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THE COMPANY

Cimarex Energy Co. (NYSE: XEC) is an independent oil and gas exploration and production company with operations mainly located in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Louisiana and Wyoming. Our strategy centers on drill-bit driven growth. We maximize our cash flow from producing properties, which is then reinvested in exploratory and development drilling. Acquisitions may be made from time to time, but our principal strategy is investing through the drill-bit.

A cornerstone to our approach is detailed evaluation and post drilling analysis of each drilling decision based on its estimated risk-adjusted discounted cash flow rate of return on investment. Our analysis includes estimates and assessments of potential reserve size, geologic and mechanical risks, expected costs and prices, and future production profiles.

2008 SUMMARY

During 2008 we accomplished the following positive highlights:

- Oil and gas sales increased 38% to a record \$1.9 billion.
- Cash flow from operating activities increased 37% to an all-time high of \$1,367.5 million.
- Production grew 8% to an average of 485.8 MMcfe per day in 2008, increasing throughout the year to a fourth-quarter peak of 493.7 MMcfe per day.
- Added 215 Bcfe of proved reserves from extensions, discoveries and improved recovery, replacing 121% of production.
- Increased our western Oklahoma, Anadarko-Woodford shale position to 98,000 net acres.
- Ended the year with a debt to total capitalization ratio of 20%.

However, with the second-half 2008 collapse in oil and gas prices we also experienced the following negative consequences:

- \$1.4 billion after-tax, non-cash full-cost ceiling test write-down of our oil and gas properties.
- Negative price-related revisions of proved reserves of 157 Bcfe, resulting in an overall 9% decrease in our proved reserves to 1.3 Tcfe.

ABBREVIATIONS

Mcf Thousand cubic feet
MMcf Million cubic feet
Bcf Billion cubic feet

McfeThousand cubic feet equivalentMMcfeMillion cubic feet equivalentBcfeBillion cubic feet equivalentTcfeTrillion cubic feet equivalent

Bbls Barrels

One barrel of oil is the energy equivalent of six Mcf of natural gas.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Fellow Stockholders,

Economic conditions have deteriorated rapidly and are having a profound effect on our business. In this environment we need to respond by slowing down. As I write this letter we are operating three rigs, down from 42 in September 2008. This will have an impact on our 2009 growth in production but it is a necessary response to the economic environment we are in.

Considerable gyrations in oil and gas prices occurred in 2008. The first half of the year brought unexplainable price increases followed by an even greater drop by year-end. Oil prices fell from the mid-year 2008 intra-month peak of \$145 per barrel to as low as \$34 per barrel near year-end. Gas prices fell from \$13.50 per Mcf mid-year 2008 to \$5.30 per Mcf in the fourth quarter. The dramatic decrease in prices by year-end 2008 significantly impacted our results.

However, even with the year-end price drop, 2008 was actually a pretty good year operationally. First, we increased oil and gas production by 8% to 486 MMcfe/d, generating record oil and gas sales of more than \$1.9 billion. Cash flow from operations increased 46% to an all-time high of 1.4 billion.

Unfortunately, the commodity price collapse was real and it took its toll on our financial results and proved reserves. The drop-off in prices caused our reported year-end reserves to be lower and resulted in \$1.4 billion of full-cost ceiling test write-downs.

The full-cost ceiling write down employs an accounting treatment using year-end pricing and does not necessarily reflect the market value of our reserves. We have a very solid reserve base with 82% of our reserves classified as proved developed coming from highly productive wells.

