#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

HORNBECK OFFSHORE SERVICES, LLC,	)
et al.,	)
Plaintiffs,	)
	)
V.	)
KENNETH LEE "KEN" SALAZAR, et al.,	)
Defendants,	) )
DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE, et al.,	)
	) )
Defendant-Intervenors.	)

CIVIL ACTION NO. 10-1663(F)(2) SECTION F JUDGE FELDMAN MAGISTRATE WILKINSON

#### **DEFENDANT-INTERVENORS' MOTION FOR DISQUALIFICATION**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455, Defendant-Intervenors Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra Club, Florida Wildlife Federation, Center for Biological Diversity, and Natural Resources Defense Council (collectively "Defenders") respectfully move this Court to disqualify itself from proceedings in this case.

As detailed more fully in Defenders' memorandum in support of this motion, the Court must recuse itself for two distinct and independent reasons. First, the Court's financial holdings in various companies involved in oil and gas drilling raise in an objective mind a reasonable

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question concerning the Court's impartiality in these proceedings, triggering the obligation under 28 U.S.C. § 455(a) for the court to disqualify itself. This obligation is not mitigated by the Court's sale of some of this stock prior to the issuance of the preliminary injunction on June 22, 2010 since, prior to that time the Court must have formed substantive opinions about the case from both the briefs filed by the parties and the hearing on June 21. The Court owns and/or recently has owned an interest in several companies that comprise part of the network that supports the Gulf's oil and gas industry. To rule that the moratorium would injure irreparably a network in which the Court was financially invested creates an impermissible appearance of partiality in the mind of a reasonable observer, which is enough to trigger the duty to recuse under § 455(a).

Second, the Court has a financial interest in the subject matter in controversy as well as interests that could be substantially affected by the outcome of this case, making recusal mandatory under § 455(b)(4). The aforementioned stock and bond holdings in oil- and gas-related companies would fall under both of those categories. Those entities' businesses in the Gulf are directly implicated by the scope of the moratorium, either via their ownership of a rig covered by the moratorium or via their servicing those rigs, in the same manner as Plaintiffs. Additionally, the legality of the moratorium could have a substantial impact on companies, like these, that do business in the Gulf. That impact could, in turn, reduce the value or security of the Court's investments. Furthermore, the Court's interests are not remote, contingent, or speculative; they are direct, explicit, and certain. Disqualification is required under § 455(b)(4) if there is an financial interest in the subject matter of the controversy or if there <u>could be</u> a substantial effect on the interest. Both of those standards are met here.

WHEREFORE, Defenders respectfully request that the Court grant its Motion for

Disqualification and recuse itself from proceedings in this matter.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of July, 2010,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on July 2, 2010, I caused as copy of the foregoing to be served through the Court's CM/ECF system to all parties.

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#### MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT-INTERVENORS' MOTION FOR DISQUALIFICATION

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455, Defendant-Intervenors Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra Club, Florida Wildlife Federation, Center for Biological Diversity, and Natural Resources Defense Council (collectively "Defenders") respectfully move this Court for disqualification from proceedings in this case. For the reasons set forth below, recusal is required for two reasons: First, the Court has a financial interest in the subject matter in controversy, and that interest could be substantially affected by the outcome of this case, *see* 28 U.S.C. § 455(b). Second, the Court's ownership interests in companies engaged in oil and gas exploration in the Gulf of Mexico could cause the Court's impartiality reasonably to be questioned, *see* 28 U.S.C. § 455(a).

#### **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

Hornbeck Offshore Services filed its complaint on June 7, 2010. Doc. 1. Hornbeck sought to invalidate the federal government's six-month moratorium on deepwater exploratory oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. It filed an amended complaint on June 9, adding several co-plaintiffs. Doc. 5. Plaintiffs moved for a preliminary injunction the same day. Doc. 7. Plaintiffs' preliminary injunction papers identified Exxon as the operator of one of the thirtythree deepwater rigs that was shut down by the government moratorium. *See* Exhibits C, E, & J to Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction, Doc. 7-2. Defenders moved to intervene in the case on June 16. Doc. 37. The Court granted the intervention motion on June 18. Doc. 42.

The parties completed briefing the preliminary injunction motion on June 20. The Court held a hearing on June 21. The following day, June 22, the Court granted a preliminary injunction prohibiting the government from enforcing the moratorium. Doc. 67.

One day later, on June 23, following news reports of the Court's personal investments, Defenders filed a motion seeking disclosure of the Court's current financial interests. Doc. 73. On June 24, the Court granted the motion and in the same order denied the government Defendants' motion to stay the preliminary injunction pending appeal. Doc. 82. On June 25, the Court released its Financial Disclosure Report for 2009 (Ex. A), along with a one-sentence letter, dated June 23, addressed to the Committee on Financial Disclosure of the U.S. Courts (Ex. B).

The Financial Disclosure Report lists the Court's holdings as of December 31, 2009. It reveals stock investments as of that date in Exxon Mobil Corp. and Allis Chalmers Corp. Ex. A, entries 51, 140. In addition, it identifies bond holdings in El Paso Corp., Sandridge Energy Inc.,

and Ocean Energy Notes. Ex. A, entries 79, 125, 14. All of these companies are engaged in oil and gas drilling or related work in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Court's June 23 letter advises that "the Exxon stock noted on line 140 of my 2009 Financial Disclosure Report was sold at the opening of the stock market on June 22, 2010, prior to the opening of a Court hearing on the Oil Spill Moratorium case." Ex. B. The hearing occurred on June 21. The letter does not report any sale of the Court's holdings in the four other companies identified above.

#### ARGUMENT

Section 455 of 28 U.S.C. governs the disqualification of a judge in a particular case. This motion first addresses § 455(b), which lays out particular grounds for recusal that apply here. It then addresses § 455(a), which provides an additional, general basis for recusal. Both provisions mandate disqualification in this case.

#### I. THE COURT HAS A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CONTROVERSY, AND THAT INTEREST COULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY AFFECTED BY THE OUTCOME OF THE CASE.

Section 455(b) of 28 U.S.C. requires recusal if a judge "knows that he, individually or as a fiduciary, . . . has a financial interest in the subject matter in controversy . . . or any other interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding . . . . " 28 U.S.C. § 455(b)(4). The statute defines "financial interest" under § 455(b) to mean "ownership of a legal or equitable interest, however small . . . . " *Id.* § 455(d)(4). The Fifth Circuit has described the statute as having an "unforgiving bite," because it requires disqualification "for even paltry financial interests." *Tramonte v. Chrysler Corp.*, 136 F.3d 1025, 1030, 1032 (5th Cir. 1998). Moreover, § 455(b) requires recusal "regardless of whether or not the [financial] interest actually

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creates an appearance of impropriety." *Health Servs. Acquisition Corp. v. Liljeberg*, 486 U.S. 847, 859 n.8 (1988).

