxes:

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Noncash activities			
Value of vested stock purchase warrants under exploration venture	\$ 2,326	\$	\$
Cash payments			
Interest payments	\$ 20,477	\$ 19,848	\$ 25,620
Income tax payments	7,954	2,578	5,871

***New Accounting Standards***

In June 2006, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (FIN 48). FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN 48 also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006, and the Company adopted FIN 48 at the beginning of fiscal 2007. The impact of adoption was not material to the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* (SFAS No. 157). This statement establishes a framework for fair value measurements in the financial statements by providing a single definition of fair value, provides guidance on the methods used to estimate fair value and increases disclosures about estimates of fair

value. SFAS No. 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and is generally applied prospectively. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this statement on its consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued FSP AUG AIR-1, Accounting for Planned Major Maintenance Activities (FSP AUG AIR-1). This FSP addresses the planned major maintenance of assets and prohibits the use of the accrue-in-advance method of accounting for these activities. This FSP is effective for the

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first fiscal year beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this FSP, but does not expect it to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

**(2) Acquisitions**

In September 2006 the Company acquired oil and gas properties in South Texas from Denali Oil & Gas Partners LP and other working interest owners for \$67.2 million in cash. The Company acquired proved oil and gas reserves of 16.5 Bcfe as well as interest in unevaluated oil and gas reserves. The transaction was funded with borrowings under Comstock's bank credit facility. The pro forma impact of this acquisition was not material to the Company's historical results of operations.

On May 12, 2005, the Company completed an acquisition of certain oil and gas properties in East Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi and related assets from EnSight Energy Partners, L.P. (EnSight) for \$190.9 million. The acquisition was funded with proceeds from a public offering of common stock completed in April 2005 and borrowings under Comstock's bank credit facility.

Set forth in the following table is certain unaudited pro forma financial information for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005. This information has been prepared assuming the EnSight acquisition was consummated on January 1, 2004 and is based on estimates and assumptions deemed appropriate by the Company. The pro forma unaudited information is presented for illustrative purposes only. If the transaction had occurred in the past, the Company's operating results might have been different from those presented in the following table. The unaudited pro forma information should not be relied upon as an indication of the operating results that the Company would have achieved if the transaction had occurred on January 1, 2004. The unaudited pro forma information also should not be used as an indication of the future results that the Company will achieve after the acquisition.

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share data)</b>	
Oil and gas sales	\$ 292,051	\$ 312,673
Income from operations	127,190	152,326
Net income	54,394	61,669
Net income per share:		
Basic	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.53
Diluted	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.46
Weighted average common and common stock equivalent shares outstanding:		
Basic	38,732	40,374
Diluted	40,797	42,312

On July 6, 2005, Comstock acquired from certain parties additional working interests in 14 producing wells (5.6 net) in certain of the properties acquired from EnSight for \$10.9 million. The pro forma impact of this acquisition was not material to the Company's historical results of operations.



On October 4, 2004, Comstock acquired producing oil and gas properties in the East Texas, Arkoma, Anadarko and San Juan basins from Ovation Energy, L.P. for \$62.0 million. The acquisition was funded by

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borrowings under the Comstock bank credit facility. The pro forma impact of this acquisition was not material to the Company's historical results of operations.

**(3) Oil and Gas Producing Activities**

Set forth below is certain information regarding the aggregate capitalized costs of oil and gas properties and costs incurred by the Company for its oil and gas property acquisition, development and exploration activities:

***Capitalized Costs***

	<b>As of December 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Unproved properties	\$ 10,723	\$ 13,645
Proved properties:		
Leasehold costs	661,937	1,060,050
Wells and related equipment and facilities	356,404	1,451,732
Accumulated depreciation depletion and amortization	(324,560)	(757,861)
	<b>\$ 704,504</b>	<b>\$ 1,767,566</b>
Share of equity investee <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 316,386	

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents 48% of capitalized costs of Boisd Arc Energy as of December 31, 2005.

***Costs Incurred***

	<b>For the Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Property acquisitions:			
Unproved properties	\$ 5,082	\$ 2,027	\$ 8,070
Proved properties	62,800	202,055	83,680
Development costs	96,040	126,368	321,164
Exploration costs	46,477	31,456	142,539
	<b>\$ 210,399</b>	<b>\$ 361,906</b>	<b>\$ 555,453</b>
Share of equity investee <sup>(1)</sup>		\$ 71,725	

- (1) Represents 48% of costs incurred by Bois d'Arc Energy from May 10, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

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Long-term debt is comprised of the following:

	<b>As of December 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Comstock bank credit facility	\$ 68,000	\$ 180,000
Bois d'Arc Energy bank credit facility		100,000
67/8% senior notes due 2012	175,000	175,000
	\$ 243,000	\$ 455,000

The following table summarizes Comstock's debt as of December 31, 2006 by year of maturity:

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>Thereafter</b>	<b>Total</b>
Comstock bank credit facility	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 180,000	\$	\$ 180,000
Bois d'Arc Energy bank credit facility			100,000				100,000
67/8% senior notes						175,000	175,000
	\$	\$	\$ 100,000	\$	\$ 180,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 455,000