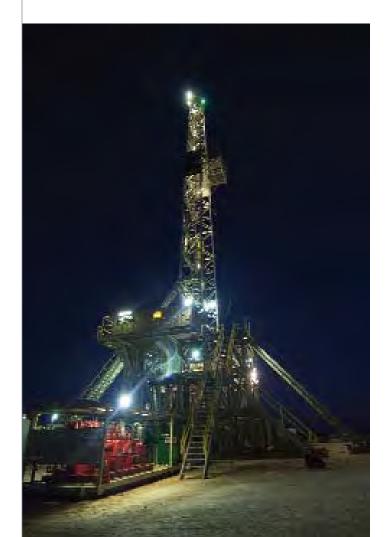
Even with the apparent downward sea level change in commodity prices for the near future, we are left where we always are: investing our cash flow in the highest rate of return projects. In order to achieve this we've always maintained a portfolio of drilling opportunities in different geographic areas and with varying degrees of geologic risk. We've also kept a mix of both oil and gas opportunities.

Low oil and gas prices have significantly reduced our cash flow available to re-invest in 2009. We expect to fund \$400-\$600

million of capital expenditures, down from the \$1.4 billion of exploration and development investment in 2008. Capital is going to only our top projects. Further, right now it makes sense to even defer some of our good opportunities in order to get better returns when service costs re-align with the drop in commodity prices.

Our 2009 drilling program will focus on the western Oklahoma Anadarko-Woodford shale, the south Texas Gulf Coast Yegua/Cook Mountain trend and shallow Permian Basin horizontal oil plays.

Drilling in the Mid-Continent Anadarko-Woodford shale play will comprise the bulk of 2009 capital program. It has low finding costs, highly productive wells and solid economics, even in a low gas price environment. We are in the early stages of this play but our results to date have been strong. The Anadarko-Woodford shale reservoir characteristics are similar to those found in the best shale plays in the country. We currently have 98,000 net acres in the play and it should be an important part of our drilling program for years to come.



EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL INVESTMENT (Millions of Dollars)





We also expect to have drilling activity in our seismically controlled Gulf Coast Yegua/Cook Mountain play. Year after year, this play has consistently earned the highest rates of return of all our projects. While we don't envision having a rig running continuously through 2009, we will have prospects ready for drilling starting in the spring.

Lastly, we've had an active horizontal oil drilling program in the Permian Basin over the last several years. The target formations include the Third Bone Spring, Abo, Wolfcamp, Cherry Canyon and Paddock. We have a good land position in this area with a large inventory of horizontal oil drilling opportunity. Having a component of oil in our portfolio is important and we are high-grading our opportunities to be ready to start drilling later in the year.

Recapping our 2009 E&D capital approach:

- Will be generally living within cash flow
- Our bias is to defer drilling until service costs decrease
- Will be mostly focused on the Anadarko-Woodford shale
- We do not have significant lease expiration issues
- Gulf Coast and Permian Basin activity will be limited
- Slow down but move forward

Cimarex was formed in 2002. Relative to other exploration and production companies, we are, and have always been, relatively low debt, low PUDs and high cash flow. From our beginnings in 2002 to year-end 2008, our production per share has grown 34% and our reserves per share have increased 63%. We've had a solid track record of growth.

We look forward to the challenges of the coming year and believe Cimarex will continue its progress.

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F.H. Merelli March 4, 2009

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY



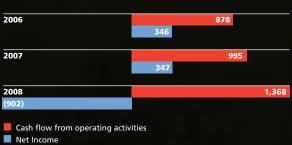
(IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)	YEA	RS ENDED DECE	EMBER 31,
	2008	2007	2006
FINANCIAL			
Oil and gas sales	\$1,880.9	\$1,364.6	\$1,215.4
Net income (loss) ⁽¹⁾	(901.7)	346.5	345.7
Net income (loss) per share – diluted	(11.07)	4.09	4.11
Cash flow from operating activities	1,367.5	994.7	878.4
Capital investment:			
Exploration and development	1,438.4	982.5	1,048.2
Acquisitions	182.4	40.9	26.5
	1,620.8	1,023.4	1,074.7
Total assets	4,164.9	5,362.8	4,829.8
Debt	591.2	487.2	443.7
Stockholders' equity	2,349.4	3,259.3	2,976.1
OPERATIONAL			
Proved reserves:			
Oil (MMBbls)	45.2	58.3	59.8
Gas (Bcf)	1,067.3	1,122.7	1,090.4
Total (Bcfe)	1,338.5	1,472.2	1,449.2
Proved developed (Bcfe)	1,101.6	1,157.0	1,152.4
Production:			
Oil (MBbls/d)	22.9	20.4	17.9
Gas (MMcf/d)	348.2	328.6	341.7
Total (MMcfe/d)	485.8	451.0	449.1
Prices:			
Oil (\$/Bbl)	\$ 96.03	\$ 69.71	\$ 61.96
Gas (\$/Mcf)	\$ 8.43	\$ 7.05	\$ 6.50