The Court's financial interests in several companies engaged in oil and gas drilling or related work in the Gulf mandate recusal. First, until early last week, the Court owned shares of stock in Exxon Mobil Corp., which operates one of the deepwater rigs directly covered by the moratorium. Accordingly, the Court had a financial interest in the subject matter in controversy.

The belated divestiture of the Exxon shares does not remove the Court from the strictures of § 455(b). The Fifth Circuit has ruled that "disgualification becomes automatic from the moment a judge discovers her financial interest in the litigation; relinquishment of that interest at any point after discovery is no remedy." Tramonte, 136 F.3d at 1031 (discussing Congress's partial adoption of the dissenting opinion in Union Carbide Corp. v. U.S. Cutting Serv., 782 F.2d 710 (7th Cir. 1986)). The one exception to this rule applies to a financial interest in a party (rather than in the subject matter in controversy), when a judge has already devoted "substantial judicial time" to a case, and disgualification would therefore disrupt the efficient administration of justice. See 28 U.S.C. § 455(f); Tramonte, 136 F.3d at 1031-32. However, this exception was designed for complex litigation, like class actions or multidistrict litigation, where the judge has expended inordinate time and expertise by the time the conflict arises. See 134 Cong. Rec. 31054, 31062 (Oct. 14, 1988) (statement of Senator Heflin providing a section-by-section analysis of the Judicial Branch Improvements Act of 1988). In this case, the Court has had the matter before it for a matter of weeks. The exception also does not apply to interests that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the case. 28 U.S.C. § 455(f). As discussed below, the financial interests at issue here could be so affected.

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Second, the 2009 Financial Disclosure Report reveals the Court's ownership of shares of Allis Chalmers Corp. Ex. A, entry 51. Based on our research, the only company trading under that name on the New York Stock Exchange is Allis-Chalmers Energy Inc., an oilfield services company with business interests "dependent on drilling activity in the Gulf of Mexico." *See* Allis-Chalmers Energy Inc., Quarterly Report (Form 10-Q), at 23-24 (May 7, 2010) (Ex. C), *available at* http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/3982/000095012310046141/h 72835e10vq.htm. Allis-Chalmers has announced that "prolonged periods of lower drilling activity . . . could have a materially adverse effect on [its] financial condition." *See* Allis-Chalmers Energy Inc., Annual Report (Form 10-K), at 13 (Mar. 9, 2010) (Ex. D), *available at* http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/3982/000095012310022492/h70062e10vk.htm.

In addition to stock, the 2009 Disclosure Report indicates that the Court owns bonds in El Paso Corp., Sandridge Energy Inc., and Ocean Energy Notes. Ex. A, entries 79, 125, 14. El Paso Corp. is a North American independent oil and natural gas producer; in the Gulf of Mexico, it focuses on deepwater oil and gas production. *See* El Paso Corp., Annual Report (Form 10-K), at 18, 51 (Mar. 1, 2010) (Ex. E), *available at* http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/ 1066107/000095012310019484/h69839e10vk.htm. SandRidge Energy, Inc. is an independent oil and gas company whose operations in the Gulf extend from 30 to 1100 feet in depth. *See* SandRidge Energy, Inc., Annual Report (Form 10-K), at 1, 6 (Mar. 1, 2010) (Ex. F), *available at* http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/

Ocean Energy similarly has interests in Gulf deepwater drilling. In 2003, Ocean Energy merged into Devon Energy Corp., and Devon Energy assumed Ocean Energy's debts. *See Company News; Devon to Buy Ocean Energy for \$3.5 Billion*, N.Y. Times, Feb. 25, 2003 (Ex. G), *available at* http://www.nytimes.com/2003/02/25/business/company-news-devon-to-buy-

ocean-energy-for-3.5-billion.html?ref=devon\_energy\_corporation; *Ocean Energy, Devon Energy Agree To Merge*, Houston Bus. J., Feb. 24, 2003 (Ex. H), *available at* http://www.bizjournals. com/houston/stories/2003/02/24/daily5.html. Devon Energy has an extensive deepwater exploration program in the Gulf. *See* Devon Energy Corp., Annual Report (Form 10-K), at 5 (Feb. 25, 2010) (Ex. I), *available at* http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1090012/ 000095012310017093/d71091e10vk.htm.

The 2009 Financial Disclosure Report identifies financial interests in the subject matter in controversy as well as interests that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding. Section 455(b) does not require certainty that a judge's financial interest will be affected by the outcome of the litigation. *See Potashnick v. Port City Constr. Co.*, 609 F.2d 1101, 1114 (5th Cir. 1980). Rather, § 455(b) mandates disqualification when the outcome of the proceeding "may potentially affect that interest." *Id.* Here, because this proceeding may affect the Court's financial interests, disqualification is required.

## II. THE COURT'S FINANCIAL HOLDINGS COULD CAUSE A REASONABLE PERSON TO QUESTION ITS IMPARTIALITY.

Section 455(a) of 28 U.S.C. requires a judge to "disqualify himself in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned." 28 U.S.C. § 455(a). Because § 455(a) is designed to promote public confidence in the integrity of the judicial process, the mere appearance of partiality, rather than actual partiality, triggers disqualification. *See Liljeberg*, 486 U.S. at 860 ("The goal of section 455(a) is to avoid even the appearance of partiality.") (quoting decision below from Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals); *Potashnick*, 609 F.2d at 1111 ("Clearly, the goal of the judicial disqualification statute is to foster the Appearance of impartiality.... Any question of a judge's impartiality threatens the purity of the judicial process and its institutions."). The appearance of partiality erodes public confidence in the

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judiciary. *See* Model Code of Judicial Conduct R. 1.2 cmts. 1, 5; *see also* Code of Conduct for United States Judges Canon 2A ("A judge should . . . act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the . . . impartiality of the judiciary.").

Section 455(a) imposes an objective standard, requiring recusal where a reasonable person, knowing all the circumstances would harbor "*any* reasonable factual basis for doubting the judge's impartiality." *Potashnick*, 609 F.2d at 1111 (emphasis added) (citing H.R. Rep. No. 93-1454, at 5 (1974), *reprinted in* 1974 U.S.C.C.A.N. 6351, 6354-55). "Because [§ 455(a)] focuses on the appearance of impartiality, as opposed to the existence in fact of any bias or prejudice, a judge faced with a potential ground for disqualification ought to consider how his participation in a given case looks to the average person on the street." *Potashnick*, 609 F.2d at 1111; *see also Sensley v. Albritton*, 385 F.3d 591, 599 (5th Cir. 2004) ("[W]e must ask how these facts would appear to a 'well-informed, thoughtful and objective observer ....") (citing *United States v. Jordan*, 49 F.3d 152, 156 (5th Cir. 1995)).

