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(Mark One)

Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Quarterly Period ended June 30, 2015

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes    No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes    No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer,” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).  
Yes    No    .

The number of shares of Cimarex Energy Co. common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2015 was 94,456,420.

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GLOSSARY

Bbl/d—Barrels (of oil or natural gas liquids) per day

Bbls—Barrels (of oil or natural gas liquids)

Bcf—Billion cubic feet

Bcfe—Billion cubic feet equivalent

Btu—British thermal unit

MBbls—Thousand barrels

Mcf—Thousand cubic feet (of natural gas)

Mcfe—Thousand cubic feet equivalent

MMBbl/MMBbls—Million barrels

MMBtu—Million British Thermal Units

MMcf—Million cubic feet

MMcf/d—Million cubic feet per day

MMcfe—Million cubic feet equivalent

MMcfe/d—Million cubic feet equivalent per day

Net Acres—Gross acreage multiplied by working interest percentage

Net Production—Gross production multiplied by net revenue interest

NGL or NGLs—Natural gas liquids

Tcf—Trillion cubic feet

Tcfe—Trillion cubic feet equivalent

Energy equivalent is determined using the ratio of one barrel of crude oil, condensate or NGL to six Mcf of natural gas

CAUTIONARY INFORMATION ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Throughout this Form 10-Q, we make statements that may be deemed “forward-looking” statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements include, among others, statements concerning our outlook with regard to timing and amount of future production of oil and gas, price realizations, amounts, nature and timing of capital expenditures for exploration and development, plans for funding operations and capital expenditures, drilling of wells, operating costs and other expenses, marketing of oil, gas, and NGLs and other statements of expectations, beliefs, future plans and strategies, anticipated events or trends, and similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts. The forward-looking statements in this report are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by the statements.

These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, fluctuations in the price we receive for our oil and gas production, full cost ceiling impairments to the carrying values of our oil and gas properties, reductions in the quantity of oil and gas sold due to decreased industry-wide demand and/or curtailments in production from specific properties or areas due to mechanical, transportation, marketing, weather or other problems, operating and capital expenditures that are either significantly higher or lower than anticipated because the actual cost of identified projects varied from original estimates and/or from the number of exploration and development opportunities being greater or fewer than currently anticipated, and increased financing costs due to a significant increase in interest rates. In addition, exploration and development opportunities that we pursue may not result in economic, productive oil and gas properties. There are also numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of proved reserves, projecting future rates of production and the timing of development expenditures. These and other risks and uncertainties affecting us are discussed in greater detail in this report and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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## PART I

## ITEM 1 - Financial Statements

## CIMAREX ENERGY CO.

## Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited)

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(in thousands, except share data)	
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 856,880	\$ 405,862
Receivables, net	319,370	412,108
Oil and gas well equipment and supplies	75,165	89,780
Deferred income taxes	6,961	13,475
Prepaid expenses	8,208	9,356
Other current assets	865	1,223
Total current assets	1,267,449	931,804
Oil and gas properties at cost, using the full cost method of accounting:		
Proved properties	15,043,625	14,402,064
Unproved properties and properties under development, not being amortized	599,654	759,149
	15,643,279	15,161,213
Less — accumulated depreciation, depletion, amortization and impairment	(10,242,417)	(8,257,502)
Net oil and gas properties	5,400,862	6,903,711
Fixed assets, net	223,646	211,031
Goodwill	620,232	620,232
Other assets, net	56,315	58,515
	\$ 7,568,504	\$ 8,725,293
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 71,486	\$ 138,051
Accrued liabilities	262,727	447,384
Revenue payable	164,671	190,892
Total current liabilities	498,884	776,327
Long-term debt	1,500,000	1,500,000
Deferred income taxes	1,177,289	1,754,706
Other liabilities	196,168	193,628
Total liabilities	3,372,341	4,224,661
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 15,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued	—	—
	945	876

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Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 200,000,000 shares authorized, 94,456,420 and 87,592,535 shares issued, respectively

Paid-in capital	2,737,008	1,997,080
Retained earnings	1,457,298	2,501,574
Accumulated other comprehensive income	912	1,102
	4,196,163	4,500,632
	\$ 7,568,504	\$ 8,725,293

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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## CIMAREX ENERGY CO.

## Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss)

(Unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(in thousands, except per share data)			
Revenues:				
Oil sales	\$ 259,344	\$ 354,882	\$ 455,349	\$ 679,953
Gas sales	106,374	172,503	217,336	342,600
NGL sales	49,477	95,470	95,077	185,427
Gas gathering and other	9,141	14,284	17,411	26,748
Gas marketing, net	(53)	(470)	112	1,157
	424,283	636,669	785,285	1,235,885
Costs and expenses:				
Impairment of oil and gas properties	967,287	—	1,570,886	—
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	217,451	194,989	434,229	368,920
Asset retirement obligation	2,042	3,650	3,778	6,868
Production	70,600	86,085	152,811	161,226
Transportation, processing, and other operating	43,713	46,478	83,355	90,726
Gas gathering and other	11,306	10,041	20,170	18,825
Taxes other than income	25,980	32,323	47,961	65,944
General and administrative	14,054	16,571	29,992	37,283
Stock compensation	4,988	3,548	10,143	7,272
(Gain) loss on derivative instruments, net	—	2,454	—	18,189
Other operating, net	260	112	784	215
	1,357,681	396,251	2,354,109	775,468
Operating income (loss)	(933,398)	240,418	(1,568,824)	460,417
Other (income) and expense:				
Interest expense	21,297	16,724	42,553	30,766
Capitalized interest	(8,570)	(8,575)	(17,987)	(15,865)
Other, net	(3,854)	(4,129)	(7,439)	(11,084)
Income (loss) before income tax	(942,271)	236,398	(1,585,951)	456,600
Income tax expense (benefit)	(342,056)	87,758	(570,795)	169,503
Net income (loss)	\$ (600,215)	\$ 148,640	\$ (1,015,156)	\$ 287,097
Earnings (loss) per share to common stockholders:				
Basic	\$ (6.47)	\$ 1.71	\$ (10.94)	\$ 3.30
Diluted	\$ (6.47)	\$ 1.70	\$ (10.94)	\$ 3.29
Dividends per share	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.32

Comprehensive income (loss):

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Net income (loss)	\$ (600,215)	\$ 148,640	\$ (1,015,156)	\$ 287,097
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Change in fair value of investments, net of tax	(292)	(56)	(190)	(16)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (600,507)	\$ 148,584	\$ (1,015,346)	\$ 287,081

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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## CIMAREX ENERGY CO.

## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

	For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
	(in thousands)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ (1,015,156)	\$ 287,097
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Impairment of oil and gas properties	1,570,886	—
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	434,229	368,920
Asset retirement obligation	3,778	6,868
Deferred income taxes	(570,795)	169,503
Stock compensation	10,143	7,272
(Gain) loss on derivative instruments	—	18,189
Settlements on derivative instruments	—	(5,804)
Changes in non-current assets and liabilities	2,942	(2,436)
Other, net	3,276	2,395
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Receivables, net	92,473	(81,702)
Other current assets	16,121	(19,182)
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	(177,352)	18,649
Net cash provided by operating activities	370,545	769,769
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Oil and gas expenditures	(599,222)	(1,138,539)
Sales of oil and gas assets and other assets	9,233	1,374
Other capital expenditures	(35,882)	(51,401)
Net cash used by investing activities	(625,871)	(1,188,566)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net bank debt borrowings	—	(174,000)
Proceeds from other long-term debt	—	750,000
Proceeds from sale of common stock	752,100	—
Financing and underwriting fees	(22,563)	(11,218)
Dividends paid	(28,129)	(26,022)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options and other	4,936	4,061
Net cash provided by financing activities	706,344	542,821
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	451,018	124,024
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	405,862	4,531
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 856,880	\$ 128,555

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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(Unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited financial statements have been prepared by Cimarex Energy Co. (“Cimarex,” “we” or “us”) pursuant to rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Accordingly, certain disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and normally included in Annual Reports on Form 10-K have been omitted. Although management believes that our disclosures in these interim financial statements are adequate, they should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, summary of significant accounting policies, and footnotes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2014.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying financial statements reflect all adjustments necessary to present fairly our financial position, results of operations, and cash flows for the periods and as of the dates shown. We have evaluated subsequent events through the date of this filing.

Use of Estimates

Areas of significance requiring the use of management’s judgments relate to the estimation of proved oil and gas reserves, the use of proved reserves in calculating depletion, depreciation, and amortization (DD&A), estimates of future net revenues in computing ceiling test limitations and estimates of future abandonment obligations used in recording asset retirement obligations, and the assessment of goodwill. Estimates and judgments also are required in determining allowance for bad debt, impairments of undeveloped properties and other assets, purchase price allocation, valuation of deferred tax assets, fair value measurements and contingencies.

Oil and Gas Well Equipment and Supplies

Our oil and gas well equipment and supplies are valued at the lower of cost or market using weighted average cost. An analysis of our oil and gas well equipment and supplies was performed and no impairment was required. However, the industry-wide decline in drilling operations has put downward pressure on the price of oil and gas well equipment and supplies. Further declines in future periods could cause us to recognize impairments on these assets. An impairment would not affect cash flow from operating activities, but would adversely affect our net income and stockholders' equity.

#### Oil and Gas Properties

We use the full cost method of accounting for our oil and gas operations. Accounting rules require us to perform a quarterly ceiling test calculation to test our oil and gas properties for possible impairment. If the net capitalized cost of our oil and gas properties subject to amortization (the carrying value) exceeds the ceiling limitation, the excess is charged to expense. The ceiling limitation is equal to the sum of the present value discounted at 10% of estimated future net cash flows from proved reserves, the cost of properties not being amortized, the lower of cost or estimated fair value of unproven properties included in the costs being amortized, and all related tax effects. Estimated future net cash flows are determined by commodity prices and proved reserve quantities.