⁽¹⁾ The 2008 reported loss includes \$1.4 billion of non-cash after-tax full-cost write downs of oil and gas properties.

PROVED RESERVES (Bcfe)



NET INCOME AND CASH FLOW



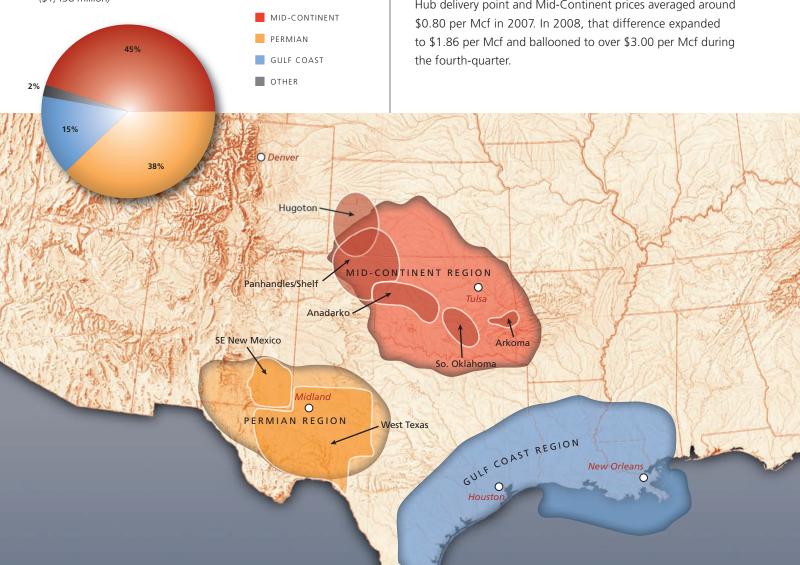
OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

Our areas of operations are principally located in the Mid-Continent, Permian Basin and Gulf Coast regions. Our Mid-Continent area encompasses Kansas, Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle. The Permian Basin region includes both West Texas and southeast New Mexico. While our Gulf Coast focus is primarily in southeast Texas.

We drilled 450 gross (277 net) wells during 2008, of which 94% were completed as producers. Our 2008 exploration and development (E&D) capital investment totaled \$1.4 billion. Year-end 2008 proved reserves total 1.3 Tcfe, comprised of 80% gas (1.1 Tcf) and 20% oil (45.2 million barrels of oil). Three-quarters of our gas reserves are located in the Mid-Continent and Permian Basin.

2008 EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL

(\$1,438 million)



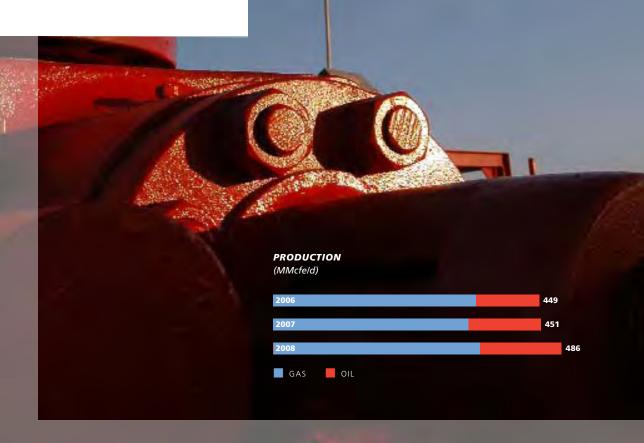
We grew 2008 production 8% over 2007 to an average of 486 MMcfe per day from our drilling program. The majority of the drilling and production increases occurred in our Mid-Continent and Permian Basin regions, where production grew at 16% and 15%, respectively.

