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**Chesapeake Energy  
Corporation Announces  
Pricing of \$300 Million of 7.5%  
Senior Notes Due 2013**

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Chesapeake Energy Corporation today announced that it has priced a private offering of \$300 million of senior notes due September 15, 2013, which will carry an interest rate of 7.5%. The senior notes were priced at 99.102% to yield 7.625%. The senior notes being sold by Chesapeake will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements. The senior notes will be eligible for trading under Rule 144A.

Closing of the senior notes offering is expected to occur on March 5, 2003, and is subject to satisfaction of customary closing conditions. Chesapeake intends to use the net proceeds of the offering to finance, in part, the pending acquisitions of Mid-Continent natural gas properties from the El Paso Corporation and Vintage Petroleum, Inc., which are scheduled to close in March 2003, and to repay amounts outstanding under our revolving bank credit facility. In the event the El Paso and Vintage acquisitions are not consummated, proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes, including other possible future acquisitions.

This announcement shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy. 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. Although we believe our forward-looking statements are reasonable, they can be affected by inaccurate assumptions or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties.

Chesapeake Energy Corporation is one of the ten largest independent natural gas producers in the U.S. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, the company's operations are focused on exploratory and developmental drilling and producing property acquisitions in the Mid-Continent region of the United States. The company's Internet address is [www.chkenergy.com](http://www.chkenergy.com).

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