In December 2006, Comstock entered into a new \$600.0 million bank credit facility with Bank of Montreal, as the administrative agent. The credit facility is a five year revolving credit commitment that matures on December 15, 2011. Indebtedness under the credit facility is secured by substantially all of Comstock's assets and is guaranteed by all of its wholly-owned subsidiaries. The credit facility is subject to borrowing base availability, which is redetermined semiannually based on the banks' estimates of the Company's future net cash flows of oil and natural gas properties. The borrowing base may be affected by the performance of Comstock's properties and changes in oil and natural gas prices. The determination of the borrowing base is at the sole discretion of the administrative agent and the bank group. As of December 31, 2006, the borrowing base was \$400.0 million, \$220.0 million of which was available. Borrowings under the credit facility bear interest, based on the utilization of the borrowing base, at Comstock's option at either (1) LIBOR plus 1.0% to 1.75% or (2) the base rate (which is the higher of the prime rate or the federal funds rate) plus 0% to 0.25%. A commitment fee of 0.25% to 0.375%, based on the utilization of the borrowing base, is payable on the unused borrowing base. The credit facility contains covenants that, among other things, restrict the payment of cash dividends in excess of \$40.0 million, limit the amount of consolidated debt that Comstock may incur and limit the Company's ability to make certain loans and investments. The only financial covenants are the

maintenance of a ratio of current assets, including availability under the bank credit facility, to current liabilities of at least one-to-one and maintenance of a minimum tangible net worth. The Company was in compliance with these covenants as of December 31, 2006. Proceeds from the new credit facility were used to repay outstanding indebtedness under Comstock's prior bank credit facility.

Boisd Arc Energy has a bank credit facility with The Bank of Nova Scotia and several other banks. Borrowings under the credit facility are limited to a borrowing base which is redetermined semi-annually based on the banks' estimate of the future net cash flows of Boisd Arc Energy's oil and natural gas properties that was \$200.0 million at December 31, 2006. The borrowing base is re-determined semi-annually based on the banks' estimates of the future net cash flows of Boisd Arc Energy's oil and natural

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gas properties. The determination of the borrowing base is at the sole discretion of the administrative agent and the bank group. The borrowing base was \$200.0 million as of December 31, 2006. Amounts available under this credit facility as of December 31, 2006 were \$100.0 million. The Bois d'Arc Energy credit facility matures on May 11, 2009. Borrowings under the credit facility bear interest at the Bois d'Arc Energy's option of either (1) LIBOR plus a margin that varies from 1.25% to 2.0% depending upon the ratio of the amounts outstanding to the borrowing base or (2) the base rate (which is the higher of the prime rate or the federal funds rate) plus a margin that varies from 0% to 0.75% depending upon the ratio of the amounts outstanding to the borrowing base. A commitment fee ranging from 0.375% to 0.50% (depending upon the ratio of the amounts outstanding to the borrowing base) is payable on the unused borrowing base. Indebtedness under the credit facility is secured by substantially all of Bois d'Arc Energy and its subsidiaries' assets, and all of the Bois d'Arc Energy's subsidiaries are guarantors of the indebtedness. The Bois d'Arc Energy credit facility contains covenants that restrict the payment of cash dividends in excess of \$5.0 million, borrowings, sales of assets, loans to others, capital expenditures, investments, merger activity, hedging contracts, liens and certain other transactions without the prior consent of the lenders and requires Bois d'Arc Energy to maintain a ratio of current assets, including the availability under the bank credit facility, to current liabilities of at least one-to-one and a ratio of indebtedness to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, depletion, and amortization, exploration and impairment expense of no more than 2.5-to-one. Bois d'Arc Energy was in compliance with these covenants as of December 31, 2006.

In 2004, Comstock sold \$175.0 million of senior notes in an underwritten public offering. The senior notes mature on March 1, 2012 and bear interest at 6<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% which is payable semiannually on each March 1 and September 1. The notes are unsecured obligations of Comstock and are guaranteed by all of its wholly-owned subsidiaries. The proceeds from the issuance of the notes were used to repurchase \$220.0 million in principal amount of Comstock's 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Senior Notes (the 1999 Notes) for \$235.8 million plus accrued interest. The early extinguishment of the 1999 Notes resulted in a pretax loss of \$19.6 million in 2004 which was comprised of the premium paid for repurchase of the 1999 Notes together with the write-off of unamortized debt issuance costs related to the 1999 Notes.

**(5) Commitments and Contingencies****Commitments**

The Company rents office space under noncancelable leases. Rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 was \$535,000, \$644,000 and \$1,098,000 respectively. Minimum future payments under the leases are as follows:

	<b>(In thousands)</b>
2007	\$ 1,123
2008	1,128
2009	1,142
2010	1,152
Thereafter	3,213
	\$ 7,758

The Company has commitments to acquire seismic data totaling \$13.5 million through December 2007. As of December 31, 2006, the Company had commitments for contracted drilling rigs of \$93.9 million through July 2008.

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***Contingencies***

From time to time, the Company is involved in certain litigation that arises in the normal course of its operations. The Company records a loss contingency for these matters when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. The Company does not believe the resolution of these matters will have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

**(6) Stockholders' Equity**

The authorized capital stock of Comstock consists of 50 million shares of common stock, \$.50 par value per share (the Common Stock), and 5 million shares of preferred stock, \$10.00 par value per share. The preferred stock may be issued in one or more series, and the terms and rights of such stock will be determined by the Board of Directors. There were no shares of preferred stock outstanding at December 31, 2005 and 2006.

Comstock's Board of Directors has designated 500,000 shares of the preferred stock as Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock (the Series B Junior Preferred Stock) in connection with the adoption of a shareholder rights plan. At December 31, 2005 and 2006, there were no shares of Series B Junior Preferred Stock issued or outstanding. The Series B Junior Preferred Stock is entitled to receive cumulative quarterly dividends per share equal to the greater of \$1.00 or 100 times the aggregate per share amount of all dividends (other than stock dividends) declared on Common Stock since the immediately preceding quarterly dividend payment date or, with respect to the first payment date, since the first issuance of Series B Junior Preferred Stock. Holders of the Series B Junior Preferred Stock are entitled to 100 votes per share (subject to adjustment to prevent dilution) on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders. The Series B Junior Preferred Stock is neither redeemable nor convertible. The Series B Junior Preferred Stock ranks prior to the Common Stock but junior to all other classes of preferred stock.

On April 4, 2005, Comstock completed a public offering of 4,545,454 shares of Common Stock at a price of \$27.50 per share to the public. The net proceeds from the offering, after deducting underwriters' discounts, of \$121.2 million were used to partially fund an acquisition of oil and gas properties.

