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Registration Statement
Under the Securities Act of 1933

#### **U.S. ENERGY CORP.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

#### Wyoming

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

#### 83-0205516

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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The information in this prospectus is subject to completion or amendment. The securities covered by this prospectus cannot be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission becomes effective. This prospectus shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state in which an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of that state.

## U.S. Energy Corp. 1,509,562 Shares of Common Stock

This prospectus, included in the October \_\_\_, 2005 post-effective amendment to the Form S-1 registration statement (originally declared effective on June 18, 2004), covers the offer and sale of up to 745,336 shares of common stock (\$0.01 par value) of U.S. Energy Corp. ("USE") by shareholders; and up to 764,226 shares of common stock by holders of warrants and options on exercise thereof. Collectively, those persons are referred to as the "selling shareholders" in this prospectus. See "Selling Shareholders."

The selling shareholders, and the shares offered by them for sale, are comprised of those persons who have not sold such shares as of the date of this prospectus. No longer included in the prospectus are (a) those persons who sold all of their shares; (b) those persons whose warrants or options have expired; and (c) those persons who have held shares (originally issued as restricted securities) more than two years, and who thereby are entitled to sell their shares under rule 144(k).

In this prospectus, "we," "Company," and "USE" refer to U.S. Energy Corp. (and its subsidiaries unless otherwise specifically stated).

The selling shareholders may sell the shares from time to time in negotiated transactions, brokers' transactions or a combination of such methods of sale at market prices prevailing at the time of sale or at negotiated prices, or under rule 144. See "Plan of Distribution." Although we will receive proceeds if and to the extent options and warrants are exercised, we will not receive proceeds from sale of any of the shares offered by the selling shareholders.

USE is traded ("USEG") on the Nasdaq Small Cap Market (\$4.11 on October 5, 2005).

An investment in the shares offered by this prospectus is speculative and subject to risk of loss. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 11 and the table of contents on page 5.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is October \_\_\_, 2005

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## **Summary Information**

The following summarizes all material information found elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary is qualified by the more detailed information in this prospectus and the exhibits filed with the registration statement which contains this prospectus.

#### The Company

U.S. Energy Corp. ("USE") is a Wyoming corporation (formed in 1966) in the business of acquiring, exploring, developing and/or selling or leasing mineral properties. USE and Crested Corp. ("Crested") originally were independent companies, with two common affiliates (John L. Larsen and Max T. Evans; Mr. Evans died in February 2002). In 1980, USE and Crested formed a joint venture ("USECC") to do business together (unless one or the other elected not to pursue an individual project). From time to time, USE has funded many of Crested's obligations because Crested did not have the funds to pay its own obligations. Crested has paid a portion of this debt by issuing common stock to USE. At June 30, 2005, Crested owed \$11,540,000 to USE.

Historically, our business strategy has been, and will continue to be, acquiring grass roots and/or developed mineral properties when commodity prices are low (such as they have been in natural gas, gold, uranium and molybdenum), then operating, selling, leasing or joint venturing the properties, or selling the companies we set up to hold and explore or develop the properties to other companies in the mineral sector when prices are moving upward.

Typically, projects initially are acquired, financed and operated by USE and Crested in their joint venture (see below). From time to time, some of the projects are then transferred to separate companies organized for that purpose, with the objective of raising capital from an outside source for further development and/or joint venturing with other companies. Examples of this corporate strategy are: for gold properties, Sutter Gold Mining Inc. (formerly Globemin Resources Inc., a publicly traded British Columbia company, which acquired Sutter Gold Mining Company, and then changed its name to Sutter Gold Mining Inc.); and Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. for coalbed methane ("CBM"). Additional subsidiaries have been organized but are not fully operational at October 5, 2005: U.S. Uranium Ltd. for uranium and U.S. Moly Corp. for molybdenum. Initial ownership of these subsidiaries will be by USE and Crested, with additional stock (plus options) held by their officers, directors and employees. Additional subsidiaries may be organized in the future for discrete projects.

In 2002 and 2003, USE's primary business focus was in the CBM business conducted through its subsidiary Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. ("RMG"). In 2004 and into 2005, commodity prices for the minerals in all our properties (and for molybdenum, the property that we expect to receive back from Phelps Dodge Corporation) increased significantly. Accordingly, in 2004 and continuing into 2005, our business activity has been expanding to include the gold, uranium and molybdenum properties. RMG was sold in June 2005 (see "Capital Activities in Second Quarter 2005").

Principal executive offices of USE and Crested are located in the Glen L. Larsen building at 877 North 8th West, Riverton, Wyoming 82501, telephone 307-856-9271. Sutter Gold Mining Inc. has an office in Sutter Creek, California.

In this prospectus, "we," "Company" or "USE" refer to U.S. Energy Corp. including Crested Corp. ("Crested") and other subsidiaries unless otherwise specifically noted. The Company's fiscal year ends December 31.

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# Capital Activities in 2004 and First Quarter 2005

**USE** 

**\$350,000** Equity - 2004. In the first quarter 2004, we obtained \$350,000 of equity funding from an accredited investor (100,000 shares of USE common stock, three year warrants to purchase 50,000 shares of USE common stock, at \$3.00 per share; and five year warrants to purchase 200,000 shares at \$3.00 per share).

**\$3,000,000 Loan - 2004**. In the third quarter 2004, we borrowed \$3,000,000 from Geddes and Company of Phoenix, Arizona. The loan had an original maturity date of July 30, 2006, with 10% annual interest, and was secured principally by RMG's CBM properties in the Castle Rock prospect and 4,000,000 shares of RMG stock held by USE. This loan was restructured on June 1, 2005 (see "Capital Activities in Second Quarter 2005"). The loan may be prepaid in cash without penalty.

**\$4,720,000 Loan - First Quarter 2005**. On February 9, 2005, we borrowed \$4,000,000 from seven accredited investors, issuing \$4,720,000 face amount of debentures (including three years of annual interest at 6%). Net proceeds to USE were \$3,700,000 after paying a commission and lenders' legal costs.

The debentures were unsecured; the face amount of the debentures was payable every six months from February 4, 2005, in five installments of 20%, in cash or in restricted common stock of USE. USE had the right to pay this amortization payment in cash or in stock at the lower of \$2.43 per share (the "set price") or 90% of the volume weighted average price of USE's stock for the 90 trading days prior to the repayment date. The set price was determined on the formula of 90% of the volume weighted average price of the stock over the 90 trading days prior to February 4, 2005. The debentures were convertible to restricted common stock of USE at the set price.

At any time, USE had the right to redeem some or all of the debentures in cash or stock, in an amount equal to 120% of the face amount of the debentures until February 4, 2006; 115% from February 5, 2006 to February 4, 2007; and 110% from February 5, 2007 until maturity.

The preceding is a summary of the principal terms of the debentures. The form of debenture is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

USE issued warrants to the investors, expiring February 4, 2008, to purchase 971,195 shares of restricted common stock, at \$3.63 per share (equal to 110% of the Nasdaq closing price on February 3, 2005). The number of shares underlying the warrants equals 50% of the shares issuable on full conversion of the debentures at the set price (as if the debentures were so converted on February 4, 2005). Warrants to purchase 100,000 shares, at the same price and for the same term as the warrants issued to the investors, have been issued to HPC Capital Management (a registered broker-dealer) as compensation (in addition to a 7% cash commission) for its services in connection with the transaction.

If in any period of 20 consecutive trading days (after registration has been approved) USE's stock price exceeds 200% of the warrants' exercise price, on each of the trading days, all of the warrants will expire on the 30h day after USE sends a call notice to the warrant holders.

Pursuant to agreement with the debenture investors, USE filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement (SEC File No. 333-124277) to cover the future public sale of shares issuable in payment and/or conversion of the debentures, and the shares issuable on exercise of the warrants, as well as the future sale by HPC Capital Management of the shares issuable on exercise of the warrants issued to HPC. The registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on June 13, 2005.

As of July 18, 2005, all of the debenture holders had converted the entire \$4,720,000 of the debt to 1,942,387 shares of USE common stock. Some of the warrants were exercised (for 320,494 shares) as of October 5, 2005.

#### **RMG**

On June 1, 2005, RMG was acquired by Enterra Energy Trust (see "Capital Activities in Second Quarter 2005")

**Preferred Stock - 2004**. In the first quarter 2004, RMG raised \$1,800,000 of equity financing from the sale of shares of Series A Preferred Stock in RMG, and warrants to purchase shares of common stock of USE, to institutional investors. Proceeds were used to pay part of the Hi-Pro acquisition price, and for RMG working capital. Terms of the securities:

- 1. 600,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock at \$3.00 per share, 10% cumulative annual dividend payable at RMG's election in cash or shares of common stock of RMG (at \$3.00 per share) or shares of common stock of USE (at 90% of USE's volume weighted average price for the five days, referred to as the "set price"). The Series A Preferred Stock was convertible at the holder's election into shares of common stock of RMG, at \$3.00 per share, or shares of common stock of USE at the set price, until February 2006.
- 2. Warrants to purchase 150,000 shares of common stock of USE, at the set price.

As of March 3, 2005, all Series A Preferred Stock including dividends has been converted to and paid with USE common stock (894,299 shares), and all warrants have been exercised (150,000 shares of USE common stock).

**Purchase of the Hi-Pro Production, LLC** ("Hi-Pro") **Properties**. In 2004, RMG organized a wholly-owned subsidiary RMG I, LLC for the purchase of producing and non-producing CBM properties (the "Hi-Pro properties) near Gillette, Wyoming. RMG and USE participated in raising equity capital and mezzanine financing for this transaction.

**Agreement for Acquisition of RMG by with Enterra Energy Trust.** As of April 11, 2005, RMG entered into a binding agreement with Enterra Energy Trust ("Enterra," listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq National Market), for the acquisition of RMG by Enterra. See "Capital Activities in Second Quarter 2005"

#### **Sutter Gold Mining Inc.**

In 2004, Sutter Gold Mining Company, a majority-owned subsidiary with gold properties in California, was acquired by Globemin Resources Inc., a British Columbia corporation which is traded on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSX-V) under its new name, Sutter Gold Mining Inc. A total of Cdn \$1,061,800 of equity capital has been raised to continue exploration work on the properties.

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## Molybdenum

In February 2005, the United States District Court in Colorado issued an order authorizing Phelps Dodge to return mining claims at Mt. Emmons (near Crested Butte, Colorado) to USE and Crested, including a water treatment plant and the responsibility for operating it. The mining claims contain a world class molybdenum deposit. In 2005, USE and Crested expect to receive back from Phelps Dodge Corporation the patented and unpatented mining claims containing the molybdenum deposit. There are no current plans to put these properties into production but various strategies are being evaluated, including putting the property into production; selling or leasing the property to (or joint venturing the property with) other entities. These strategies will require resolution of significant permitting issues and substantial amounts of capital. In 2005, we expect to transfer the properties to a new subsidiary, U.S. Moly Corp. The Company and Crested each own 50% of U.S. Moly Corp.

#### **Uranium**

In December 2004, USE and Crested agreed to sell a 50% interest in the Sheep Mountain (Wyoming) uranium properties to Bell Coast Capital Corp., now named Uranium Power Corp. ("UPC"), a British Columbia company trading on the TSX Venture Exchange, for \$4,050,000 and 4,000,000 shares of UPC common stock payable by installments through December 2007. The parties signed a Mining Venture Agreement with UPC as of April 11, 2005 for the Sheep Mountain property and other properties to be acquired. UPC may provide up to \$10,000,000 for up to 20 different projects.

Plateau Resources Limited (a wholly-owned subsidiary of USE) agreed in December 2004 to lease uranium properties now controlled or owned (and to be acquired) by a third party in reasonable proximity to Plateau's Shootaring Canyon Mill ("Shootaring Mill") in southeastern Utah. The purpose of this agreement is to obtain uranium properties for future mining to supply the Shootaring Mill, which we plan to put into production.

In 2005, we expect to transfer the uranium claims, and Plateau Resources Limited to a new subsidiary, U.S. Uranium Ltd. ("USUL") We have filed a request with the State of Utah for an operational license to reopen and operate the Shootaring Mill. The Company and Crested each own 50% of U.S. Uranium Ltd.

#### **Capital Activities in Second Quarter 2005**

#### **RMG**

General. As of April 11, 2005, USE, Crested, and their joint-majority-owned subsidiary RMG, entered into a binding agreement with Enterra Energy Trust ("Enterra") for the acquisition of RMG by Enterra in consideration of \$20,000,000, payable pro rata to the RMG shareholders in the amounts of \$6,000,000 in cash and \$14,000,000 in exchangeable shares of one of the subsidiary companies of Enterra. Enterra (Calgary, Alberta) is an open ended unincorporated investment trust; units of Enterra are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX") and Nasdaq. The purchase price was subject to a minor adjustment of \$266,000 if certain overriding royalty interests were purchased.

On May 20, 2005, the agreement with Enterra was amended to provide for payment of the \$6,000,000 component with \$500,000 cash and \$5,500,000 with Enterra units, subject to the minor adjustment.

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On June 1, 2005, the agreement, as amended, was closed: Enterra US Acquisitions Inc. (a privately-held Washington corporation organized by Enterra for purposes of the RMG acquisition, hereafter "Acquisitions") acquired all the outstanding stock of RMG, for which Enterra paid \$500,000 cash and issued \$5,234,000 of Enterra units (the "Enterra Initial Units"), net of the \$266,000 adjustment for the purchase of overriding royalty interests (effected May 1, 2005); and Acquisitions issued \$14,000,000 of class D shares of Acquisitions. The Enterra Initial Units and the class D shares were issued pro rata to the RMG shareholders, with certain adjustments (see below). USE's and Crested's participation in the consideration received was approximately \$17,841,700. USE's consolidated subsidiary, Yellowstone Fuels, Corp. ("YSFC") also received approximately \$296,700.

