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ON MARCH 12, 2004, PXP AND NUEVO FILED A JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ CAREFULLY THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION BECAUSE IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PXP, NUEVO AND THE ACQUISITION. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS MAY OBTAIN A FREE COPY OF THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED BY PXP AND NUEVO WITH THE SEC AT THE SEC'S WEBSITE AT WWW.SEC.GOV.

THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FOR FREE BY DIRECTING A REQUEST TO PLAINS EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION COMPANY, 700 MILAM, SUITE 3100, HOUSTON, TX 77002, ATTENTION: JOANNA PANKEY; TELEPHONE: (832) 239-6000, E-MAIL: JPANKEY@PLAINSP.COM.

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