The Court's financial holdings would raise in an objective mind a reasonable question concerning the Court's impartiality, requiring recusal under § 455(a).

First, Exxon, as operator of a deepwater rig that was shut down by the government moratorium, had an immediate and substantial interest in invalidating the moratorium. The validity of the moratorium is the core of the controversy the case presents. Whether the Court sold its shares on June 21 "prior to the opening of a Court hearing," Ex. B, or on June 22, *id.*, the Court sold its Exxon shares too late for purposes of § 455(b). The appearance problem arises from the Court's having owned the stock in the midst of the proceedings and deliberations directly affecting Exxon's interests. The sale of the stock at that time does not cure the appearance problem.

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It is possible the Court was unaware that it owned Exxon stock. But that a judge lacks knowledge of a disqualifying circumstance does not eliminate the risk that other persons might reasonably question his impartiality. *Liljeberg*, 486 U.S. at 859. Even a judge's "forgetfulness . . . is not the sort of objectively ascertainable fact that can avoid the appearance of partiality." *Id.* at 860 (internal quotation and citation omitted).

Indeed, § 455(c) imposes an affirmative duty on a judge to "inform himself about his personal and fiduciary financial interests . . . ." 28 U.S.C. § 455(c). *See also Tramonte*, 136 F.3d at 1031 ("A judge has a duty to be watchful of such disqualifying circumstances . . . ."). Moreover, "a judge should disclose on the record information that the judge believes the parties or their lawyers might reasonably consider relevant to a possible motion for disqualification, even if the judge believes there is no basis for disqualification." Model Code of Judicial Conduct R. 2.11 cmt. 5. Here, the Court's Exxon interest and the divestiture of it came to light only after Defenders sought disclosure.

The Court's holdings in Allis-Chalmers, El Paso Corp., SandRidge Energy Inc., and Ocean Energy Notes (Devon Energy) present further appearance concerns. Each of these companies may have a substantial interest in nullifying the moratorium or in limiting its scope or duration. It is not difficult to discern the appearance problem the Court's ownership interest in any one of them would generate. The Court's own preliminary injunction decision describes the interrelated nature of the Gulf oil and gas industry. This was a premise of the Court's finding of irreparable injury to Plaintiffs. The Court wrote:

The effect on employment, jobs, loss of domestic energy supplies caused by the moratorium as plaintiffs (and other suppliers, and the rigs themselves) lose business, and the movement of the rigs to other sites around the world will clearly ripple throughout the economy in this region.

Doc. 67 at 22. For § 455(a) purposes, the problem is that the Court owned and/or owns an interest in companies that comprise part of the network that supports the Gulf's oil and gas industry. In these circumstances, a reasonable person "would harbor doubts about" the Court's impartiality. *Potashnick*, 609 F.2d at 1111. The Fifth Circuit has ruled that "any reasonable factual basis for doubting the judge's impartiality" requires recusal. *Id*.

The national importance and visibility of this case underscore the necessity of recusal. The Court itself noted that "[t]he issues presented are of national significance," Doc. 23 at 2, and the preliminary injunction decision was reported on the front pages of newspapers across the United States. Since the BP spill, the nation's eyes are on the Gulf. The public nature of the litigation reinforces the need to vindicate the underlying purpose of § 455(a), which is to promote public confidence in the judiciary by protecting "the purity of the judicial process." *Potashnick*, 609 F.2d at 1111.

Finally, "[when] the question of whether § 455(a) requires disqualification is a close one, the balance tips in favor of recusal." *In re Chevron USA, Inc.*, 121 F.3d 163, 165 (5th Cir. 1997) (quoting *Nichols v. Alley*, 71 F.3d 347, 352 (10th Cir. 1995)); *see also Potashnick*, 609 F.2d at 1112 (holding that § 455(a) "clearly mandates" a preference for judges to err on the side of caution and recuse themselves in questionable cases). Accordingly, recusal is required here.

#### CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455(a) and (b), Defenders respectfully urge the Court to disqualify itself from further proceedings in this case.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of July, 2010,

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#### **<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>**

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<u>/s Catherine Wannamaker</u> Attorney

# EXHIBIT A

Financial Disclosure Report for Calendar Year 2009

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#### FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009

Report Required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 USC app. 38-101-111)

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#### VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR EXPLANATIONS. (Indicute part of Report)

PART VII,

#141 - Asset sold in 2008 was actually partial sale. On line 27 of 2008 report #142 - Asset sold in 2008 was actually partial sale. On line 35 of 2008 report

#3,7,8,15,16,17,22, 26,43,49 & 56 - all of these assets were sold in previous years but had multiple listings from old reports and these lines were not deleted correctly

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FELDMAN, MARTIN L.C.

Name of Person Reporting

#### IX. CERTIFICATION.

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I certify that all information given above (including information pertaining to my spouse and minor or dependent children, if any) is accurate, true, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that any information not reported was withheld because it met applicable statutory provisions permitting non-disclosure.

I further certify that carned income from outside employment and honoraria and the acceptance of gifts which have been reported are in compliance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. app. § 501 et. seq., 5 U.S.C. § 7353, and Judicial Conference regulations.

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#### FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Mail signed original and 3 additional copies to:

Committee on Financial Disclosure Administrative Office of the United States Courts Suite 2-301 One Columbus Circle, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20544

## EXHIBIT B

June 23, 2010 Letter to Committee on Financial Disclosure From Martin L.C. Feldman, U.S. District Judge Martin L. C. Feldman H. S. District Judge 500 Ploydras Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

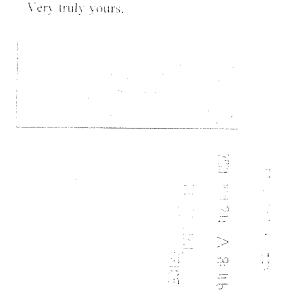
June 23, 2010

Committee on Financial Disclosure of the U.S. Courts Minimistrative Office of the United States Courts Suite 2-301 One Columbus Circle, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20544

RE: 2009 Financial Disclosure Report

Dear Committee:

This is to advise that the Exxon stock noted on line 140 of my 2009 Financial Disclosure Report was sold at the opening of the stock market on June 22, 2010 prior to the opening of a Court hearing on the Oil Spill Moratorium case.