RMG was acquired with approximately \$3,500,000 of debt (at December 31, 2004) owed by its subsidiary (RMG I, LLC) to its mezzanine lenders, USE will no longer carry this debt on its consolidated balance sheet. As a result of the RMG disposition, USE and Crested no longer directly hold coalbed methane properties, although with their holdings in securities of Enterra (and Acquisitions), and Pinnacle Gas Resources, Inc.("Pinnacle") (a private coalbed methane company in which USE and Crested hold an equity interest), both companies will continue with investments in the oil and gas sector.

The Enterra Initial Units presently are tradable on the TSX. On June 1, 2006, the class D shares of Acquisitions (not traded anywhere) will be exchangeable, on a one-for-one basis, for additional Enterra units (the "Enterra Additional Units"); the Enterra Additional Units will be tradable on the TSX at that time. For purposes of the Securities Act of 1933, the class D shares of Acquisitions and the Enterra Initial Units have been issued (and the Enterra Additional Units will be issued on June 1, 2006) as restricted securities under rule 144. The Enterra Initial Units will not be tradable on Nasdaq until June 1, 2006, and the Enterra Additional Units will not be tradable on Nasdaq until June 1, 2007, in both instances subject to compliance with rule 144. Proceeds from liquidation over time of the Enterra Initial Units and the to-be-received Enterra Additional Units will fund exploration and development work on other mineral properties held by USE and Crested, and to retire USE debt (see "Restructuring of USE Debt" below).

RMG's minority equity ownership of Pinnacle (see below) was not included in the disposition of RMG, but was assigned to USE and Crested in proportion to their ownership of RMG. Enterra is entitled to be paid by USE an amount of up to (but not more than) \$2,000,000, if proceeds from a future disposition by USE and Crested to a third party of the minority equity interest in Pinnacle exceed \$10,000,000. Currently, we have no information about whether or when Pinnacle might become a public company or might be purchased by third parties. The value of the minority equity position upon a future disposition could be more or less than \$10,000,000. The boards of directors of USE and Crested determined that the value of RMG's minority equity interest in Pinnacle is approximately \$6,250,000; based upon Pinnacle's recent sales of equity to its shareholders (RMG did not participate in those sales). To compensate the minority shareholders of RMG (including officers, directors and employees of USE and Crested, Mark J. Larsen (former president and a former director of RMG), Yellowstone Fuels, Corp. ("YSFC") and Tom Swank (a former director of RMG) for their pro rata beneficially-owned 5.9% (\$370,916) of the \$6,250,000 value of the minority Pinnacle interest transferred to USE and Crested, on September 28, 2005, USE issued 87,689 restricted shares of common stock to the former minority shareholders of RMG, pro rata for their May 31, 2005 percentage beneficial ownership in Pinnacle (through their former ownership in RMG). These USE shares were valued at market for the ten trading days beginning September 12, 2005.

For information on the participation in the Enterra agreement consideration of certain of the officers and directors of USE and Crested, and two of the (former) officers and directors of RMG, see "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions."

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Participation in the Disposition by USE and Crested. On May 10, 2005, RMG issued 3,893,584 shares of common stock to USE and 502,130 shares of common stock to Crested, in consideration of the cancellation by USE and Crested of approximately \$6,268,700 and \$808,400 owed to USE and Crested, respectively, for USE issuing USE stock on conversion of RMG common and preferred stock purchased by third party investors, payment of RMG's general and administrative overhead, and RMG's operating deficits. As a result of this transaction, prior to closing of the Enterra agreement, RMG had issued and outstanding 16,851,453 shares of common stock, of which USE owned 10,228,527 shares (60.7%), Crested owned 5,620,464 shares (33.4%), and YSFC (an affiliate of USE) owned 250,000 shares (1.5%). Individuals owned 4.4% of RMG (including 2.5% which was owned by certain of the officers and directors of USE, Crested and RMG - see "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions"). The holders of all these RMG shares received their pro rata share of the Enterra Initial Units and the class D shares of Acquisitions, with the following exceptions:

- · USE's and Crested's portions of Enterra Initial Units was reduced by 16,983 and 9,331 Enterra Initial Units (for their portions of the \$500,000 cash component); and by another 9,035 and 4,965 Enterra Initial Units (for their portions of \$266,000 of the total amount paid to buy out and cancel overriding royalty interests held by mezzanine lenders on certain gas properties owned by RMG, which buy out was required by the agreement with Enterra). USE issued to the mezzanine lenders warrants to purchase a total of 50,000 shares of common stock of USE; the exercise price will be valued at the Nasdaq Official Close Price at a date to be selected, anticipated to be in the third quarter of 2005.
- · USE's portion of the class D shares of Acquisitions was reduced by 10,664 class D shares which were issued to a secured lender of USE (see "Restructuring of USE Debt" below).

<u>Restructuring of USE Debt</u>. On June 1, 2005, USE and Geddes and Company ("Geddes") agreed to restructure a \$3,000,000 secured debt; extinguish Geddes' right to convert the debt to RMG shares; retire outstanding RMG warrants, and issue USE shares (and transfer class D shares of Acquisitions) to Geddes.

Pursuant to the agreement, USE agreed to pay Geddes \$500,000 cash, and pay the \$2,500,000 balance in ten monthly installments of \$250,000 (plus interest) beginning July 1, 2005. USE also transferred to Geddes 10,664 of the class D shares of Acquisitions (valued at \$225,000 or \$21.10 per class D share) which USE would have received on closing of the Enterra agreement, and USE agreed to issue \$225,000 in restricted shares of USE common stock (at market for the ten trading days beginning September 12, 2005).; 53,191 shares were issued on September 28, 2005). As of June 1, 2005, Geddes' option to convert the debt to RMG shares and all RMG warrants were extinguished, which was required under the Enterra agreement. The debt was secured with 157,895 of the Enterra Initial Units out of USE's portion thereof (to be released back to USE in tranches as installments were paid), and with the other original collateral securing Geddes' loan which is unrelated to RMG. At July 1, 2005 the entire debt to Geddes had been paid in full, and as of October 5, 2005, all remaining obligations to Geddes have been fulfilled and all collateral has been released.

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**Summary Information about the Subsidiaries**. Most operations are conducted through subsidiaries, the USECC Joint Venture with Crested, and jointly-owned subsidiaries of USE and Crested. The following information is as of December 31, 2004, except as noted.

**Percent Primary** 

Subsidiary Owned Business Conducted

by USE<sup>(1)</sup>

Plateau Resources 100% Uranium (Utah) - inactive mill - shut

Limited down, application filed to reopen and

operate

Rocky Mountain Gas, 91.1% CBM - active

Inc. $^{(2)(3)}$ 

Crested Corp. 70.1% Uranium and molybdenum (inactive and

shut down, with limited reactivation in uranium planned for 2005), gold (being reactivated on a limited basis), and exploration and production activities on

CBM properties.

Sutter Gold Mining 65.5% Gold (California) - inactive - being

Inc.<sup>(2)</sup> reactivated

Four Nines Gold, Inc. 50.9% Contract Drilling/Construction - inactive USECC Joint Venture 50.0% Uranium and molybdenum (inactive and

shut down, with limited reactivation in Wyoming uranium planned for 2005), gold (being reactivated), and CBM. Limited real estate and airport

operations.

Yellowstone Fuels, 35.9% Uranium (Wyoming) - inactive - shut

Corp. down

Pinnacle Gas 16.7% CBM exploration and production -

Resources, Inc.(2) active

(1) As of December 31, 2004

- (2) Includes ownership of Crested Corp. in RMG, Sutter Gold Mining Inc., and Pinnacle Gas Resources, Inc.
- (3) RMG was acquired by Enterra Energy Trust on June 1. 2005. See "Capital Activities in Second Quarter 2005"

The foregoing does not include information on ownership of subsidiaries which have been formed but are not yet active (U.S. Uranium Ltd. and U.S. Moly Corp.).

#### Financial information about industry segments.

From June 1, 2002 to December 31, 2003, for technical financial presentation purposes, we operated in two business segments: (i) CBM gas exploration and development (and holding shut down mines and mineral properties); and (ii) commercial operations (motel, real estate, and airport). By December 31, 2003, all activities in minerals (except CBM) and some of the commercial (motel/real estate/airport) had ceased or were curtailed, and the motel/commercial properties in Utah had been sold.

Through March 31, 2005, USE's primary activities of a material and recurring nature were in CBM. However, in 2004 and continuing in 2005, activities in gold and uranium were initiated, and activities are expected to start up in

molybdenum in 2005, and RMG was acquired on June 1, 2005. Therefore, in 2005 and beyond, we expect to continue to have one active industry segment - exploration and development of mineral properties in gold, molybdenum and uranium.

The principal products of operating units within each of the reportable industry segments for the full years 2004 and 2003, the seven months ended December 31, 2002 and the (former) fiscal year ended May 31, 2002 are shown below. For more information, see note I to the audited consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus.

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## **Industry Segments and Principal Products**

Minerals: Acquisition and exploration of CBM properties. This activity is material and recurring, and was our principal business focus in these periods. Sales and leases of other mineral-bearing properties and, from time to time, the production and/or marketing of minerals. Activities in uranium and gold were largely shut down as recurring activities in the periods but uranium and gold are being reactivated.

Commercial: Operation of an aircraft fixed based operation (fuel sales, flight instruction and aircraft maintenance) was shut down in the (former) fiscal year 2002. The motel in Utah was sold in 2003. Real estate rental and various contract services continue, including management services for subsidiary companies.

#### **Business and Properties**

#### **Coalbed Methane**

RMG was acquired by Enterra Energy Trust on June 1, 2005. The following is selected information about RMG before that date.

#### General.

RMG was incorporated in Wyoming on November 1, 1999 for business in the CBM industry in Wyoming and Montana. RMG was a subsidiary of USE (owned 51.3% by USE and 39.8% by Crested at December 31, 2004). At December 31, 2004, RMG was indebted to the Company in the amount of \$6,059,300. The obligation was incurred by RMG's continuing operating deficits (funded by USE) and for USE issuing common stock on conversion of RMG common stock, as well as preferred stock and payment of dividends on the preferred stock. In addition, a small percentage of RMG stock was held by employees, officers and directors of USE, Crested and RMG (plus options to buy more subsidiary stock) as an equity incentive for those persons to work for the subsidiary in addition to their responsibilities to USE and Crested. The shares and options were forfeitable if service were to be terminated before retirement.

In 2003, RMG transferred all of its interest in certain CBM properties, including a producing property, to Pinnacle.

On January 30, 2004, RMG, through its wholly-owned subsidiary RMG I, LLC ("RMG I"), acquired CBM properties in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming. See "Acquisition of Producing and Non-Producing Properties from Hi-Pro." Part of the purchase price was financed under a \$25 million mezzanine credit facility.

RMG held leases and options on approximately 237,200 gross mineral acres (not including acreage held by Pinnacle) of federal, state and private (fee) land in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming and Montana, and adjacent to the Green River Basin of Wyoming.

From RMG's inception, through December 31, 2004, 88 exploratory wells were drilled primarily with funds provided by our industry partner CCBM (and another oil and gas company under a farmout agreement (completed in 2002) for exploration on our Castle Rock, Montana property). Forty-three of the wells were on properties transferred to Pinnacle in mid-2003. The balance of 45 wells, (15 of which have been plugged and abandoned) are on properties held by RMG. Proven reserves have not been established for any of the properties on which the exploratory wells were drilled. No wells were drilled in the six months ended June 30, 2005.

The Castle Rock property in southeast Montana, and the Oyster Ridge property adjacent to the Green River Basin (southwest Wyoming), are large properties which would require the drilling of numerous exploratory wells and extensive dewatering for each group of wells (possibly as much as 3-12 months after drilling and completion) before an assessment of proven reserves could be made.

### Transaction with Pinnacle Gas Resources, Inc.

On June 23, 2003, RMG, CCBM and its parent company Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc., and seven affiliates of Credit Suisse First Boston Private Equity (the "CSFB Parties") signed and closed agreements for a transaction with Pinnacle. The transaction included: (1) the contribution to Pinnacle by RMG and CCBM of all their ownership of a portion of the CBM properties owned by RMG and CCBM, in exchange for common stock and options to buy common stock in Pinnacle; and (2) \$17,640,000 cash to Pinnacle by the CSFB Parties for common stock and series A preferred stock of Pinnacle, and warrants to purchase series A preferred stock of Pinnacle. The CSFB Parties have contributed significant additional capital to Pinnacle since June 2003.

RMG's original stake in Pinnacle was transferred to USE and Crested in connection with the sale of RMG on June 1, 2005. At December 31, 2004, RMG's ownership in Pinnacle's common stock was 16.7% on a fully diluted basis. This percentage has been reduced through capital calls in which USE and Crested have not participated, and further dilution may occur in the future.

Pinnacle is a private corporation. Only that information about Pinnacle which its board of directors elects to release is available to the public. All other information about Pinnacle is subject to confidentiality agreements between Pinnacle and its shareholders.

Pinnacle is authorized to issue common and preferred stock. Pinnacle has issued series A preferred stock, all held by the CSFB Parties: Liquidation preference of \$100.00 per share; 10.5% compounded cumulative annual dividend (12.5% after July 1, 2010); redeemable at Pinnacle's option after July 1, 2004 at a premium declining to par after July 1, 2009; and with voting rights (a) pari passu with the common stock on regular matters, and (b) as a separate class, to authorize changes in the series A preferred stock, and to authorize certain other substantive matters.

