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THE NEW FST

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

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Goldman Sachs
Global Energy Conference 2006
January 18, 2006

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)
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

* Subject to Mariner shareholder vote and SEC registration requirements

Combination [LOGO]

Mariner Contribution	[LOGO]	Forest Contribution	[LOGO]
Management		Development expertise/personnel	
Deepwater, shelf, West Texas assets		Underexploited shelf assets	
Exploration track record		Identified exploitation opportunities	
Prospect inventory		Cash flow	
42% Equity Ownership	[LOGO]	**58% Equity Ownership**	

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

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

Mariner SpinCo Trend Map

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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

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* Reserves are pro-forma acquisition of Bass Lite

GOM Lease Expirations 2004-2005: 563 Leases

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GOM Lease Expirations 2006-07: 2,411 Leases

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GOM Lease Expirations

Mariner Organization

Chairman
CEO
Scott Josey
(25 years)

COO

Dalton Polasek
(30 years)

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

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

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*Includes $10MM for non-cash stock compensation

Reserves Replacement Rate

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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

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2005 Production

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EV/ 2004 Proved Reserves

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EV/ 2005 Production

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*Reserves are pro-forma for acquisition of Bass Lite

Note: Enterprise values as of January 12, 2006.

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

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2004 Reserves: 1,454 Bcfe *

61% Gas

75% PD

New Forest Oil

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2004 Reserves: 1,110 Bcfe *

55% Gas

74% PD

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YTD 2005 Production: 475 MMcfe/d

2005 R/P: 8.0

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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		Revised 4 Point Strategy	
1.	**Leadership**	**1.**	**Grow organically**
	Superb technical talent pool		12% prod. growth in 2006 (10% organic)
	Deep managerial bench		Exploit new portfolio and resource plays
	Proven acquiror		
2.	**Strategies**	**2.**	**Identify attractive acquisition opportunities**
	Sustainable growth at high returns		Strong track record and momentum
	Intense focus on costs		Target prospect rich opportunities supported by land
			Tax-efficient acquiror ($706 MM NOLs)
3.	**Discipline**	**3.**	**Reduce costs**
	Rigorous evaluation criteria		
	Capital budget adherence		Cost control in all areas
4.	**Focus**	**4.**	**Preserve financial flexibility**
	Focused onshore portfolio		Strong free cash flow profile
	Critical mass in core areas		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)

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SUSTAINABLE GROWTH PROFILE

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* Adjusted for 7 MMcfe/d announced deferrals due to Hurricanes

EXTENSIVE PROSPECT INVENTORY

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

WESTERN BUSINESS UNIT - *Buffalo Wallow*

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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

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

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

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 ***Katy***

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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

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

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

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

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2005E Production

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EV/2004 Proved Reserves
Mean $2.80 / Mcfe

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EV/2005E Production
Mean $12,788 / Mmcfe/d

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Note: Enterprise values as of January 12, 2006.

* Pro forma for Buffalo Wallow acquisition

THE NEW FST Summary of Opportunity

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 $2.80 per proved reserve and $12,788 per flowing Mcfe/d for remaining Forest

Public valuations and M&A transactions support values of $3.17 per proved reserve and $10,983 per flowing Mcfe/d for Mariner/Spinco

EBITDA Reconciliation

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	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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