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# EXHIBIT C

ALLIS-CHALMERS ENERGY INC. United States Securities and Exchange Commission Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2010 Excerpt

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

### **FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

#### ☑ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2010 OR

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

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 1-02199

### **ALLIS-CHALMERS ENERGY INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	39-0126090	
(State or other jurisdiction of	(I.R.S. Employer	
incorporation or organization)	Identification No.)	
5075 WESTHEIMER, SUITE 890, HOUSTON, TEXAS	77056	
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)	

<u>(713) 369-0550</u>

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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  $\square$  No  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (Section 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  $\Box$  No  $\Box$ 

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

Large accelerated filer  $\Box$ 

Accelerated filer ☑

Non-accelerated filer  $\Box$ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company  $\Box$ 

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

At May 3, 2010 there were 72,429,916 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, outstanding.

#### ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this report. This report contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from the results discussed in such forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such differences include, but are not limited to, the general condition of the oil and natural gas drilling industry, demand for our oil and natural gas service and rental products, and competition. For more information on forward-looking statements please refer to the section entitled "Forward-Looking Statements" on page 30.

#### **Overview of Our Business**

We are a multi-faceted oilfield services company that provides services and equipment to oil and natural gas exploration and production companies, throughout the United States including Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, New Mexico, offshore in the Gulf of Mexico and internationally primarily in Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia and Mexico. We currently operate in three sectors of the oil and natural gas service industry: Oilfield Services; Drilling and Completion and Rental Services.

We derive operating revenues from rates per day and rates per job that we charge for the labor and equipment required to provide a service and rates per day for equipment and tools that we rent to our customers. The price we charge for our services depends upon several factors, including the level of oil and natural gas drilling activity and the competitive environment in the particular geographic regions in which we operate. Contracts are awarded based on price, quality of service and equipment, and the general reputation and experience of our personnel. The demand for our services has historically been volatile and is affected by the capital expenditures of oil and natural gas exploration and development companies, which can fluctuate based upon the prices of oil and natural gas, or the expectation for the prices of oil and natural gas.

Our operating costs do not fluctuate in direct proportion to changes in revenues. Our operating expenses consist principally of our labor costs and benefits, equipment rentals, maintenance and repairs of our equipment, depreciation, insurance and fuel. Because many of our costs are fixed, our operating income as a percentage of revenues is generally affected by our level of revenues.

#### **Our Industry**

The oilfield services industry is highly cyclical. Demand for our products and services is substantially dependent upon activity levels in the oil and gas industry, particularly our customers' willingness to spend capital on the exploration for and development of oil and natural gas reserves. The most critical factor in assessing the outlook for the industry is the worldwide supply and demand for oil and the domestic supply and demand for natural gas. Our customers' spending plans are generally based on their outlook for near-term and long-term commodity prices. As a result, demand for our products and services are highly sensitive to current and expected oil and natural gas prices. Other factors that can affect our business and financial results include the general global economic environment and regulatory changes in the United States and internationally.

#### **Company Outlook**

Throughout the first half of 2009, we saw a significant decline in the global economy which led to reduced activity in the energy sector. Although there have been some indicators that suggest that economic improvement is underway, there remains a general weakness in the equity and credit capital markets that continues to generate a certain degree of uncertainty regarding the overall outlook of the global economy. Economic activity, generally, and exploration and development activities, specifically, have not returned to peak 2008 levels nor levels we experienced in the first half of 2009. Certain of our businesses continue to be negatively impacted by excess equipment and service capacity. However, our total revenues have increased sequentially in each of the past three quarters and in the first quarter of 2010 we saw increases in revenues in each of our business segments.

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We believe that our revenue and operating income for all of our operating segments will improve in 2010. Our Oilfield Service segment is heavily based on oil and natural gas activity in the U.S. and a good indicator of that activity is the U.S. rig count. The Baker Hughes rig count in the U.S. for the first sixteen weeks of 2010 increased to an average of 1,378 compared to an average of 1,281 for the first sixteen weeks of 2009. This favorable trend in rig count should result in improved demand and pricing for our Oilfield Services segment. Our Rental Services segment has historically been very dependent on drilling activity in the Gulf of Mexico. The Baker Hughes average rig count in the Gulf of Mexico for the first sixteen weeks of 2010 decreased to 46 rigs compared to an average of 53 rigs for the first sixteen weeks of 2009, but increased when compared to 34 rigs for the last quarter of 2009. Additionally, we have shifted our focus to serving the onshore unconventional gas markets and redeploying rental equipment to the international markets such as Brazil, Colombia, Saudi Arabia and Egypt. We believe this strategy will result in increased utilization and pricing for our Rental Services segment. We anticipate our Drilling and Completion segment will exceed 2009 results for both revenue and operating income as drilling activity in Argentina has improved with all of our available rigs in Argentina and Bolivia being utilized. Our Drilling and Completion segment currently operates in Argentina, Brazil and Bolivia. Currently, we have no firm commitments of work for four drilling rigs that are currently under construction or refurbishment, so the impact of revenue and operating income from these rigs may have a negative impact on our Drilling and Completion segment's operating results.

We expect our general and administrative expenses in 2010 to be relatively flat as we realize a full year benefit from reductions in our administrative staff made in 2009 to reflect the decline in our activity, offset by additional administrative positions created to handled our growing international activities and costs related to the purchase of new operational and financial reporting tools to improve our operating performance. We also anticipate an increase in stock-based compensation as a result of stock awards made during the first quarter of 2010. Our net interest expense is dependent upon our level of debt and cash on hand, which are principally dependent on acquisitions we complete, our capital expenditures and our cash flows from operations. Due to the shortage of liquidity and credit in the U.S. financial markets, we may see an increase in our effective interest rate in 2010. We do not anticipate the ability to record a gain on debt extinguishment in 2010 as our senior notes are trading close to face value. We anticipate that our effective tax rate will increase in 2010 due to a projected domestic tax loss at lower tax rate than the tax rate applied to our international operations which are expected to generate taxable income.

Our operating income is principally dependent on our level of revenues and the pricing environment of our services. In addition, demand for our services is dependent upon our customers' capital spending plans, which are largely driven by current commodity prices and their expectations of future commodity prices.

We are monitoring the recent oil spill incident in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico as we do generate a significant amount of revenues for our Rental Services segment from activities in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. At this time, we cannot predict what, if any, actions may be taken by the U.S. or state governments or our customers or other industry participants in response to the incident or what impact any such actions may have on our operations or the operations of our customers.