#### **Reserve Data**

Netherland Sewell and Associates, Inc. ("NSAI," Houston, Texas), independent petroleum engineers, prepared a report on RMG's proved reserves, as of December 31, 2004, estimating recoverable reserves from the CBM properties, and the present value (discounted 10%) of future cash flow therefrom. NSAI's report takes into account fixed pricing for some production in 2005, reflects the reduction in RMG's net revenue interests due to the overriding royalty interests held by lenders, and (except for fixed pricing in 2005) is based on the CIG Spot market price of \$5.515 per Mmbtu, adjusted by lease for energy content, transportation fees and regional price differentials on December 31, 2004, without price escalation. Following is a summary of the December 31, 2004 reserve report:

	Reserves (MCF)	Net Present Value (discounted at 10%)
Proved Developed	1,651,666	\$3,486,400
Producing		
Proved Developed	889,051	\$2,304,800
Non-Producing		
Proved Undeveloped	515,224	\$ 723,400

Total 3,055,941 \$6,514,600

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The present value, discounted 10% value ("PV10 value") was prepared after ad valorem and production taxes on a pre-income tax basis, and is not intended to represent the current market value of the estimated gas reserves purchased from Hi-Pro.

The PV10 value takes into account RMG I's contracts to sell 1,000 Mmbtu per day in 2005 at a fixed price of \$4.14 per Mmbtu and 500 Mmbtu per day for January 1, 2005 through March 31, 2005 at a fixed price of \$8.10 per Mmbtu. From time to time, RMG I may sign fixed price contracts for more production. In addition, gas market prices will vary, possibly by significant amounts, throughout each year, and on an average basis from year to year. For these reasons, the cash flow realized from production likely will vary from the estimates of cash flow used to determine the PV10 value.

Estimates of the economically recoverable quantities of gas attributable to any particular property, the classification of reserves as to proved developed and proved undeveloped based on risk of recovery, and estimates of the future net cash flows expected from the properties, as prepared by different engineers or by the same engineers but at different times, may vary substantially, and the estimates may be revised up or down as assumptions change.

The PV10 discount factor, which is required by the SEC for use in calculating discounted future net cash flows for reporting purposes, is not necessarily the most appropriate discount factor, based on interest rates in effect in the financial markets, and risks associated with the gas business.

## **Volumes, Prices and Gas Operating Expense**

This table shows the volume of gas sold (net of usage to fuel compressors); and average sales prices for gas sold and average production costs calculated on a per mcf basis, for RMG's production in 2004.

Year
Ended
December
31,
2004

Sales volume (mcf)	728,051
Average sales price	\$4.05
per mcf <sup>(1)</sup>	
Average cost per	\$3.19
$mcf^{(2)}$	

- (1) Represents the weighted average of selling 92% of production at fixed contract prices and 8% at the market.
- (2) Includes direct lifting costs (labor, repairs and maintenance, materials and supplies, workover costs, insurance and property, gathering, compression, marketing and severance taxes).

# Acquisition and Exploration Capital Expenditures - All CBM Properties Through December 31, 2004

From inception on November 1, 1999 through December 31, 2004, RMG incurred net acquisition (purchase price and holding costs) and exploration costs (drilling and completion) on CBM properties of approximately \$8,897,300, which does not include approximately \$2,500,000 funded by CCBM on RMG's behalf for leasehold, drilling and completion costs. Unproved properties on the balance sheet at December 31, 2004 reflect the reduction (by \$5,706,600) to reflect the reduction of the full cost price as a result of principal payments made by CCBM under its agreement with RMG

and by payments from other industry partners. The foregoing does not include \$957,700 spent by RMG on properties transferred to Pinnacle, which we recorded at December 31, 2003 as an investment in Pinnacle.

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The following table shows certain information regarding the gross costs incurred by RMG.

					Seven Months Ended	Year Ended
	De	cember 31, 2004	31, 2003	December 31, 2002	May 31, 2002	
Acquisition costs	\$	6,613,900	\$ 107,100	\$ 936,200	\$ 192,600	
Development		1,642,600	158,300	97,200	87,400	
•	\$	8,256,500	\$ 265,400	\$ 1,033,400	\$ 280,000	

The acquisition costs included amounts paid for properties, delay rentals, lease option payments, and general and administrative costs directly attributable to the acquisitions.

The recorded amounts for acquisition and exploration of \$8,256,500, \$265,400, \$1,033,400 and \$280,000 represent 26.9%, 1.1%, 3.6% and 1.0% of total assets at December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2003, and May 31, 2002.

We use the full-cost method of accounting for gas properties. Under this method, all acquisition and exploration costs are capitalized in a "full-cost pool" as incurred. Depletion of the pool will be recorded using the unit-of-production method. To the extent capitalized costs in the full-cost pool (net of depreciation, depletion and amortization and related deferred taxes) exceed the present value (using a 10% discount rate) of estimated future net pre-tax cash flows from proved gas reserves as established by reserve reports, the excess costs will be charged to operations.

All acquisition and exploration costs for a property are capitalized until such time as proven reserves can be established, or not, for the property. If no proven reserves are established, those capitalized costs will be transferred to the amortization basis and be subject to an impairment test. To the extent proven reserves are established for an exploration property to be less than such costs, the costs will be written-down to the amount of present value of the proven reserves. In this event, assets would decrease and expenses would increase. Once incurred, a write-down of gas properties can't later be reversed.

In addition, if future exploration work (in particular the larger prospects) is delayed because of lack of capital or permitting delays, or both, with the result that it cannot be established whether or not proved reserves exist on the properties, the exploration costs for those properties would be written-off.

#### **Inactive Mining Properties - Uranium**

**General.** We have interests in several uranium-bearing properties in Wyoming, Arizona, and Utah, the Shootaring Mill, in Garfield County, Utah, and properties in proximity to the mill. All the uranium-bearing properties are in areas which produced significant amounts of uranium in the 1970s and 1980s. At some future date, we could develop and operate these properties (directly or through a subsidiary company or a joint venture) to produce uranium concentrates (" $U_3O_8$ ") for sale to public utilities with nuclear powered electricity generating plants. Uranium concentrate spot prices have increased substantially to \$32/lb. at October 3, 2005, compared to \$10/lb. in 2002. However, further increases to sustained higher prices will be needed to warrant putting the properties in production. All of the uranium properties are shut down; work is performed on the mines to prevent flooding and permitting work is done as needed

(monitoring and reporting) to keep existing permits in effect.

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Over a period of at least 18 months, substantial and expensive work would be required to put the uranium mines into production, including permitting, cleaning rock and other debris from shafts and tunnels, pumping water out of the mines, extending shafts and tunnels, and drill sampling to ascertain whether a commercially viable ore body exists on any of the properties.

A decision to put the uranium properties into production will depend upon uranium prices, mining and milling costs and the ability to raise the necessary funds.

At June 30, 2005, \$166,100 was carried on the balance sheet for uranium properties.

We believe the uranium properties we now hold have significant value because uranium prices continue to rise and stabilize at higher prices. Our decision to proceed will be based on our efforts to raise capital through joint ventures or otherwise, to explore the properties further; put the mines into production, and refurbish the Shootaring Mill in Utah. To that end, we have signed an agreement to sell a 50% interest in the Sheep Mountain properties in Wyoming and enter into a joint venture agreement for those properties (and others to be acquired) with Bell Coast Capital Corp., now named Uranium Power Corp. ("UPC") and a separate agreement to lease and acquire more uranium properties in Utah.

On-going acquisition and exploration activities have resulted in a current property base in excess of 32,000 acres. All of these properties are actively being evaluated and currently comprise eleven separate projects. Future drilling is planned for all of these properties, to follow the Sheep Mountain (Wyoming) and Breccia Pipe (Arizona) drilling programs in an orderly manner.

### **Sheep Mountain - Wyoming**

Unpatented lode mining claims, underground and open pit uranium mines and mining equipment in the Crooks Gap area are located on Sheep Mountain in Fremont County, Wyoming. From December 31, 1988 to June 1, 1998, these properties were held by Sheep Mountain Partners ("SMP") a Colorado general partnership. In February 1988, USE and Crested acquired from Western Nuclear, Inc. unpatented lode uranium mines, mining equipment and mineralized properties (including underground and open pit mines) at Crooks Gap in south-central Fremont County, Wyoming. The mines were first operated by Western Nuclear in the 1970s. USECC mined and milled uranium ore from one of the underground Sheep Mines in 1988 and 1989. In December 1988, USECC sold 50 percent of the interest in the Crooks Gap properties to a subsidiary of Nukem, Inc. and formed Sheep Mountain Partners ("SMP"), in which USECC received an undivided 50 percent interest.

On June 1, 1998, USE and Crested received back from SMP all of the Sheep Mountain mineral properties and equipment, in partial settlement of certain disputes with Nukem, Inc. Other of those disputes remain in litigation - see Item 3, "Legal Proceedings."

We have recorded reclamation liabilities for the SMP properties (see note K to the consolidated financial statements). All historical costs in the SMP properties were offset against a monetary award which was received from Nukem during fiscal 1999. Permits are in place only for standby maintenance of the mines and discharge of waste water pumped from the mines.

At June 15, 2005, we own 139 unpatented lode mining claims and a 644 acre Wyoming State Mineral Lease on Sheep Mountain in the Crooks Gap area (Fremont County). To date, six holes have been completed and logged, for a total of 3,740 feet. This property is subject to agreements with Uranium Power Corp. (see below).

The primary goal of this drilling program is to define the extension of previous high grade intersections at stratigraphic horizons deeper than the currently defined mineral horizons at the Sheep 1 and 2 mines. Hole SM16-1010 intersected 7.5 feet at an average grade of 0.13%  $U_3O_8$ . This intersection is at a depth of 527 feet, and is believed to be in the same roll front system as the high grade intersections from earlier drilling. The significance of the intersection is that it appears to demonstrate continuity of the roll front system. Hole SM16-1021 intersected a low grade zone at a depth of 465 feet with a gamma signature that indicates proximity to, but at a location ahead of, the nose of the roll front. Hole SM16-1023 intersected 3 feet of 8.03%  $U_3O_8$  at 92 feet. This encounter is thought to be an isolated pocket of mineralization contained in a carbonaceous zone of limited extent which is not uncommon in this type of sandstone hosted deposit. Hole SM16-1009 intersected 6.5 feet of .11%  $U_3O_8$  at a depth of 120 feet. Hole SM16-1023 intersected 15 feet of .09%  $U_3O_8$  at a depth of 19 feet and 5.5 feet of .06%  $U_3O_8$  at a depth of 56 feet. Hole SM16-1025 intersected 19 feet of .05%  $U_3O_8$  at a depth of 120 feet. These three holes may be indicative of potential for an open pit if further drilling identifies additional shallow mineralization. Results from the drilling program will assist in the mapping of the overall extent of the system, and in its full evaluation.

#### - UPC Joint Venture.

Purchase and Sale Agreement. On December 8, 2004, USE and Crested entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "agreement") with Bell Coast Capital Corp. now named Uranium Power Corp. ("UPC"), a British Columbia corporation (TSX-V "UCP-V") for the sale to UPC of an undivided 50% interest in the Sheep Mountain properties. A summary of certain provisions in the agreement follows.

The initial purchase price for the 50% interest in the properties is \$4,050,000 and 4,000,000 shares of common stock of UPC, payable by installments.

## Initial cash and equity purchase price:

October 29, \$ Paid 2004 175,000

November \$ Paid 29, 2004 175,000

June 29, 2005 \$ Paid on July 6, 2005 and

500,0001,000,000 common shares of UPC stock delivered on July 24,

2005

June 29, 2006 \$ and 750,000 common shares of

800,000UPC stock

December 29, \$\\$ and 750,000 common shares of

2006 800,000UPC stock

June 29, 2007 \$ and 750,000 common shares of

800,000UPC stock

December 29, <u>\$\\$\</u> and 750,000 common shares of

2007 <u>800,000</u>UPC stock

Total

4,000,000 common shares of 4,050,000UPC stock

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The cash portion of the initial purchase price was subject to increase by \$3,000,000 (in two \$1,500,000 installments) after the uranium oxide price (long term indicator) is at or exceeds \$30.00/lb for four consecutive weeks (the "price benchmark"). The price benchmark was achieved on June 20, 2005. Since the price benchmark occurred during the first 18 months after execution of the October 29, 2004 Agreement, the first payment of \$1.5 million is due on April 26, 2006 and the second payment of \$1.5 million is due on October 29, 2006. These payment obligations will survive closing of the purchase of the 50% interest in the properties; if the installments are not timely paid, UPC will forfeit all of its 50% interest in the properties, and in the joint venture to be formed.

USE and Crested, and UPC, will each be responsible for paying 50% of (i) current and future Sheep Mountain reclamation costs in excess of \$1,600,000 held by USE and Crested, and (ii) all costs to maintain and hold the properties.

Closing of the agreement is required on or before December 29, 2007, with UPC's last payment of the initial purchase price. At the closing, UPC will contribute its 50% interest in the properties, and USE and Crested will contribute their aggregate 50% interest in the properties, to the joint venture (see below), wherein UPC and USE/Crested each hold a 50% interest.

UPC will contribute up to \$10,000,000 to the joint venture (at \$500,000 for each of 20 exploration projects). USE/Crested, and UPC, each will be responsible for 50% of costs on each project in excess of \$500,000.

UPC may terminate the agreement before closing, in which event UPC (i) would forfeit all payments made to termination date, (ii) lose all of its interest in the properties to be contributed by USE/Crested under the agreement and (iii) be relieved of its share of reclamation liabilities existing at December 8, 2004.

