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THE NEW FST

Same Leadership. Same Strategies. Same Discipline. Improved Focus.

[LOGO] GROWTH PROGRESS MOMENTUM

UBS Denver Investor Tour

November 29, 2005

THE NEW FST Operations Spin-Off Drives Value

	Innovative transaction	provides new	optionality a	nd returns va	alue directly	y to Forest	s shareholders
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Opportunistic tax-free spin / merge of offshore Gulf operations creates two highly focused and valuable enterprises

Investment in Mariner Energy creates high quality, well positioned GOM independent with excellent track record and growth outlook

Remaining Forest creates highly-focused onshore resource company to execute a more focused acquire and exploit strategy

Forest s portfolio of long-life, concentrated assets in high quality basins provides a foundation for sustainable organic growth

STREAMLINED ASSET BASE, IMPROVED FOCUS AND BETTER POSITIONED FOR GROWTH

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KEY TRANSACTION TERMS

Asset Contribution

344 Bcfe of Forest offshore proved reserves (12/31/04)

Liability Contribution

\$200 Million of debt

\$50 Million of derivatives at 6/30/2005

\$157 Million of ARO

Structure

Tax-free Reverse Morris Trust transaction

Spin-off of offshore Gulf of Mexico operations

Stock-for-stock merger of SpinCo and Mariner

Mariner Equity Ownership

58.2% Forest shareholders

41.8% Mariner shareholders

Mariner Management & Governance

Scott D. Josey, Chairman & CEO

7 member board

2 members to be mutually agreed by Forest and Mariner

Expected Close

Q1 2006 (economic effective date of July 1, 2005)*

Forest and Mariner shareholders will each own freely tradable registered stock in Mariner upon closing

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^{*} Subject to Mariner shareholder vote and SEC registration requirements and Forest bondholder consent

Combinat	ion					[LOGO]
Mariner Co	ntribution	[LOGO]				
Ν	1 anagement					
D	Deepwater, shelf, West	t Texas assets				
Е	xploration track recor	rd				
P	rospect inventory					
Forest Cont	ribution	[LOGO]				
Б	Development expertise	/personnel				
U	Inderexploited shelf a	ssets				
Id	dentified exploitation	opportunities				
C	Cash flow					
	42% Equity ownershi	ip	[GRAPHIC]		58% Equity ownership	
Б	ynamic GOM player	with scale and expe	ertise to effectively	compete in the	e shelf, deep shelf, and	deepwater
S	trong cash flow					
N	Modest debt level					
S	hareholders benefit fr	om the diversity an	d upside potential in	ntrinsic in thes	se complementary asse	t bases
В	lend of exploration a	nd exploitation opp	ortunities			

Mariner SpinCo Trend Map
[GRAPHIC]
Shelf and Deepwater (470,000+ net undeveloped acres)
Creates a leading Gulf of Mexico focused independent
Balances deepwater exploration with low risk shelf production
Adds high impact deep shelf and ultra-deep shelf opportunities
Extensive prospects in inventory
Synergies achieved through property overlap and operating efficiencies
Combined Reserves as of 12/31/04 615 Bcfe*

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*Reserves are pro-forma acquisition of Bass Lite

GOM Lease Expirations 2004-2005: 563 Lease	GOM	Lease	Expirations	2004-2005:	563	Leases
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GOM Lease Expirations 2006-07: 2,411 Lease
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Mariner Organization

Chairman CEO **Scott Josey** (25 years)

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(30 years)

VP	VP	VP	VP	VP	VP
General Counsel	Corporate Development	CFO	CXO	Shelf & Onshore	Deepwater
Teresa Bushman	Jesus Melendrez	Rick Lester	Mike van den Bold	Judd Hansen	Cory Loegering
(20 years)	(25 years)	(31 years)	(19 years)	(27 years)	(28 years)

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Exploration Track Record

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Significant Discoveries .over 80% Internally Generated

