



# Chesapeake is the fifth largest independent producer of natural gas in the U.S.

Chesapeake is the second most active driller of new wells in the U.S.



Chesapeake is dedicated to delivering industry-leading performance to our shareholders. In 2003, we delivered a stock price increase of 75% and during the past ten years, our stock price has increased almost 2500%, the 13th best performance among all U.S. public companies.

Chesapeake is especially well-positioned to continue delivering significant increases in shareholder value in the years ahead because of strong natural gas fundamentals, great assets and a well-conceived business strategy.



# Selected Financial Data

Years ended December 31,

Financial Data (c. v.	2003	2002	2001	2000
Financial Data (\$ in thousands, except per share data) Oil and gas sales Oil and gas marketing sales Oil and gas service operations	\$ 1,296,822 420,610	\$ 568,187 170,315	\$ 820,318 148,733	\$ 470,170 157,782
Total revenues	1,717,432	738,502	969,051	627,952
Operating costs:				
Production expenses	137,583	98,191	75,374	50,085
Production taxes General and administrative	77,893 23,753	30,101 17,618	33,010 14,449	24,840 13,177
Provision for legal settlements	6,402	17,010	14,449	13,177
Oil and gas marketing expenses	410,288	165,736	144,373	152,309
Oil and gas depreciation, depletion and amortization	369,465	221,189	172,902	101,291
Depreciation and amortization of other assets	16,793	14,009	8,663	7,481
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Oil and gas service operations	Ξ	_	_	_
Total operating costs	1,042,177	546,844	448,771	349,183
Income (loss) from operations	675,255	191,658	520,280	278,769
Other income (expense):				
Interest and other income	2,827	7,340	2,877	3,649
Interest expense Miscellaneous gains (losses)	(154,356) (22,774)	(112,031) (19,827)	(98,321) (63,138)	(86,256)
Total other income (expense)	(174,303)	(124,518)	(158,582)	(82,607)
Income (loss) before income taxes and cumulative effect	(111,000)	(121,010)	(100,002)	(02,001)
of accounting change	500,952	67,140	361,698	196,162
Income tax expense (benefit):	T 000	(4.000)	0.505	
Current Deferred	5,000 185,360	(1,822) 28,676	3,565 140,727	(259,408)
Net income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting	100,000	20,070	140,121	(239,400)
change, net of tax	310,592	40,286	217,406	455,570
Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax	2,389	, _	_	_
Net Income (loss)	312,981	40,286	217,406	455,570
Preferred stock dividends	(22,469)	(10,117)	(2,050)	(8,484)
Gain on redemption of preferred stock  Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$ 290,512	\$ 30,169	\$ 215,356	6,574 \$ 453,660
Earnings per common share – basic:	Ψ 230,012	Ψ 00,103	Ψ 2 10,000	ψ 100,000
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 1.36	\$ 0.18	\$ 1.33	\$ 3.52
Cumulative effect of accounting change	0.02	-	-	-
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Earnings per common share – assuming dilution: Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 1.20	\$ 0.17	\$ 1.25	\$ 3.01
Cumulative effect of accounting change	0.01	φ 0.17	φ 1.25	φ 3.01
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Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.135	\$ 0.06	-	_
Other Financial Data (\$ in thousands)				
Cash flow from operations				
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 945,602	\$ 432,531	\$ 553,737	\$ 314,640
Operating cash flow	903,929	412,517	518,563	305,804
Balance Sheet Data (at end of period):	A 4 570 004	A 0 075 000	<b>*</b> 0 000 700	<b>*</b> 4 440 400
Total assets Long-term debt, net of current maturities	\$ 4,572,291 2,057,713	\$ 2,875,608 1,651,198	\$ 2,286,768 1,329,453	\$ 1,440,426 944,845
Stockholders' equity (deficit)	1,732,810	907,875	767,407	313,232
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<b>Operating Data</b> (\$ in thousands)				
Oil reserves (mbbls)	51,422	37,587	30,093	23,797
Gas reserves (mmcf)	2,860,040	1,979,601	1,599,386	1,212,033
Reserves in equivalent thousand barrels	528,095	367,521	296,658	225,802
Reserves in equivalent million cubic feet Future net revenues discounted at 10%	3,168,575 \$ 7 222 142	2,205,125	1,779,946	1,354,813
Future net revenues undiscounted	\$ 7,333,142 \$ 13,074,018	\$ 3,717,645 \$ 6,758,869	\$ 1,646,667 \$ 2,966,032	\$ 6,046,028 \$ 10,702,974
Oil price used in reserve report (per bbl)	\$ 30.22	\$ 30.18	\$ 18.82	\$ 26.41
Gas price used in reserve report (per mcf)	\$ 5.68	\$ 4.28	\$ 2.51	\$ 10.12
Oil production (mbbls)	4,665	3,466	2,880	3,068
Gas production (mmcf)	240,366	160,682	144,171	115,771
Production in equivalent thousand barrels Production in equivalent million cubic feet	44,726 268,356	30,246 181,478	26,909 161,451	22,363 134,179
Average oil sales price (per bbl) <sup>1</sup>	\$ 25.85	\$ 25.22	\$ 26.92	\$ 26.39
Average gas sales price (per mof) <sup>1</sup>	\$ 4.85	\$ 3.54	\$ 4.56	\$ 3.36
Average gas equivalent sales price (per mcfe) 1	\$ 4.79	\$ 3.61	\$ 4.56	\$ 3.50

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excludes unrealized gains (losses) on oil and gas hedging.