Our financial and operating results were severely impacted by falling commodity prices during the second half of 2008. By year-end gas and oil prices had fallen 60-75%, respectively from the mid-year peaks. This dramatic decrease in prices significantly reduced the amount of cash flow available to invest in exploration and development drilling as we move into 2009.

The gas price decline in the Mid-Continent and Permian Basin, where we sell the majority of our gas, was the most severe. The regional differential between the NYMEX-Henry Hub delivery point and Mid-Continent prices averaged around The pricing shift started during the second quarter of 2008 with the completion of the Rockies Express (REX) West pipeline. The REX-West pipeline moves 1.5 billion cubic feet per day of Colorado and Wyoming gas to markets traditionally served by Mid-Continent production.

We expect to see an improvement in the Mid-Continent differential with the completion of the REX-East pipeline which will move Rockies gas past the Mid-Continent markets into the eastern consuming region. Full service of REX-East is targeted for the fall of 2009.

Because of ongoing weak and even worsening gas and oil prices since year-end 2008, we are moving into 2009 with a sharply reduced level of activity. At the present time we anticipate investing only \$400–\$600 million on E&D versus \$1.4 billion in 2008. Our single largest area of investment in 2009 will be in our new western Oklahoma Anadarko-Woodford shale play. We are focusing on this area because it has low finding costs, highly productive wells and solid economic returns, even in a low gas price environment.



MID-CONTINENT

	2008	2007
E&D CAPITAL	648	385
GROSS WELLS DRILLED	256	237
PRODUCTION (MMCFE/D)	224	192
PROVED RESERVES	609	617

Our Mid-Continent operations cover the Anadarko and Arkoma basins of Oklahoma, Southern Oklahoma, Hugoton Basin of southwest Kansas and the Texas Panhandle. The Mid-Continent region accounted for 45% of year-end 2008 proved reserves and 46% of production. We drilled 256 gross wells during 2008, completing 96% as producers.

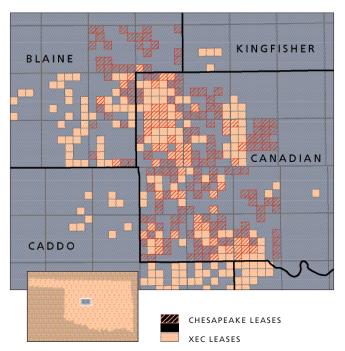
Our drilling mainly took place in the western Oklahoma, Anadarko Basin and the Texas Panhandle.

Anadarko Basin drilling totaled 82 gross (22 net) wells with 95% being completed as producers. A significant portion of the drilling occurred in the Anadarko-Woodford Shale play where we drilled or participated in a total of 22 gross (10 net) wells.

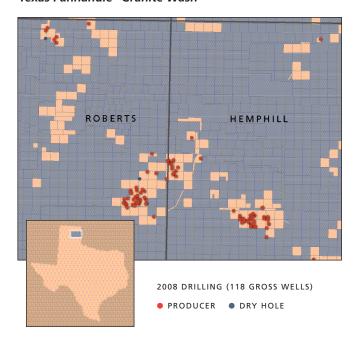
Our activities began in this area in 2007, and our early success in drilling led to leasing a significant land position. We have approximately 98,000 net acres in the play, which includes the purchase of 38,000 net acres in the fourth quarter of 2008 for \$180 million.

The Anadarko-Woodford shale formation varies in thickness from 120–280 feet at depths of 11,000-15,000 feet throughout our acreage. At year-end 2008, our production from the initial wells drilled in the play was over 50 MMcfe per day gross.