Deepwater	Operations	Expertise
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Historical Performance	
Proved Reserves	
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*Reserves are pro-forma acquisition of Bass Lite	
Daily Production	
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EBITDA	
[CHART]	
*Includes \$10MM for non-cash stock compensation	
Reserves Replacement Rate	
[CHART]	
Rolling 3-Year F&D Costs	
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*Excludes future development capital of \$255MM	
CAPEX	
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Strong Competitive Positioning and Value

2004 Proved Reserves 2005 Production

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2005 EV/Proved Reserves 2005 EV/Production

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Note: Enterprise values as of November 22, 2005

^{*}Reserves are pro-forma for acquisition of Bass Lite

FOREST OIL S REMAINING ASSETS

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Alaska	
12/31/04 Reserves (Bcfe)	117
YTD 2005 Production (MMcfe/d)	41
12/31/04 Net Acreage (M)	1,182
Reserve Life	7.9
Canada	
12/31/04 Reserves (Bcfe)	152
YTD 2005 Production (MMcfe/d)	71
12/31/04 Net Acreage (M)	930
Reserve Life	5.9
Western	
12/31/04 Reserves (Bcfe)*	643
YTD 2005 Production (MMcfe/d)	112
12/31/04 Net Acreage (M)*	254
Reserve Life*	15.8
Southern	
12/31/04 Reserves (Bcfe)*	198
YTD 2005 Production (MMcfe/d)	45
12/31/04 Net Acreage (M)*	147
Reserve Life	12.1
Consolidated	
12/31/04 Reserves (Bcfe)*	1,110
YTD 2005 Production (MMcfe/d)	269
12/31/04 Net Acreage (M)*	7,698
Reserve Life	11.3

^{*} Pro Forma for the Buffalo Wallow Acquisition and offshore spin-off

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REALIGNING ASSET BASE The Perfect Pie

Old Forest Oil New Forest Oil

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2004 Reserves: 1,454 Bcfe * 2004 Reserves: 1,110 Bcfe * 61% Gas 55% Gas 75% PD 74% PD

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YTD 2005 Production: 475 MMcfe/d 2005 R/P: 8.0 YTD 2005 Production: 269 MMcfe/d 2005 R/P: 11.3

^{*} Pro-Forma for the Buffalo Wallow acquisition and offshore spin-off

FOCUSED STRATEGY

4 Point Philosophy

1. Leadership

Superb technical talent pool

Deep managerial bench

Proven acquiror

2. Strategies

Sustainable growth at high returns

Intense focus on costs

3. Discipline

Rigorous evaluation criteria

Capital budget adherence

4. Focus

Focused onshore portfolio

Critical mass in core areas

Revised 4 Point Strategy

1. Grow organically

12% prod. growth in 2006 (10% organic)

Exploit new portfolio and resource plays

2. Identify attractive acquisition opportunities

Strong track record and momentum

Target prospect rich opportunities supported by land

Tax-efficient acquiror (\$706 MM NOLs)

3. Reduce costs

Cost control in all areas

4. Preserve financial flexibility

Strong free cash flow profile

Remain in targeted Net Debt / Book Cap range of 30% - 40%

AND COMPELLING INVESTOR APPEAL

Uniquely positioned mid-cap with critical mass in multiple high quality basins

Extensive drilling inventory in Texas Panhandle / Mid-Continent area

Large scale Permian footprint and Haley Atoka exposure

High quality Alberta Plains and Canadian Foothills inventory

Significant Rockies acreage position

High impact Onshore Louisiana and Texas exploration

Significant acreage in developing Alaska gas

Well-balanced resource play with visible organic growth profile

Extensive exploitation inventory; over 2,350 projects

Attractive exploration upside; 7.1 million net undeveloped acres

Successful acquisition and exploitation track record fueling steady replenishment of drilling opportunities

In excess of \$1 billion in strategic acquisitions over last 2 years adding 681 Bcfe at an all-in cost of \$1.51 / Mcfe