Six months ended December 31

Years ended June 30

		December 31			Years ended June 30		
1999	1998	1997	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
\$ 280,445 74,501	\$ 256,887 121,059	\$ 95,657 58,241	\$ 192,920 76,172	\$ 110,849 28,428	\$ 56,983	\$ 22,404	\$ 11,602
354.946	377.946	153.898	269,092	6,314 145,591	8,836 65.819	6,439 28.843	5,526 17,128
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46,298 13,264	51,202 8,295	7,560 2,534	11,445 3,662	6,340 1,963	3,379 877	2,141 1,506	2,890
13,477 —	19,918 —	5,847 —	8,802 —	4,828 —	3,578	3,135 —	3,620 1,286
71,533 95,044	119,008 146,644	58,227 60,408	75,140 103,264	27,452 50,899	25,410	- 8,141	- 4,184
7,810 —	8,076 826,000	2,414 110,000	3,782 236,000	3,157 —	1,765 —	1,871 —	557 —
	55,000 —	_ _	_ _	- 4,895	- 7,747	- 5,199	3,653
247,426 107,520	1,234,143 (856,197)	246,990 (93.092)	442,095 (173.003)	99,534 46.057	42,756 23,063	21,993 6.850	16,190 938
8,562	3,926	78.966	11,223	3,831	1.524	981	880
(81,052)	(68,249) (13,334)	(17,448)	(18,550) (6,620)	(13,679)	(6,627)	(2,676)	(2,282)
(72,490)	(77,657)	61,518	(13,947)	(9,848)	(5,103)	(1,695)	(1,402)
35,030	(933,854)	(31,574)	(186,950)	36,209	17,960	5,155	(464)
1,764	-	- -	(3,573)	12,854	6,299	1,250	(99)
33,266	(933,854)	(31,574)	(183,377)	23,355	11,661 —	3,905	(365)
33,266 (16,711)	(933,854) (12,077)	(31,574) –	(183,377) —	23,355 —	11,661 —	3,905 —	(365) (385)
\$ 16,555	\$ (945,931)	\$ (31,574)	\$ (183,377)	\$ 23,355	\$ 11,661	\$ 3,905	\$ (750)
\$ 0.17 —	\$ (9.97) —	\$ (0.45) —	\$ (2.79) —	\$ 0.43 —	\$ 0.22 —	\$ 0.08	\$ (0.02) —
\$ 0.17	\$ (9.97)	\$ (0.45)	\$ (2.79)	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.08	\$ (0.02)
\$ 0.16 —	\$ (9.97) —	\$ (0.45) —	\$ (2.79) —	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.21 —	\$ 0.08	\$ (0.02) —
\$ 0.16 —	\$ (9.97) \$ 0.04	\$ (0.45) \$ 0.04	\$ (2.79) \$ 0.02	\$ 0.40 —	\$ 0.21 —	\$ 0.08 —	\$ (0.02)
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\$ 145,022 138,727	\$ 94,639 117,500	\$ 139,157 67,872	\$ 84,089 161,140	\$ 120,972 88,431	\$ 54,731 45,903	\$ 19,423 15,527	\$ (1,499) 4,404
\$ 850,533	\$ 812,615	\$ 952,784	\$ 949,068	\$ 572,335	\$ 276,693	\$ 125,690	\$ 78,707
964,097 (217,544)	919,076 (248,568)	508,992 280,206	508,950 286,889	268,431 177,767	145,754 44,975	47,878 31,260	14,051 31,432
24,795	22,593	18,226	17,373	12,258	5,116	4,154	9,622
1,056,826 200,933	955,791 181,891	339,118 74,746	298,766 67,167	351,224 70,795	211,808 40,417	117,066 23,665	79,763 22,915
1,205,595 \$ 1,089,496	1,091,348 \$ 660,991	448,474 \$ 466,509	403,004 \$ 437,386	424,775 \$ 547,016	242,505 \$ 188,137	141,992 \$ 141,249	137,495 \$ 141,665
\$ 1,891,175 \$ 24.72	\$ 1,208,641 \$ 10.48	\$ 715,098 \$ 17.62	\$ 611,954 \$ 18.38	\$ 795,600 \$ 20.90	\$ 274,900 \$ 17.41	\$ 209,795 \$ 18.27	\$ 215,117 \$ 18.71
\$ 2.25 4,147	\$ 1.68 5,976	\$ 2.29 1,857	\$ 2.12 2,770	\$ 2.41 1,413	\$ 1.60 1,139	\$ 1.98 537	\$ 2.43 276
108,610 22,249	94,421 21,713	27,326 6,411	62,005 13,104	51,710 10,031	25,114 5,325	6,927 1,692	2,677 722
133,492 \$ 16.01	130,277 \$ 12.70	38,468 \$ 18.59	78,625 \$ 20.93	60,190 \$ 17.85	31,947 \$ 17.36	10,152 \$ 15.09	4,333 \$ 20.20
\$ 10.01 \$ 1.97 \$ 2.10	\$ 1.92 \$ 1.97	\$ 2.24 \$ 2.49	\$ 20.93 \$ 2.18 \$ 2.45	\$ 17.65 \$ 1.66 \$ 1.84	\$ 17.30 \$ 1.48 \$ 1.78	\$ 2.06 \$ 2.21	\$ 2.25 \$ 2.68
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We are highly profitable, expecting to generate more than \$300 million of net income to common shareholders and \$1 billion of cash flow from operations in 2004.

We are the largest gas producer and driller of new wells in the Mid-Continent – the third largest gas supply region in the country.

We have high-quality, geographically-focused assets with one of the best operating cost structures in our peer group.

Chesapeake has recorded the 13th best stock price performance among all U.S. public companies during the past ten years. During that period, Chesapeake's stock price increased by 2,476%, a compound average annual increase of 39%.

We continue to build for the future, investing over \$150 million annually in new leasehold and 3-D seismic information.

We continue to improve our balance sheet, with shareholders' equity increasing by \$825 million and debt to total capitalization declining to nearly 50% in 2003.

We have proven expertise in developmental and exploratory drilling, with particular skill in deep gas exploration. In addition, we are savvy acquirers of high-quality, underexploited producing properties, closing over \$1 billion of acquisitions in 2003.

Our management team's commitment to building shareholder value is ensured by a 35 million share equity stake.

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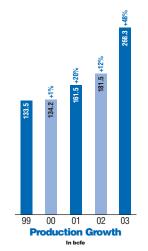
### Letter to Shareholders

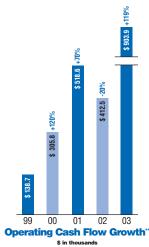
**Performance** – it's what the cover of our 2003 Annual Report is all about, it's what Chesapeake is all about and it's what all business should be about. The expectation of exceptional *performance* is why you (and we) own Chesapeake stock, and the delivery of exceptional *performance* is management's #1 responsibility. However, because the natural gas exploration and production (E&P) business is highly competitive and the prices received for the products we sell are extremely volatile, consistent *performance* in delivering shareholder value in our industry is not easy to achieve.

Accordingly, in this year's letter, we focus not only on Chesapeake's *performance* during 2003, but also on the company's track record of *performance* during the 11 years since our IPO in February 1993. We will also discuss how we have positioned Chesapeake to continue delivering exceptional *performance* to our shareholders in the years ahead.

**Performance Through Operational and Financial Achievement** First, let's review our operational and financial *performance* in 2003, which by almost all measures, was our best year ever. We began the year with a full head of steam from our ONEOK and El Paso acquisitions (\$800 million of first class properties in the Mid-Continent), made a number of important gas discoveries through the drillbit, dramatically improved our balance sheet and then ended the year with our Laredo and Concho acquisitions (\$620 million of excellent properties in the Mid-Continent, Permian Basin and South Texas areas). These acquisitions and several others announced earlier this month have provided us with an especially strong start to 2004.