Anadarko-Woodford



Texas Panhandle-Granite Wash



Year-end 2008 proved reserves include 58 Bcfe from the Anadarko-Woodford, comprised of 34 Bcfe of proved developed and 24 Bcfe of proven undeveloped reserves. Yet to be classified as proved are more than 400-500 potential drilling locations (based on 160-acre spacing) associated with our 98,000 net acres in the play. We estimate the net risked potential of these future drilling locations to be 2.0-3.0 Tcfe. Our acreage position developed on 160-acre well spacing has multi-years of drilling opportunity.

We expect to have 3-4 operated rigs drilling in the Anadarko-Woodford in 2009. It will be a significant area of focus.

We also had an active 2008 Texas Panhandle program where we drilled 118 gross (84 net) wells, of which 96% were completed as producers. The primary target is the Granite Wash formation at depths of 11,000–14,000 feet. With the fourth-quarter 2008 drop in gas prices we began decreasing our drilling. With continuing low gas prices we do not expect to drill in the Texas Panhandle.



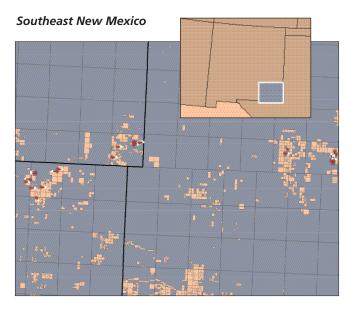
PERMIAN BASIN

	2008	2007
E&D CAPITAL	549	368
GROSS WELLS DRILLED	164	172
PRODUCTION (MMCFE/D)	166	144
PROVED RESERVES	442	528

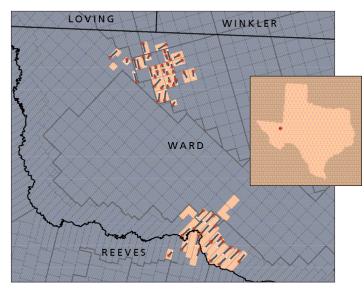
In the Permian Basin, our operations cover both west Texas and southeast New Mexico. The Permian Basin accounted for 33% of year-end 2008 proved reserves and 34% of production.

We drilled 164 gross (117 net) wells during 2008 completing 98% as producers. Our Permian Basin drilling program in 2008 was directed mostly to horizontal oil prospects. As a result of drilling success we grew 2008 oil production in this area by 36% to a record high 12,938 barrels per day.

Southeast New Mexico drilling, mainly targeting the Morrow, Cherry Canyon, Abo and Wolfcamp formations, totaled 82 gross (58 net) wells with 95% being completed as producers.



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2008 DRILLING (30 GROSS HORIZONTAL OIL WELLS)

In West Texas a total of 82 gross (59 net) wells were drilled, of which 100% were completed as producers. In Ward and Reeves Counties, we drilled 30 gross (25 net) horizontal wells in the Third Bone Spring formation. The Bone Spring formation contains multiple sandstone reservoirs at 10,500-11,500 feet.

We have a strong land position in the Permian Basin with a large horizontal oil drilling inventory. The oil diversification in our portfolio is important, but entering 2009 the combination of current oil prices and service costs do not generally generate an adequate return to drill. So beginning in the fourth quarter of 2008 we began decreasing our operated rigs drilling and by mid-first quarter of 2009 we do not have any operated wells drilling in the Permian Basin. We will defer drilling in 2009 until the economics improve.