Demonstrated ability to be disciplined with capital spending

Excellent tax loss carryforward position (US \$466 MM and Canada \$240 MM)

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH PROFILE

[CHART]	
* Adjusted for 7 MMcfe/d announced deferrals due to Hurricanes	
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EXTENSIVE PROSPECT INVENTORY

Key Growth Platforms	Project Inventory	Net Reserve Potential (Bcfe)
Buffalo Wallow (Texas Panhandle)	346	377
From 40 to 20-acre spacing		
Permian Basin	679	565
30,000 net acres in Haley Atoka		
Wild River	120	54
From 640 to 160 acre spacing		
Southern	419	513
Frio, Yegua, Wilcox, Vicksburg trend		
Onshore Cook Inlet Gas	35	1,875
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Total	1,599	3,384
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WESTERN BUSINESS UNIT

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Existing Portfolio / Highlights

Panhandle Buffalo Wallow

Permian Basin - Vermejo, Haley, Apollo, Fullerton, Tex-Mex, Martin

Washakie & Green River Basins Wyoming

Williston Basin

Anadarko Basin

San Juan Basin

Resource Upside

Panhandle development drilling

Waterfloods, downspacing and development drilling in Permian

Excellent undeveloped acreage position in Rockies, Greater Haley Area and Panhandle

Downspacing in Rockies, San Juan and Oklahoma

Other Assets

Gas plants at Whitney Canyon, Anschutz Ranch and Altamont Bluebell

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WESTERN BUSINESS UNIT - Buffalo Wallow

Very active resource play in Texas Panhandle focused Granite Wash interval

Multiple zones commingled utilizing slick water frac technology

Offset operators already downspacing to 20 acres

Deep potential in Atoka and Morrow

Active operators include Chesapeake, Patina/Noble, Samson and Newfield

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120 Bcfe of estimated proved reserves and production of 32 MMcfe/d
370 drillsites identified (40 identified as PUD)
Field approved for 20 acre downspacing
Production increased 60% since acquisition (100% success rate)
Production expected to increase to 40 to 45 MMcfe/d in 2006
33,000+ gross acres in trend
Deep pay found in the Atoka
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BUFFALO WALLOW Typical Well Type Curve

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BUFFALO WALLOW 20 Acre Spacing

Buffalo Wallow Drainage Area Histogram

89 of 100 wells drain < 20 acres

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TRRC approves 20-acre spacing Nov 2004

Wells drain less than 20-acres

No interference to date in 20-acre wells

Patina Oil & Gas Corporation **Docket No. 10-0238004 Date: October 8, 2004 EXHIBIT**

BUFFALO WALLOW Panhandle Area

	I	Producing Wells]	Future Locations			Total	
Field	40-acre	20-acre	Total	40-acre	20-acre	Total	40-acre	20-acre	Total
Buffalo Wallow (13 sections)	64	6	70	144	202	346	208	208	416

	P	roducing Wells		F	uture Location	s		Total	
Field	160-acre	80-acre	Total	160-acre	80-acre	Total	160-acre	80-acre	Total
Frye (3 sections	6	0	6	6	12	18	12	12	24
Austin (5.75 sections)	1	0	1	22	23	45	23	23	46
Other (3 sections)	0	0	0	12	12	24	12	12	24
Total	7	0	7	40	47	87	47	47	94

A SIGNIFICANT INVENTORY OF LOCATIONS AND DOWNSPACING OPPORTUNITIES

WESTERN BUSINESS UNIT Permian Basin

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Very active area for FST; tripled in size