**(7) Incentive Plans**

Comstock and Bois d'Arc Energy maintain separate incentive compensation plans under which they grant common stock and stock options to key employees and directors.

On June 23, 1999, the stockholders of Comstock approved the 1999 Long-term Incentive Plan for management including officers, directors and managerial employees of Comstock which replaced the 1991 Long-term Incentive Plan. The 1999 Long-term Incentive Plan together with the 1991 Long-term Incentive Plan authorize the grant of non-qualified and incentive stock options and the grant of restricted stock to key executives of Comstock. The options under the Comstock incentive plans have contractual lives ranging from five to ten years and become exercisable after lapses in vesting periods ranging from zero to ten years from the grant date. As of December 31, 2006 the incentive plans provide for future awards of stock options or restricted stock grants of up to 328,351 shares of Common Stock plus 1% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock each year beginning on each subsequent January 1. On July 16, 2004, Bois d'Arc Energy's unit holders approved the 2004 Long-term Incentive Plan for management including officers, directors, employees and consultants. The plan was amended and restated on May 11, 2005 to reflect Bois



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Energy's conversion to a corporation. This incentive plan authorizes the grant of non-qualified options to purchase shares of common stock and the grant of restricted shares of common stock in Bois d'Arc Energy. The options under the incentive plan have contractual lives of up to ten years and become exercisable after lapses in vesting periods ranging from one to five years from the grant date. The Bois d'Arc Energy incentive plan provides that awards in the aggregate cannot exceed 11% of the total outstanding shares of common stock of Bois d'Arc Energy. As of December 31, 2006, 1,892,550 shares were available for future grants under this plan.

During 2004, 2005 and 2006, the Company recorded \$6.2 million, \$5.4 million and \$13.2 million, respectively, in stock-based compensation expense in general and administrative expenses, including \$1.5 million, \$1.2 million, and \$6.4 million in 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively, attributable to Bois d'Arc Energy's incentive plan. The excess income tax benefit realized from tax deductions associated with stock-based compensation totaled \$3.7 million, \$15.6 million and \$6.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

**Comstock stock options.** Comstock amortizes the fair value of stock options granted over the vesting period using the straight-line method. The fair value of each award is estimated as of the date of grant using the Black-Scholes options pricing model. Total compensation expense recognized for all outstanding Comstock stock options for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 was \$1.9 million, \$0.6 million and \$0.9 million, respectively.

The following table summarizes the assumptions used to value Comstock's stock options for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006:

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Weighted average grant date fair value	\$ 7.75	\$ 15.08	\$ 17.37
Weighted average assumptions used			
Expected volatility	46.9%	36.8%	35.4%
Expected lives	4.1 yrs	8.2 yrs	8.9 yrs.
Risk-free interest rates	3.6%	4.3%	4.9%
Expected dividend yield			

The expected volatility for these grants is calculated using an analysis of the historical volatility of Comstock's common stock. The weighted average expected lives of options approximate their contractual lives. Risk-free interest rates are determined using the implied yield currently available for zero-coupon U.S. government issues with a remaining term equal to the expected life of the options.

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The following table summarizes information related to Comstock's stock options outstanding at December 31, 2006:

<b>Exercise Price</b>	<b>Number of Options Outstanding</b>	<b>Weighted Average Remaining Life (in years)</b>	<b>Number of Options Exercisable</b>
\$3.88	545,000	1.5	545,000
\$8.88	176,250	2.5	176,250
\$11.12	3,500	3.4	3,500
\$6.42	170,750	3.5	170,750
\$9.20	177,750	2.0	177,750
\$12.15	20,000	1.4	20,000
\$18.20	40,220	3.0	40,220
\$18.17	50,000	2.4	50,000
\$20.03	15,000	4.0	15,000
\$20.92	40,000	3.4	40,000
\$32.50	86,500	8.9	21,625
\$32.44	40,000	5.4	
\$33.22	104,000	10.0	
	1,468,970	3.2	1,260,095
Exercisable	1,260,095	2.3	

The following tables summarize information related to Comstock's stock option activity under its employee incentive plans for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006:

	<b>2004</b>		<b>2005</b>		<b>2006</b>	
	<b>Number of Options</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>	<b>Number of Options</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>	<b>Number of Options</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>
Outstanding at January 1	3,549,250	\$ 8.83	2,734,870	\$ 9.02	1,733,970	\$ 9.83
Granted	78,000	\$ 18.84	141,500	\$ 29.23	144,000	\$ 33.00
Exercised	(892,380)	\$ 9.09	(1,141,400)	\$ 10.29	(394,000)	\$ 10.87
Forfeited			(1,000)	\$ 20.03	(15,000)	\$ 32.50
	2,734,870	\$ 9.02	1,733,970	\$ 9.83	1,468,970	\$ 11.59

Outstanding at  
December 31

Vested and Exercisable at  
December 31

2,293,620	\$	8.62	1,567,470	\$	7.92	1,260,095	\$	8.07
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**For the Years Ended December 31,**  
**2004                      2005                      2006**  
**(In thousands)**

Cash received for options exercised	\$	8,114	\$	11,748	\$	4,283
Actual tax benefit realized	\$	10,324	\$	21,972	\$	7,780

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As of December 31, 2006, total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested Comstock stock options of \$3.2 million was expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 4.0 years. The aggregate intrinsic value of Comstock options outstanding at December 31, 2006 was \$29.0 million based on the closing price for Comstock's common stock on December 29, 2006. The aggregate intrinsic value of vested Comstock options was also \$29.0 million on December 31, 2006. Options granted in 2004, 2005 and 2006 were granted with exercise prices equal to the closing prices of the Company's common stock on the respective dates. The total intrinsic value of Comstock options exercised was \$10.3 million, \$22.0 million and \$7.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

**Comstock restricted stock.** The fair value of restricted stock grants is amortized over the vesting period using the straight-line method. Total compensation expense recognized by Comstock for restricted stock grants was \$2.8 million, \$3.6 million and \$6.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively. The fair value of each restricted share on the date of grant is equal to its fair market price.