Here are some selected operational and financial *performance* highlights for the year 2003:

- Production increased 48% from 181 bcfe to 268 bcfe;
- Proved reserves increased 44% from 2,205 bcfe to 3,169 bcfe;
- Revenues grew by 132% from \$739 million to \$1.717 billion;
- Ebitda\* increased by 151% from \$414 million to \$1.042 billion;
- Operating cash flow\*\* grew by 119% from \$413 million to \$904 million;
- Net income to common shareholders grew by 863% from \$30 million to \$291 million, and;
- Shareholders' equity increased by 91% from \$908 million to \$1.733 billion.

**Performance Through Stock Price Appreciation** At the end of the day, the only *performance* that matters for a public company is stock price *performance*. We are therefore pleased to report that Chesapeake's 75% stock price increase during 2003 was the best *performance* among our mid- and large-cap competitors. In fact, during the past six years (1998-2003), Chesapeake's stock price *performance* leads our entire industry with an increase of 1,345%, or a compound average annual increase of 71%.

We are also happy to note that earlier this month, the Wall Street Journal reported that Chesapeake recorded the 13th best stock price *performance* among all U.S. public companies during the past ten years. During that period, Chesapeake's stock price increased by 2,476%, a compound average annual increase of 39%. A little known fact is that during the past ten years, Chesapeake's stock price *performance* has exceeded that of each of the 30 largest companies in the world, including such stock market leaders as Microsoft, Cisco, ExxonMobil, Pfizer, Intel, General Electric, IBM and Citigroup.

<sup>\*</sup> Ebitda is a non-GAAP measure that represents net income before the cumulative effect of accounting changes, income tax expense, interest expense and depreciation, depletion and amortization expense

<sup>\*\*</sup> Operating cash flow is a non-GAAP measure that represents net cash provided by operating activities before changes in assets and liabilities



Performance Through a Successful Business Strategy We have not forgotten, however, that Chesapeake's stock price did decline in three of the past ten years. It was the disappointments of two of those years, 1997 and 1998, a period of declining oil and gas prices and uneconomic Louisiana drilling results from a much smaller Chesapeake, that persuaded us to alter our strategy and concentrate on natural gas while pursuing greater scale, longer lived reserves, and a balance between drillbit growth and acquisition growth. This strategy, implemented in 1998 and executed consistently during the past six years, has served our shareholders well and we believe still provides the best game plan for continuing to deliver strong shareholder value *performance* in the years ahead.

Through consistent execution of our focused and clearly articulated business strategy, we have built a regionally dominant U.S. E&P company by successfully integrating an aggressive and technologically advanced drilling effort with an active acquisition program. This program has been focused on small- to medium-sized corporate and producing property acquisitions that we believe are under-valued, under-exploited or under-explored.

In addition to constantly strengthening Chesapeake's Mid-Continent position (where approximately 80% of our reserves and production are located), we are continuing to build secondary footholds in other areas of opportunity, particularly focusing on the Permian Basin, South Texas and Texas Gulf Coast regions. All of these areas share similar characteristics with the Mid-Continent region. We believe the company's successful regional consolidation strategy and advanced technology drilling expertise can be readily applied to these new areas as well.



Performance Through High Quality Acquisitions The successful execution of our regional consolidation program has been one of the primary drivers of the company's strong performance during the past six years. Our acquisition program is focused on acquiring high-quality producing properties, primarily natural gas and primarily in the Mid-Continent, that have long lives, exhibit predictable decline curves and offer significant development and high-potential deep drilling opportunities. Since January 1, 1998, we have acquired \$3.6 billion of proved reserves at an attractive average cost of \$1.20 per mcfe. The vast majority of these acquisitions either increased our ownership in existing wells and fields, or added additional drilling locations to our primary or secondary operating areas.

In addition, because both our primary and secondary operating areas are home to many small companies seeking liquidity opportunities and large companies divesting non-core assets, we expect to continue creating value-enhancing performance through successfully harvesting future acquisition opportunities in these areas in the years ahead.

Performance Through Organic Drillbit Growth One of Chesapeake's most distinctive characteristics has been the company's ability to create shareholder value through consistent drillbit performance. In an industry that has been unable to deliver increases in natural gas production for three consecutive years, Chesapeake's ability to increase its production through the drillbit is an increasingly rare attribute. Founded on a "growth through the drillbit" philosophy, our strength in this area highlights the company's performance as a pacesetter in the industry. Based on our review of 2003 results from other mid- and large-cap E&P companies, Chesapeake's 20% organic production growth was the best performance with the drillbit in our industry.

With an inventory of more than 2,500 prospective drillsites (many of which have been identified using advanced 3-D seismic information) on the company's three million net acre leasehold inventory, we have built a solid foundation to deliver further drillbit performance in 2004 and beyond. From this prospect-rich platform, Chesapeake is conducting the second most active U.S. drilling program. During 2004, we expect to employ an average of 45-50 rigs that will drill approximately 500 company-operated wells and 40-50 rigs that will drill approximately 500 outside-operated wells.

These onshore natural gas wells provide a safe and reliable source of the clean energy our country increasingly demands. Across our entire base of operations, Chesapeake balances risk and return opportunities, with one-third of our drilling focused on low-risk developmental targets at depths shallower than 10,000 feet, one-third on medium depth drilling consisting of developmental and higher-potential targets between 10-15,000 feet and one-third targeting deeper exploratory targets with significant upside potential below 15,000 feet. This balanced range of prospects provides the company with one of the largest and most attractive drilling inventories of all E&P companies and will play an important role in enabling Chesapeake to continue delivering industry-leading *performance* in the years ahead.

**Performance Through Building Regional Scale** One of the keys to consistently delivering great *performance* in the E&P industry is building scale in a limited number of core operating areas. Achieving economies of scale provides many important benefits, including higher per unit revenues, lower per unit costs, greater drilling success, better acquisition results, and higher returns on invested capital. Chesapeake first began pursuing regional scale in the Mid-Continent in 1998 and the success of our strategy has enabled the company to become the region's largest natural gas producer, its most active driller and its most active acquirer of producing and non-producing properties.

We favor the Mid-Continent because it offers many attractive characteristics. These characteristics include long-lived natural gas properties with predictable decline curves, multiple-pay geological targets, strong oil and natural gas prices, lower service costs, and a favorable regulatory environment with virtually no federal land ownership. Chesapeake's secondary operating areas possess many of these same characteristics. The company's regional scale and focus should provide significant *performance* opportunities for Chesapeake's shareholders in the years ahead.