Vermejo / Slash Ranch / Dimmit / Apollo

Deep Atoka / Morrow and Fusselman potential

High industry activity area

Active shallow Delaware recompletion program

Central Midland Basin

Tex-Mex

New waterfloods

High exploitation activity

Step-out drilling successful at Tex-Mex

Martin

Development drilling

Multiple pay intervals with recompletion opportunities

Forest owned drilling rigs operating in the basin

WESTERN BUSINESS UNIT Greater Haley Deep Gas Play

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Greater Haley Area

Rejuvenated by Anadarko in 2003

Forest is actively leasing in the play; currently 30,000 net acres

Slash Ranch/Demmit

Fusselman/Atoka/Morrow stacked pay potential

Bell Canyon and Cherry Canyon Recompletion program

Apollo

Active recompletion and re-entry program

Vermejo Field

Active 2 rig drilling program

Active recompletion and re-entry program

Atoka sidetrack opportunities may exist

WESTERN BUSINESS UNIT Tex Mex

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San Andres, Clearfork, Wichita Albany multipay field

Pilot Clearfork Wichita Albany Waterflood Project installed November 2003

Active 2 rig drilling program (Forest owned rigs)

Active acreage acquisition program

Multiple wells have bypassed pay recompletion opportunities

20 acre infill potential

WESTERN BUSINESS UNIT Martin

Increased production 50% since acquisition

Shallow San Andres and Clearfork objectives

IP range from 84 BOEPD to 263 BOEPD

Offset operators have applied for 10 acre downspacing

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CANADIAN BUSINESS UNIT

[LOGO] GROWTH PROGRESS MOMEMTUM

CANADIAN BUSINESS UNIT Overview

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Existing Portfolio / Highlights/ Resource Upside

Wild River exploration (deep) and development (downspacing)

Foothills exploration at Palliser, Copton, Narraway, Ojay and Waterton

Evi: Slave Point Oil Resource Play

Existing Portfolio / Highlights/ Resource Upside (cont.)

Large acreage position in Plains and Foothills

Beaufort Sea / MacKenzie Delta unbooked discoveries of 242 Bcfe

Drilled 22 discoveries in MacKenzie Delta with Gulf Canada (Conoco)

Other Assets

930,000 net acres (89% undeveloped)

Plant and pipeline infrastructure

Marketing joint venture with Cinergy

Tax pools

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CANADIAN BUSINESS UNIT Wild River

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Very active area for shallow and deep gas exploration on 21,000 acres
Gross production increased from 17 to 49 MMcfe/d
Well costs reduced
Four wells awaiting pipeline connection
Two drilling rigs in the field
160 acre down-spacing and commingling recently approved
Over 100 down-spacing locations identified
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Over 100 down-spacing locations identified

CANADIAN BUSINESS UNIT Palliser Block

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	Five major Cretaceous structures have been identified on CFOL lands
	Up to 15 potential drill locations for Cretaceous are available
	Two Paleozoic structures with 4 drill locations are possible
	Working interest: 50 57%
	25,000 gross acres
	Deep sour gas potential
	34

CANADIAN BUSINESS UNIT Narraway Block

[GRAPH	IC]
	Three major Cretaceous structures have been identified on CFOL lands
	A further 8 potential drilling locations for Cretaceous are available
	One Paleozoic structure with two drill locations are possible
	Working interest: 50 100%
	20,000 gross acres
	Deep sour gas potential
	35

CANADIAN BUSINESS UNIT Evi Slave Point Project

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2005 drilling
2 vertical wells
1 horizontal
2006 drilling
11 vertical wells
41 potential development locations
Reserve potential
50,000 to > 100,000 Bbls/well
Initial production rate 45 75 Bopd/well
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Working interest: 25 100%
9,000 gross acres
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SOUTHERN BUSINESS UNIT

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SOUTHERN BUSINESS UNIT

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Acqı	uired 3-D seismic at Bonus, Katy, Liberty & Sabine
Larg	ge contiguous 3-D seismic coverage from West White Lake to Sweet Lake
Net i	undeveloped acreage increased from 3,000 to 110,000 acres
Tool	k over drilling operations at Katy with infill opportunities
Tool	k over operations at Mercy

SOUTHERN BUSINESS UNIT - Sabine

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Approximately 157,000 acres leased or optioned in this prolific Yegua and Wilcox trend (45% WI)