At March 31, 2015, the carrying value of our oil and gas properties subject to the test exceeded the calculated value of the ceiling limitation, and we recognized an impairment of \$603.6 million (\$383.2 million, net of tax). This impairment resulted from the impact of decreases in the 12-month average trailing prices for oil, natural gas and NGLs utilized in determining the future net cash flows from proved reserves. Due to continued decreases in the 12-month average trailing prices, we recognized an additional impairment of \$967.3 million (\$614.6 million, net of tax) at June 30, 2015. If pricing conditions stay at current levels or decline further, or if there is a negative impact on one or more of the other components of the calculation, we will incur full cost ceiling impairments in future quarters. The ceiling calculation is not intended to be indicative of the fair market value of our proved reserves or future results. Impairment charges do not affect cash flow from operating activities, but do adversely affect our net income and stockholders' equity. Any recorded impairment of oil and gas properties is not reversible at a later date.

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## Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, and Accrued Liabilities

The components of our accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities are shown below:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Receivables, net of allowance		
Trade	\$ 77,680	\$ 134,443
Oil and gas sales	227,868	259,220
Gas gathering, processing, and marketing	13,795	18,009
Other	27	436
Receivables, net	\$ 319,370	\$ 412,108
Accounts payable		
Trade	\$ 44,696	\$ 102,276
Gas gathering, processing, and marketing	26,790	35,775
Accounts payable	\$ 71,486	\$ 138,051
Accrued liabilities		
Exploration and development	\$ 62,970	\$ 200,929
Taxes other than income	23,682	26,950
Other	176,075	219,505
Accrued liabilities	\$ 262,727	\$ 447,384

## Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU 2014-09), Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). In July 2015, the FASB deferred the effective date by one year to annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period. Early adoption is permitted, but not before the original effective date of reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. We do not intend to adopt the standard early and are currently evaluating the potential impact of this guidance. At this time we do not expect that the adoption of this standard will have a material effect on our financial position or results of operation and related disclosures.

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2.Capital Stock

In May 2015, we completed an underwritten public offering of 6,900,000 shares of common stock, which included 900,000 shares of common stock issued pursuant to an overallotment option to purchase additional shares granted to the underwriters. The stock was sold to the public at \$109.00 per share, with a par value of \$0.01, and we received net proceeds of approximately \$730 million from the sale of these shares of common stock, after deducting underwriting fees.

Authorized capital stock consists of 200 million shares of common stock and 15 million shares of preferred stock. At June 30, 2015, there were no shares of preferred stock outstanding. A summary of our common stock activity for the six months ended June 30, 2015 follows:

(in thousands)	
Issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2014	87,592
Issuance of common stock	6,900
Issuance of service-based restricted stock awards	23
Restricted stock forfeited and retired	(16)
Common stock reacquired and retired	(129)
Option exercises, net of cancellations	86
Issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2015	94,456

Dividends

In May 2015, the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.16 per share. The dividend is payable on September 1, 2015, to stockholders of record on August 14, 2015. Future dividend payments will depend on our level of earnings, financing requirements, and other factors considered relevant by the Board of Directors.

## 3. Stock-based Compensation

We have recognized stock-based compensation cost as shown below. Historical amounts may not be representative of future amounts as the value of future awards may vary from historical amounts.

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2015	2014	June 30, 2015	2014
Restricted stock awards				
Performance stock awards	\$ 4,645	\$ 2,867	\$ 9,643	\$ 5,814
Service-based stock awards	3,861	3,112	8,798	6,616
	8,506	5,979	18,441	12,430
Stock option awards	647	782	1,286	1,555
	9,153	6,761	19,727	13,985
Less amounts capitalized to oil and gas properties	(4,165)	(3,213)	(9,584)	(6,713)
Compensation expense	\$ 4,988	\$ 3,548	\$ 10,143	\$ 7,272

The increase in compensation expense is primarily due to performance stock awards granted in December 2014.

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## 4.Asset Retirement Obligations

We recognize the fair value of liabilities for retirement obligations associated with tangible long-lived assets in the period in which there is a legal obligation associated with the retirement of such assets and the amount can be reasonably estimated. The associated asset retirement costs are capitalized as part of the carrying amount of the long-lived asset. This liability includes costs related to the plugging and abandonment of wells, the removal of facilities and equipment, and site restorations. Subsequent to initial measurement, the asset retirement liability is required to be accreted each period. If the fair value of a recorded asset retirement obligation changes, a revision is recorded to both the asset retirement obligation and the asset retirement capitalized cost. Capitalized costs are included as a component of the DD&A calculations.