A summary of Comstock restricted stock activity for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 is presented below:

	<b>Number of Restricted Shares</b>	<b>Weighted Average Grant Price</b>
Outstanding at January 1, 2004	588,750	\$ 15.32
Granted	275,000	\$ 20.03
Vested	(56,250)	\$ 8.88
Outstanding at January 1, 2005	807,500	\$ 17.38
Granted	342,000	\$ 32.50
Vested	(56,250)	\$ 6.42
Outstanding at January 1, 2006	1,093,250	\$ 22.67
Granted	387,000	\$ 32.85
Vested	(230,000)	\$ 16.27
Forfeitures	(43,500)	\$ 24.62
Outstanding at December 31, 2006	1,206,750	\$ 27.08

Total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested Comstock restricted stock of \$32.7 million as of December 31, 2006 is expected to be recognized over a period of 4.0 years. Unvested restricted stock grants had a weighted average contractual term of 2.4 years and an aggregate intrinsic value of \$37.5 million as of December 31, 2006.

***Bois d Arc Energy stock options.*** Bois d Arc Energy amortizes the fair value of stock options granted over the vesting period using the straight-line method. The fair value of each award is estimated as of the date of grant using the Black-Scholes options pricing model. Total compensation expense recognized by Bois d Arc Energy for all outstanding stock options for the period from its inception through December 31, 2004, and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006 was \$1.2 million, \$2.7 million and \$3.4 million, respectively.

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The following table summarizes the assumptions used to value Bois d Arc Energy stock options for the period from its inception through December, 2004 and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006:

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Weighted average grant date fair value	\$4.55	\$7.63	\$9.63
Weighted average assumptions used			
Expected volatility	29.8%	37.0%	39.5%
Expected lives	7.5 yrs.	8.5 yrs.	9.8 yrs.
Risk-free interest rates	4.0%	4.2%	5.5%
Expected dividend yield			

The value of the initial grants of Bois d Arc Energy options, which have an exercise price of \$6.00, was determined to be \$4.55 using an estimated grant date fair value of \$8.42 per share, an expected weighted average life of 7.5 years, and an expected volatility factor of 29.8%. The volatility factor was determined based on an analysis of similar companies in the industry. The expected volatility for grants after Bois d Arc Energy's initial public offering in 2005 is calculated using an analysis of historical volatility of Bois d Arc Energy's common stock. Due to Bois d Arc Energy's limited option exercise experience, the weighted average expected lives of options approximate their contractual lives. The risk-free interest rates are determined using the implied yield currently available for zero-coupon U.S. government issues with a remaining term equal to the expected life of the options.

The following table summarizes information related to Bois d Arc Energy stock options outstanding at December 31, 2006:

<b>Exercise Price</b>	<b>Number of Options Outstanding</b>	<b>Weighted Average Remaining Life (in years)</b>	<b>Number of Options Exercisable</b>
\$ 6.00	2,758,000	7.5	1,102,000
\$12.00	15,000	8.4	3,000
\$12.80	25,000	3.4	25,000
\$15.55	200,000	8.6	9,000
\$15.48	50,000	9.3	
\$16.47	192,500	9.0	
\$14.23	40,000	9.5	
\$15.62	40,000	9.6	
\$16.75	30,000	9.6	
\$ 7.70	3,350,500	7.7	1,139,000

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The following tables summarize information related to Bois d' Arc Energy option activity for the period from its inception in July 2004 through December 31, 2004 and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006:

	2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number	Weighted Average Exercise Price
	of Options		of Options		of Options	
Outstanding at January 1			2,800,000	\$ 6.00	3,105,000	\$ 6.84
Granted	2,800,000	\$ 6.00	305,000	\$ 14.60	364,000	\$ 16.02
Exercised					(19,500)	\$ 6.46
Forfeited					(99,000)	\$ 11.65
Outstanding at December 31	2,800,000	\$ 6.00	3,105,000	\$ 6.84	3,350,500	\$ 7.70
Vested and Exercisable at December 31			560,000	\$ 6.00	1,139,000	\$ 6.24

**For the Years Ended  
December 31,  
2004 2005 2006  
(In thousands)**

Cash received for options exercised	\$	\$	\$ 125
Actual tax benefit realized	\$	\$	\$ 172

As of December 31, 2006, total unrecognized compensation cost related to the Bois d' Arc Energy non-vested options of \$10.7 million was expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 4.6 years. The aggregate grant date intrinsic value of the initial grants of options to purchase Bois d' Arc Energy class B units in 2004 was \$6.8 million which was determined using a grant date fair value of the class B units of \$8.42 per unit. Bois d' Arc Energy options granted in 2005 and 2006 were granted with exercise prices equal to the closing prices of the Bois d' Arc Energy's common stock on the respective dates of grant and, therefore, had no intrinsic value on such grant dates. The aggregate intrinsic value of Bois d' Arc Energy options outstanding at December 31, 2006 was \$23.9 million based on the closing price for Bois d' Arc Energy's common stock on December 29, 2006. The aggregate intrinsic value of vested Bois d' Arc Energy options was \$9.6 million on December 21, 2006. The total intrinsic value of Bois d' Arc Energy options exercised for the year ended December 31, 2006 was \$172,000. There were no options exercised prior to 2006.