#### - Mining Venture Agreement

As of April 11, 2005, the Company and Crested (as the USECC Joint Venture) signed a Mining Venture Agreement with UPC to establish a joint venture, with a term of 30 years, to explore, develop and mine the properties being purchased by UPC under the Purchase and Sale Agreement, and acquire, explore and develop additional uranium properties. The joint venture generally covers uranium properties in Wyoming and other properties identified in the USECC Joint Venture uranium property data base, but excluding; the Green Mountain area, Kennecott's Sweetwater uranium mill, the Shootaring Canyon uranium mill in southeast Utah (and properties within ten miles of that mill), and properties acquired in connection with a future joint venture involving that mill.

The initial participating interests in the joint venture (profits, losses and capital calls) are 50% for the USECC Joint Venture and 50% for UPC, based on their contributions of the Sheep Mountain properties. Operations will be funded by cash capital contributions of the parties; failure by a party to fund a capital call may result in a reduction or the elimination of its participating interest. In addition, a failure by UPC to pay for its 50% interest in the Sheep Mountain properties may result in a reduction or the elimination of UPC's participating interest. A budget of \$567,842 for the seven months ending December 31, 2005 has been approved, relating to reclamation work at the Sheep Mountain properties, exploration drilling, geological and engineering work, and other costs. A substantial portion of this work will be performed by (and be paid to) USECC Joint Venture as manager.

The manager of the joint venture is the USECC Joint Venture; the manager will implement the decisions of the management committee and operate the business of the joint venture. UPC and the USECC Joint Venture each have two representatives on the four person management committee, subject to change if the participating interests of the parties are adjusted. The manager is entitled to a management fee from the joint venture equal to a minimum of 10% of the manager's costs to provide services and materials to the joint venture (excluding capital costs) for field work and personnel, office overhead and general and administrative expenses, and 2% of capital costs. The manager may be replaced if its participating interest becomes less than 50%.

The preceding is a summary of certain provisions of the Mining Venture Agreement and the Purchase and Sale Agreement, and is qualified by reference to those agreements which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement that includes this prospectus.

On August 22, 2005, USE and Crested, and UPC, signed an agreement to add another uranium project (now totaling four) to the joint venture. The property, known as the Breccia Pipes Project, consists of 54 lode mining claims (principally, the Star and Java claims) on BLM land in Mohave and Coconino counties, Arizona. The exploration target on these properties is breccia pipe uranium deposits.

These properties were acquired by U.S. Uranium Ltd. ("USUL") pursuant to an agreement between USUL and Nu Star Exploration, LLC for \$200,000 (\$35,000 paid, with the balance payable in annual installments from September 21, 2005 through September 21, 2008). If USUL becomes a public company, the seller may take stock in lieu of annual cash payments, at 90% of USUL's stock market price. Production from the principal properties are subject to a 4% net value royalty (proceeds from sale of processed  $U_3O_8$ , less mining and processing costs, fees, and taxes); a minor property is subject to a 1% royalty. USUL has the right to buy 3% of the 4% royalty for ten years at a price of \$1 million.

Under the terms of the agreement between USUL and UPC, UPC will earn a 50% interest in the project by contributing the first \$500,000 in acquisition and exploration expenses for the project. Additionally, UPC has agreed to issue up to 500,000 common shares of UPC stock to USECC (subject to regulations of the TSX Venture Exchange) within six months of the date drilling results outline an Inferred Mineral Resource on the Breccia Pipes Project as follows: 1) 250,000 common shares for the first 500,000 lbs. of contained  $U_3O_8$  identified and 2) an additional 250,000 common shares for the second 500,000 lbs. of contained  $U_3O_8$  identified. These commitments are in addition to those contained in the joint venture agreement with UPC.

The Arizona Strip was the site of a major uranium staking rush in the early 1980's. Uranium-bearing breccia pipes were first located in the Hack Canyon area of Mohave County and the mineralized material was typically of a higher grade than other uranium deposits located in surrounding areas of the Colorado Plateau. Historic mining in the Arizona Strip had produced average uranium contents of up to  $0.80\%~U_3O_8$ . The total production from individual mines in this district has ranged from about 1,000,000 lbs to 7,000,000 lbs  $U_3O_8$ .

The Star claims are contiguous with the partially mined Arizona I mine. The area is located within a short distance to the south of the Hack Canyon mining area. Mapping on the Star claims indicates the presence of 23 potential pipes, with the potential for 4 additional targets on the Java claims.

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The joint venture plans to explore these targets in the very near future. Airphoto mapping and field reconnaissance have already been completed and permitting for a stratigraphic drilling program has also been initiated with the BLM. A 30-40 hole program of shallow stratigraphic holes is planned to commence as soon as the permitting process is completed. A Phase 2 follow-up drilling program is also planned to provide a deep test (maximum 2,000 feet in depth) of up to four pipes based on initial drilling results. If any of the targets are developed to a mining stage, then the Shootaring Canyon Mill would be the likely location for ore processing.

#### Utah

In August 1993, USE purchased from Consumers Power Company ("CPC") all of the outstanding stock of Plateau, which owns the Shootaring Mill, a uranium processing mill in southeastern Utah for nominal cash consideration and the assumption of various reclamation obligations. The Shootaring Mill holds a source materials license from the NRC.

The Shootaring Mill, in southeastern Utah, occupies 19 acres of a 265 acre plant site. The Shootaring Mill was designed to process 750 tpd, but only operated on a trial basis for two months in mid-summer of 1982. In 1984, Plateau (now a wholly-owned subsidiary of USE) placed the mill on standby because CPC had canceled the construction of an additional nuclear energy plant. Plateau also owns approximately 90,000 tons of uranium mineralized material stockpiled at the mill site.

In 2003 and 2004, reclamation work on uranium properties (the Tony M, Velvet, and Woods Complex, then held by Plateau in San Juan County, Utah) was completed. Plateau had relinquished these properties in 2003 and 2004, but has subsequently leased the Velvet from a third party who staked unpatented mining claims on the property (see below).

With recent improvements in uranium concentrate prices, Plateau has obtained an extension to January 2007 to commence reclamation work at the mill (reclamation costs are bonded, see Note K to the financial statements). Plateau has filed a request with the State of Utah for a permit and licenses to put the mill in operating status.

The Shootaring Mill is owned by Plateau Resources Limited ("Plateau"), a subsidiary of USE. Crested has a 50% interest in Plateau's cash flows. The Shootaring Mill was designed to process 750 tons of material per day (tpd) and should be capable of operating at 1,000 tpd, once refurbishing is completed.

When refurbished and the operational license is issued, the Shootaring Mill will have the capacity to produce 1.5 million pounds of uranium concentrates annually depending on the grade of material fed to the Shootaring Mill. It will cost at least \$25 million to modify the Shootaring Mill's tailings cell to Utah standards; post additional reclamation bonding; and complete other Shootaring Mill upgrades before production can begin. Additionally, a circuit to process the vanadium which is contained in almost all of the nearby mineralized material is planned to be added to the Shootaring Mill.

Except for the lower grade mineralized material which has been stockpiled at the Shootaring Mill for over ten years, the grades of materials controlled at other properties in the vicinity have not been determined. Until such grades have been established with drilling and testing, and a feasibility study completed on the properties to determine the economics of running the Shootaring Mill to process these materials, we cannot determine if the properties contain any uranium reserves. In any event, the feasibility of the mines, and therefore of operating the Shootaring Mill, will be dependent on sustained high prices for uranium concentrates, and overall, the grades of material available for processing being economic (containing sufficient uranium) at such sustained high prices.

Once required financing is in place, the work is planned to be completed in approximately 18 months after the operating license is granted by the State of Utah, but unforeseen causes may delay the project. Efforts are underway while going through the State of Utah permitting process to raise the necessary financing for the project. However, financing terms have not been finalized, and we cannot predict if and when the financing will be completed.

In addition to the Shootaring Mill site, Plateau holds approximately 710 unpatented lode mining claims which have been acquired through a December 2004 agreement with a third party. Under this agreement, all of the uranium properties currently controlled or owned by the third party have been leased to Plateau (including the Velvet mine, currently shut down), and the third party will assist Plateau in locating additional uranium mineral properties for lease or purchase by Plateau. In return, the third party and Plateau will negotiate a contract mining agreement for the third party to mine and deliver uranium material from those properties to the Shootaring Mill for processing, and pay the third party for that material. In addition to purchasing the material, Plateau will pay the third party a 2.5% gross royalty of the value received by Plateau for uranium concentrates and vanadium recovered at the mill from such material. Plateau has agreed to fund the development of the uranium properties on a project-by-project basis, on terms and in amounts to be agreed upon with the third party.

Included in the properties acquired under the third party agreement is the Velvet Mine, located approximately 178 miles from the Shootaring Mill, which was developed in the 1970s. The prior owner drove several miles of access tunnels (adits) and drifts (access tunnels) and mined material from the workings.

#### **Inactive Mining Properties - Gold**

**Sutter Gold Mining Inc.** In fiscal 1991, USE acquired an interest in gold properties located in the Mother Lode Mining District of Amador County, California. The entire Lincoln Project (which is the name we use for the properties) was owned by Sutter Gold Mining Company, a Wyoming corporation ("SGMC"). SGMC has been acquired by Globemin Resources Inc., a TSX-V listed company, in a reverse takeover stock exchange transaction in 2004. Globemin has changed its name to Sutter Gold Mining Inc. ("SGMI").

This property has never been in production. We do not have a current feasibility study to support a determination that the Lincoln Project contains gold reserves.

SGMC has taken impairments (write-downs), in the 1990s, totaling \$13,098,900, of the carrying value of its gold properties. These two impairments wrote off almost 85% of the investment. We determined that we could not produce gold from these properties at a profit as a result of low market price for gold at the time. This resulted in no value allocated to the Lincoln Project; the remaining assets relating to this property include raw land which is no longer needed for mining activity, and buildings and equipment.

Due to the depressed gold prices in the past, litigation (since resolved) and lack of funding, SGMI has deferred the start of construction of a gold mill complex and extension of existing underground workings. A tourist visitor's center has been set up (see below) and leased to a third party for \$1,500 per month plus a 4% gross royalty on revenues. The conditional use permit is being kept current as necessary to allow for planned mining activities on the properties in the future.

SGMI holds approximately 535 acres of surface and mineral rights near Sutter Creek, Amador County, California. The properties are located in the western Sierra Nevada Mountains at from 1,000 to 1,500 feet in elevation; year round climate is temperate. Access is by California State Highway 16 from Sacramento to California State Highway 49, then by paved county road approximately .4 mile outside of Sutter Creek.

Surface and mineral rights holding costs, and property taxes, will be approximately \$130,000 and \$9,900 respectively, for 2005.

The leases are for varying terms and require rental fees, annual royalty payments and payment of real property taxes and insurance.

The Lincoln Project has been the subject of considerable modern exploration activity, most of it centering on the Lincoln and Comet zones, which are adjacent to each other. A total of 85,085 feet of drilling have been accomplished in prior years, with 190 diamond drill holes, and modern underground development consists of a 2,850-foot declined ramp with 2,400 feet of crosscuts plus four raises.

SGMI plans to begin further exploration work and the construction of a new raise to comply with U.S. Mine Safety Health Administration regulations and improve ventilation.

The Amador County Board of Supervisors has issued a Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") allowing mining and milling of up to 1,000 tons per day, subject to conditions relating to land use, environmental and public safety issues, road construction and improvement, and site reclamation. Application has been made to the California regulatory authorities, to store de-watered tails at a dry stacked surface fill unit, and also use mill tailings for mine back fill. This permit is the final major permit required for the project; a decision is expected in 2005.

The visitor's center, operated by a third party, is an exhibit of the pictures and memorabilia from mining operations on other properties in the Sutter district in the nineteenth century, and a guided tour of the underground workings at the Lincoln Project. Revenues from this tourist operation were \$40,300 for 2004, \$48,800 for 2003, \$26,500 for the seven months ended December 31, 2002, and \$41,200 in (former) fiscal year ended May 31, 2002, and are included in "real estate" in the consolidated statements of operations included in this prospectus. These revenues offset a portion of costs for holding the Sutter properties.

#### **Inactive Mining Properties - Molybdenum**

In 1974, 1977 and 1987, USE and Crested leased and then sold various mining claims and mines near the town of Crested Butte, Colorado, to AMAX Inc. of Greenwich, Connecticut. AMAX Inc. (acquired by Cyprus Minerals Company and renamed Cyprus Amax Minerals Company in November 1993, then later acquired by Phelps Dodge) delineated a deposit of molybdenum on the leased claims containing approximately 146,000,000 tons of mineralization averaging 0.43% molybdenum disulfide on the properties of USE and Crested.

Since June 2002, USE and Crested have been in litigation with Phelps Dodge concerning the properties and related agreements. In late 2004 and February 2005, the U.S. District Court issued orders in the litigation (see "Legal Proceedings"). Although additional rulings are expected concerning water rights associated with the properties, we expect to receive back from Phelps Dodge, in 2005, the patented and unpatented lode mining claims which contain the molybdenum deposit, as well as a mine water discharge treatment plant located on those properties. Later in 2005, we expect to be receiving clarification from the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (which has jurisdiction over how the treatment plant is operated to comply with environmental laws) as to our responsibilities to operate the plant. Plant operating costs, for which we will be responsible, will likely exceed \$1,000,000 annually.