The following table reflects the components of the change in the carrying amount of the asset retirement obligation for the six months ended June 30, 2015:

(in thousands)	
Asset retirement obligation at January 1, 2015	\$ 173,008
Liabilities incurred	2,019
Liability settlements and disposals	(13,593)
Accretion expense	3,900
Revisions of estimated liabilities	3,783
Asset retirement obligation at June 30, 2015	169,117
Less current obligation	(9,963)
Long-term asset retirement obligation	\$ 159,154

## 5.Long-Term Debt

Debt at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 consisted of the following:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
5.875% Senior Notes, due May 1, 2022	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
4.375% Senior Notes, due June 1, 2024	750,000	750,000
Total long-term debt	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000

All of our long-term debt is senior unsecured debt and is pari passu with respect to the payment of both principal and interest.

#### Bank Debt

We have a senior unsecured revolving credit facility (Credit Facility) which matures July 14, 2018. The Credit Facility has a borrowing base of \$2.5 billion and aggregate commitments of \$1.0 billion. The borrowing base under the Credit Facility is determined at the discretion of the lenders based on the value of our proved reserves. Our borrowing base was reaffirmed in April 2015. The next regular annual redetermination date is scheduled for April 15, 2016.

As of June 30, 2015, we had letters of credit outstanding under the Credit Facility of \$2.5 million, leaving an unused borrowing availability of \$997.5 million.

The Credit Facility also has customary covenants with which we were in compliance as of June 30, 2015.

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## Senior Notes

Each of our senior notes is governed by an indenture containing certain covenants, events of default and other restrictive provisions with which we were in compliance as of June 30, 2015. Interest on each of the senior notes is payable semi-annually.

## 6.Earnings (loss) per Share

The calculations of basic and diluted net earnings (loss) per common share under the two-class method are presented below:

(in thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2015	2014	June 30, 2015	2014
Basic:				
Net income (loss)	\$ (600,215)	\$ 148,640	\$ (1,015,156)	\$ 287,097
Participating securities' share in earnings (1)	—	(2,320)	—	(4,464)
Net income (loss) applicable to common stockholders	\$ (600,215)	\$ 146,320	\$ (1,015,156)	\$ 282,633
Diluted:				
Net income (loss)	\$ (600,215)	\$ 148,640	\$ (1,015,156)	\$ 287,097
Participating securities' share in earnings (1)	—	(2,316)	—	(4,457)
Net income (loss) applicable to common stockholders	\$ (600,215)	\$ 146,324	\$ (1,015,156)	\$ 282,640
Shares:				
Basic shares outstanding	92,831	85,532	92,831	85,532

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Dilutive effect of stock options	—	157	—	147
Fully diluted common stock	92,831	85,689	92,831	85,679
Excluded (2)	1,931	—	1,931	1
Earnings (loss) per share to common stockholders (3):				
Basic	\$ (6.47)	\$ 1.71	\$ (10.94)	\$ 3.30
Diluted	\$ (6.47)	\$ 1.70	\$ (10.94)	\$ 3.29

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- (1) Participating securities are not included in undistributed earnings when a loss exists.
- (2) Inclusion of certain shares would have an anti-dilutive effect.
- (3) Earnings (loss) per share are based on actual figures rather than the rounded figures presented.

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## 7. Income Taxes

The components of our provision for income taxes are as follows:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2015	2014	June 30, 2015	2014
Current taxes (benefit)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Deferred taxes (benefit)	(342,056)	87,758	(570,795)	169,503
	\$ (342,056)	\$ 87,758	\$ (570,795)	\$ 169,503
Combined Federal and State effective income tax rate	36.3	% 37.1	% 36.0	% 37.1

At December 31, 2014, we had a U.S. net tax operating loss carryforward of approximately \$651.1 million, which will expire in tax years 2031 through 2034. We believe that the carryforward will be utilized before it expires. The amount of U.S. net tax operating loss carryforward that will be recorded to equity when utilized to reduce taxes payable is \$83.1 million. We also had an alternative minimum tax credit carryforward of approximately \$4.1 million.

At June 30, 2015, we had no unrecognized tax benefits that would impact our effective tax rate and have made no provisions for interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The tax years 2011 through 2013 remain open to examination by the Internal Revenue Service of the United States. We file tax returns with various state taxing authorities, which remain open to examination for the 2010 through 2013 tax years.

Our provision for income taxes differed from the U.S. statutory rate of 35% primarily due to state income taxes and non-deductible expenses.

## 8. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price). The FASB has established a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels. Level 1 inputs are the highest priority and consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities. Level 2 are inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 3 are unobservable inputs for an asset or liability.