**Performance Through Maintaining a Low Cost Structure** By minimizing the operating cost of the company's wells and reducing general and administrative expenses through strict cost controls and regional operating scale, we have been able to deliver attractive financial *performance* through almost all phases of the commodity price cycle. Chesapeake's low cost structure is the result of management's effective cost-control programs, a high-quality asset base and the extensive and competitive service, processing and transportation infrastructures that exist in our core operating areas. By maintaining a low cost structure, we are able to achieve high returns on Chesapeake's capital and deliver strong operational and financial *performance* to our shareholders, including a gross profit margin of 39% and a return on equity of 32% in 2003.

**Performance Through Successful Risk Management** During the past six years, Chesapeake has developed a distinctive identity in the industry by being one of the earliest to predict that the U.S. would begin experiencing the increasingly volatile natural gas prices that are with us today. For years, our view that U.S. natural gas production would peak and then start an inexorable decline (just as oil production has been declining in the U.S. for more than 30 years) was not widely shared. Our view that natural gas prices would increase significantly as a result was also not widely shared and, in fact, was just the opposite of what our federal government had been forecasting.

The company's anticipation of accelerating U.S. production declines and the resulting natural gas price volatility led to the development of our commodity price risk management policies that have generated industry-leading hedging results. In fact, during the past three years alone, we have generated realized hedging gains of over \$180 million. By investing this extra revenue in the company's drilling program, we have been able to create over \$300 million of additional reserve value through risk management. Although we do not expect to generate increased revenues from our hedging program every year, over time we believe this program can generate significant value while substantially reducing commodity price risk for our shareholders.

**Performance Through Improving Our Balance Sheet** A key driver of Chesapeake's exceptional stock price *performance* in 2003 and during the past six years has been the significant improvement made to our balance sheet. When our stock price declined in 1997 and 1998 because of the operational setbacks and declining oil and gas prices mentioned earlier, the company was forced to significantly write down the value of its assets. This reduction in asset value caused our debt to total capitalization to reach a peak of 137% at year-end 1998.

However, through strong earnings growth and several equity offerings built around some of our larger acquisitions, we have reduced Chesapeake's debt to total capitalization to below 50%. We have also reduced the average interest rate of our outstanding senior notes to 7.7% and have extended our average senior note maturity to 9.6 years. After paying off \$46 million of senior notes in March 2004, we now have only \$210 million of senior note maturities in the next seven years.

The benefits to our shareholders from these steady improvements in Chesapeake's balance sheet include a lower cost of capital, increased shareholder confidence in the company's ability to create value even when commodity prices are unfavorable and a higher trading multiple for our common stock. One of our key financial goals continues to be reducing the

company's debt to total capitalization and to achieve an investment grade rating for our unsecured debt in the years ahead. During 2003, Chesapeake's secured debt facility earned an investment grade rating and we are confident the strength of our assets and business strategy will provide further significant balance sheet improvement and strong shareholder value *performance* in the years ahead.

**Eleven Years of Industry-Leading Performance** We hope the foregoing review of our business strategy helps explain how Chesapeake has been able to create industry-leading *performance* for our shareholders during our first 11 years as a public company. Please find below various operational and financial achievements that we believe highlight just how much progress we have made as a company during the past 11 years:

- Production has increased from 4 bcfe to 268 bcfe, a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 48%;
- Proved reserves have increased from 137 bcfe to 3,169 bcfe, a CAGR of 35%;
- Revenues have grown from \$17 million to \$1.717 billion, a CAGR of 55%;
- Ebitda\* has increased from \$7 million to \$1.042 billion, a CAGR of 62%;
- Operating cash flow\*\* has grown from \$4 million to \$904 million, a CAGR of 66%;
- Net income available to common shareholders has grown from a first year loss to \$291 million;
- Shareholders' equity has increased from \$31 million to \$1.733 billion, a CAGR of 46% and;
- Chesapeake's stock price has grown from a split-adjusted IPO price of \$1.33 per share to a year-end 2003 price of \$13.58 per share, a CAGR of 24%.

We are proud of the company's track record of *performance* during the past 11 years and believe we can continue building on it during 2004.

**Looking Forward** As we conclude this letter and reflect on our *performance* during Chesapeake's first 11 years, we remain optimistic about the continued success of the company and our ability to deliver value to our shareholders. We have built a strong foundation based on the commitment of 1,300 top-notch employees, a time-tested and successful business strategy, a value-added risk-management program, a steadily improving balance sheet and increasingly valuable natural gas assets. We also offer an entrepreneurial and experienced management team that has proven itself through a full range of commodity cycle challenges in building a \$6.4 billion enterprise from an initial \$50,000 investment in just 15 years.

We are off to a great start in delivering another successful year of *performance* to our shareholders in 2004. In the first three months of the year, we have already negotiated \$600 million of acquisitions, drilled 120 new operated wells, established new daily production records and increased our production and earnings forecasts for the year.

In addition, natural gas prices continue to strengthen because of increasing U.S. gas demand and decreasing U.S. gas supply. As a result, we believe the stage is set for an extended period of strong natural gas prices. Just as the 1990's with its low gas prices was a decade that mostly benefited natural gas consumers, this decade with its high gas prices will primarily benefit natural gas producers and their shareholders. In this environment, we believe Chesapeake can continue leading the way in delivering exceptional shareholder value *performance* in 2004 and beyond.

Best regards,

Aubrey K. McClendon

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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Tom L. Ward

President and Chief Operating Officer

March 31, 2004

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Thomas L. Winton Senior Vice President -Information Technology and Chief Information Officer

# Team Chesapeake

**1989** (7) Pat Goode Cheryl Hamilton Mark Lester Kinney Louthan Aubrey McClendon Tom Ward Patsy Watters

1990 (6) Colley Andrews Kevin Decker David Higgins Linda Peterburs Cindi Williams Jeff Williams

1991 (14) Steve Dixon Wes Kruckenberg Steve Lane Joe McClendon Marilyn Pollard Lori Ray Debby Richardson Patti Schlegel Vivian Smith John Striplin Randy Summers Julie Washam Clarence Watts Lu Ann Wernli

1992 (3) Tom Price Melanie Weaver Ken Will

1993 (9) Ralph Ball Rodney Beverly David DeSalvo Rick Hughes Charles Imes Mike Johnson Randy Pierce Marc Rowland Dave Wittman

1994 (23) Barbara Bale Martha Burger Michael Coles Ron Goff Traci Gonzales Duane Heckelsberg Brian Imes Darvin Knapp Greg Knight Dan LeDonne Felipe Maldonado Steve Miller Tommy Morphew Pat Pone Bobby Portillo Danny Rutledge Stenhanie Shedden Arlene Shuman Peggy Vosika Ronnie Ward Janet Weeks Shelly White Gerald Znahav