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For more than 20 years, Phelps Dodge and its predecessor companies worked on a mine plan for the Mt. Emmons property, obtaining rights to the water necessary to mine and process molybdenum, and obtaining other permits necessary to put the property into production. We do not know why Phelps Dodge, one of the largest international mining companies, decided to cease trying to put the Mt. Emmons property into production, although the fact that Phelps Dodge is producing molybdenum from other mines may have been a factor in their decision.

In light of the rebound in molybdenum oxide prices to the \$30 - \$35 per pound range in June 2005 (compared to an average of approximately \$3.25 per pound over the last several years), we may seek joint venture partners to work on a new mine plan and obtain the permits required to put the property into production. In this scenario, the properties would be transferred to a new subsidiary of USE and Crested, U.S. Moly Corp., then the subsidiary would seek to raise capital for the project and enlist large mining companies or other entities to enter into a joint mining venture. Ownership of the subsidiary subsequently would be reduced to the extent additional shares are sold to investors.

Development of the Mt. Emmons property for mining will require extensive capital and a long time to implement. We would have to obtain that capital through equity financing and/or a joint venture or other arrangement, however, we have no such arrangements as of the date of this prospectus and may not obtain such. Reportedly, the mine plan of Phelps Dodge and its predecessor companies encountered opposition from local and environmental groups, and that opposition likely will continue, as Mt. Emmons is located close to Crested Butte, Colorado, a year round recreation area. Even with the resources of a joint venture partner, successful resolution of various issues arising with local environmental groups is not assured.

#### Oil and Gas and Other Properties

**Fort Peck Lustre Field (Montana).** We operate a small oil production facility (two wells) at the Lustre Oil Field on the Ft. Peck Indian Reservation in northeastern Montana. We receive a fee based on oil produced. This fee and other assets of the Company collateralize a \$750,000 line of credit from a bank.

**Wyoming.** The Company and Crested own a 14-acre tract in Riverton, Wyoming, with a two-story 30,400 square foot office building (including underground parking). The first floor is rented to non-affiliates and government agencies; the second floor is occupied by the Company. The property is mortgaged to the WDEQ as security for future reclamation work on the Sheep Mountain Crooks Gap uranium properties.

The Company also owns a fixed base aircraft facility at the Riverton Regional Airport, including a 10,000 square foot aircraft hangar and 7,000 square feet of associated offices and facilities. This facility is on land leased from the City of Riverton for a term ending December 16, 2005, with an option to renew on mutually agreeable terms for five years. The aircraft fueling operation to the public was shut down late in fiscal 2002.

The Company owns three mountain sites covering 16 acres in Fremont County, Wyoming. In Riverton, Wyoming, the Company owns four city lots and improvements including two smaller office buildings.

Colorado. USECC owns 175 acres of undeveloped land near Gunnison, Colorado.

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**Utah.** On August 14, 2003, USE's wholly-owned subsidiary Plateau Resources Limited (and Plateau's wholly-owned subsidiary Canyon Homesteads, Inc.) sold all of the outstanding stock of Canyon Homesteads to The Cactus Group, LLC, for \$3,470,000: \$349,250 cash and \$3,120,750 with The Cactus Group's five year promissory note. The note is secured with all the assets of The Cactus Group and Canyon (and is personally guaranteed by the six principals of The Cactus Group). The note is payable monthly (with annual interest at 7.5%) with a \$2,940,581 balloon payment due in August 2008. The note was in default as of June 30, 2005. Notice of Default was filed with Garfield County, Utah on September 7, 2005. If the defaults are not cured by December 8, 2005, Plateau has the right to post an official notice of the trustee's sale which must be published for in the newspaper for three consecutive weeks. The sale will occur at the Garfield County Courthouse. The purchaser has the right to take immediate possession.

These properties are in Ticaboo, Utah, near Lake Powell, and included a motel, restaurant and lounge, convenience store, recreational boat storage and service facility, and improved residential and mobile home lots. Most of these properties had been acquired when the Shootaring Mill was acquired in the early 1990s.

#### **Research and Development**

No research and development expenditures have been incurred, either on the Company's account or sponsored by customer, during the past three fiscal years.

#### **Environmental**

General. Operations are subject to various federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding the discharge of materials into the environment or otherwise relating to the protection of the environment, including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), and the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation Liability Act ("CERCLA"). With respect to mining operations conducted in Wyoming, Wyoming's mine permitting statues, Abandoned Mine Reclamation Act and industrial development and siting laws and regulations also impact us. Similar law and regulations in California affect SGMI operations and Utah laws and regulations effect Plateau's operations.

Management believes the Company complies in all material respects with existing environmental regulations.

As of June 30, 2005, we have recorded estimated reclamation obligations of \$7,794,700. We anticipate paying for those reclamation efforts over several years. For further information on the approximate reclamation costs (decommissioning, decontamination and other reclamation efforts for which we are primarily responsible or potentially responsible), see note K to the audited consolidated financial statements included with this prospectus.

Other Environmental Costs. Actual costs for compliance with environmental laws may vary considerably from estimates, depending upon such factors as changes in environmental law and regulations (e.g., the new Clean Air Act), and conditions encountered in minerals exploration and mining. We do not anticipate that expenditures to comply with law regulating the discharge of materials into the environment, or which are otherwise designed to protect the environment, will have any substantial adverse impact on our competitive position.

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### **Employees**

At October 5, 2005, USE had 29 full-time employees, reflecting a decrease of 8 persons who had been working on RMG's business. Persons who work only for Sutter Gold Mining Inc. are paid by USE. The expenses associated with USE's employees, including payroll taxes, fringe benefits and retirement plans is shared with Crested for all ventures in which it participates on a percentage ownership basis. Crested uses approximately 50 percent of the time of USE employees, and reimburses USE on a cost reimbursement basis.

#### **Mining Claim Holdings**

Title. Nearly all the uranium mining properties held by the Company are on federal unpatented claims. Unpatented claims are located upon federal and public land pursuant to procedures established by the General Mining Law. Requirements for the location of a valid mining claim on public land depend on the type of claim being staked, but generally include discovery of valuable minerals, erecting a discovery monument and posting thereon a location notice, marking the boundaries of the claim with monuments, and filing a certificate of location with the county in which the claim is located and with the BLM. If the statutes and regulations for the location of a mining claim are complied with, the locator obtains a valid possessory right to the contained minerals. To preserve an otherwise valid claim, a claimant must also pay certain rental fees annually to the federal government and make certain additional filings with the county and the BLM. Failure to pay such fees or make the required filing may render the mining claim void or voidable. Because mining claims are self-initiated and self-maintained, they possess some unique vulnerabilities not associated with other types of property interests. It is impossible to ascertain the validity of unpatented mining claims solely from public real estate records and it can be difficult or impossible to confirm that all of the requisite steps have been followed for location and maintenance of a claim. If the validity of an unpatented mining claim is challenged by the government, the claimant has the burden of proving the present economic feasibility of mining minerals located thereon. Thus, it is conceivable that during time of falling metal prices, claims which were valid when located could become invalid if challenged.

Some of the Mt. Emmons claims which the Company expects to receive back from Phelps Dodge Corporation were patented by Phelps Dodge and others are unpatented claims.

**Proposed Federal Legislation.** The U.S. Congress from time to time has considered proposed revisions to the General Mining Law, which governs mining claims and related activities on federal public lands. If these proposed revisions were enacted, payment of royalties on production of minerals from federal lands could be required as well as new requirements for reclamation of mined land and other environmental control measures. The effect of any revision of the General Mining Law on operations cannot be determined until enactment, however, it is possible that revisions would materially increase the carrying and operating costs of mineral properties located on federal unpatented mining claims.

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# **Legal Proceedings**

#### **Sheep Mountain Partners**

On February 24, 2005, a three judge panel of the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals (10<sup>th</sup> Circuit) vacated the judgment of the U.S. District Court of Colorado of \$20,044,183 and remanded the case to the Arbitration Panel for clarification of its 1996 Orders and Award. In remanding this case, the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit stated:

"The arbitration award in this case is silent as to the definition of 'purchase rights' and the 'profits therefrom,' including the valuation of either. Also unstated in the award is the duration of the constructive trust and whether and what costs should be deducted when computing the value of the constructive trust. Further, the arbitration panel failed to address whether prejudgment interest should be awarded on the value of the constructive trust. As a result, the district court's valuation of the constructive trust was based upon extensive guesswork. The 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit held, "Therefore, a remand to the arbitration panel for clarification is necessary, despite the long and tortured procedural history of this case."

Thereafter, the U.S. District Court remanded the case to the arbitration panel.

The three member arbitration panel held a hearing on August 26, 2005, to consider the procedures, schedule and scope of the remand. The panel entered an Order, ordering that:

"In phase I the parties will make written submissions to resolve the issues concerning the definition of the Constructive Trust and its components (e.g. "purchase rights"). The submissions will not include any additional factual materials. The written submissions will be based solely on the record previously made in the hearings before the arbitration panel."

Simultaneous written submissions will be made by the parties on or before November 4, 2005 and simultaneous reply written submissions will be made by December 6, 2005. A hearing will be held before the panel on December 20, 2005 in New York City. The timing and ultimate outcome of this litigation is not predicted. We believe that the ultimate outcome will not have an adverse affect on our financial condition or results of operations.

#### **Phelps Dodge**

The Company and Crested Corp. were served with a lawsuit on June 19, 2002, filed in the U.S. District/ Court of Colorado (Case No. 02-B-0796(PAC)) by Phelps Dodge Corporation ("PD") and its subsidiary, Mt. Emmons Mining Company ("MEMCO"), seeking declaratory judgment over contractual obligations in USECC's agreement with PD's predecessor companies, concerning mining properties on Mt. Emmons, near Crested Butte, Colorado.

The case was tried starting on November 29, 2004. On February 4, 2005, the Court entered Findings and Fact and Conclusions of Law and ordered that a conveyance by PD of the Mt. Emmons properties under Paragraph 8 of the 1987 AMAX Agreement, includes the transfer of ownership and operational responsibility for the Water Treatment Plant, and that PD does not owe USECC any advanced royalty payments. However, the Order did not address the NPDES permit. NPDES permits are administered and regulated by the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment ("CDPHE"). The timing and scope of responsibilities for maintaining and operating the plant will be addressed by the CDPHE later in 2005.

USECC has filed a motion with the Court to amend the Order to determine that the decreed water rights to PD on the Mt. Emmons properties from the Colorado Supreme Court opinion (decided in 2002, finding that the predecessor owners of the Mt. Emmons property had rights to water to develop a mine), and any other appurtenant water rights, be conveyed to USECC. The motion is pending.

PD and USECC have been engaged in settlement discussions in an attempt to resolve the remaining issues and avoid an appeal of the District Court's Judgment. In view of the ongoing discussions and in the interest of conserving judicial and party resources, on April 5, 2005, the parties filed a Joint Motion to Stay Ruling on Motion to Amend Judgment and to Extend Stay of Execution Pending Appeal. On April 7, 2005, the Court granted the motion and entered an order staying USE/CC's Motion to Amend Judgment until ten days after filing of written notice by PD that settlement has not been achieved. The parties have filed joint status reports which have stayed the parties' various motions. If an agreement is not reached, the various issues will be heard by the Court.

#### **Coastline Capital Partners**

On May 16, 2005, Coastline Capital Partners ("Coastline") filed a complaint against U.S. Energy Corp. ("USE") in Wyoming Federal District Court, Case NO. 05-CV-0143-J for breach of contract. Coastline is claiming partial performance fees for a private placement that was unsuccessful. Coastline and USE had entered into an engagement letter on July 22, 2004. USE filed an answer and counterclaims on June 22, 2005. The parties are arranging a schedule for depositions in the case.

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# The Offering

Securities Outstanding	18,580,199 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value.
Securities To Be Outstanding	19,344,425 shares, assuming warrants on 764,226 shares held by the selling shareholders were exercised as of the date of this prospectus. See "Description of Securities - Options and Warrants" and "Selling Shareholders."
Securities Offered	1,509,562 shares owned or to be owned by the selling shareholders.
Use of Proceeds	We will not receive any proceeds from sale of shares by the selling shareholders, but we will receive up to \$2,558,800 in proceeds from exercise of the warrants and options, if they are exercised, which will be used for working capital.
Plan of Distribution	The offering is made by the selling shareholders named in this prospectus, to the extent they sell shares. Sales may be made in the open market or in private negotiated transactions, at fixed or negotiated prices. See "Plan of Distribution."
Risk Factors	An investment is subject to risk. See "Risk Factors."

#### **Risk Factors**

An investment in our common stock is speculative in nature and involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risks and the other information in this prospectus before investing.

### **Risk Factors Involving the Company**

We have a history of operating losses, and in 2005 and 2006, our working capital needs are expected to come mostly from liquidating investments. These sources of capital may not be sufficient to develop our mineral properties, none of which have proved reserves.

At June 30, 2005, the Company had working capital of \$8,486,400, an accumulated deficit of \$39,696,200, and investments of \$27,183,300. Of the investments, \$19,387,700 are Enterra Energy Trust units, or in shares of Enterra US Acquisitions Inc. (the latter will convert to Trust units on June 1, 2006.

Working capital and future receipt of proceeds from liquidating the Enterra securities are expected to be sufficient to fund general and administrative expenses, and conduct exploration and a limited amount of development work on the mineral properties, through 2006. However, putting mineral properties into production (constructing and operating mines and processing facilities) requires very substantial amounts of capital. We are seeking financing sources or large-company industry partners for our uranium, gold and molybdenum properties (assuming we receive back the molybdenum properties), but have not entered into final agreements therefore. The development of some or all of the properties will likely be delayed to the extent and for so long as we are unsuccessful in obtaining financing, either in direct capital or through arrangements with industry partners.