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June 30, 2015

(Unaudited)

The following tables provide fair value measurement information for certain assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

June 30, 2015: (in thousands)	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Financial Assets (Liabilities):		
5.875% Notes due 2022	\$ (750,000)	\$ (802,500)
4.375% Notes due 2024	\$ (750,000)	\$ (742,500)
December 31, 2014: (in thousands)	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Financial Assets (Liabilities):		
5.875% Notes due 2022	\$ (750,000)	\$ (776,250)
4.375% Notes due 2024	\$ (750,000)	\$ (720,000)

Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment, including the consideration of factors specific to the asset or liability. The fair value (Level 1) of our 4.375% and 5.875% fixed rate notes was based on their last traded value before period end.

## Other Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts of our cash, cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued liabilities approximate fair value because of the short-term maturities and/or liquid nature of these assets and liabilities.

Most of our accounts receivable balances are uncollateralized and result from transactions with other companies in the oil and gas industry. Concentration of customers may impact our overall credit risk because our customers may be similarly affected by changes in economic or other conditions within the industry.

We routinely assess the recoverability of all material accounts receivable to determine their collectability. We accrue a reserve to the allowance for doubtful accounts when it is probable that a receivable will not be collected and the amount of the reserve may be reasonably estimated. At June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the allowance for doubtful accounts was \$1.8 million and \$1.5 million, respectively.

#### 9. Derivative Instruments/Hedging

We had derivative contracts outstanding during 2014, all of which had settled as of December 31, 2014. As of June 30, 2015, we had not entered into any new contracts. Subsequent to June 30, 2015, we entered into the following gas hedges:

Period	Type	Volume/Day	Index (1)	Weighted Average Price	
				Floor	Ceiling
Jan 16 - Dec 16	Collars	10,000 MMBtu	PEPL	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.85

(1) PEPL refers to Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line, Tex/OK Mid-Continent Index as quoted in Platt's Inside FERC.

We have elected not to account for our derivatives as cash flow hedges. Therefore, we recognize settlements and changes in the assets or liabilities relating to our open derivative contracts in earnings. Cash settlements of our contracts are included in cash flows from operating activities in our statements of cash flows.

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The following table presents the net losses from settlements and changes in fair value of our derivative contracts, and the losses only from settlements during the periods shown below.

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Gain (loss) on derivative instruments, net	\$ —	\$ (2,454)	\$ —	\$ (18,189)
Settlement gains (losses)	\$ —	\$ (1,017)	\$ —	\$ (5,804)

## 10. Commitments and Contingencies

## Commitments

We have commitments of \$138.1 million to finish drilling and completing wells in progress at June 30, 2015. We also have minimum commitments for six drilling rigs of \$37.8 million.

We had commitments of \$6.3 million relating to the construction of gathering facilities and pipelines in New Mexico and Texas.

At June 30, 2015, we had firm sales contracts to deliver approximately 44.3 Bcf of natural gas over the next 40 months. If this gas is not delivered, our financial commitment would be approximately \$116.2 million. This

commitment will fluctuate due to price volatility and actual volumes delivered. However, we believe no financial commitment will be due based on our current proved reserves and production levels from which we can fulfill these obligations.

In connection with gas gathering and processing agreements, we have volume commitments over the next seven years. If no gas is delivered, the maximum amount that would be payable under these commitments would be approximately \$85.8 million. However, we believe no financial commitment will be due based on our current proved reserves and production levels from which we can fulfill these obligations.

We have other various transportation and delivery commitments in the normal course of business, which approximate \$44.1 million.

We have various commitments for office space and equipment under operating lease arrangements totaling \$101.9 million.

All of the noted commitments were routine and made in the ordinary course of our business.

#### Litigation

We have various litigation matters related to the ordinary course of our business. We assess the probability of estimable amounts related to those matters in accordance with guidance established by the FASB and adjust our accruals accordingly. Though some of the related claims may be significant, we believe the resolution of them, individually or in the aggregate, would not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations after consideration of current accruals.

#### H.B. Krug, et al versus H&P

On April 1, 2014, Cimarex paid the plaintiffs \$15.8 million for damages, post-judgment interest, and other expenses, all of which are now final and not appealable. On June 24, 2014, the trial court ruled the plaintiffs were not entitled to prejudgment interest but were entitled to attorney's fees and costs, the amount of which will be



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determined at a subsequent hearing. On July 31, 2014, the plaintiffs appealed the trial court's denial of prejudgment interest, which will be determined by the Oklahoma Supreme Court. The outcome of these remaining issues cannot be determined, and our current estimates and assessments will likely change as a result of future legal proceedings.

## 11. Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information

(in thousands)	Three Months		Six Months Ended	
	Ended June 30, 2015	2014	June 30, 2015	2014
Cash paid during the period for:				
Interest expense (including capitalized amounts)	\$ 39,277	\$ 24,195	\$ 40,212	\$ 26,290
Interest capitalized	\$ 16,583	\$ 12,469	\$ 16,997	\$ 13,557
Income taxes	\$ 555	\$ 353	\$ 556	\$ 354
Cash received for income taxes	\$ 109	\$ 133	\$ 409	\$ 342

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

OVERVIEW

Cimarex is an independent oil and gas exploration and production company. Our operations are entirely located in the United States, mainly in Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. Currently our operations are focused in two main areas: the Permian Basin and the Mid-Continent region. Our Permian Basin region encompasses west Texas and southeast New Mexico. Our Mid-Continent region includes Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle.