We believe that 2010 will be a challenging year for our operations although increased oil and natural gas prices and the resulting increased rig count should increase the utilization and pricing for our equipment and services. We believe our cost cuts in 2009, our strategy of international growth and our commitment to offer new equipment and technology to our customers and our focus on the U.S. land shale plays, will improve our operating results in 2010.

#### Comparison of Three Months Ended March 31, 2010 and 2009

Our revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2010 were \$140.4 million, a decrease of 3.3% compared to \$145.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2009. The decrease in revenues is due to the decrease in revenues in our Oilfield Services and our Rental Services segments, offset in part by an increase in revenues in our Drilling and Completion segment. The increase in revenues in our Drilling and Completion segment was due to increased rig rates in Argentina and Bolivia. The Drilling and Completion segment generated \$88.5 million in revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2010 compared to \$79.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2009. Our Oilfield Services segment revenues decreased to \$39.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010 compared to \$44.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2009. Revenues for our Rental Services segment decreased to \$12.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010 compared to \$12.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2009. Revenues for our Rental Services segment decreased to \$12.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010 compared to \$12.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2009. Revenues for our Rental Services segment decreased to \$12.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010 compared to \$21.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2009.



# EXHIBIT D

ALLIS-CHALMERS ENERGY INC. United States Securities and Exchange Commission Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009 Excerpt

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20549 Form 10-K

## (Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

OR

□ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO

**Commission file number 1-2199** 

# **ALLIS-CHALMERS ENERGY INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

5075 WESTHEIMER, SUITE 890, HOUSTON, TEXAS

(Address of principal executive offices)

(713) 369-0550

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT:

<u>Title of Security:</u> Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share <u>Name of Exchange:</u> New York Stock Exchange

#### 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 15(d) of the Act. Yes  $\square$  No  $\square$ 

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  $\square$  No  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on it corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  $\Box$  No  $\Box$ 

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K ( 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.  $\Box$ 

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

Large accelerated filer  $\square$ 

Accelerated filer I Non-accelerated filer I Smaller reporting company (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

The aggregate market value of the common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant, computed using the closing price of the common stock of \$2.31 per share on June 30, 2009, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange, was approximately \$94,383,251.

As of February 26, 2010 there were 71,459,876 shares of common stock issued and outstanding.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:** 

**39-0126090** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> **77056** (Zip code)

2009, due to the decrease in the U.S. rig count and the demand for our services. Many other oilfield services companies are larger than we are and have resources that are significantly greater than our resources. These competitors are better able to withstand industry downturns, compete on the basis of price and acquire new equipment and technologies, all of which could affect our revenues and profitability. These competitors compete with us both for customers and for acquisitions of other businesses. This competition may cause our business to suffer. We believe that competition for contracts will continue to be intense in the foreseeable future.

#### **Risks Associated With Our Company**

# Our business depends on spending by the oil and natural gas industry, and this spending and our business may be adversely affected by industry and financial market conditions that are beyond our control.

Demand for our products and services is dependent upon the level of oil and natural gas exploration and development activities of, and the corresponding capital spending by, oil and natural gas companies. The industry's willingness to explore, develop and produce depends largely upon the availability of attractive drilling prospects, the price of oil and natural gas, and the prevailing view of future product prices. Oil and natural gas prices have been extremely volatile and have declined significantly from their historic highs in mid-2008. Any prolonged reduction in oil and natural gas prices will depress levels of exploration, development, and production activity. Such price declines reduce drilling activity and demand for our services, which could lead to lower pricing for our products and services. Accordingly, prolonged periods of lower drilling activity and the reduction in our customers' expenditures could have a materially adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Oil and natural gas prices depend on many factors beyond our control, including the following:

- economic conditions in the U.S. and elsewhere;
- changes in global supply and demand for oil and natural gas;
- the level of production of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, commonly called OPEC;
- the level of production of non-OPEC countries;
- the price and quantity of imports of foreign oil and natural gas;
- · political conditions, including embargoes, in or affecting other oil and natural gas producing activities;
- the level of global oil and natural gas inventories;
- · advances in exploration, development and production technologies; and
- the availability of capital for exploration and production companies.

Limitations on the availability of capital, or higher costs of capital, for financing expenditures may cause these and other oil and natural gas producers to make additional reductions to capital budgets in the future even if commodity prices remain at historically high levels.

# Historically, we have been dependent on a few customers operating in a single industry; the loss of one or more customers could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Our customers are engaged in the oil and natural gas exploration business in the U.S., Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and elsewhere. Historically, we have been dependent upon a few customers for a significant portion of our revenues. In 2009, 2008 and 2007, one of our customers, Pan American Energy represented 35.5%, 28.5% and 20.7% of our consolidated revenues, respectively. Pan American Energy also contributes a majority of the revenue derived from our Drilling and Completion operations. In 2009, 2008 and 2007, Pan American Energy represented 59.2%, 66.0% and 51.0% of our Drilling and Completion revenues, respectively.



# EXHIBIT E

EL PASO CORPORATION United States Securities and Exchange Commission Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009 Excerpt

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

## Form 10-K

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009

OR

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

For the transition period from to

**Commission File Number 1-14365** 

# **El Paso Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of

Incorporation or Organization) El Paso Building 1001 Louisiana Street

Houston, Texas (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**Title of Each Class** 

Common Stock, par value \$3 per share

76-0568816 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 77002 (Zip Code)

Telephone Number: (713) 420-2600 Internet Website: www.elpaso.com

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

Name of Each Exchange on which Registered New York Stock Exchange

#### 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  $\Box$  No  $\Box$ .

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  $\square$  No  $\square$ .

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  $\square$  No  $\square$ .

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  $\boxtimes$  No  $\square$ .

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

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Accelerated filer Accelerated filer Smaller reporting company (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

## State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant.

Aggregate market value of the voting stock (which consists solely of shares of common stock) held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2009, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, computed by reference to the closing sale price of the registrant's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on such date: \$6,471,986,386.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock,

as of the latest practicable date.

Common Stock, par value \$3 per share. Shares outstanding on February 23, 2010: 701,318,796

#### **Documents Incorporated by Reference**

List hereunder the following documents if incorporated by reference and the part of the Form 10-K (e.g., Part I, Part II, etc.) into which the document is incorporated: Portions of our definitive proxy statement for the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this report. These will be filed no later than April 30, 2010.