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Uncertainties in the value of the mineral properties. While we believe that our mineral properties are valuable, substantial work and capital will be needed to establish whether they are valuable in fact.

- The profitable mining and processing of uranium and vanadium at and in the vicinity of Plateau's properties in Utah will depend on many factors: Obtaining properties in proximity to the Shootaring Mill to keep transportation costs economic; delineation through extensive drilling and sampling of sufficient volumes of mineralized material with sufficient grades, to make mining and processing economic over time; continued sustained high prices for uranium oxide and vanadium; obtaining the capital required to upgrade the Shootaring Mill and add a vanadium circuit; and obtaining and continued compliance with operating permits.
- The profitable mining at the Sheep Mountain properties in Wyoming will depend on: Evaluations of existing data to define sufficient volumes of mineralized material, with sufficient grades, to make mining and processing economic over time; continued sustained high prices for uranium oxide and UPC and the Company having sufficient capital to complete the drilling and sampling work. In addition, there is no operating mill near Sheep Mountain. The ultimate economics of mining the Sheep Mountain properties will depend on access to the Sweetwater, Wyoming mill (not now in operation) or sufficiently high uranium oxide prices to warrant shipments to faraway mills.
- The profitable mining and processing of gold by Sutter Gold Mining Inc. will depend on many factors, including receipt of final permits and keeping in compliance with permit conditions; delineation through extensive drilling and sampling of sufficient volumes of mineralized material, with sufficient grades, to make mining and processing economic over time; continued sustained high prices for gold; and obtaining the capital required to initiate and sustain mining operations and build and operate a gold processing mill.
- · We have not yet obtained full feasibility studies on any of our mineral properties. These studies would establish the economic viability, or not, of the different properties based on extensive drilling and sampling, the design and costs to build and operate processing mills, the cost of capital, and other factors. Feasibility studies can take many months to complete. These studies are conducted by professional third party consulting and engineering firms, and will have to be completed, at very considerable cost, to determine if the deposits contain proved reserves (amounts of minerals in sufficient grades that can be extracted profitably under current pricing assumptions for development and operating costs and commodity prices). A feasibility study usually must be completed in order to raise the substantial capital needed to put a property into production. In addition, we have not established any if there are any reserves (economic deposits of mineralized materials) on any of our uranium/vanadium or gold properties, and future studies may indicate that some or all of the properties will not be economic to put into production.
- The molybdenum property (in which the Company will have a substantial interest at such time as Phelps-Dodge conveys the Mt. Emmons properties back to the Company and Crested) has had extensive work conducted by prior owners, but this data will have to be updated to the level of a current feasibility study to determine the viability of starting mining operations. Obtaining mining and other permits to begin mining the molybdenum property may be very difficult, and, like any mining operation, capital requirements for a molybdenum mining operation will be substantial.

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Compliance with environmental regulations may be costly. Our business is intensely regulated by government agencies. Permits are required to explore for minerals, operate mines, build and operate processing plants, and handle and store waste. The regulations under which permits are issued change from time to time to reflect changes in public policy or scientific understanding of issues. If the economics of a project would not justify the changes, we might have to abandon the project.

The Company must comply with numerous environmental regulations on a continuous basis, to comply with the United States Clean Air Act (the "CAA"), the Clean Water Act (the "CWA"), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), and the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation Liability Act ("CERCLA"). For example, water and dust discharged from mines and tailings from prior mining or milling operations must be monitored and contained and reports filed with federal, state and county regulatory authorities. Additional monitoring and reporting is required by the Utah Division of Radiation Control for uranium mills even if not currently operating (like the Shootaring Canyon uranium mill at Ticaboo, Utah). The Abandoned Mine Reclamation Act in Wyoming and similar laws in other states where we have properties impose reclamation obligations on abandoned mining properties, in addition to or in conjunction with federal statutes.

Failure to comply with these regulations could result in substantial fines and environmental remediation orders. Failure to obtain required permits to start operations at a project could cause the failure the project and cause a write off of the investments therein.

We are subject to certain kinds of risk which are unique to the minerals business. The exploration for and production of minerals is highly speculative and involves risks different from and in some instances greater than risks encountered by companies in other industries. Many exploration programs do not result in the discovery of mineralization and any mineralization discovered may not be of sufficient quantity or quality. Also, the mere discovery of promising mineralization may not warrant production, because the minerals may be difficult or impossible to extract (produce) on a profitable basis.

Profitability of any mining and production we may conduct will involve a number of factors, including, but not limited to: the ability to obtain all required permits; costs of bringing the property into production; the construction of adequate production facilities; the availability and costs of financing; keeping ongoing costs of production at economic levels, and market prices for the commodities to be produced staying above production costs. Our properties, or properties we might acquire in the future, may not contain deposits of minerals that will be profitable to produce.

The Company's poison pill could discourage some advantageous transactions. We have adopted a shareholder rights plan, also known as a poison pill (see "Description of Securities"). The plan is designed to discourage a takeover of the Company at an unfair low price. However, it is possible that the board of directors and the takeover acquiror would not agree on a higher price, in which case the takeover might be abandoned, even though the takeover price was at a significant premium to market prices. Therefore, as a result of the mere existence of the plan, shareholders would not receive the premium price.

# **Risk Factors Involving This Offering**

Future equity transactions, including exercise of options or warrants, could result in dilution; and registration for public resale of the common stock in these transactions may depress stock prices. From time to time, the Company sells restricted stock and warrants, and convertible debt (or stock in subsidiary companies, convertible to stock in the Company), to investors in private placements conducted by broker-dealers, or in negotiated transactions. Because the stock is restricted, the stock is often sold at a discount to market prices compared to a public stock offering, and the exercise price of the warrants sometimes (and/or the conversion price for stock in subsidiaries) is at or may be lower than market prices. These transactions cause dilution to existing shareholders. Also, from time to time, options are issued to employees, directors and third parties as incentives, with exercise prices equal to market. Exercise of in-the-money options and warrants will result in dilution to existing shareholders; the amount of dilution will depend on the spread between market and exercise price, and the number of shares involved. The Company will continue to grant options to employees and directors with exercise prices equal to market price at the grant date, and in the future may sell restricted stock and warrants (or stock in subsidiary companies convertible to stock in the Company), all of which may result in dilution to existing shareholders.

Public resale (pursuant to registration statements) of such restricted stock, and of stock issued in conversion of debt or stock of subsidiary companies, may depress our price. For example, the stock covered by this prospectus was sold to private investors, or will be issued on exercise of warrants sold to private investors, and those persons are the selling shareholders under this prospectus. In addition, holders of debentures sold in February 2005 have converted the debentures to a total of 1,942,387 shares of stock; resale of those shares is covered by a separate prospectus.

In addition, in the third quarter of 2005, shares of common stock were issued to the former shareholders of RMG, to a former creditor (Geddes and Company), and warrants to purchase common stock were issued to former mezzanine lenders to RMG. The Company will file a registration statement to permit the public resale of these shares. See "Capital Activities in Second Quarter 2005."

Terms of subsequent financings may adversely impact your investment. We may have to raise equity, debt or preferred stock financing in the future. Your rights and the value of your investment in the common stock could be reduced. For example, if we have to issue secured debt securities, the holders of the debt would have a claim to our assets that would be prior to the rights of stockholders until the debt is paid. Interest on these debt securities would increase costs and negatively impact operating results. Preferred stock could be issued in series from time to time with such designations, rights, preferences, and limitations as needed to raise capital. The terms of preferred stock could be more advantageous to those investors than to the holders of common stock. In addition, if we need to raise more equity capital from sale of common stock, institutional or other investors may negotiate terms at least and possibly more favorable than the terms of this offering. Shares of common stock which we sell could be sold into the market, which could adversely affect market price.

### **Representations About This Offering**

We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus. This prospectus is not an offer to sell nor does it seek an offer to buy the shares in any jurisdiction where this offer or sale is not permitted. The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus (or any supplement), regardless of when it is delivered or when any shares are sold.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

We make statements in this prospectus which are considered to be "forward looking" statements. All statements (other than statements of historical fact) about financial and business strategy and the performance objectives of management are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs of management, as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to them. These statements involve risks that are both known and unknown, including unexpected economic and market factors; failure to accurately forecast operating and capital expenditures and capital needs; changes in timing or conditions for getting regulatory approvals to develop and mine mineral properties, and other business factors. The use of the words "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "may," "will," "should," "continue," "intend" and similar words or phrases, are intended by us to identify forward-looking statements (also known as "cautionary statements" because you should be cautious in evaluating such statements in the context of all the information in this prospectus and the information incorporated by reference into this prospectus). These statements reflect our current views with respect to future events. They are subject to the realization in fact of assumptions, but what we now think will happen, may turn out much different, and our assumptions may prove to have been inaccurate or incomplete.

The investment risks discussed under "Risk Factors" specifically address all of the material risk factors that may influence future operating results and financial performance. Those investment risks are not "boiler plate" but are intended to tell you about the uncertainties and risks inherent in our business at the present time which you need to evaluate before making your investment decision.

#### Use of Proceeds

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the shares by the selling shareholders pursuant to this prospectus, but we will receive up to \$2,558,800 in proceeds from the exercise of the options and warrants, if they exercise all the options and warrants, which will be used by the Company for working capital.

#### **Dilution**

At June 30, 2005, the net tangible book value ("NTBV") of the Company was \$21,442,400, or \$1.20 per share. NTBV per share represents the amount of our total tangible assets less total liabilities, divided by the number of shares of common stock outstanding at June 30, 2005 of 17,908,466. Dilution in pro forma net tangible book value per share represents the difference between the amount per share paid by purchasers of common stock in this offering and the pro forma NTBV per share of common stock immediately after completion of this offering on a pro forma as adjusted basis.

After giving effect to the exercise of the warrants and options held by the selling shareholders, our pro forma NTBV as of June 30, 2005, on a pro forma basis as above stated, would have been \$24,001,200, or \$1.29 per share, with 18,672,692 shares outstanding, representing an immediate increase in NTBV of \$0.09 per share of common stock to existing shareholders.

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Assuming the selling shareholders sell their shares at an assumed market price of \$4.11, new investors in this offering would realize an immediate dilution in pro forma NTBV of \$2.82. The table illustrates this per share dilution:

Assumed offering price per share	\$4.11
NTBV per share at June 30, 2005	\$1.20
Increase in NTBV per share	
attributable to	
exercise of warrants and options	\$0.09
Pro forma NTBV per share	
as of June 30, 2005	\$1.29
Dilution in pro forma NTBV	
per share for new investors	\$2.82

The foregoing does not reflect (i) the issuance of shares on exercise of warrants after June 30, 2005; or (ii) the issuance, in September 2005, of stock to former RMG shareholders, and to Geddes and Company, or warrants to mezzanine lenders. In addition, the foregoing assumes no options held by officers, directors and employees of the Company are exercised. At October 5, 2005, there were 3,639,101 options outstanding to purchase common stock at a weighted average exercise price of \$2.78 per share. Of the 3,639,101 options outstanding, a total of 2,634,301 were exercisable at October 5, 2005 at a weighted average price of \$2.76 per share.

### Capitalization

The capitalization of the Company at June 30, 2005, on a pro forma basis as adjusted for the selling shareholders' exercise of warrants and options, is shown in the table.

		Jι	ine 30, 2005		
		F	Pro Forma		Pro Forma
	Actual	A	djustments	(1)	As Adjusted
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,703,000	\$	2,558,800	(2)	\$ 7,261,800
(excluding investments)					
Marketable Securities	\$ 6,215,500	\$			\$ 6,215,500
Investments in Non-Affiliated					
Companies	\$ 14,129,800	\$			\$ 14,129,800
Long-term Debt (Including					
Current Portias)	\$ 3,374,900				\$ \$3,374,900
Shareholders' Equity					
Common stock, unlimited					
number authorized,	17,908,466		764,226		18,672,692
17,908,466 shares issued and					
outstanding	\$ 179,100	\$	7,700		\$ 186,800
Additional Paid-in Capital	\$ 63,001,000	\$	2,551,100		\$ 65,552,100
Accumulated Deficit	\$ (39,696,200)				\$ \$(39,696,200)
Total shareholders' Equity	\$ 21,442,400	\$	2,558,800		\$ 24,001,200

<sup>(1)</sup> Gives effect to the issuance of stock should all the selling shareholders' outstanding warrants be exercised.

#### **Selling Shareholders**

This prospectus covers the offer and sale by the selling shareholders of up to 1,509,562 shares of common stock owned or to be owned on exercise of options and warrants by the selling shareholders. The footnotes to the table below give information about shares issuable on exercise of the options and warrants by the selling shareholders. None of the selling shareholders are affiliates of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company.

The selling shareholders may offer their shares for sale on a continuous basis pursuant to rule 415 under the 1933 Act.

The following information has been provided to us by the selling shareholders. All numbers of shares, and percentage ownership, are stated on a pro forma basis as of the date of this prospectus, assuming issuance of 764,226 shares upon exercise of all the selling shareholders' warrants. Not included in the pro forma calculations are the additional shares issuable on exercise of other options and warrants held by persons who are not selling shareholders.

<sup>(2)</sup> The exercise prices of the warrants range from \$2.00 to \$4.30 per share.