Our principal business objective is to profitably grow proved reserves and production for the long-term benefit of our stockholders through a diversified drilling portfolio. Our strategy centers on maximizing cash flow from producing properties and profitably reinvesting that cash flow in exploration and development. We consider property acquisitions, dispositions and occasional mergers to enhance our competitive position.

We believe that detailed technical analysis, operational focus and a disciplined capital investment process mitigates risk and positions us to continue to achieve increases in proved reserves and production. Our diversified drilling portfolio and limited long-term commitments provide the flexibility to respond quickly to industry volatility.

Our investments are generally funded with cash flow provided by operating activities together with bank borrowings, sales of non-strategic assets and public financing. Conservative use of leverage has long been a part of our financial strategy. We believe that maintaining a strong balance sheet mitigates financial risk and enables us to withstand low prices.

Market Conditions

The oil and gas industry is cyclical and commodity prices can be volatile. In the second half of 2014, oil prices began a rapid and significant decline as global supply outpaced demand. Thus far in 2015 there has been little recovery of oil prices and it is likely that prices will remain erratic due to an ongoing supply and demand imbalance and geopolitical factors.

Prices for domestic natural gas and NGLs began to decline following the winter of 2013-2014 and have continued to be weak into 2015. The decline in these prices is primarily due to an imbalance between supply and demand across North America, which could result in further declines.

Compared to the second quarter of 2014, our realized oil price fell 46% to \$50.66/Bbl. Similarly, our realized natural gas price dropped 46% to \$2.51/Mcf and our realized price for NGL declined 59% to \$14.67/Bbl.

This dramatic decrease in commodity prices had a significant adverse impact on our results of operations and the amount of cash flow available to invest in exploration and development (E&D).

In the second quarter of 2015, the continued impact of lower prices on the present value of future cash flows from our proved reserves resulted in a non-cash full cost ceiling impairment to our oil and gas properties of \$967.3 million (\$614.6 million, net of tax). For the six months ended June 30, 2015, full cost ceiling impairments have totaled \$1.57 billion (\$997.8 million, net of tax). See a discussion of the ceiling impairment calculation below under Operating costs and expenses.

Our 2015 E&D capital expenditures are expected to approximate \$1.0 billion, down from \$1.88 billion in 2014.

See Part II, Item 1A, Risk Factors, in this report, and Item 1A, Risk Factors, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2014, for a discussion of risk factors that affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Also see CAUTIONARY INFORMATION ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS in this report for important information about these types of statements.

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Second quarter 2015 summary of operating and financial results:

- Average daily production increased 22% to 1,026.2 MMcfe/d.
- Oil production grew 35% to 56,261 Bbl/d, gas production increased 14% to 466.3 MMcf/d and NGL volumes were up 25% to 37,070 Bbl/d.
- Oil, gas and NGL sales totaled \$415.2 million, down from \$622.9 million a year earlier.
- Exploration and development expenditures totaled \$190.3 million versus \$497.6 million a year earlier.
- Cash flow provided by operating activities during the first six months of 2015 was \$370.5 million compared to \$769.8 million for the same period of 2014.
- We incurred a net loss of \$600.2 million (\$6.47 per share).
- We completed a public offering of 6.9 million shares of our common stock with net proceeds of approximately \$730 million.
- Total debt at June 30, 2015, was \$1.5 billion, unchanged from year-end 2014.

## Revenues

Almost all of our revenues are derived from the sales of oil, gas and NGL production. Increases or decreases in our revenue, profitability and future production growth are highly dependent on the commodity prices we receive. Prices are market driven and we expect that future prices will continue to fluctuate due to supply and demand factors, seasonality and geopolitical and economic factors.

Oil sales contributed 59% of our total production revenue for the first six months of 2015. Gas sales accounted for 28% and NGL sales contributed 13%. A \$1.00 per barrel change in our realized oil price would have resulted in a \$9.7 million change in revenues. A \$0.10 per Mcf change in our realized gas price would have resulted in an \$8.3 million change in our gas revenues. A \$1.00 per barrel change in NGL prices would have changed revenues by \$6.3 million.

The following table presents our average realized commodity prices and certain major U.S. index prices. Our average realized prices in 2014 do not include settlements of commodity derivative contracts. We had no derivative contracts outstanding in the first six months of 2015.