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*Gulf Coast.* In May 2009, we reorganized our domestic exploration and production operations to combine our Texas Gulf Coast and Gulf of Mexico and south Louisiana regions into the Gulf Coast division. Along the Texas Gulf Coast, we focus on developing and exploring for tight gas sands and unconventional shales in south Texas and the upper Gulf Coast that are characterized by lower risk, longer life production profiles. Our Gulf of Mexico and south Louisiana operations are focused on deeper conventional reservoirs that are characterized by relatively high initial production rates, resulting in higher near-term cash flows and high decline rates. In these areas, we have licensed over 13,500 square miles of three dimensional (3D) seismic data onshore and over 62,500 square miles of 3D seismic data offshore. During 2009, we invested \$290 million on capital projects and production averaged 268 MMcfe/d in the Gulf Coast division. The principal operating areas are listed below:

		2009		
Area	Description	Net Acres	Capital Investment	Average Production
South Texas	Includes the Vicksburg/Frio area with concentrated and contiguous assets in the Jeffress and Monte Christo fields primarily in Hidalgo county, in which we have an average 90 percent working interest. This area also includes assets in the Alvarado and Kelsey fields in Starr and Brooks counties with an average working interest of over 83 percent. The Wilcox area includes working interests in Bob West, Jennings Ranch and Roleta fields in Zapata County. Other interests in Zapata County include the Bustamante and Las Comitas fields.	78,000	(In millions) \$91	(MMcfe/d) 142
Upper Texas Gulf Coast	Includes Wilcox assets in the Renger, Dry Hollow, Brushy Creek and Speaks fields located in Lavaca county and Graceland Field located in Colorado county. In 2009, we expanded our lease position in the Eagle Ford Shale, located in Webb and LaSalle counties, to approximately 132,000 net acres as of December 31, 2009. This area also includes Vermilion Parish and associated bays and inland waters in southwestern Louisiana that are covered by the Catapult 3D seismic project. We have internally processed 2,800 square miles of contiguous 3D seismic data in this project.	215,000	\$ 122	40
Gulf of Mexico	Gulf of Mexico area includes interests in 70 Blocks south of the Louisiana, Texas and Alabama shoreline focused on deep (greater than 12,000 feet) natural gas and oil reserves in relatively shallow water depths (less than 400 feet).	262,000	\$77	86

Unconsolidated Affiliate - Four Star. We have an approximate 49 percent equity interest in Four Star. Four Star operates onshore in the San Juan, Permian, Hugoton and South Alabama basins and in the Gulf of Mexico. During 2009, our equity interest in Four Star's daily equivalent natural gas production averaged approximately 72 MMcfe/d.

# EXHIBIT F

SANDRIDGE ENERGY INC. United States Securities and Exchange Commission Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009 Excerpt

## **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## Form 10-K

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009

OR

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

> For the transition period from to

Commission File Number: 001-33784

# SANDRIDGE ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma** (Address of principal executive offices) **Identification No.)** 73102

20-8084793

(I.R.S. Employer

(Zip Code)

(405) 429-5500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value

New York Stock Exchange

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 🗌

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes 🗹 No 🗌

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

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

Large accelerated filer  $\checkmark$ 

Accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

The aggregate market value of our common stock held by non-affiliates on June 30, 2009 was approximately \$1.0 billion based on the closing price as quoted on the New York Stock Exchange. As of February 19, 2010, there were 210,413,896 shares of our common stock outstanding.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference in Part III.

#### PART I

#### Item 1. Business

#### General

SandRidge Energy, Inc., is an independent natural gas and oil company headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma concentrating on exploration, development and production activities related to the exploitation of our significant holdings in West Texas. Our primary areas of focus are the West Texas Overthrust (the "WTO") and the Permian Basin. The WTO is a natural gas-prone geological region in Pecos County and Terrell County, Texas where we have operated since 1986 and currently have 562,626 net acres under lease. The WTO includes the Piñon gas field. In the Permian Basin, we control approximately 138,691 net acres in West Texas and New Mexico, including approximately 90,000 net acres acquired in December 2009 as further discussed below. We also operate interests in the Mid-Continent, the Cotton Valley Trend in East Texas, the Gulf Coast area and the Gulf of Mexico.

We have assembled an extensive natural gas and oil property base on which we have identified approximately 12,100 potential drilling locations as of December 31, 2009, including approximately 5,500 locations in the WTO and approximately 2,600 locations in the Permian Basin. As of December 31, 2009, our estimated proved reserves were 1,312.2 Bcfe, of which 52% were natural gas. The reports covering approximately 95% of these estimated proved reserves were prepared by third party engineers. As of December 31, 2009, we had 3,373 gross (2,721.2 net) producing wells, substantially all of which we operate, and had 1,720,909 gross (1,262,115 net) acres under lease. As of December 31, 2009, we had eight rigs drilling in the WTO, four rigs drilling in the Permian Basin, two rigs drilling in East Texas and one rig drilling in the Mid-Continent.

We also operate businesses that are complementary to our primary exploration, development and production activities which provide us with operational flexibility and an advantageous cost structure. We own related gas gathering and treating facilities, a gas marketing business and an oil field services business, including our wholly owned drilling rig business, Lariat Services, Inc. ("Lariat"). As of December 31, 2009, our drilling rig fleet consisted of 31 rigs, 30 of which were operational. We also capture and transport CO<sub>2</sub> to the Permian Basin.

Our principal executive offices are located at 123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102 and our telephone number is (405) 429-5500. We make available free of charge on our website at *www.sandridgeenergy.com* our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Any materials that we have filed with the SEC may be read and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549 or accessed via the SEC's website address at *www.sec.gov*.

References to "SandRidge," "us," "we," "Company" and "our" in this report refer to SandRidge Energy, Inc., together with its subsidiaries. "SandRidge CO<sub>2</sub>" refers to our wholly owned subsidiary SandRidge CO<sub>2</sub>, LLC, and "SandRidge Tertiary" refers to our wholly owned subsidiary SandRidge Tertiary, LLC.

#### **Recent Developments**

*Forest Acquisition.* In December 2009, we purchased natural gas and oil properties located in the Permian Basin from Forest Oil Corporation and one of its subsidiaries (collectively, "Forest") for \$800.0 million, subject to purchase price and post-closing adjustments (the "Forest Acquisition"). The assets consist primarily of six operated areas in the Central Basin Platform and greater Permian Basin area of western Texas and eastern New Mexico. These properties are characterized by multiple producing horizons including the Spraberry, Wolfcamp, Grayburg, San Andres and Wichita-Albany formations. Additionally, there are significant undeveloped properties in the Clear Fork formation. Approximately 98% of the production is operated and the subject properties cover over 90,000 net acres of which nearly 80% is held by production.

#### Gulf Coast

As of December 31, 2009, we owned natural gas and oil interests in 68,173 gross (46,598 net) acres in the Gulf Coast area, which encompasses the large coastal plain from the southernmost tip of Texas through the southern portion of Louisiana. As of December 31, 2009, our estimated net proved reserves in the Gulf Coast area were 53.7 Bcfe, with net production of approximately 26.5 MMcfe per day for the month of December 2009.

