

**Chesapeake Energy  
Corporation Announces  
Closing of Common Stock  
Offering And Senior Notes  
Exchange Offer**

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 15 /[PRNewswire-FirstCall](#)/ -- Chesapeake Energy Corporation (NYSE: CHK) today announced the closing of its previously announced public offering of 23 million shares of its common stock, including 3 million shares issued pursuant to a fully exercised underwriters' over-allotment option, at a public offering price of \$13.51 per share. The Company also completed its previously announced exchange offer for its 8.125% Senior Notes due April 1, 2011 (the "2011 Notes").

The Company received net proceeds in its common stock offering of approximately \$298 million, after underwriting discounts and estimated expenses. The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the offering to pay a portion of the aggregate \$510 million purchase price for three recently announced acquisitions. The largest of these, a pending acquisition for \$420 million of Concho Resources Inc., is expected to close by January 31, 2004.

Pursuant to the senior notes exchange offer, the Company issued approximately \$72.8 million aggregate principal amount of its 7.75% Senior Notes due 2015 and approximately \$433.5 million aggregate principal amount of its 6.875% Senior Notes due 2016 in exchange for approximately \$458.5 million aggregate principal amount of 2011 Notes. In addition, the Company paid an aggregate of approximately \$4.6 million to the holders who tendered their 2011 Notes by the early participation date.

Following the settlement of the exchange offer, the Company has outstanding approximately \$269.7 million aggregate principal amount of its 8.125% Senior Notes due 2011, \$309.5 million aggregate principal amount of its 7.75% Senior Notes due 2015 and \$633.5 million aggregate principal amount of its 6.875% Senior Notes due 2016.

In connection with the exchange offer, the Company expects to report in the first quarter of 2004 a pre-tax change of approximately \$6.0 million (\$3.7 million net of income taxes).

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 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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