**Bois d' Arc Energy restricted stock.** The fair value of each restricted Bois d' Arc Energy share on the date of grant is equal to its market price. Bois d' Arc Energy amortizes the grant date fair value of the restricted shares over the vesting

period using the straight-line method. Total compensation cost recognized for Bois d'Arc Energy restricted stock grants was \$1.3 million, \$2.9 million, and \$3.0 million for the period from its inception through December 31, 2004 and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

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A summary of Bois d Arc Energy restricted stock activity under the long-term incentive plan for the period from Inception through December 31, 2004 and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006 is presented below:

	<b>Number of Restricted Shares (Units)</b>	<b>Weighted Average Grant Price</b>
Granted in 2004	2,145,000	\$ 6.80
Outstanding at January 1, 2005	2,145,000	\$ 6.80
Granted	10,000	\$ 12.00
Vested	(429,000)	\$ 6.80
Outstanding at January 1, 2006	1,726,000	\$ 6.83
Granted	25,000	\$ 15.48
Vested	(429,000)	\$ 6.80
Forfeitures	(16,000)	\$ 10.05
Outstanding at December 31, 2006	1,306,000	\$ 6.97

Total unrecognized compensation cost related to Bois d Arc Energy non-vested restricted stock of \$7.7 million as of December 31, 2006, is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 4.3 years. Unvested restricted stock grants had a weighted average contractual term of 1.6 years and an aggregate intrinsic value of \$19.1 million as of December 31, 2006.

**(8) Retirement Plans**

Comstock has a 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan which covers all of its employees. At its discretion, Comstock may match a certain percentage of the employees' contributions to the plan. Comstock's matching contributions to the plan were \$130,000, \$142,000 and \$199,000 for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

Bois d Arc Energy has a 401(k) profit sharing plan which covers all of its employees. At its discretion, Bois d Arc Energy may match a certain percentage of the employees' contributions to the plan. Bois d Arc Energy's matching contributions to the plan were \$8,000 for the period from Inception through December 31, 2006 and \$32,000 and \$41,000 in 2005 and 2006, respectively.

**(9) Exploration Venture**

On July 31, 2001, Comstock entered into an exploration agreement with Bois d Arc Offshore, Ltd. and its principals (collectively, Bois d Arc ), which replaced an exploration agreement entered into on December 8, 1997. Comstock did not have any ownership interest in Bois d Arc. The 2001 exploration agreement established a joint exploration venture

between Comstock and Bois d Arc covering the state coastal waters of Louisiana and Texas and corresponding federal offshore waters in the Gulf of Mexico. The new venture was effective April 1, 2001 and was to continue until December 31, 2006. Under the joint exploration venture, Bois d Arc was responsible for developing a budget for exploration activities and for generating exploration prospects in the Gulf of Mexico utilizing 3-D seismic data and their extensive geological expertise in the region. Comstock had to approve the budget and advanced funds for the acquisition of 3-D seismic data and leases needed to conduct exploration activities. Comstock Offshore was

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reimbursed for all advanced costs and was entitled to a non-promoted working interest in each prospect generated. The agreement required Comstock to fund a minimum of \$5.0 million for the acquisition of seismic data over the term of the agreement or Bois d'Arc had the right to terminate the agreement. Comstock was to recover its advances based on Bois d'Arc's ability to generate drilling prospects on the acreage acquired that could either be sold to third parties or drilled by Comstock and Bois d'Arc. Prior to drilling a prospect under the joint exploration venture, Comstock was reimbursed for the costs that were advanced and had the right to participate in drilling the prospect with up to a 40% working interest. The amounts advanced by Comstock Offshore for leasehold and seismic data acquisitions were recorded as unevaluated properties and as exploration expense as the reimbursements or repayment of such advances by Bois d'Arc were not unconditional. The collection of the advances was subject to a drillable prospect being developed that Comstock Offshore, Bois d'Arc or other third parties would agree to drill. At December 31, 2003 Comstock had \$7.1 million in advances outstanding for acquisition costs of unevaluated properties and \$2.6 million for acquisition costs of seismic data. In connection with the formation of Bois d'Arc Energy these advances were repaid in July 2004.

Under the exploration agreement, the principals of Bois d'Arc had the opportunity to earn warrants to purchase up to 1,620,000 shares of Common Stock. Warrants to purchase 60,000 shares were earned for each prospect that resulted in a successful discovery, which was defined as an exploratory well drilled under the exploration agreement that was not plugged and abandoned and in which Comstock agreed to participate in the completion operation. The exercise price on the warrants earned was determined on a semiannual basis each year that the venture was in effect based on the then-current market price for the Common Stock. The principals of Bois d'Arc had also earned warrants to purchase 600,000 shares of Common Stock at \$14.00 per share under the prior exploration agreement during the period from January 1998 to April 2001. The value of these warrants based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model was \$9.97 per option share. The estimated value of \$6.0 million for the warrants earned under the prior exploration agreement were capitalized to oil and gas properties in 1998 through 2001. The exploration joint venture was terminated on July 15, 2004 in connection with the formation of Bois d'Arc Energy.

The following table summarizes the stock purchase warrants issued under the exploration ventures that were outstanding at December 31, 2006.

<b>Number of Shares Outstanding</b>	<b>Exercise Price</b>	<b>Weighted Average Remaining Life (Years)</b>	<b>Number of Shares Exercisable</b>
58,500	\$ 13.59	2.54	58,500
8,600	\$ 18.70	2.54	8,600
120,000	\$ 19.46	2.54	120,000
187,100		2.54	187,100

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The following table summarizes stock purchase warrant activity during 2004, 2005 and 2006 under the exploration venture:

	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Exercise Price</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>
Outstanding at December 31, 2003	2,100,000	\$6.48 to \$18.70	\$ 12.09
Granted	240,000	\$19.46	\$ 19.46
Exercised	(172,501)	\$6.48 to \$9.26	\$ 7.34
Outstanding at December 31, 2004	2,167,499	\$6.48 to \$9.26	\$ 13.29
Exercised	(1,291,666)	\$6.48 to \$14.00	\$ 10.72
Outstanding at December 31, 2005	875,833	\$6.48 to \$19.46	\$ 17.08
Exercised	(688,733)	\$13.59 to \$19.46	\$ 16.94
Outstanding and exercisable at December 31, 2006	187,100	\$13.59 to \$19.46	\$ 17.59