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Oil Prices:				

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Average realized sales price (\$/Bbl)	\$ 50.66	\$ 93.39	\$ 46.79	\$ 92.82
Average WTI Midland price (\$/Bbl)	\$ 57.36	\$ 94.58	\$ 52.01	\$ 94.87
Average WTI Cushing price (\$/Bbl)	\$ 57.94	\$ 102.99	\$ 53.29	\$ 100.84

Gas Prices:

Average realized sales price (\$/Mcf)	\$ 2.51	\$ 4.62	\$ 2.63	\$ 4.94
Average Henry Hub price (\$/Mcf)	\$ 2.65	\$ 4.68	\$ 2.82	\$ 4.81

NGL Prices:

Average realized sales price (\$/Bbl)	\$ 14.67	\$ 35.35	\$ 15.15	\$ 37.43
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Subsequent to June 30, 2015, we entered into certain derivative contracts. See Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of this report for additional information.

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During 2015 and 2014, approximately 85% and 80%, respectively, of our oil production was in the Permian Basin, the sale of which is tied to the WTI Midland benchmark price. The impact of changes in realized prices is discussed below under RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

Operating costs and expenses

Costs associated with producing oil and gas are substantial. Some of these costs vary with commodity prices, some trend with the type and volume of production and some are a function of the number of wells we own.

We use the full cost method of accounting for our oil and gas operations. Accounting rules require us to perform a quarterly ceiling test calculation to test our oil and gas properties for possible impairment. If the net capitalized cost of our oil and gas properties subject to amortization (the carrying value) exceeds the ceiling limitation, the excess is charged to expense. The ceiling limitation is equal to the sum of the present value discounted at 10% of estimated future net cash flows from proved reserves, the cost of properties not being amortized, the lower of cost or estimated fair value of unproven properties included in the costs being amortized, and all related tax effects. Estimated future net cash flows are determined by commodity prices and proved reserve quantities.

At June 30, 2015, the carrying value of our oil and gas properties subject to the ceiling test exceeded the calculated value of the ceiling limitation, and we recognized an impairment of \$967.3 million (\$614.6 million, net of tax). For the six months ended June 30, 2015, ceiling test impairments totaled \$1.57 billion (\$997.8 million, net of tax).

These impairments resulted primarily from the impact of decreases in the 12-month average trailing prices for oil, natural gas and NGLs utilized in determining the future net cash flows from proved reserves. If pricing conditions stay at current levels or decline further, or if there is a negative impact on one or more of the other components of the calculation, we will incur full cost ceiling impairments in future quarters. An amount of any future write-downs or impairment is difficult to predict, and will depend upon not only commodity prices but also incremental proved reserves that may be added each period, revisions to previous reserve estimates, capital expenditures, operating costs, and all related tax effects. The future variability, both individually and combined, of these attributes cannot be reasonably predicted.

Because the ceiling calculation requires rolling 12-month average commodity prices, the effect of lower quarter-over-quarter prices in 2015 compared to 2014 will be a lower ceiling value each quarter. This will result in ongoing impairments, the magnitude of which will be affected by one or more of the other components of the ceiling test calculations, until prices stabilize or improve over a twelve-month period. An example of the sensitivity related to only price declines on the ceiling calculation follows.

At June 30, 2015, commodity prices used in the ceiling calculation were \$3.39 per Mcf of gas and \$71.68 per barrel of oil. Holding all other components of the calculation constant and only adjusting commodity prices to amounts based on average prices for the first seven months of 2015 of \$2.72 per Mcf of gas and \$53.95 per barrel of oil, the pre-tax ceiling impairment would have increased to \$2.5 billion.

The ceiling limitation calculation is not intended to be indicative of the fair market value of our proved reserves or future results. Impairment charges do not affect cash flow from operating activities, but do adversely affect our net income and stockholders' equity. Any recorded impairment of oil and gas properties is not reversible at a later date.

Depletion, depreciation and amortization (DD&A) of our producing properties is computed using the units-of-production method. The economic life of each producing well depends upon the estimated proved reserves for that well, which in turn depend upon the assumed realized sales price for future sales of production. Therefore, fluctuations in oil and gas prices will impact the level of proved reserves used in the calculation. Higher prices generally have the effect of increasing reserves, which reduces depletion expense. Conversely, lower prices generally have the effect of decreasing reserves, which increases depletion expense. The cost of replacing production also impacts our DD&A rate. In addition, changes in estimates of reserve quantities, estimates of

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operating and future development costs, reclassifications of properties from unproved to proved and impairments of oil and gas properties will also impact depletion expense. Due to the variability of the noted factors, we are unable to predict future DD&A rates.

Production expense generally consists of costs for labor, equipment, maintenance, salt water disposal, compression, power, treating and miscellaneous other costs. Production expense also includes well workover activity necessary to maintain production from existing wells.

Transportation, processing and other operating costs principally consist of expenditures to prepare and transport production from the wellhead to a specified sales point as well as gas processing costs. Costs vary by region and will fluctuate with increases or decreases in production volumes, contractual fees and changes in fuel and compression costs.

