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THE NEW FST								
Same Leadership. Same Strategies. Same Discipline. Improved Focus.								
[LOGO]	GROWTH	PROGRESS	MOMENTUM					
			Se	eptember 2005				

### THE NEW FST Operations Spin-Off Drives Value

Innovative transaction provides new optionality and returns value directly to Forest s shareholders

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)

\$200 Million of debt

**Liability Contribution** \$50 Million of derivatives at 6/30/2005

\$157 Million of ARO

Tax-free Reverse Morris Trust transaction

**Structure** Spin-off of offshore Gulf of Mexico operations

Stock-for-stock merger of SpinCo and Mariner

Mariner Equity 58.2% Forest shareholders
Ownership 41.8% Mariner shareholders

Scott D. Josey, Chairman & CEO

Mariner Management

7 member board

& Governance

2 members to be mutually agreed by Forest and Mariner

**Expected Close** Q4 2005 / Q1 2006 (economic effective date of July 1, 2005)\*

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<sup>\*</sup> Subject to Mariner shareholder vote and SEC registration requirements and Forest bondholder consent

**Combination** [LOGO]

Mariner Contribution[LOGO]Forest Contribution[LOGO]ManagementDevelopment expertise/personnel

Management
Deepwater, shelf, West Texas assets

42% Equity

ownership

Exploration track record Prospect inventory

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Dynamic GOM player with scale and expertise to effectively compete in the shelf, deep shelf, and deepwater

58% Equity

ownership

Underexploited shelf assets

Identified exploitation opportunities

Strong cash flow

Modest debt level

Shareholders benefit from the diversity and upside potential intrinsic in these complementary asset bases

Blend of exploration and exploitation opportunities

Exploration Track Record	
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	Significant Discoveries .over 80% Internally Generated

<b>Deepwater Operations Expertise</b>			
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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 September 9, 2005

<sup>\*</sup>Reserves are pro-forma for acquisition of Bass Lite

## FOREST OIL S REMAINING ASSETS

### [GRAPHIC]

Alaska	
12/31/04 Reserves (Bcfe)	117
YTD 2005 Production (MMcfe/d)	41
12/31/04 Net Acreage (M)	1,182
Reserve Life	7.8
Canada	
12/31/04 Reserves (Bcfe)	152
YTD 2005 Production (MMcfe/d)	70
12/31/04 Net Acreage (M)	930
Reserve Life	5.9
Western	
12/31/04 Reserves (Bcfe)*	643
YTD 2005 Production (MMcfe/d)	110
12/31/04 Net Acreage (M)*	254
Reserve Life*	16.1
Southern	
12/31/04 Reserves (Bcfe)*	198
YTD 2005 Production (MMcfe/d)	46
12/31/04 Net Acreage (M)*	147
Reserve Life	11.8
Consolidated	
12/31/04 Reserves (Bcfe)*	1,110
YTD 2005 Production (MMcfe/d)	267
12/31/04 Net Acreage (M)*	7,698
Reserve Life	11.4

 $<sup>* \</sup>textit{Pro Forma for the Buffalo Wallow Acquisition and offshore spin-off}$ 

### **REALIGNING ASSET BASE** The Perfect Pie

Old Forest Oil

**New Forest Oil** 

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

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YTD 2005 Production: 495 MMcfe/d 2005 R/P: 8.0 YTD 2005 Production: 267 MMcfe/d 2005 R/P: 11.4

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<sup>\*</sup> Pro-Forma for the Buffalo Wallow acquisition and offshore spin-off

#### MAINTAINS CREDIT QUALITY...

Pro forma Forest reduces liabilities by \$791 MM as follow	Pro	forma Forest	t reduces	liabilities	by	\$791	MM	as fo	llow
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\$200 MM of debt

\$157 MM of Asset Retirement Obligation

\$134 MM Mark-to-Market hedges valued at 9/27/05

\$300 MM of potential income tax liability

# R/P is significantly lengthened, operational and replacement risk is greatly reduced, and leverage per barrel is positive

R/P is increased 43% from 8.0 to 11.4 years

Proved Developed R/P is increased 40% from 6.0 to 8.4 years

(Debt + Future Development Costs) / BOE is reduced

Debt / BOE is neutral

Elimination of primary hurricane risk

Pro forma Forest has significant organic growth potential

Business model will continue to mandate free cash flow

Net debt target of \$600 MM at June 30, 2006

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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

July 31, 2003: Implementation of initial 4-Point Game Plan (focused on balancing the portfolio)

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## EXTENSIVE PROSPECT INVENTORY

Key Growth Platforms	Project Inventory	Net Reserve Potential (Bcfe)
Buffalo Wallow (Texas Panhandle) From 40 to 20-acre spacing	362	396
Permian Basin 27,000 gross acres in Haley Atoka	679	565
Wild River From 640 to 160 acre spacing	120	54
Southern Frio, Yegua, Wilcox, Vicksburg trend	419	513
Rockies (Tight gas & Williston oil)	371	243
Onshore Cook Inlet Gas	32	1,875
Total	1,983	3,646
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# $WESTERN\ BUSINESS\ UNIT\ -\ Buffalo\ Wallow$

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	120 Bcfe of estimated proved reserves and production of 29 MMcfe/d
	370 drillsites identified (40 identified as PUD)
	Field approved for 20 acre downspacing
	Production increased 45% 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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WESTERN BUSINESS UNI	Delaware Basin Deep Gas	Play
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### **Haley Atoka Morrow Play**

Rejuvenated in 2003

Area currently producing in excess of 100 MMcfe/d

FST has 27,000 gross acres

Vermejo Field Two deep tests currently drilling and one completing

## 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 36 MMcfe/d
Well costs reduced
Seven 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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### **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

Four wells in the field completed at an average of 4.4 MMcfe/d

Two wells in progress

### 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 96,000 surrounding the two discoveries

New supply contract commences in Q4 2005

4 additional tests planned in 2005

### 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

### 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	
8 company-owned drilling rigs operating in the Permian Basin  Tax attributes	

Extensive undeveloped acreage and seismic database worldwide

### **VALUE PROPOSITION** Peer Group Comparison

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\* Pro forma for Buffalo Wallow acquisition

THE	NEW	<b>FST</b>	Summary of C	<b>Opportunity</b>
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Unlocks intrinsic shareholder value in a tax efficient manner and clarifies the value proposition

Maintains Forest s credit quality and capitalizes Mariner appropriately

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 \$3.00 per proved reserve and \$13,750 per flowing Mcfe/d for remaining Forest

Public valuations and M&A transactions support values of \$3.75 per proved reserve and \$10,500 per flowing Mcfe/d for Mariner/Spinco

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