260 square miles of 3-D and 2,000 linear miles of 2-D data available to map

Five wells in the field completed at an average of 3.7 MMcfe/d

One well completing

SOUTHERN BUSINESS UNIT Sabine Seismic
[GRAPHIC]
Hurricane Creek Proposed 3 D
North of current Forest drilling activity
Forest and partners control approximately 50% of acreage to be shot
Multiple Cockfield and Wilcox leads based on 2 D subsurface
40

SOUTHERN BUSINESS UNIT Katy

Katy Fiel	d
	Took over drilling operations
	Drilled 2 Frio discoveries in 2005 Combined IP s < 1 MMcf/d for total investment of \$585M
	Sparks recompletion tested at 2 MMcfe/d
	Virgin pressure discovered on Wilcox recompletion
	Yegua has produced 6 Tcf from this field
	122 square miles of 3D seismic coverage

SOUTHERN BUSINESS UNIT Cameron Parish

SEI Cameron Prairie 3D; 462 sq. mi. 3-D for Field Evaluation and Exploration

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ALASKA BUSINESS UNIT

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ALASKA BUSINESS UNIT - Overview

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Existing Portfolio / Highlights

Gas fields W. Foreland & Three Mile Creek

Oil fields Redoubt Shoal, Trading Bay, West McArthur River & Prudhoe Bay

Resource Upside

Onshore exploratory gas prospects

Offshore exploratory oil prospects

Higher waterflood recovery

Other Assets

Cook Inlet Pipeline and Drift River Oil Terminal

46.8% ownership in 6 platform rigs

Kustatan onshore facility

1,182,000 net acres (97% undeveloped)

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ALASKA BUSINESS UNIT - Onshore Alaska Gas

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Undeveloped onshore net acreage in excess of 1,100,000 acres
West Foreland #2 (100% WI) tested 15 MMcfe/d
Three Mile Creek Unit #1 (30% WI) tested 5 MMcfe/d from shallow zone
Net undeveloped acreage of approximately 106,000 acres surrounding the three discoveries (recently added 18,000 acres)
New supply contract commences in Q4 2005
2 additional tests planned in 2005
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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS UNIT

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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS UNIT

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International	12/31/04 Total Acreage (Net)
South Africa	2,927,066
Gabon	963,710
Italy	756.857

Existing Portfolio / Highlights

South Africa gas tested over 220 MMcfe/d from 5 wells

Gabon offshore oil block with full carry on costs

Italy shallow gas Po Valley and Bomba

Resource Upside

Undeveloped acreage portion with large blocks

Unbooked reserves in South Africa, Italy and Australia

South Africa deep water play

Future Strategy

High grade to three best areas

Explore using promoted or carried working interest

Potential monetization or trade opportunities

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ACQUISITIONS/HEDGING

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TARGETED ACQUISITION PROGRAM

Acquisition	Purchase Price (\$MM)	Initial Production (MMcfe/d)	Reserves (Bcfe)	\$ Amount Per Mcfe / Res.	Net Acreage	Undevel. Acreage	Other Assets	Amount Per Mcfe / Res.
Unocal	224.0	66	138	1.62	252,000	93,000	15.9	1.51
New Permian	112.9	25	109	1.04	32,000	5,000		1.04
Wiser Oil	330.0	64	191	1.73	388,000	288,000	57.6	1.43
Buffalo Wallow	235.0	25	120	1.96	22,000	11,000	2.2	1.94
Others	129.1	27	123	1.05	100,000	45,000	19.3	.89
Total	1,031.0	207	681	1.51	794,000	442,000	95.0	1.37

Total F&D cost of \$1.51 on 681 Bcfe of reserves w/o allocation, \$1.37 w/ allocation

Production per Mcfe/d acquired at \$4,981 with R/P of 9 years

Primarily proved developed reserves, FST retained upside

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ACQUISITION LOOKBACK SUMMARY 6/30/2005