#### Mid-Continent

We own interests in properties in Oklahoma, Arkansas and southern Kansas that make up our Mid-Continent area. As of December 31, 2009, we held interests in 636,653 gross (439,802 net) leasehold and option acres in these areas. As of December 31, 2009, our estimated proved reserves in the Mid-Continent area were 65.1 Bcfe, based on estimates prepared by our internal engineers. Our average daily net production for the month of December 2009 was approximately 23.6 MMcfe per day.

#### Gulf of Mexico

As of December 31, 2009, we owned natural gas and oil interests in 70,470 gross (26,230 net) acres in state and federal waters off the coast of Texas and Louisiana. As of December 31, 2009, our estimated net proved reserves in the Gulf of Mexico were 43.3 Bcfe, with net production of approximately 17.8 MMcfe per day for the month of December 2009. Our operations in the Gulf of Mexico extend from the coast to more than 100 miles offshore and occur in waters ranging from 30 feet to 1,100 feet.

#### Tertiary Oil Recovery

We currently operate one active  $CO_2$  flood and two waterfloods in which  $CO_2$  pilot projects are currently under development. All three floods are located in the Permian Basin area of West Texas. The Wellman Unit, located in Terry County, is an active  $CO_2$  flood in which  $CO_2$  injection was re-initiated in November of 2005. The two prospective  $CO_2$  pilot waterfloods are the George Allen Unit and the South Mallet Unit, located in Gaines and Hockley Counties. Both of these pilot projects are expected to begin  $CO_2$  injection during 2010.

The three enhanced recovery projects were producing 465 net Boe per day during 2009 and have produced a total of 113.5 MMboe to date. As of December 31, 2009, net proved reserves attributable to the three properties were 20.7 MMboe. Expansion opportunities exist in all three projects. Potential expansion opportunities will be evaluated based on early performance results.

#### Proved Reserves

The following historical estimates of net proved natural gas and oil reserves are based on reserve reports as of December 31, 2009, December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, substantially all of which were prepared by independent petroleum engineers. The PV-10 and Standardized Measure shown in the table below are not intended to represent the current market value of our estimated natural gas and oil reserves. The reserve reports as of December 31, 2009 were based on our current drilling schedule and the average price during the 12-month period ended December 31, 2009, using the first-day-of-the-month price for each month. Reserve reports for years prior to 2009 were based on natural gas and oil prices at year-end. We estimate that 97.8% of our current proved undeveloped reserves will be developed by 2012 and all of our current proved undeveloped reserves will be developed by 2012 and all of this report and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in Item 7 of this report in evaluating the material presented below.

Our reserve estimation effort is overseen by our Executive Vice President — Reservoir Engineering, a registered Professional Engineer since 1988 with approximately 29 years of industry experience. Internal controls within the reserve estimation process include: confirmation that reserve estimations include all properties owned;

# EXHIBIT G

Devon To Buy Ocean Energy For \$3.5 Billion New York Times, February 25, 2003

### COMPANY NEWS - COMPANY NEWS - DEVON TO BUY OCEAN ENERGY FOR ... Page 1 of 3 Case 2:10-cv-01663-MLCF-JCW Document 113-8 Filed 07/02/10 Page 2 of 2



# EXHIBIT H

*Ocean Energy, Devon Energy agree to merge* Houston Business Journal, February 24, 2003 Houston Business Journal - February 24, 2003 /houston/stories/2003/02/24/daily5.html

# BUSINESS JOURNAL

Monday, February 24, 2003

## Ocean Energy, Devon Energy agree to merge

Houston Business Journal

Oklahoma City-based **Devon Energy Corp.** announced Monday that it and Houston-based oil and gas exploration company **Ocean Energy** Inc. have agreed to a \$5.3 billion merger.

The merged company will be named Devon Energy Corp. and will be headquartered in Oklahoma City.

Upon completion of the merger, Devon will become the largest U.S.-based independent oil and natural gas producer with production of approximately 650,000 equivalent barrels of oil per day and will have an enterprise value of approximately \$20 billion.

Following the merger, J. Larry Nichols, Devon's chairman, president and chief executive officer, will retain the positions of chairman and chief executive officer of Devon.

James T. Hackett, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Ocean Energy will be named president and chief operating officer.

The board of directors will consist of nine members from Devon and four members from Ocean.

"Combining our two companies creates a balanced portfolio with North American and international assets, increased oil and gas production capabilities and greater internal growth opportunities through an active exploration program," Hackett said.

"Ocean's high-impact, deepwater projects and complementary management skills make this a win-win transaction."

"This merger combines the strong North American portfolio of Devon with the growth profile of Ocean," Nichols said

"As part of a much larger organization, our shareholders will benefit from the superior access to capital necessary to accelerate key exploration and development opportunities. It also provides a commodity mix weighted positively toward North American natural gas and creates a better balance between exploration and exploitation, minimizing the risk associated with high-impact exploration."

Devon's stable, gas-focused North American assets will be complemented by Ocean's high-impact international and deepwater development and exploration projects, the two companies say.

The transaction also creates an entity with a stronger balance sheet and greater financial flexibility, allowing for acceleration of key exploration opportunities.

The companies expect general and administrative cost savings of at least \$50 million annually.

Devon and Ocean have significant core area overlap that will provide operational synergies.

The combined company will produce approximately 2.4 billion cubic feet of natural gas and approximately 250,000 barrels of oil and natural gas liquids per day.

Devon will have approximately 2.2 billion barrels of oil equivalent proved reserves, with 84 percent in North America.

Ninety percent of Devon's worldwide production will be from North America, of which 69 percent will be natural gas.

Long-term debt of the combined company will be approximately 52 percent of total capitalization.

The company worldwide will hold 29 million net undeveloped acres.

With interests in more than 500 deepwater Gulf of Mexico blocks, Devon will be the largest independent deepwater Gulf leaseholder.

Under the terms of the merger agreement, Ocean's shareholders will receive 0.414 shares of Devon common stock for each common share of Ocean.

This will require Devon to issue 73.4 million new shares to Ocean's shareholders.

Based upon Devon's closing stock price of \$48.23 per share on February 21, 2003, the total value of the stock to be issued will be approximately \$3.5 billion.

The aggregate value of the transaction, including the assumption of Ocean's debt and other obligations, is approximately \$5.3 billion.