	Number of	Number of	-	
	Shares of	Shares		nt Owned
	Common Stock	To Be	Before	After
	Owned(1)	Registered	Offering	Offering(2)
A. Clinton Allen	18,909(4)(5)	18,909	*	*
1280 Massachusetts Ave. #200				
Cambridge, MA 02138				
Ardell J. Schelich	29,500	29,500	*	
347 Lake View Dr.				
Washington, MO 93090				
Bathgate McColley & Associates	538	538	*	*
LLC				
5350 S. Roslyn Street, Suite 308				
Greenwood Village, CO 80111				
Belmont Navy, LLC	914(4)(5)	914	*	*
111 Sixth Street				
Cambridge, MA 02141				
Beverly Karns	40,477(6)	40,477	*	*
5424 South Geneva Way				
Englewood, CO 80111				
Bourne Capital LLC	252,263(4)(6)	252,263	1.3%	*
410 Marion Street				
Denver, CO 80218				
C.C.R.I. Corporation	74,500	74,500	*	*
3104 E. Camelback Rd., Suite 539				
Phoenix, AZ 85016				
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	Number of Shares of	Number of Shares	Percei	nt Owned
	Common Stock Owned(1)	To Be Registered	Before Offering	After Offering(2)
Curragh Capital Partners, LLC	1,500(4)	1,500	*	*
609 5th Avenue - 2nd Floor New York, NY 10017				
David Gertz	1,167(3)(4)	1,167	*	*
7120 E. Orchard Rd. #300 Greenwood Village, CO 80111				
Donald F. Kern	1,542	1,542	*	*
2737 Nestlebrook Trail Virginia Beach, VA 23456	,-	<i>7</i> -		
Donna Schulze	1,116(4)(5)	1,116	*	*
8777 E. Dry Creek Rd., Apt. 1422 Englewood, CO 80112				
Edward J. Godin	1,000(4)	1,000	*	*
7424 S. Chapparal Circle East Aurora, CO 80016				
Frederick P. Lutz	10,000(3)	10,000	*	*
1089 Dunbarton Chase Atlanta, GA 30319				
George D. Thompson	222(4)(5)	222	*	*
11710 W. 102 Place Overland Park, KS 66214				
Gulf Projects Investment Company	4,670(4)(5)	4,670	*	*
Kuwait Stock Exchange Building Safat 13066, Kuwait				
James A. McCaughey	28,325(4)(5)(6)	28,325	*	*
3 Cueta Drive Rancho Mirage, CA 92270		,		
James E. Hosch	1,231	1,231	*	*
7038 Willa Lane Evergreen, CO 80439				
James J. Cahill	26,148(4)(5)	26,148	*	*
57 Lawrence Hill Rd. Huntington, NY 11743		,		

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James V. Rauh	448(3)(4)(5)	448	*	*
7234 South Uravan Ct.	. , , , ,			
Aurora, CO 60016				
Jason Wayne Assad	12,500	12,500	*	*
6585 Sterling Drive	12,500	12,500		
Suwanee, GA 30024				
C & H Capital, Inc.	24,500	24,500	*	*
6585 Sterling Drive				
Suwanee, GA 30024				
Jeffrey J. Schmitz	213(4)	213	*	*
5834 S. Paris Ct.				
Englewood, CO 80111			*	*
John J. Lais, III	448(4)(5)	448	*	*
2602 Woodland Ct				
McKinney, TX 75070				
John Schlie	3,000(6)	3,000	*	*
2406 West Davies Ave.				
Littleton, CO 80120				
Lance Herring	2,175(5)	2,175	*	*
7163 S. Chapparal Cir. E				
Centennial, CO 80016-2129				
Larry A. Bach & Susan A. Bach	222(4)(5)	222	*	*
501 W. Fairbanks Avenue				
Winter Park, FL 32789				
Linda Monahan	1,875(6)	1,875	*	*
224 Anglers Drive South				
Marathon, FL 33050				
Mark A. & Kangping K.				
Lowenstein Jtwros	135(4)	135	*	*
12512 White Drive				
Sliver Spring, MD 20904				
Marshall G. Folkes, III	623	623	*	*
3841 Houndstooth Court				
Richmond, VA 23233				
Martin G. Williams &	448(4)(5)	448	*	*
Margaret M. Williams				
13333 Long Leaf Dr. Clarksville, MD 21029				
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Maury Rogow	724(4)(5)	724	*	*
1050 Taylor Street N #709 Arlington, VA 22201				
Affiligion, VA 22201				
McKim & Company LLC	19,500(6)	19,500	*	*
8400 E. Cresent Parkway, Suite				
600				
Greenwood Village, CO 82111				
Mohamed Ali Ahmed	448(4)(5)	448	*	*
5052 Grimm Dr. #512				
Alexandria, VA 23233				
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	448(4)(5)	448	*	*
FBO Thomas Garrity	110(1)(3)	110		
1857 Wainwright Dr.				
Reston, VA 20190				
Murray Roark	40,000(7)	40,000	*	*
4400 Post Oak Parkway, Suite	40,000(7)	40,000		
1720				
Houston, TX 77027				
Peyton N. Jackson &	0.653	0.650	*	*
Linda M. Jackson 8704 Standish Rd.	8,652	8,652	*	*
Alexandria, VA 22308				
THEATHERTH, VII 22500				
R. A. Fitzner, Jr	235(5)	235	*	*
P. O. Box 8000-260				
Mesquite, NV 89024				
Richard Huebner	1,731	1,731	*	*
16318 E. Berry Avenue	1,731	1,731		
Centennial, CO 80115				
Robert H. Taggart, Jr.	25,148(4)(5)	25,148	*	*
4163 S. Chapparrel Circle East Aurora, CO 80116				
Aurora, CO 80110				
Robert S. Craig	20,000(7)	20,000	*	*
2931 Highland Lakes Dr.				
Missouri City, TX 77459				
Pagar Canan	448	448	*	*
Roger Conan 14 Oakley Road	740	440	•	•
Dublin 6, Ireland				
	682(4)(5)	682	*	*

Roy Van Buskirk & Rachel Deutsch 1513 Forest Lane McLean, VA 22101

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Sterne Agee & Leach, Inc.	448(4)(5)	448	*	*
C/F Michael M. Vuocolo IRA				
813 Shades Creek Pkwy., Suite				
100B, Birmingham, AL 35209				
100B, Biriningilani, 11L 3020)				
Ctavan Dathaata	1 025	1 025	*	*
Steven Bathgate	1,835	1,835	4	4
6376 E. Tufts Avenue				
Englewood, CO 80112				
SJS Holdings c/o Susan Schoch	4,615(4)(5)	4,615	*	*
350 East 84th Street	, ()()	•		
New York, NY 10028				
110 101K, 11 10020				
Trees C. Trees and	0.004(4)(5)	0.004	*	*
Troy G. Taggart	8,894(4)(5)	8,894	4	4
21220 Craborchard Ct.				
Ashburn, VA 20147				
Tsunami Partners	303,169(4)	303,166	1.6%	*
2011 Cedar Springs Rd., Apt. 506	2 02,2 03 (1)	2 32,2 33	210 / 2	
Dallas, TX 75201				
Dallas, 1A 73201				
Vicki D.E. Barone	51	51	*	*
7854 S. Harrison Circle				
Littleton, CO 80122				
Vincent Schmitz	1,167	1,167	*	*
4207 Montview Blvd.	1,107	1,107		
Denver, CO 80207				
Wayne A. Moore	1,167(4)(5)	1,167	*	*
P. O. Box 68				
Rock Falls, IL 61071				
,				
William Potter	101(4)	101	*	*
	101(4)	101		
498 Ridgewood Avenue				
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028				
William G. Van Buren	6,396(6)	6,396	*	*
6576 Fairview Avenue				
Downers Grove, IL				
2 0 111013 310 10, 12				
Daymand Lynda	65 566	65 566	*	*
Raymond Lynde	65,566	65,566		
501 Clarion Dr.				
Gillette, WY 82718				
Richard Lynde	65,566	65,566	*	*
P. O. Box 325				
Gillette, WY 82718				
Ginette, 11 1 02/10				

	Youngbauer* ckhorn Flats Rd.	57,889	57,889	*	*			
	on, WY 82501							
	ndresen	15,611	15,611	*	*			
	W. Donald Dr. , AZ 85383							
	oridge Special							
1251 A	tunities Fund, LP Avenue of the Americas York, NY 10020	159,233(8)	159,233	*	*			
Highb	ridge/Zwirn Special	159,232(8)	159,232	*	*			
Oppor	tunities Fund, LP	, , ,	·					
	fth Avenue, 18th Floor							
New Y	York, NY 10151							
(1) Includes shares underlying warrants or options which may not have yet been exercised.								
(2) Assumes all shares registered for resale under this prospectus are sold by the selling shareholder.								
(3)	(3) Includes shares issuable on exercise of warrants and/or options at \$2.00 per share.							
(4)	Includes shares issuable on exerc	cise of warrants and/or	options at \$3.00 per s	hare.				
(5)	Includes shares issuable on exerc	cise of warrants and/or	options at \$3.75 per s	hare.				
(6)	Includes shares issuable on exerc	cise of warrants and/or	options at \$4.00 per s	hare.				
(7)	Includes shares issuable on exerc	cise of warrants at \$4.3	30 per share.					
(8)	Includes shares issuable on exerc	eise of warrants at \$3.3	30 per share					

The shares owned or to be owned by the selling shareholders are registered under rule 415 of the general rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, concerning delayed and continuous offers and sales of securities. In regard to the offer and sale of such shares, we have made certain undertakings in Part II of the registration statement of which this prospectus is part, by which, in general, we have committed to keep this prospectus current during any period in which the selling shareholders make offers to sell the covered securities pursuant to rule 415. However, the Company will not keep this prospectus current past April 30, 2006.

Mr. Youngbauer is Assistant General Counsel to the Company.

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#### **Plan of Distribution**

The selling stockholders and any of their pledgees, assignees and successors-in-interest may, from time to time, sell any or all of their shares of common stock on any stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the shares are traded or in private transactions. These sales may be at fixed or negotiated prices. The selling stockholders may use any one or more of the following methods when selling shares:

- \* ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;
- \*block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
  - \* purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
    - \* an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;
      - \* privately negotiated transactions;
- \*settlement of short sales entered into after the date of this prospectus (a short sale occurs when shares, not owned by the seller, are sold in hopes of a decline in market price so the seller can purchase in the market at a lower price to be able to deliver the shares sold);
- \*broker-dealers may agree with the selling stockholders to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share;
- \*through the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise;
  - \* a combination of any such methods of sale; or
  - \* any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

The selling stockholders may also sell shares under rule 144 under the 1933 Act, if available, rather than under this prospectus. Broker-dealers engaged by the selling stockholders may arrange for other brokers-dealers to participate in sales. Broker-dealers may receive commissions or discounts from the selling stockholders (or, if any broker-dealer acts as agent for the purchaser of shares, from the purchaser) in amounts to be negotiated. The selling stockholders do not expect these commissions and discounts to exceed what is customary in the types of transactions involved. Broker-dealers may agree to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share, and, to the extent such broker-dealer is unable to do so acting as agent for us or a selling shareholder, to purchase as principal any unsold shares at the price required to fulfill the broker-dealer commitment. Broker-dealers who acquire shares as principal may thereafter resell such shares from time to time in transactions, which may involve block transactions and sales to and through other broker-dealers, including transactions of the nature described above, in the over-the-counter markets or otherwise at prices and on terms then prevailing at the time of sale, at prices than related to the then-current market price or in negotiated transactions. In connection with such resales, broker-dealers may pay to or receive from the purchasers such share commissions as described above.

In connection with the sale of our common stock or interests therein, the selling stockholders may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions, which may in turn engage in short sales of the common stock in the course of hedging the positions they assume. The selling stockholders may also sell shares of our common stock short and deliver these securities to close out their short positions, or loan or pledge the common stock to broker-dealers that in turn may sell these securities. The selling stockholders may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions or the creation of one or more derivative securities which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of shares offered by this prospectus, which shares such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction).

The selling stockholders also may transfer the shares of common stock in other circumstances, in which case the transferees, pledgees or other successors in interest will be the selling beneficial owners for purposes of this prospectus.

The selling stockholders and any broker-dealers or agents that are involved in selling the shares may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the 1933 Act in connection with such sales. In such event, any commissions received by such broker-dealers or agents and any profit on the resale of the shares purchased by them may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the 1933 Act. The selling stockholders have informed the Company that none of them have any agreement or understanding, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute the common stock.

The Company is required to pay all fees and expenses incurred by the Company incident to the registration of the shares. The Company has agreed to indemnify certain of the selling stockholders against certain losses, claims, damages and liabilities, including liabilities under the 1933 Act.

In order to comply with the securities laws of certain states, if applicable, the shares will be sold in such jurisdictions, if required, only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in certain states the shares may not be sold unless the shares have been registered or qualified for sale in such state or an exemption from registration or qualification is available.

# Market for Common Stock, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

#### (a) Market Information

Shares of USE common stock are traded on the over-the-counter market, and prices are reported on a "last sale" basis on the Nasdaq Small Cap of the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System ("Nasdaq"). The range by quarter of high and low sales prices was:

	]	High	Low
Quarter ended June 30, 2005	\$	6.60 \$	3.51
Quarter ended March 31, 2005	\$	8.07 \$	2.64
Quarter ended September 30, 2005	\$	4.68 \$	3.40

Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2004	High	Low
First quarter ended 3/31/04	\$ 3.45 \$	2.41
Second quarter ended 6/30/04	3.14	2.11
Third quarter ended 9/30/04	2.59	2.12
Fourth quarter ended 12/31/04	3.05	2.10
Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2003		
First quarter ended 3/31/03	\$ 3.85 \$	2.95
Second quarter ended 6/30/03	5.92	3.12
Third quarter ended 9/30/03	5.70	3.15
Fourth quarter ended 12/31/03	3.68	2.30

#### (b) Holders

(1) At October 5, 2005 the closing market price was \$4.11 per share and there were approximately 626 shareholders of record, with 18,860,746 shares of common stock issued and outstanding, including shares owned by our subsidiaries and shares in officers' and directors' names that are subject to forfeiture.

