

**Chesapeake Energy
Corporation Announces Early
Participation Results of Senior
Notes Exchange Offer**

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 12 /[PRNewswire-FirstCall](#)/ -- Chesapeake Energy Corporation (NYSE: CHK) announced today that pursuant to its previously announced exchange offer (the "Offer") for its 8.125% Senior Notes due April 1, 2011 (the "2011 Notes") (CUSIP # 165167AS6), it has received valid tenders of approximately \$457.1 million aggregate principal amount of 2011 Notes as of January 9, 2004, the early participation date.

Approximately \$71.5 million aggregate principal amount of 2011 Notes have been tendered in exchange for new 7.75% Senior Notes due 2015 and approximately \$385.6 million aggregate principal amount of 2011 Notes have been tendered in exchange for new 6.875% Senior Notes due 2016.

Holders who validly tendered their 2011 Notes by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on January 9, 2004, the early participation date, will receive, in addition to new notes, \$10.00 in cash per \$1,000 principal amount of Notes validly tendered and accepted for exchange. 2011 Notes tendered pursuant to the Offer may no longer be withdrawn.

The Offer will remain open until 12:00 midnight, Eastern Standard Time, on January 12, 2004, unless extended. Payment for all 2011 Notes validly tendered and accepted for exchange is expected to be made on January 14, 2004.

The terms of the Offer are described in the Company's Offer to Exchange dated December 1, 2003, as extended by a prospectus supplement dated December 24, 2003, copies of which may be obtained from D.F. King & Co., Inc., the information agent for the Offer, at (800) 431-9633 (U.S. toll-free) and (212) 269-5550 (collect).

Banc of America Securities LLC, Deutsche Bank Securities and Lehman Brothers are the joint lead dealer managers in connection with the Offer. Questions regarding the Offer may be directed to Banc of America Securities LLC, High Yield Special Products, at 888-292-0070 (US toll-free) and 704-388-4813 (collect), Deutsche Bank Securities, High Yield Capital Markets, 212-250-7466 (collect) or Lehman Brothers, 800-438-3242 (U.S. toll-free) and 212-528-7581 (collect).

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Chesapeake Energy Corporation is one of the six largest independent natural gas producers in the United States. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, the company's operations are focused on exploratory and developmental drilling and producing property acquisitions in the Mid-Continent, Gulf Coast, and Permian Basin regions onshore in the United States.

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