The value of the stock purchase warrants granted based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model was \$9.69 per share or an aggregated \$2.3 million in 2004. Such costs were capitalized as a cost of oil and gas properties. Warrants were exercised to purchase 172,501, 1,291,666 and 688,733 in 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively. Such exercises yielded net proceeds of \$1.3 million, \$13.8 million and \$11.7 million in 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

**(10) Income Taxes**

The tax effects of significant temporary differences representing the net deferred tax liability at December 31, 2005 and 2006 were as follows:

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Net deferred tax assets (liabilities):		
Current:		
Unrecognized loss from derivatives	\$ 3,935	\$
Net operating loss carryforward	387	
State taxes	117	

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	\$	4,439	\$
Non current:			
Property and equipment	\$	(66,802)	\$ (252,164)
Other assets		508	1,695
Investment in Bois d Arc Energy		(66,825)	(75,808)
Net operating loss carryforwards		14,854	14,854
Valuation allowance on net operating loss carryforwards		(8,043)	(8,043)
Other		6,827	8,230
Net deferred tax liability	\$	(119,481)	\$ (311,236)

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The following is an analysis of the consolidated income tax expense:

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Current	\$ 5,603	\$ 4,614	\$ 7,789
Deferred	20,739	31,201	66,550
	\$ 26,342	\$ 35,815	\$ 74,339

Deferred income taxes are provided to reflect the future tax consequences or benefits of differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their reported amounts in the financial statements using enacted tax rates. The difference between the Company's customary rate of 35% and the effective tax rate on income before income taxes, minority interest and equity in earnings (loss) of Bois d'Arc Energy, is due to the following:

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Tax at statutory rate	\$ 25,623	\$ 51,155	\$ 60,703
Tax effect of:			
Provision (benefit) on undistributed earnings (loss) of Bois d'Arc Energy		(17,452)	9,307
Nondeductible stock-based compensation	204	1,533	3,224
State taxes, net of federal benefit	497	333	(45)
Deferred state taxes provided due to tax law changes			1,288
Other	18	246	(138)
Total	\$ 26,342	\$ 35,815	\$ 74,339

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Tax at statutory rate	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%
Tax effect of:			
Provision (benefit) on undistributed earnings (loss) of Bois d'Arc Energy		(11.9)	5.4
Nondeductible stock-based compensation	0.3	1.0	1.9
State taxes, net of federal benefit	0.7	0.2	
Deferred state taxes provided due to tax law changes			0.7
Other		0.2	(0.1)



Total 36.0% 24.5% 42.9%

At December 31, 2006, Comstock had the following carryforwards available to reduce future income taxes:

<b>Types of Carryforward</b>	<b>Years of Expiration Carryforward</b>	<b>Amounts (In thousands)</b>
Net operating loss U.S. federal	2017-2021	\$ 42,438
Alternative minimum tax credits	Unlimited	6,959

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The utilization of the net operating loss carryforward is limited to approximately \$1.1 million per year pursuant to a prior change of control of an acquired company. Accordingly, a valuation allowance of \$23.0 million, with a tax effect of \$8.0 million, has been established for the estimated net operating loss carryforwards that will not be utilized. Realization of the net operating carryforwards requires Comstock to generate taxable income within the carryforward period.

**(11) Derivatives and Hedging Activities**

Comstock periodically uses swaps, floors and collars to hedge oil and natural gas prices and interest rates. Swaps are settled monthly based on differences between the prices specified in the instruments and the settlement prices of futures contracts. Generally, when the applicable settlement price is less than the price specified in the contract, Comstock receives a settlement from the counter party based on the difference multiplied by the volume or amounts hedged. Similarly, when the applicable settlement price exceeds the price specified in the contract, Comstock pays the counter party based on the difference. Comstock generally receives a settlement from the counter party for floors when the applicable settlement price is less than the price specified in the contract, which is based on the difference multiplied by the volumes hedged. For collars, generally Comstock receives a settlement from the counter party when the settlement price is below the floor and pays a settlement to the counter party when the settlement price exceeds the cap. No settlement occurs when the settlement price falls between the floor and cap. The Company had no derivative financial instruments outstanding as of December 31, 2006.

Comstock has not designated derivative instruments previously outstanding as cash flow hedges and accordingly, unrealized losses on derivatives of \$11.1 million and unrealized gains of \$11.2 million were recorded in 2005 and 2006, respectively, to reflect the change in fair value of these instruments. The Company realized losses of \$2.5 million and \$0.5 million in 2005 and 2006, respectively, to settle positions which expired during the year.

Comstock periodically enters into interest rate swap agreements to hedge the impact of interest rate changes on its floating rate long-term debt. As of December 31, 2005 and 2006, Comstock had no interest rate financial instruments outstanding.

**(12) Supplementary Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)****2005**

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>	<b>Fourth</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</b>				
Total oil and gas sales	\$ 69,822	\$ 68,529	\$ 71,619	\$ 93,366	\$ 303,336
Income from operations	\$ 33,009	\$ 20,701	\$ 37,899	\$ 57,765	\$ 149,374
Net income (loss)	\$ 15,888	\$ (10,878)	\$ 14,138	\$ 41,331	\$ 60,479

Net income per share:

Basic	\$	0.45	\$	(0.27)	\$	0.35	\$	0.99	\$	1.54
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Diluted	\$	0.43	\$	(0.27)	\$	0.33	\$	0.96	\$	1.47
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	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>	<b>Fourth</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</b>				
Total oil and gas sales	\$ 131,724	\$ 124,178	\$ 129,251	\$ 126,775	\$ 511,928
Income from operations	\$ 61,734	\$ 46,363	\$ 44,810	\$ 35,451	\$ 188,358
Net income	\$ 29,634	\$ 15,583	\$ 17,036	\$ 8,412	\$ 70,665
Net income per share:					
Basic	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.20	\$ 1.67
Diluted	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.19	\$ 1.61