GULF COAST

	2008	2007
E&D CAPITAL	210	225
GROSS WELLS DRILLED	28	42
PRODUCTION (MMCFE/D)	91	107
PROVED RESERVES	74	126

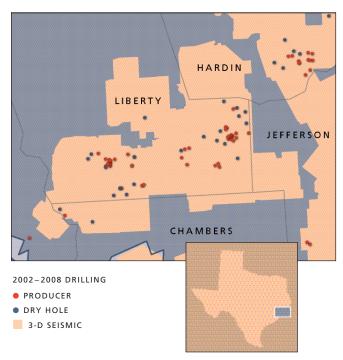
Our onshore Gulf Coast focus area generally encompasses coastal Texas, south Louisiana and southern Mississippi. Our Gulf Coast effort is generally characterized by a greater reliance on three-dimensional (3-D) seismic information for prospect generation, larger potential reserves per well, greater drilling depths and lower success rates. The Gulf Coast area contains six percent of year-end 2008 proved reserves and accounts for 19% of production.

During 2008 we drilled 28 gross (21 net) Gulf Coast wells, realizing a 54% success rate. A significant portion of the drilling occurred in southeast Texas. Primarily targeting the Yegua and Cook Mountain formations at approximately 10,500 feet, we drilled 18 gross (15 net) wells with a success rate of 50%.

In 2008, we also sold 17 Bcfe of south Texas proved reserves that we no longer deemed important to our ongoing operations for \$38 million.

We have a long track-record of drilling in southeast Texas with a large inventory of 3D seismic. While we don't envision having a rig running continuously throughout 2009, we do expect to have some prospects ready for drilling starting in the second-quarter of 2009.

Liberty County





CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

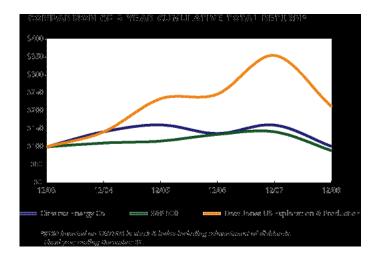
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)	FOR	THE YEARS ENDED DE	CEMBER 31,
	2008	2007	2006
REVENUES:			
Gas sales	\$ 1,074,705	\$ 845,631	\$ 810,894
Oil sales	806,186	518,991	404,517
Gas gathering, processing and other	87,757	60,818	46,135
Gas marketing, net of related costs of			
\$141,668, \$107,678 and \$144,702 respectively	1,699	5,073	3,854
	1,970,347	1,430,513	1,265,400
COSTS AND EXPENSES:			
Impairment of oil and gas properties	2,242,921	_	_
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	547,404	461,791	396,394
Asset retirement obligation	8,796	8,937	7,018
Production	218,736	201,512	176,833
Transportation	38,107	26,361	21,157
Gas gathering and processing	43,838	29,860	25,666
Taxes other than income	130,490	93,630	91,066
General and administrative	44,500	49,260	42,288
Stock compensation, net	10,090	10,772	8,243
(Gain) loss on derivative instruments	_	_	(22,970)
Other operating, net	126,433	6,637	2,064
	3,411,315	888,760	747,759
Operating income (loss)	(1,440,968)	541,753	517,641
Other (income) and expense:			
Interest expense	32,064	37,966	29,940
Capitalized interest	(22,108)	(19,680)	(24,248)
Amortization of fair value of debt	(709)	(1,908)	(3,784)
Gain on early extinguishment of debt	(9,569)	(5,099)	_
Other, net	(10,348)	(14,151)	(28,591)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE	(1,430,298)	544,625	544,324
INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT)	(528,613)	198,156	198,605
Net income (loss)	\$ (901,685)	\$ 346,469	\$ 345,719
EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE:			
Basic	\$ (11.07)	\$ 4.23	\$ 4.21
Diluted	\$ (11.07)	\$ 4.09	\$ 4.11
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING:	Ψ (11.07)	¥ 4.05	ψ - 1.11
Basic	81,478	81,819	82,066
Diluted	81,478	84,632	84,090