1995 (40) Richey Albright Paula Asher Fric Ashmore Jack Austin Randy Borlaug Shelli Butler Patti Carlisle

Leon Carmona Ilan Cathey Melissa Chambers Dale Cook Ken Davidson Ted Davis Mandy Duane Kyle Essmiller Steve Gaskins Jennifer Grigsby Cliff Hanoch Gayle Harris Mike Hazlip Carol Holden Henry Hood Lorrie Jacobs Mike Johnston Jesse Langford Barry Langham Cindy LeBlanc Sandy Mathis Leland Murray Fred Portillo John Qualls Pat Rolla Hank Scheel Charles Scholz Charlie Smith Stan Stinnett Brenda Stremble Greg Weinschenk Brian Winter

Jimmy Wright 1996 (45) Heather Anderson Judy Arias Leslie Bross Jamie Carter Gary Collings Jasen Davis George Denny Tim Denny Gary Dunlap Laurie Eck Jan Fair Rarhara Frailey Sherry Freeman

Linda Gardner Charlene Glover Randy Goben Jim Gomez Melissa Gruenewald Doug Johnson Jim Johnson Susan Keller Taylor Kemp Phyllis Kimray Sandi Lagaly Mike Lebsack Steve Lepretre Janet Lowrey Larry Lunardi John Marks Carrol McCoy Sondra McNeiland Liz Muskrat Angela Ports Robert Potts **Buddy Powell** Tommy Putz Aaron Reyna Kim Rogers Bryan Sagebiel Kurt Schrantz

Ricky Scruggs

Cheryl Self

Ken Turner

Joe Vaughan

Bill Wagner

1997 (45) Linda Allen Karla Allford Lauren Brunken Steve Burns Sara Caldwell Tasha Chamberlain Steve Cody Kristine Conway Randy Cornelsen Michelle Cullen Bruce Dixon Greg Drwenski Mark Evans Joy Franklin Terry Garrison Rob Gilkes Kim Ginter Tony Gore Shane Hamilton Heidi Henry Mike Horn Eric Hughes David Jones Gwen Lang Mike Ludlow Sarah Lumen Sam McCaskill Bob Neely Bob Pope Erick Porter Les Rodman Ray Roush Jolene Schur Carolyn Simmons April Smith Wilma Smith Krysta Starkey Rachel Thompson Lvnda Townsend Frank Unsicker Ivaiean Wallace Craig White Dori Williams

Curtis Williford 1998 (86) Stephen Adams Crae Barr Francy Beesley Joel Bennett Leonard Berry Susan Bradford Wade Brawley Mark Brown Randy Brown Lori Budde Ken Bynum Terry Caldwell Bob Campbell Ted Campbell Jesse Canaan Sherri Childers Jennifer Copeland Frank Coshow David Craycraft Cheryl Davis Kim Doty Mac Drake Don Dunn Gary Egger Steve Fmick Dan Estes Gary Finn Charles Floyd Dennis Frick Randy Gasaway Stacy Gilbert

Gena Goodwin

Marty Gore

Jim Gowens

Tana Griggs Kelsey Hammit Tresa Hammond Jeff Harris Debbie Hulett Julie Ingram Eugene James Tammy Kelln Rose Kim Steve Kina Mike Lancaster Chris Lee Randy Lee Carrie Crawford Crain Madsen John Marshall Kim Massey Allen May Dennis McGee Allen Miller Rill Miller Carey Milligan David Mobley Debby Morgan Wes Myers Rud Neff Kathy Nowlin Don Pannell Michael Park Mandy Pena Matt Rockers Kelly Ruminer Dan Scott Greg Small Bill Snyder Jimmy Snyder George Soto Dan Sparks Linda Steen Iris Tadlock Becky Thomas John Tracy Jennifer Van Meir Shelby VanWinkle Rusty Walker Sherry Walton Lynn Whipple Mandy Whipple Mary Whitson

Lon Winton 1999 (37) Crystal Bagley Jonathan Ball Mel Barker Sue Black Tami Brody Larry Coshow Dory Douglas Mark Edge Jenny Ferguson Jeanie Fuller Dan Garvey Susan Green Yamei Hou Doug Jacobson Melissa Jarvis Jim Kellev Lvnn Looper Robyn Martin Dea Menners Drew Miller Mike Miller David Murray Steve Nath Tammy Nguyen Kimberly Oden Glenda Ratcliffe LaCosta Rawls Michelle Rother

Sam Wilder

Tina Willingham

Tom Sharp Larry Shipley Brandy Sullens Jennifer Taylor Trish Thompson Connie Turner Courtney Tyson Tonya Vallerand Tobin Yocham

2001 (146)

Sharlot Abernatha

2000 (72) Shellie Ashworth Johnnie Bartlett Doua Bellis Jan Benton Bobby Bolton Jeff Brooks Mike Brown Heather Burke Tom Carroll Becky Cassel Rachel Clapp David Cochran Craig Conner Kendra Copeland Debbie Curtis Keith Curtis Mark Deal Jason Dye Tammy Fields Gregg Flaming Pam Ford Robin Gonzalez Annie Hamilton Mary Hartman Twila Hines Eric Hoffman Ronnie Howell Cindy Hubbard Jennifer Jacques Cynthia Jones Jim Kuhlman Don Lee Fred Lewis Debbie Lloyd Jay May Andrea McCall Cindy McClintock Collin McFlrath Kevin McFlvea Greg McMahan Elizabeth Miller Courtney Moad Georgia Moller Nathan Morrison Mecca Osban Terry Phillips Conrad Powell Edward Puffinbarger Nancy Richardson Terry Ritchie David Roule Mike Sawatzky Maria Scherff Brent Scruggs Vance Shires Stuart Skelton David Smith Sandy Smith Chantelle Sousa Catherine Stairs Jeff Stanford Michael Stow Jerry Townley Rob Underwood Nick Wavers Brenda Wheeler Scott White

Jerry Aebi Karen Albornoz Jeremy Allison David Anderson Terry Ashton Betsy Ball Gloria Bates Michelle Bender Bruce Boeckman Boyce Boelen Sharon Bradford Tom Brennan Von Brinkley Deanne Brooks Marty Byrd Carlos Caraveo Denise Carr Biff Carter John Carter Keith Case Kristi Clemmens Tim Cloud Kyle Cole John Cook Juanita Cooper Jim Corsoro Leigh Crain James Cropp Brian Cunningham Garry Curry Jory Downey Jeff Eager Richard Easterly Tommy Edler Amanda Elam Brian Exline Kristin Fitzgerald Alex Gallardo Matt Gambill Karen Gardner Velisha Garland Roy Gentry Michael Gilmore Edward Gladden Suzie Goolsby Randy Grayson Richard Green Kaisa Greenhoward Jackie Gross Johnny Harris Melanie Hayhurst Shanon Henderson Michael Hodges Jeremiah Jackson Krista Jacobson Justin Johnson Keith Johnson Lynn Jones Rob Jones John Kanchinske Ginni Kennedy David Kidd **Fdward Killen** Julie Knox Daniel Knehn Nicole Adams Kennetta I ee