Amounts reported for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006 which differ from amounts previously reported due to the consolidation of Bois d'Arc Energy effective January 1, 2006 are as follows:

	<b>As Previously Reported</b>	<b>Consolidating Adjustments (In thousands)</b>	<b>As Consolidated</b>
Three months ended March 31, 2006			
Total oil and gas sales	\$ 69,891	\$ 61,833	\$ 131,724
Income from Operations	\$ 34,506	\$ 27,228	\$ 61,734
Net income	\$ 29,634	\$	\$ 29,634
Net income per share:			
Basic	\$ 0.70	\$	\$ 0.70
Diluted	\$ 0.68	\$	\$ 0.68

	<b>As Previously Reported</b>	<b>Consolidating Adjustments (In thousands)</b>	<b>As Consolidated</b>
Three months ended June 30, 2006			
Total oil and gas sales	\$ 64,571	\$ 59,607	\$ 124,178
Income from Operations	\$ 22,277	\$ 24,086	\$ 46,363
Net income	\$ 15,583	\$	\$ 15,583
Net income per share:			
Basic	\$ 0.37	\$	\$ 0.37
Diluted	\$ 0.36	\$	\$ 0.35

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Comstock Resources, Inc. (the parent company) has \$175.0 million of 67/8% senior notes outstanding which are guaranteed by all of the parent company's wholly-owned consolidated subsidiaries. There are no restrictions on the parent company's ability to obtain funds from any of the guarantor subsidiaries or on a guarantor subsidiary's ability to obtain funds from the parent company or their direct or indirect subsidiaries. The 67/8% senior notes are not guaranteed by Bois d'Arc Energy, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries). The following condensed consolidating balance sheet, statements of operations and statement of cash flows are provided for the parent company, all guarantor subsidiaries and all non-guarantor subsidiaries. The information has been presented as if the parent company accounted for its ownership of the guarantor and non-guarantor subsidiaries using the equity method of accounting.

**Balance Sheet:**

	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2006</b>				
	<b>Comstock Resources</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Eliminating Entries</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>				
<b>Assets:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	\$ 1,228	\$ 9,487	\$	\$ 10,715
Accounts receivable		37,049	38,512		75,561
Other current assets	210	3,547	8,795		12,552
Total current assets	210	41,824	56,794		98,828
Net property and equipment	30,345	915,486	827,795		1,773,626
Investment in subsidiaries	636,303			(636,303)	
Intercompany receivables	393,395			(393,395)	
Other assets	4,757	2	912		5,671
Total assets	\$ 1,065,010	\$ 957,312	\$ 885,501	\$ (1,029,698)	\$ 1,878,125
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders</b>					
<b>Equity:</b>					
Short-term debt	\$	\$	\$ 3,250	\$	\$ 3,250
Accounts payable	9,687	62,041	60,776		132,504
Accrued expenses		11,265	4,842		16,107
Total current liabilities	9,687	73,306	68,868		151,861
Long-term debt	355,000		100,000		455,000

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Intercompany payables		393,395		(393,395)	
Deferred income taxes payable	17,760	141,517	151,959		311,236
Reserve for future abandonment costs		9,052	48,064		57,116
Minority interest				220,349	220,349
Total liabilities	382,447	617,270	368,891	(173,046)	1,195,562
Stockholders' equity	682,563	340,042	516,610	(856,652)	682,563
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,065,010	\$ 957,312	\$ 885,501	\$ (1,029,698)	\$ 1,878,125

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	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2006</b>				
	<b>Comstock Resources</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Eliminating Entries</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>				
Oil and gas sales	\$	\$ 257,218	\$ 254,710	\$	\$ 511,928
Operating expenses:					
Oil and gas operating		53,903	53,400		107,303
Exploration		1,424	18,708		20,132
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	1,275	75,056	77,591		153,922
Impairment		8,812	1,632		10,444
General and administrative, net	26,802	(6,407)	11,374		31,769
Total operating expenses	28,077	132,788	162,705		323,570
Income from operations	(28,077)	124,430	92,005		188,358
Other income (expenses):					
Interest income	22,709	682	330	(22,709)	1,012
Other income		184	597		781
Interest expense	(20,980)	(22,462)	(6,696)	22,709	(27,429)
Gain on derivatives		10,716			10,716
Total other income (expenses)	1,729	(10,880)	(5,769)		(14,920)
Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interest in earnings of Bois d Arc Energy	(26,348)	113,550	86,236		173,438
Provision for income taxes	(2,304)	(40,823)	(31,212)		(74,339)
Minority interest in earnings of Bois d Arc Energy				(28,434)	(28,434)
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	99,317			(99,317)	
Net income	\$ 70,665	\$ 72,727	\$ 55,024	\$ (127,751)	\$ 70,665

**Statement of Cash Flows:****Year Ended December 31, 2006**



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	<b>Comstock Resources</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries (In thousands)</b>	<b>Eliminating Entries</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Net Cash Provided by (Used for)					
Operating Activities	\$ (4,842)	\$ 191,038	\$ 178,409	\$	\$ 364,605
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:					
Capital expenditures and acquisitions	(1,263)	(280,257)	(247,705)		(529,225)
Acquisition of Bois d Arc Energy, Inc. common stock	(35,865)			35,865	
Payments to settle derivatives		(526)			(526)
Net Cash Used for Investing Activities	(37,128)	(280,783)	(247,705)	35,865	(529,751)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:					
Borrowings	119,000		71,000		190,000
Advances to subsidiaries	(90,912)	90,912			
Principal payments on debt	(7,000)		(40,000)		(47,000)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	15,948		35,990	(35,990)	15,948
Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation	6,218		29	(29)	6,218
Other	(1,284)	(28)	(279)	154	(1,437)
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	41,970	90,884	66,740	(35,865)	163,729
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,139	(2,556)		(1,417)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		89			89
Bois d Arc Energy cash and cash equivalents as of January 1, 2006			12,043		12,043
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	\$ 1,228	\$ 9,487	\$	\$ 10,715