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	2008	2007	2006
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net income (loss)	\$ (901,685)	\$ 346,469	\$ 345,719
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Impairment of oil and gas properties	2,242,921	_	_
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	547,404	461,791	396,394
Asset retirement obligation	8,796	8,937	7,018
Deferred income taxes	(594,802)	167,507	220,539
Stock compensation, net	10,090	10,772	8,243
Derivative instruments	_	_	(41,926
Gain on liquidation of equity investees	(39)	(3,015)	(19,785)
Changes in non-current assets and liabilities	136,328	354	593
Other	(5,794)	(1,392)	1,540
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
(Increase) decrease in receivables, net	56,245	(7,777)	(9,811
(Increase) in inventory and other current assets	(155,222)	(32,180)	(11,812
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	23,246	43,214	(18,293
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,367,488	994,680	878,419
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Oil and gas expenditures	(1,594,775)	(1,021,456)	(1,054,581)
Merger related costs	_	_	(439)
Proceeds from sale of assets	39,096	177,195	10,705
Distributions received from equity investees	39	3,015	59,823
Purchases of short-term investments	_	(16,000)	_
Sales of short-term investments	10,679	1,424	_
Other expenditures	(51,757)	(19,574)	(25,310
Net cash used by investing activities	(1,596,718)	(875,396)	(1,009,802
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Net Increase (decrease) in bank debt	220,000	(95,000)	95,000
Increase in other long-term debt	_	350,000	_
Decrease in other long-term debt	(105,550)	(204,360)	_
Financing costs incurred	(158)	(6,113)	(153
Treasury stock acquired and retired	_	(42,266)	(11,016
Dividends paid	(20,040)	(13,429)	(13,358)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock and other	13,141	9,886	4,311
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	107,393	(1,282)	74,784
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(121,837)	118,002	(56,599)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	123,050	5,048	61,647
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 1,213	123,050	\$ 5,048

The accompanying Form 10-K is an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	2002	ECEMBER 31,
ASSETS	2008	20
URRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,213	\$ 123,0!
Restricted cash	502	,
Short-term investments	2,502	14,39
Accounts receivable:	_,	,2.
Trade, net of allowance	73,676	64,6
Oil and gas sales, net of allowance	136,606	244,2
Gas gathering, processing, and marketing, net of allowance	6,974	6,4
Other	41,826	-, .
Inventories	186,062	29,6
Deferred income taxes	2,435	5,6
Derivative instruments		12,1
Other current assets	63,148	64,3
Total current assets	514,944	564,5
IL AND GAS PROPERTIES AT COST, using the full cost method of accounting:	311,311	30 1,3
Proved properties	7,052,464	5,545,9
Unproved properties and properties under development, not being amortized	465,638	364,6
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Less – accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(4,709,597)	(1,938,86
Net oil and gas properties	2,808,505	3,971,7
Fixed assets, less accumulated depreciation of \$67,020 and \$49,629	119,616	90,5
Goodwill	691,432	691,4
Other assets, net	30,436	44,4
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IABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	4,164,933	\$ 5,362,7
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The accompanying Form 10-K is an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

ENVIRONMENT

We are proud to be a responsible explorer and producer of oil and gas. We're committed to managing and operating our business in a manner consistent with our core values to protect health and safety, and comply with applicable environmental, health and safety laws, regulations and internal standards.

We believe that minimizing the environmental impact of our operations should be an important part of how we conduct ourselves. We strive to follow all the various regulations imposed on our industry and we work closely with federal, state and local agencies, as well with private land owners.

Cimarex employees not only work in our core areas, we live there too, and we recognize the balance between protecting our environment while finding and producing essential energy resources. We believe the impact of our activities is minimal and temporary. As a proud corporate citizen, Cimarex is committed to responsible environmental stewardship.

We also take satisfaction in doing our part to help supply our Nation's energy needs. We recognize a stable domestic supply of energy is essential to our economy.

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NYSE Certification

In 2008 we filed our Section 303A CEO Certification with the NYSE with no qualifications. The 2008 Section 302 Certification was filed in 2009 as an exhibit to our Form 10-K for year ended December 31, 2008.



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