Jeff Lenocker

Julia Lillard

Steven Loque

Travis Long

Peter Manter

Rita Marple

Jim Mazza

Sjon White

Bob Whitman

David Whitten

Brent Williams

Bob Woodside

Karl Marshall

Larry McCartney

Kenny McGuire

Jim McHenry

Dehhie McKee

Mick McMurphy

Darwin Lindenmuth

Don Messerly Don Miller Bobby Mitchell J. C. Morris Melinda Neher John Nelson Lee Nelson Kevin Newberry Travis Newberry Tim Newville Deborah O'Neal Daron Patterson Charles Pester Ricky Petty Dianne Pickard Lloyd Puffinbarger Catherine Ratliff Lvnn Regouby Gina Romano John Romine Larry Ross Steve Ross Mike Rossiter Don Rozzell Lindsay Seaman Heather Seaton Larry Settle Vanessa Shantz Mike Shklar Kristin Sipe Lyndell Smelley Dee Smith Johnnie Smith Patrick Smith Chris Sorrells Dennis Splan Jason Stamper Cindy Stevens Bill Stillwell Marika Stone Gary Stoner Howard Stout Lisa Strackbein Tim Tavlor Jason Thaxton Alvin Thomas Rudy Thomas James Thrash Gene Vogt Dung Vu Paul Waits Larry Watters Brian Weaver Johnny White Paige Whitehead Jim Wilkinson Connie Williams Freda Williams Dawn Wilson Brandon Winsett Marvin Winter Larry Woodruff Mary Beth Wright .Inhn Yelverton

Melvin Harner Amanda Young Abe Henry John Henry 2002 (221) Jarvis Hensley Jenny Adkins Roger Aldrich Jerry Horner Jimmy Alexander John Hornsby Joann Arcidez Dehi Huff Stephen Armer Casey Hufford Brian Babb Charlie Bagley Ralavna Hurley Megan Bain John Hurst Bob Baker Todd Ice Lynard Barrera Rhonda Ingle Cindy Barrios Bud Jackson Shane Barron Jay Jarvis Dennis Bass Danny Jech James Reavers Jim Jinkins

Stephen Benham Randy Bergen Leonard Blackwill Thomas Blanco Paul Bowyer Kathy Boyls Trov Bradford Robert Bradley Don Bredy Gave Breedlove Tammy Brewer Lindell Bridges Jim Brock Cindy Brown Kathy Brown Mike Brown Lvnn Brovles Rusty Buchanan Jason Budde Grea Burchett Aaron Bush Frnest Byrd Steve Campbell Cindy Carden Chris Carter Monica Chamberlain Lori Chatterton Paul Childers Clint Cook Jackie Cooper Jr. Tony Cristelli Cary Crusinbery James Davis Kurt Davis Omer Davis Cathy DeGiusti Trent Delano Larry Dill Sherry Dixon Christopher Dudgeon Stephanie Dugan Bryan Dunn Jennifer Dunn Eldon Eagan Eric Edwards Walker Edwards Michael Falen Mark Falk Shawn Fields Richard Fladeland Tom Flesher Viel Flores Justin Foust Melissa Franklin Adam Gaskill Robert Gill Fred Ginson Cornelio Gomez Eleuterio Gomez-Martinez David Gouker Steve Hall Donna Hane Heidi Havenstrite Gordon Highfill Sharon Hofegartner Brent Huntsman

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# Team Chesapeake

Tamara John Gary Johnson Holly Johnson Roy Johnson William Johnson Chris Jones Joe Jones Robin Jones Everett Jordan James Keathley Michael Kee Dax Kimble Mark Kneeland Nancy Knox Greg Kochenower Jeremie Koehn Trev Krampf John Kutz Spencer Land Steve Larman Ricky Laster Sarah Ledgerwood Casidy Lee Ken Leedy Paula Lillard Stephen Lobaugh Billy Long Nickolaus Long Shawn Marsh Steven Martin Richard Martinez Randy Masters Andrew McCalmont Maureen McCollum Dusty McDaniel Mitch McNeill Tim Meek Lisa Meier Richard Mieser Linda Mille Nikki Miller Steve Mills Sidney Mitchell Claudia Molina Jonathan Morris Amher Morrison Todd Murphy Renee Nance Cheryl Navarre Jeff Newby Doneeta Nowlin Miguel Nunez Rick Nunley John Ortiz David Parker Robert Pennel Lori Pettit Rvan Phillips Terra Pierce Bob Portman Fric Powell Ashlyn Pratt Kristi Puerta Mike Reddick Ronald Reidle Darrell Rice Lisa Roberts Martin Robertson II A. D. Robison Vern Roe Kiley Rollins

Brandon Rutledge

Danny Schmidt

Kary Schneberger

Stacy Settles

Jeffrey Sharp

Will Shisler

Steve Siler

Maria Sinclair

Greg Skiles

Chad Smith

Mark Singleton

Jim Shoptaw

Dewayne Shaw

Michael Sherwood

Gayla Smith Jesse Smith **Duff Snow** Michael Staggs Samuel Staggs Samuel Staggs Jr Wallie Stillwell Josh Swift Oscar Thiems Diana Thompson Leonard Thurber Oleg Tolmachev Chris Townsend Michelle Townsend Rvan Turner Randy Tyler Rodney Vaeth Fred Vasquez Ruben Vega Don Vermillion Al Warner James Warner Michael Weese Hazel Welch Leslie Wertz Arlyn Whetstone Eddie Whitehead John Wilkin Gary Willeford Merrill Williamson Mark Willson Jerry Wilson Robert Wilson Roger Wilson Roy Wilson Thomas Wilson Travis Wilson Scott Winsor Matt Wyckoff

2003 (393) Ronald Aaron Pat Ahla Jennifer Anderson Kimberly Andrews Katherine Austin Michael Baggett Lisa Bagwell Corky Baker Jim Ball Staci Barentine-Bogle Charlie Rateman Travis Bates John Beall John Reaver Susannah Bebee Mike Bechtel Billy Beery John Biggs Blake Blackwell Rill Roatman Daniel Boatman Victor Boatwright Doug Bobbitt Johnny Boland Ed Borgers Bruce Boyd Johnny Boyd Tammi Bradford George Bradley Kim Brady Serena Branch David Brannen Jerry Bray Aron Bridges Ronald Bromlow Wilfred Broussard Brvan Brown Jeff Brown Kasey Brown Marla Brown Kenneth Brunson John Bullard Bayley Burns

