

**Chesapeake Energy
Corporation Announces
Offering of \$250 Million of
Senior Notes Due 2012**

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Chesapeake Energy Corporation today announced that it has commenced a private offering of \$250 million senior notes due 2012. The senior notes being sold by Chesapeake will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements. The senior notes are expected to be eligible for trading under Rule 144A.

The net proceeds from this offering will be used for funding three pending acquisitions totaling \$132 million and to repay bank debt recently incurred to purchase \$43 million of senior notes due in 2004 and to purchase \$38 million of natural gas properties in Oklahoma from The Williams Companies. Remaining net proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes, including the funding of future acquisitions.

This document contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements include estimates and give our current expectations or forecasts of future events. They are based on our historical operating trends, our existing commodity hedging position and our current estimate of proved reserves. Although we believe our forward-looking statements are reasonable, they can be affected by inaccurate assumptions or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties. For example, statements concerning the fair values of derivative contracts and their estimated contribution to our future results of operations are based upon market information as of a specific date. These market prices are subject to significant volatility. Factors that could cause actual operating and financial results to differ materially from expected results include the volatility of oil and gas prices, our substantial indebtedness, our commodity price risk management activities, the cost and availability of drilling and production services, our ability to replace reserves, the availability of capital, uncertainties inherent in evaluating our own reserves and the reserves we acquire, drilling and operating risks and other risk factors described in the company's 2001 annual report on Form 10-K and subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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