General and administrative (G&A) expenses consist primarily of salaries and related benefits, office rent, legal fees, consultants, systems costs and other administrative costs incurred in our offices and not directly associated with exploration, development or production activities. Our G&A expense is reported net of amounts reimbursed to us by working interest owners of the oil and gas properties we operate and net of amounts capitalized pursuant to the full cost method of accounting.

A discussion of changes in operating costs and expenses is included in RESULTS OF OPERATIONS, below.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Three Months and Six Months Ended June 30, 2015 vs. June 30, 2014

In the second quarter of 2015 we had a net loss of \$600.2 million (\$6.47 per share) compared to net income of \$148.6 million (\$1.70 per diluted share) for the same period of 2014. For the first six months of 2015, we had a net loss of \$1.015 billion (\$10.94 per share) versus net income of \$287.1 million (\$3.29 per diluted share) in 2014.

The decreases in 2015 net income were due primarily to significantly lower realized commodity prices, which also brought about impairments of our oil and gas properties. These changes are discussed further in the analysis that

follows.

Production Revenue  (in thousands or as indicated)	2015	2014	Change Between 2015 / 2014	Price/Volume Change		
				Price	Volume	Total
For the Three Months Ended June 30,						
Oil sales	\$ 259,344	\$ 354,882	(27) %	\$ (218,778)	\$ 123,240	\$ (95,538)
Gas sales	106,374	172,503	(38) %	(89,527)	23,398	(66,129)
NGL sales	49,477	95,470	(48) %	(69,754)	23,761	(45,993)
	\$ 415,195	\$ 622,855	(33) %	\$ (378,059)	\$ 170,399	\$ (207,660)
For the Six Months Ended June 30,						
Oil sales	\$ 455,349	\$ 679,953	(33) %	\$ (447,918)	\$ 223,314	\$ (224,604)
Gas sales	217,336	342,600	(37) %	(190,702)	65,438	(125,264)
NGL sales	95,077	185,427	(49) %	(139,807)	49,457	(90,350)
	\$ 767,762	\$ 1,207,980	(36) %	\$ (778,427)	\$ 338,209	\$ (440,218)

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	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		Change Between 2015 / 2014	For the Six Months Ended June 30,		Change Between 2015 / 2014
	2015	2014		2015	2014	
Total oil volume — thousand barrels	5,120	3,800	35 %	9,731	7,325	33 %
Oil volume — barrels per day	56,261	41,759	35 %	53,765	40,471	33 %
Percent of total equivalent production	33 %	30 %	3 %	33 %	31 %	2 %
Average oil price — per barrel	\$ 50.66	\$ 93.39	(46) %	\$ 46.79	\$ 92.82	(50) %
Total gas volume — MMcf	42,430	37,318	14 %	82,555	69,291	19 %
Gas volume — MMcf per day	466.3	410.1	14 %	456.1	382.8	19 %
Percent of total equivalent production	45 %	49 %	(4) %	46 %	48 %	(2) %
Average gas price — per Mcf	\$ 2.51	\$ 4.62	(46) %	\$ 2.63	\$ 4.94	(47) %
Total NGL volume — thousand barrels	3,373	2,701	25 %	6,275	4,953	27 %
NGL volume — barrels per day	37,070	29,680	25 %	34,670	27,367	27 %
Percent of total equivalent production	22 %	21 %	1 %	21 %	21 %	— %
Average NGL price — per barrel	\$ 14.67	\$ 35.35	(59) %	\$ 15.15	\$ 37.43	(60) %
Total equivalent production — MMcfe	93,389	76,324	22 %	178,595	142,963	25 %
Equivalent production — MMcfe per day	1,026.2	838.7	22 %	986.7	789.9	25 %

As reflected in the tables above, for the second quarter and first six months of 2015 our production revenues were 33% and 36%, respectively, lower than those in the same periods of 2014. Increased revenues from greater production volumes were more than offset by decreased revenues from lower realized commodity prices. See Revenues above for a discussion regarding realized prices. The year-over-year growth in aggregate production is primarily due to our drilling programs in the Permian Basin and Mid-Continent region.

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The table below reflects our regional production volumes.

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Oil (Bbls per day)				
Permian Basin	48,448	33,317	45,783	32,475
Mid-Continent	7,181	7,259	7,308	6,662
Other	632	1,183	674	1,334
	56,261	41,759	53,765	40,471
Gas (MMcf per day)				
Permian Basin	189.4	123.6	170.0	113.1
Mid-Continent	270.2	276.6	278.6	260.3
Other	6.7	9.9	7.5	9.4
	466.3	410.1	456.1	382.8
NGL (Bbls per day)				
Permian Basin	19,169	11,633	16,180	10,386
Mid-Continent	17,633	17,543	18,194	16,376
Other	268	504	296	605
	37,070	29,680	34,670	27,367
Total Equivalent (MMcfe per day)				
Permian Basin	595.1	393.3		