Unocal, New Permian, Wiser, S. Bonus, Minihan, McAllen & Oxy

	Investment (\$MM)	Reserves (Bcfe)	\$ / Mcfe
Original Acquisition	775	517	1.50
Cash Flow / Production	(346)	(91)	3.80
Subtotal	429	426	1.01
Capital Projects	188	133	1.41
Total Investment	617	559	1.10

45% of original investment paid out with 82% of reserves remaining

36% of total investment paid out with 108% of reserves remaining

RISK MANAGEMENT Favorably Positioned

]	Pre-Spin		2006 Spin	I	Post-Spin	
Natural Gas Swaps							
Contract Volumes (BBtu/d)		50.0		40.0		10.0	
Weighted Average Price (per MMBtu)	\$	6.02		\$ 6.15	\$	5.51	
Natural Gas Collars							
Contract Volumes (BBtu/d)		50.0				50.0	
Weighted Average Ceiling Price (per							
MMBtu)	\$	11.88		\$	\$	11.88	
Weighted Average Floor Price (per							
MMBtu)	\$	7.43		\$	\$	7.43	
Estimated Price Floor/Ceiling		<i>37-39%</i>	\$6.72-\$8.95			35-38%	\$7.11-\$10.82
Oil Swaps							
Contract Volumes (MBbl/d)		4.0				4.0	
Weighted Average Price (per Bbl)	\$	31.58		\$	\$	31.58	
Oil Collars							
Contract Volumes (MBbl/d)		5.5				5.5	
Weighted Average Ceiling Price (per							
Bbl)	\$	65.87		\$	\$	65.87	
Weighted Average Floor Price (per							
Bbl)	\$	46.73		\$	\$	46.73	
Estimated Price Floor/Ceiling		23-24%	\$40.35-\$51.43			41-44%	\$40.35-\$51.43

Approximately 39% hedged in 2006 with a weighted average ceiling price of \$10.82 per MMbtu and \$51.43 per Bbl

Completely unhedged in 2007

ADDITIONAL REMAINING VALUE

Unbooked discoveries	
S. Africa (tested 220 MMcfe/d)	
Mackenzie Delta (approximately 200 Bcfe of unbooked reserves)	
Carried interest on frontier acreage	
Gabon (100% carry on seismic and well to be spud in Q1 2006)	
S. Africa deepwater	
Cook Inlet Pipeline Company	
Lantern Drilling Company	
8 company-owned drilling rigs operating in the Permian Basin	
Tax attributes	
\$706 Million NOL (including Canadian tax pools of \$240 MM)	

Extensive undeveloped acreage and seismic database worldwide

VALUE PROPOSITION Peer Group Comparison

2004 Proved Reserves 2005 Production

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2005 EV/Proved Reserves 2005 EV/Production

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Note: Enterprise values as of November 22, 2005.

* Pro forma for Buffalo Wallow acquisition

	THE	NEW	FST	Summary of	of .	Oppe	ortunity
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Unlocks intrinsic shareholder value in a tax efficient manner and clarifies the value proposition

Intensifies focus on two discreet asset bases, each with critical mass and competitive advantage

Integrates offshore portfolio into high growth vehicle with deepwater exploration potential

Unleashes Forest s management to aggressively execute the onshore resource-focused growth strategy

Value Proposition

Public valuations and M&A transactions support values of \$2.97 per proved reserve and \$13,629 per flowing Mcfe/d for remaining Forest

Public valuations and M&A transactions support values of \$3.58 per proved reserve and \$10,336 per flowing Mcfe/d for Mariner/Spinco

EBITDA Reconciliation [LOGO]

	1H05
EBITDA	77.5
Changes in working capital	(14.9)
Non-cash hedge gain	(2.5)
Amortization/other	0.6
Stock compensation exp.	9.5
Net interest expense	(3.0)
Income tax benefit	5.5
Net cash provided by operating activities	72.7

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