Jason Burns

Dennis Cerny David Chisum Andy Christensen Mike Churchwell Tony Clark Michael Clinton Kevin Cluck Todd Coates Quintin Cogburn Matthew Colbert Karen Cook Tom Corley Shannon Cowdin Brian Cox Bryan Cox Michele Cox Michael Cramer Rob Crews Ann Croan Jarod Cunningham Wendy Cunningham Barney Darr John Davis Jon Davis Kenneth Davis Sheron Davis Rvan Dean Santiago Diaz Nolan Dickason Scott Dickson Dennis Dix Derek Dixon Theo Diimne Steve Donley Sharon Dries Shanon Dunlan Jody Dunn Gary Durkee Nathan Flder Jack Elliott Jimmy Embery Charlene Frnest Keith Ervin James Fyans Tarah Fagen .lim Fansher Ursula Faus Carol Fehrenhacher Mark Ferbrache Jeff Fisher David Flies Mitch Floresca Billy Ford Steven Ford Tommy Foust T. R. Fox Justin Froehlich Edd Gabbart Fred Gagliardi Tim Gallegly Adam Gardner Renee Garnand Brenda George Travis George R K Gibson Kenneth Gideon Dana Ginanni John Gist Randy Gladden David Godsey Kellie Good Jeff Gorton Troy Gosney Liz Gotcher

Cyndy Burris

Buster Burton

Tami Caldwell

Keith Cameron

Bob Campbell

Joe Campbell

Pat Carson

Gary Carter

Ara Bush

Lori Byrd

Michael Gregg Mark Mabe Larry Grey Allen Mandrell Joshua Griffitts Clayton Manhart Jeremy Marple Jimmy Haddick Pablo Hadzeriga Shelly Martin Paul Hagemeier Alfredo Martinez Buck Hall Andy Martinez Anthony Martinez Michael Hall Cameron Han Alex McCalmont Ronnie Haney Reid McCarty Jessie Hardin Jeremy McClung Jackie Harrell Paul McColgan Jay McGuffee Graham Harris Lisa Harris Kenneth McGuire Roger Harrod Richard McKee Heather Hastie Carol McKenzie Rich Hearst April McKnight Robert Hendley Ryan Meacham Pancho Hendricks Randy Mefferd Tara Henry Joshua Hensal Nathan Merchant Eddie Merkel Glen Hensley R.T. Miller Brent Mills Sue Ann Henthorn Catherine Hester David Mills Bryan Higgins Janice Modisette Jav Monroe Veronica Hill Terry Hodgson Johny Montano Alfredo Montiel John Hogan Lucretia Morris Lanny Holman Misty Holtarefe Huey Morton Cody Moss Paul House Brian Howard Larry Mossman Chad Moudy Richard Howard Paul Munding Roy Howe Donna Huff Esta Nelson Dee Hummel Jeff Nelson Steven Hurst Maureen Nelson Rosie Hutton Jarrod Newberry Marcia Hyde Scott Newell Angela Ingargiola Christopher Newkirk Janet Ingham Earl Newkirk James Inman Jason Nichols Christopher Nixon Josh Inman Jane Ann Norris John Jackson Tal Oden Andrew Jarrett Chris Jennings Menecca Olinhant Dave Johns Tony Olivier Pete Ortiz Greg Johnson Rodney Johnson Rena Owen Tommy Johnson Tara Owens Alison Jones Ashley Paine Brooke Kemp Amy Palumho Tobin Paris Joe Kennedy Bobby Kenley Nancy Parker David Kerrigan Gary Parks Melissa Ketchum Gale Parman Joe Kidwell Charles Patterson Linus Kincade Randy Patterson Danny King Donnie Patton Melvin Kingcade Kevin Patton Corey Kinnaman Andrea Patzkowsky Julie Kirk Matthew Klaassen Lance Peffer Jeff Peles Michael Phillips Jennifer Knott David Krueger Ronnie Pitts Charlie Kusiak Brent Pletcher Lester Lackey Gary Poulain Candace Lagere Jerry Preston Pete Lane Susan Radatz Jeff Lasater Regan Raff Al Lavenue Ken Rechlin Kathy Leasure Wes Redding Glen Ledbetter Rart Reece Dustin Lenhart Jim Reisch Kerry Letourneau Dana Richards Nick Little Mindi Richardson Dustin Locke Travis Riffle George Loman Kent Roberts Clint Lord Matt Roberts Jason Lowrey Jody Robertson Jack Lowry Anita Robinson

Sergio Lujan

Shane Lukasek

Sharon Luttrell

Lewis Lynch

Jim Govenlock

Doug Romero

Monica Rowell

Martin Wise

Ali Wolf

Wilfred Rurangirwa Alisha Rusher Mark Russo Beverly Sampson Larry Savage Jennifer Scarbrock Bob Schmicker Michael Schmidt Frank Schroeder Kim Scott Jennifer Scroggin Kily Seaman Kari Shaffer Keith Shahan Clay Shamblin Aaron Siemers Mike Simpson Jen Sims John Slagell Kam Smalts Jaime Smith Mark Smith Stacy Smith Joe Southern Michael Spoon Blake Stacy Johnny Stanford Jovce Stanmire Scott Stearman Lena Stegall Rick Stona Luke Strickland Tommy Stuart Chad Stuteville Michelle Surratt Blake Surrell Kelsey Swinford Danielle Sydnor Tom Taylor Amber Thomas Julie Thomas Chevy Thomason Barry Thompson Donna Thompson Jeremy Thompson Joanne Thompson Natalie Tigert Jerry Todd Sam Travis Scottie Treio Karen Trowbridge Kim Turner Jon Vanburen Julio Vasquez Larry Ventris Brian Vogelsong Johnny Voth **Buddy Wade** Keith Wagnon Marty Wall Forest Wallace Josh Wangler Wade Wardlow **Brad Watkins** Noel Way Michelle Wehster Angela Weeks Dan Welch David Wernli Kristi White Roger Whitehead Amanda Wilkins Steven Willett Chase Williams De Ann Williams Judy Williams Nicole Williams Joey Rockett David Willis Kristen Rogstad Bill Wince

Dave Schoonmaker Eric Sommerhauser Kristina Underwood Seth Unruh

Tracey Woodruff Donald Woody James Worsham Lee Wright Todd Wright Kelly Young Linn Yousev Lori Zang 2004 (146)