The boards of directors of both companies have approved the merger. Completion of the transaction is expected in the second or third quarter of 2003.

http://www.bizjournals.com/houston/stories/2003/02/24/daily5.html?t=printable

Ocean Energy is an independent energy company engaged in the exploration, development, production, and acquisition of crude oil and natural gas.

Its north American operations are focused in the shelf and deepwater areas of the Gulf of Mexico, the Rocky Mountains, Permian Basin, Anadarko, East Texas, North Louisiana and Gulf Coast regions.

Internationally, Ocean holds a leading position among U.S. independents in West Africa with oil and gas activities in Equatorial Guinea, Angola, Nigeria and Cote d'Ivoire. The company also conducts operations in Egypt, the Russian Republic of Tatarstan, Brazil and Indonesia.

Devon Energy Corp. is an Oklahoma City-based independent energy company engaged in oil and gas exploration, production and property acquisitions, and ranks among the Top 5 U.S.-based independent oil and gas producers and is included in the S&P 500 Index.

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# EXHIBIT I

DEVON ENERGY CORPORATION United States Securities and Exchange Commission Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009 Excerpt **Table of Contents** 

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 Form 10–K

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009

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

Commission File Number 001-32318

# Devon Energy Corporation

Delaware (State of other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 20 North Broadway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

(Address of principal executive offices)

**73–1567067** (I.R.S. Employer identification No.) **73102–8260** (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (405) 235-3611

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

	Name
	of
	each
Title	exchange
of	on
each	which
class	registered

Common stock, par value \$0.10 per share

The New York Stock Exchange

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

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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  $\square$  No  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  $\square$  No  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S–K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10–K or any amendment to this Form 10–K.  $\Box$ 

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Large accelerated filer	$\checkmark$	Accelerated filer	Non-accelerated filer		Smaller reporting company	
			(Do not check if a smaller re	portin	g company)	

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

The aggregate market value of the voting common stock held by non–affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2009, was approximately \$24.0 billion, based upon the closing price of \$54.50 per share as reported by the New York Stock Exchange on such date. On February 15, 2010, 446.8 million shares of common stock were outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Proxy statement for the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders - Part III

#### PART I

#### Item 1. Business

#### General

Devon Energy Corporation, including its subsidiaries ("Devon"), is an independent energy company engaged primarily in exploration, development and production of natural gas and oil. Our oil and gas operations are concentrated in various North American onshore areas in the United States and Canada. We also have offshore operations that are situated principally in the Gulf of Mexico and regions located offshore Azerbaijan, Brazil and China.

To complement our upstream oil and gas operations, we have marketing and midstream operations primarily in North America. With these operations, we market gas, crude oil and NGLs. We also construct and operate pipelines, storage and treating facilities and natural gas processing plants. These midstream facilities are used to transport oil, gas, and NGLs and process natural gas.

We began operations in 1971 as a privately held company. We have been publicly held since 1988, and our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Our principal and administrative offices are located at 20 North Broadway, Oklahoma City, OK 73102–8260 (telephone 405/235–3611).

#### Strategy

As an enterprise, we aspire to be the premier independent natural gas and oil company in North America. To achieve this, we continuously strive to optimize value for our shareholders by growing reserves, production, earnings and cash flows, all on a per share basis. We do this by:

- exercising capital discipline;
- investing in oil and gas properties with high operating margins;
- balancing our reserves and production mix between natural gas and liquids;
- maintaining a low overall cost structure;
- improving performance through our marketing and midstream operations; and
- preserving financial flexibility.

Over the past decade, we captured an abundance of resources by carrying out this strategy. We pioneered horizontal drilling in the Barnett Shale and extended this technique to other natural gas shale plays in the United States and Canada. We became proficient with steam-assisted gravity drainage with our Jackfish oil sands development in Alberta, Canada. We achieved key oil discoveries with our drilling in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico and offshore Brazil. We have more than tripled our proved oil and gas reserves since 2000, and have also assembled an extensive inventory of exploration assets representing additional unproved resources.

Building off our past successes, in November 2009, we announced plans to strategically reposition Devon as a high-growth, North American onshore exploration and production company. As part of this strategic repositioning, we plan to bring forward the value of our offshore assets located in the Gulf of Mexico and countries outside North America by divesting them.

This repositioning is driven by our desire to unlock and accelerate the realization of the value underlying the deep inventory of opportunities we have. We have assembled a valuable portfolio of offshore assets, and we have a considerable inventory of premier North American onshore assets. However, our North American onshore assets have consistently provided us our highest risk-adjusted investment returns. By selling our offshore assets, we can more aggressively pursue the untapped value of these North American onshore opportunities. Besides reducing debt, the offshore divestiture proceeds are expected to provide significant funds to redeploy into our prolific North American onshore opportunities. With these added funds, we plan to accelerate the growth and realization of the value of our North American onshore assets.

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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

HORNBECK OFFSHORE SERVICES, LLC,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
V.	)	CIVIL ACTION NO.
	)	No. 10-1663(F)(2)
KENNETH LEE "KEN" SALAZAR, in his	)	
official capacity as Secretary, United	)	SECTION F
States Department of the Interior;	)	
ROBERT "BOB" ABBEY, in his official	)	JUDGE FELDMAN
capacity as Acting Director, Mineral	)	
Management Service; and MINERALS	)	MAGISTRATE 2
MANAGEMENT SERVICE,	)	MAGISTRATE WILKINSON
	)	
Defendants.	)	
	)	

## **NOTICE OF HEARING**

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant-Intervenors Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra

Club, Florida Wildlife Federation, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Center for Biological

Diversity, will bring their Motion for Disqualification before the Honorable Judge Martin L.C.

Feldman at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, 500 Poydras

Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of July, 2010.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on July 2, 2010, I caused as copy of the foregoing to be served through the Court's CM/ECF system to all parties.

<u>/s Catherine Wannamaker</u> Attorney

### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

HORNBECK OFFSHORE SERVICES, LLC,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
V.	) )	CIVIL ACTION NO. No. 10-1663(F)(2)
KENNETH LEE "KEN" SALAZAR, in his	)	
official capacity as Secretary, United States Department of the Interior;	)	SECTION F
ROBERT "BOB" ABBEY, in his official capacity as Acting Director, Mineral	)	JUDGE FELDMAN
Management Service; and MINERALS	)	MAGISTRATE 2
MANAGEMENT SERVICE,	)	MAGISTRATE WILKINSON
Defendants.	)	
	)	

## <u>ORDER</u>

Having considered the foregoing Motion for Disqualification filed by Defendant-

Intervenors,

IT IS ORDERED that Defendant-Intervenors' Motion for Disqualification is hereby

GRANTED, and the Court will recuse itself from proceedings in this case.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2010.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA