

**Chesapeake Energy
Corporation Announces
Offering of \$500 Million of
Mandatory Convertible
Preferred Stock**

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Chesapeake Energy Corporation today announced that it intends to commence a public offering of \$500 million of a new issue of mandatory convertible preferred stock with a liquidation preference of \$250 per share. Chesapeake intends to use the net proceeds from the offering, together with proceeds from concurrent public offerings of senior notes and common stock, to fund its recently announced Barnett Shale acquisitions for \$932 million, to repay outstanding indebtedness under its revolving credit facility and for general corporate purposes.

The offering will be made under a shelf registration statement that became effective on December 8, 2005. The company intends to grant underwriters a 30-day option to purchase a maximum of \$75 million in additional shares of mandatory convertible preferred stock.

Goldman, Sachs & Co., Banc of America Securities LLC, Credit Suisse, Lehman Brothers Inc. and UBS Securities LLC will act as joint book-running managers for the Offering. The Offering is being made only by means of a prospectus and related prospectus supplement, copies of which may be obtained from Goldman, Sachs & Co., Attn: Prospectus Dept., 85 Broad Street, New York, NY 10004, Fax: 212 902 9316 or email at prospectus-ny@ny.email.gs.com; Banc of America Securities LLC, Attn: Prospectus Department, 100 West 33rd Street, New York, NY 10001, 646-733-4166; Credit Suisse, One Madison Avenue, Level 1B, New York, NY 10010, 212-325-2580; Lehman Brothers Inc., c/o ADP Financial Services, Integrated Distribution Services, 1155 Long Island Avenue, Edgewood, NY 11717; UBS Securities LLC, Prospectus Department, 299 Park Avenue, 29th Floor, New York, NY 10171, 212-821-3000. An electronic copy of the prospectus and prospectus supplement is available from the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov/>.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any state.

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 the second largest independent producer of natural gas in the U.S. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, the company's operations are focused on exploratory and developmental drilling and corporate and property acquisitions in the Mid-Continent, Permian Basin, South Texas,

Texas Gulf Coast, Barnett Shale, Ark-La-Tex and Appalachian Basin regions of the United States. The company's Internet address is <http://www.chkenergy.com/>.

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