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Set forth below is a summary of the changes in Comstock's net quantities of crude oil and natural gas reserves for each of the three years ended December 31, 2006:

	2004		2005		2006	
	Oil (MBbls)	Gas (MMcf)	Oil (MBbls)	Gas (MMcf)	Oil (MBbls)	Gas (MMcf)
<b>Proved Reserves:</b>						
Beginning of year	19,189	501,778	15,881	533,554	12,043	432,416
Revisions of previous estimates	(568)	4,818	(118)	(47,445)	(13)	(59,004)
Extensions and discoveries	1,086	30,979	73	17,966	2,588	111,195
Purchases of minerals in place	74	40,568	8,157	72,597	565	19,832
Formation of Bois d' Arc Energy <sup>(1)</sup>	(2,366)	(11,070)				
Conversion of Bois d' Arc Energy to Equity Investee			(10,913)	(112,006)		
Consolidation of Bois d' Arc Energy Production	(1,534)	(33,519)	(1,037)	(32,250)	19,530	205,986
End of year	15,881	533,554	12,043	432,416	32,409	656,971
Share of equity investee <sup>(2)</sup>			9,365	98,770		
Minority interest <sup>(3)</sup>					10,320	111,898
<b>Proved Developed Reserves:</b>						
Beginning of year	13,206	332,668	11,382	353,567	7,229	255,126
End of year	11,382	353,567	7,229	255,126	23,548	424,246
Share of equity investee <sup>(2)</sup>			7,344	84,314		
Minority interest <sup>(3)</sup>					7,900	92,465

(1) Net change in reserves related to the formation of Bois d' Arc Energy.

(2) Represents 48% of reserves of Bois d' Arc Energy as of December 31, 2005.

(3) Represents minority interest in Bois d' Arc Energy.

The following table sets forth the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows relating to proved reserves at December 31, 2005 and 2006:

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Cash Flows Relating to Proved Reserves:		
Future cash flows	\$ 4,166,682	\$ 5,566,987
Future costs:		
Production	(965,568)	(1,354,529)
Development and abandonment	(228,204)	(573,443)
Future income taxes	(924,030)	(771,402)
Future net cash flows	2,048,880	2,867,613
10% discount factor	(935,084)	(1,039,108)
Standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows	\$ 1,113,796	\$ 1,828,505
Share of equity investee <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 614,922	
Minority interest <sup>(2)</sup>		\$ 546,199

(1) Represents 48% of standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows of Bois d'Arc Energy as of December 31, 2005.

(2) Represents minority interest in Bois d'Arc Energy.

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The following table sets forth the changes in the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows relating to proved reserves for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006:

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Standardized Measure, Beginning of Year	\$ 1,197,665	\$ 1,084,122	\$ 1,113,796
Net Change in Sales Price, Net of Production Costs	(128,486)	446,054	(1,343,575)
Development Costs Incurred During the Year Which Were Previously Estimated	68,617	74,825	171,554
Revisions of Quantity Estimates	3,303	(162,627)	(133,395)
Accretion of Discount	170,908	115,192	351,308
Changes in Future Development and Abandonment Costs	(39,611)	(27,137)	(143,791)
Changes in Timing	(164,971)	14,620	(92,906)
Extensions and Discoveries	113,012	69,467	327,893
Purchases of Reserves in Place	62,112	355,272	52,853
Formation of Bois d Arc Energy <sup>(1)</sup>	(46,612)		
Conversion of Bois d Arc Energy to Equity Investee		(586,014)	
Consolidation of Bois d Arc Energy			1,282,425
Sales, Net of Production Costs	(209,579)	(252,369)	(404,625)
Net Changes in Income Taxes	57,764	(17,609)	646,968
Standardized Measure, End of Year	\$ 1,084,122	\$ 1,113,796	\$ 1,828,505
Share of Equity Investee <sup>(2)</sup>		\$614,922	
Minority Interest <sup>(3)</sup>			\$546,199

(1) Net change in reserves related to the formation of Bois d Arc Energy.

(2) Represents 48% of standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows of Bois d Arc Energy as of December 31, 2005.

(3) Represents minority interest in Bois d Arc Energy.

The estimates of proved oil and gas reserves utilized in the preparation of the financial statements were estimated by independent petroleum consultants of Lee Keeling and Associates in accordance with guidelines established by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Financial Accounting Standards Board, which require that reserve reports be prepared under existing economic and operating conditions with no provision for price and cost escalation except by contractual agreement. All of Comstock's reserves are located onshore in the continental United States of America. All of Bois d Arc Energy's reserves are located offshore the continental United States of America.

Future cash flows are calculated by applying year-end prices adjusted for transportation and other charges to the year-end quantities of proved reserves, except in those instances where fixed and determinable price changes are

provided by contractual arrangements in existence at year-end.

The Company's average year-end prices used in the reserve estimates were as follows:

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Crude Oil (Per Barrel)	\$ 42.17	\$ 49.17	\$ 50.86
Natural Gas (Per Mcf)	\$ 5.86	\$ 8.27	\$ 5.63

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Future development and production costs are computed by estimating the expenditures to be incurred in developing and producing proved oil and gas reserves at the end of the year, based on year-end costs and assuming continuation of existing economic conditions. Future income tax expenses are computed by applying the appropriate statutory tax rates to the future pre-tax net cash flows relating to proved reserves, net of the tax basis of the properties involved. The future income tax expenses give effect to permanent differences and tax credits, but do not reflect the impact of future operations.

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