As of 3.31.04 Justin Adams Robby Adcock Gary Allen Dorman Ball Sr. Jennifer Barrett Jennifer Barrier Jessica Billingslev Yancey Bishop Curtis Boland Jennifer Bradford Jose Bravo Avis Brav Terri Bristow Mark Broaddus Pam Brown Pamela Brown Travis Brown Aaron Buchanan Jackie Burks Jason Camp Danny Carter Tony Churchill Jason Cline Brenda Coffman Paul Coleman Krista Collier Kristy Combs Hershel Conrad Melissa Costello Janae Cowan Jami Crain Patrick Crain Brian Culberson Cathy Curtis Rvan Curtis Jennifer Davis Kasev Davis Greg Day Garry Diamond Flizabeth Drake Dustin Drew Derek Dunlan Paul Eagan Penny Elkins Johnson Julie Frickson Ron Everett Libby Fanning Jeremy Finefrock Tommy Ford John Garrison Gary Geeslin Paul Geisinger Frin Gibbons Krista Gibbs Ronnie Givens Jason Goff Linda Good Bonnie Griggs Sam Groves Barbara Guinn Heather Hall Harold Wooley Kris Hall I inda Havrilla

Brenda Knight Pam Koscinski Shaun Lambert Cheryl Lavarnway Susie Lear Billy Lofland Richard Loftin Jesse Long Harold Lopez Aaron Loyd Gabe Luttrell David Lynn Stanley Major Michael Marker Larry McCoy Donna McGriff Cliff Merritt Terrye Meyer Gary Michael Angel Miller Janelle Miller Pat Mills Kendra Monroe Adria Morgan Mark Murray Tim Murray Nick Newland Bird Nightwalker Jennifer North Raymond Perez Mandi Phillips Diana Pierre Ricky Poindexter Mark Prvor Brad Ralstin Doug Reuss **Dusty Rhoads** Anii Riddle Dale Riddle Ronny Riley Debbie Risinger Dustin Roadifen Justin Robertson Barbara Rolen Dick Rosencrans John Seldenrust Juan Serna Steve Serna Sheri Sewell Gene Shepard Clay Smith Mark Smith Jewel Sneed Dustin Stanfield Stenhanie Stovall Holly Stover Kelly Thomsen Teresa Tran Cindy Ventrella Danieala Vickers Aaron Vrbenec Phillip Wakefield Jud Walker Cindy Wegener Leon Wildman Greg Wilkes Randy Williams Dereck Willimon Desiree Witthuhn Carla Wood Craig Woodruff

Total 1,292

Christina Haves

Janet Henderson

Ty Hendrix

Alvin Highfill

Latania Holt

Cristy Hutchens

Howard Johnson

Kevin Kappes

Lindsay Keller

Jennifer Kern

Schuyler Knapp

### Corporate Information

#### **Stock Price Data**

2003	High	Low	Last
Fourth Quarter	\$ 14.00	\$ 10.66	\$ 13.58
Third Quarter	10.97	9.17	10.78
Second Quarter	11.45	7.45	10.10
First Quarter	8.64	7.27	7.86

2002	High	Low	Last
Fourth Quarter	\$ 8.06	\$ 5.89	\$ 7.74
Third Quarter	7.25	4.50	6.60
Second Quarter	8.55	6.81	7.20
First Quarter	7.78	5.05	7.74

#### **Stock Split History**

December 1996; two-for-one June 1996; three-for-two December 1995; three-for-two December 1994; two-for-one

#### **Trustee for the Company's Senior Notes**

The Bank of New York 101 Barclay Street, 8th Floor New York. New York 10286

#### **Internet Address**

Company financial information, public disclosures and other information are available through Chesapeake's website at www.chkenergy.com, or by contacting Thomas S. Price, Jr., at (405) 879-9257 or tprice@chkenergy.com.

#### **Common Stock**

Chesapeake Energy Corporation's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CHK. As of March 31, 2004, there were approximately 77,000 beneficial owners of our common stock.

#### **Common Stock Dividends**

The company currently pays quarterly cash dividends on its common stock each January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15. During 2003, the company paid a cash dividend of \$0.03 per share on January 15 and April 15 and \$0.035 per share on July 15 and October 15.

#### **Corporate Headquarters**

6100 North Western Avenue Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118 (405) 848-8000

### Independent Public Accountants

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP 6120 S. Yale, Suite 1850 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136 (918) 524-1200

### **Stock Transfer Agent** and **Registrar**

UMB Bank, N.A. 928 Grand Blvd. Kansas City, Missouri 64106 (816) 860-7411

Communication concerning the transfer of shares, lost certificates, duplicate mailings or change of address notifications should be directed to the transfer agent.

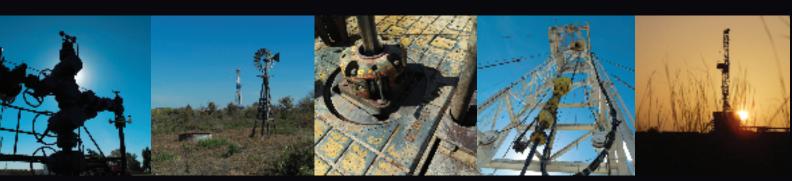


#### **Foward Looking Statement**

This report includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements give our current expectations or forecasts of future events. They include statements regarding oil and gas reserve estimates, planned capital expenditures, the drilling of oil and gas wells and future acquisitions, expected oil and gas production, cash flow and anticipated liquidity, business strategy and other plans and objectives for future operations, expected future expenses and utilization of net operating loss carry-forwards. 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.

Although we believe the expectations and forecasts reflected in these and other forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance they will prove to have been correct. They can be affected by inaccurate assumptions or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expected results are described under "Risk Factors" in Item 1 of our 2003 10-K and include: the volatility of oil and gas prices, our substantial indebtedness, the strength and financial resources of our competitors, the cost and availability of drilling and production services, our commodity price risk management activities, including counterparty contract performance risk, uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of oil and gas reserves, projecting future rates of production and the timing of development expenditures, our ability to replace reserves, the availability of capital, uncertainties in evaluating oil and gas reserves of acquired properties and associated potential liabilities. declines in the values of our oil and gas properties resulting in ceiling test write-downs, drilling and operating risks, our ability to generate future taxable income sufficient to utilize our NOLs before expiration. future ownership changes which could result in additional limitations to our NOLs, adverse effects of governmental and environmental regulation, losses possible from pending or future litigation, and the loss of officers or key employees.

We caution you not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of our 2003 10-K, and we undertake no obligation to update this information. We urge you to carefully review and consider the disclosures made in this and our other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission that attempt to advise interested parties of the risks and factors that may affect our business.



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