# (2) Not applicable.

(c) We have not paid any cash dividends with respect to common stock. There are no contractual restrictions on our present or future ability to pay cash dividends, however, we intend to retain any earnings in the near future for operations.

(d) Equity Plan Compensation Information - Information about Compensation Plans as of October 5, 2005:

Plan category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options	average exercise price of outstanding	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders 1998 USE ISOP 3,250,000 shares of common stock on exercise of outstanding options	1,266,505	\$2.67	-0-
2001 USE ISOP 3,772,149 shares of common stock on exercise of outstanding	2,372,596	\$2.85	1,399,553

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options			
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders			
None			
Total	3,639,101	\$2.76	1,399,553

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#### **Selected Historical Financial Data**

The following sets forth selected historical financial data for U.S. Energy Corp. as of and for the dates indicated. The selected financial data as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2004, May 31, 2002, 2001, and 2000, and as of and for the seven months ended December 31, 2002 have been derived from our audited financial statements. The selected historical financial data for the year ended December 31, 2002 and as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001 has been derived from our unaudited financial statements and, in our opinion, has been prepared on the same basis as the audited financial statements, and includes all adjustments consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of this information.

The financial data for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and June 30, 2004, has been derived from our unaudited financial statements that, in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the financial data for those periods. Both our audited and unaudited financial statements are included in this registration statement.

The historical results presented below are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for any future period.

This information should be read together with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" immediately following these tables.

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		Decemb	per 31,		May 31,				
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2002	2001	2000		
				(Unaudited)					
Current assets	\$ 5,421,500 \$	5,191,400	\$ 4,755,300	\$ 4,597,900	\$ 4,892,600	\$ 3,330,000	\$ 3,456,800		
Current									
liabilities	6,058,000	1,909,700	2,044,400	2,563,800	1,406,400	2,396,700	6,617,900		
Working capital									
deficit	(636,500)	3,281,700	2,710,900	2,034,100	3,486,200	933,300	(3,161,100)		
Total assets	30,703,700	23,929,700	28,190,600	30,991,700	30,537,900	30,465,200	30,876,100		
Long-term									
obligations (1)	13,615,300	12,036,600	14,047,300	13,596,400	13,804,300	13,836,700	14,025,200		
Shareholders'									
deficit	6,281,300	6,760,800	8,501,600	8,018,700	11,742,000	8,465,400	4,683,800		

(1)Includes \$7,384,700, of accrued reclamation costs on properties at December 31, 2004; \$7,264,700 at December 31, 2003, and \$8,906,800, at December 31, 2002, 2001 and May 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively. See Note K of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

	Year En December 2004		Seven Mon D 2002	ths Ended becember 31, 2001 (Unaudited)	For Former F 2002	Fiscal Years E 2001	anded May 31, 2000
Operating revenues Loss from	\$ 4,641,700 \$	837,300 \$	673,000	\$ 545,900 \$	5 2,004,100 \$	3,263,000	\$ 3,303,900
continuing operations	(6,659,300)	(7,237,900)	(3,524,900)	(3,914,900)	(7,454,200)	(7,517,800)	(11,356,100)
Other income & expenses	13,000	(73,000)	(387,100)	1,005,000	1,319,500	8,730,800	802,200
Loss before minority interest, equity		, ,					
in loss of affiliates, income							
taxes, discontinued operations,							
and cumulative effect of							
accounting change	(6,646,300)	(7,310,900)	(3,912,000)	(2,909,900)	(6,134,700)	1,213,000	(10,553,900)
Minority interest in loss							
of consolidated subsidiaries	397,700	235,100	54,800	24,500	39,500	220,100	509,300
Substatuties				24,500			(2,900)

Equity in loss of affiliates							
Income taxes							
Discontinued							
operations, net of							
tax		(349,900)	17,100	175,000	(85,900)	488,100	(594,300)
Cumulative effect							
of							
accounting							
change		1,615,600					
Preferred stock							
dividends				(75,000)	(86,500)	(150,000)	(20,800)
Net loss to							
common							
shareholders	\$ (6,248,600)	\$ (5,810,100)\$	3 (3,840,100)	\$ (2,785,400)\$	\$ (6,267,600) \$	1,771,200	\$ (10,662,600)
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	Year F Decemb		Seven Mor Decem	ber		For Former Fiscal Years Ended M		May 31,		
Per share financial data	2004	2003	2002	(0	2001	2002		2001		2000
Operating revenues	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.07 \$	0.06	\$	0.07 \$	0.22	\$	0.42	\$	0.43
Loss from continuing operations	(0.51)	(0.64)	(0.33)		(0.47)	(0.80)		(0.96)		(1.39)
Other income & expense	0.00	(0.01)	(0.03)		0.12	0.14		1.11		0.01
Loss before minority interest, equity in loss of affiliates, income taxes,										
discontinued operations, and cumulative effect										
of accounting change	(0.50)	(0.65)	(0.36)		(0.35)	(0.66)		0.15		(1.38)
Minority interest in loss (income)										
of consolidated subsidiaries	0.03	0.02				0.01		0.03		0.07
Equity in loss of affiliates										
Income taxes										
Discontinued operations, net of tax		(0.03)			0.02	(0.01)		0.06		(0.08)
Cumulative effect of accounting change		0.14								
Preferred stock dividends					(0.01)	(0.01)		(0.01)		
Net (loss) income per share, basic	\$ (0.47)	\$ (0.52)\$	(0.36)	\$	(0.34)\$	(0.67)	\$	0.23	\$	(1.39)
Net (loss) income										

per share, diluted \$ (0.47) \$ (0.52)\$ (0.36) \$ (0.34)\$ (0.67) \$ 0.23 \$ (1.39)

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	June 30 2005 (Unaudited)		December 31 2004 (Audited)
Current assets	\$ 11,474,60	00 \$	5,421,500
Current liabilities	2,988,20	00	6,058,000
Working capital (deficit)	8,486,4	00	(636.500)
Total assets	41,868,80	00	30,703,700
Long term obligations (1)	12,735,10	00	13,615,300
Shareholders deficit	21,442,40	00	6,281,300

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup> Includes \$7,602,100 at June 30, 2005 and \$7,882,400 at December 31, 2004 of accrued reclamation obligation costs on properties

	Six Mo	onths End	ed			
	June 30,					
	2005		2004			
	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)			
Operating revenues	524,900		278,800			
Loss from						
continuing operations	(3,604,900)		(2,762,700)			
Other income & expenses	(1,673,900)		594,300			
Loss before minority interest,						
equity in loss of affiliates,						
income taxes, discontinued						
operations, and cumulative						
effect of accounting change	(5,278,800)		(2,168,400)			
Minority interest in loss of						
consolidated subsidiaries	361,400		6,000			
Income taxes						
Discontinued operations,						
net of tax	14,216,900		(1,221,800)			
Net (loss) income						
to common shareholders	\$ 9,299,500	\$	(3,384,200)			

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		Six Months Ended June 30,					
	20	005		2004			
Per share financial data							
Operating revenues	\$	(0.03)	\$	0.02			
Loss from							
continuing operations		(0.24)		(0.22)			
Other income & expenses		(0.11)		0.04			
Loss before minority interest,							
equity in loss of affiliates,							
income taxes, discontinued							
operations, and cumulative							
effect of accounting change		(0.35)		(0.18)			
Minority interest in loss							
of consolidated subsidiaries		.02					
Income taxes							
Discontinued operations, net of tax		0.95		(0.10)			
Net (loss) income							
per share, basic	\$	0.162	\$	(0.27)			
Net (loss income							
	\$	0.61	\$	(0.27)			
Net (loss) income per share, basic  Net (loss income Per share, diluted	\$	0.162	\$	(0.27)			

Less than \$0.01 per share.

### Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following is Management's Discussion and Analysis of significant factors, which have affected the Company's liquidity, capital resources and results of operations during the periods included in the accompanying financial statements. The discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Due to uncertainties in the minerals business, the Company's actual results may differ materially from the results discussed in any such forward-looking statements.

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#### **General Overview**

U.S. Energy Corp. and its subsidiaries historically have been involved in the acquisition, exploration, development and production of properties prospective for hard rock minerals including lead, zinc, silver, molybdenum, gold, uranium, and oil and gas properties and commercial real estate. The Company manages all of its operations through a joint venture, USECC Joint Venture ("USECC"), with one of its subsidiary companies, Crested Corp. ("Crested") of which it owns a consolidated 70.1%. The narrative discussion refers only to the Company but includes the consolidated financial statements of Crested, Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. ("RMG"), Plateau Resources Ltd. ("Plateau"), USECC and other subsidiaries. The Company has entered into partnerships through which it either joint ventured or leased properties with non-related parties for the development and production of certain of its mineral properties. Due to either depressed metal market prices or disputes in certain of the partnerships, as of December 31, 2004, all mineral properties have either been sold, reclaimed or are shut down except coalbed methane (this activity, conducted by RMG, was sold on June 1, 2005). However, activities have resumed on a limited basis in uranium and gold. The Company has had no production from any of its mineral properties during the periods from May 31, 2001 through December 31, 2004, except coalbed methane.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Asset Impairments - We assess the impairment of property and equipment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Oil and Gas Producing Activities - We follow the full cost method of accounting for oil and gas properties. Accordingly, all costs associated with acquisition, exploration and development of oil and gas reserves, including directly related overhead costs, are capitalized and are subject to ceiling tests to insure the carrying value does not exceed the fair market value.

*Reclamation Liabilities* - The Company's policy is to accrue the liability for future reclamation costs of its mineral properties based on the current estimate of the future reclamation costs as determined by internal and external experts.

Revenue Recognition - Revenues are reported on a gross revenue basis and are recorded at the time services are provided or the commodity is sold. Sales of proved and unproved properties are accounted for as adjustments of capitalized costs with no gain or loss recognized, unless such adjustments would significantly alter the relationship between capitalized costs and proved reserves of oil and gas, in which case the gain or loss is recognized in income. Abandonments of properties are accounted for as adjustments of capitalized costs with no loss recognized.

*Use of Accounting Estimates* - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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#### December 31, 2004 and the Year Then Ended

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

During the year ended December 31, 2004, operations resulted in a loss of \$6,248,700 and consumed \$4,282,300 of cash. Investing activities also consumed cash in the amount of \$5,051,200 primarily as a result of the purchase of additional CBM properties and the exploration expenses incurred on existing CBM properties. Financing activities generated \$9,091,300 as a result of the sale of the Company's and RMG's stock and third party debt. All these factors together resulted in a net reduction of cash and cash equivalents of \$242,300.

Cash generated by the production of coalbed methane gas operations during the year ended December 31, 2004 was swept by the financing entities to pay principal and interest. Prior to the sweep of the cash for principal and interest payments, sufficient cash to pay well and field operating costs was advanced to RMG. RMG also receives a per well monthly fee of \$193, net to RMG, average per well for operating the coalbed methane operations from the working interest owners.

The liquidity of the Company during the year ended December 31, 2004 was dependant therefore upon the sale of equity and increased debt to third parties. The Company anticipates repaying the debt once it is able to sell certain mineral or coalbed methane properties.

#### **Capital Resources**

As of April 11, 2005, the Company and its subsidiary Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. ("RMG") has entered into a binding agreement with Enterra Energy Trust ("Enterra") for the acquisition of RMG by Enterra in consideration of \$20,000,000, payable pro rata to the RMG shareholders in the amounts of \$6,000,000 in cash and \$14,000,000 in exchangeable shares of one of the subsidiary companies of Enterra. The shares will be exchangeable for units of Enterra twelve months after closing of the transaction. The Enterra units are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange and on Nasdaq; the exchangeable shares will not be traded. RMG will be acquired with approximately \$3,500,000 of debt owed to its mezzanine lenders.

Two major components of anticipated future capital resources during 2005 therefore are the settlement of the litigation with Nukem and the sale of RMG to Enterra. Should the sale of RMG common stock to Enterra be concluded the Company will receive cash and trust units of Enterra which would be marketable in 12 months after the closing of the transaction. Management believes both these transactions will be concluded favorably, however, the ultimate outcome of the Nukem litigation and the Enterra transaction are not certain.

During the year ended December 31, 2003, the Company sold its interests in the town site operations to a non-affiliated entity, The Cactus Group ("Cactus"). As a result of the sale of the town site, the Company received cash of \$349,300 and a promissory note from Cactus in the amount of \$3,120,700. The Company received \$166,000 in cash payments and \$44,000 in room credits from Cactus during calendar 2004. The room credits will be used by the Company as it works on developing its uranium assets in southern Utah. Cactus is to continue making monthly payments, primarily interest, until August 2008 at which time a balloon payment of \$2.8 million is due.

The Company has a \$750,000 line of credit with a commercial bank. The line of credit is secured by certain real estate holdings and equipment. At December 31, 2004, the full line of credit was available and has been renewed by the bank through June 30, 2005. This line of credit is used for short term working capital needs associated with operations.

On February 9, 2005, the Company borrowed \$4,000,000 from seven accredited investors, issuing \$4,720,000 face amount of debentures (including three years of annual interest at 6%). Net proceeds to the Company were \$3,700,000 after paying a commission and lenders' legal costs.

The debentures are unsecured; the face amount of the debentures are payable every six months from February 4, 2005, in five installments of 20%, in cash or in restricted common stock of the Company. We may pay this amortization payment in cash or in stock at the lower of \$2.43 per share (the "set price") or 90% of the volume weighted average price of the Company's stock for the 90 trading days prior to the repayment date. The set price was determined on the formula of 90% of the volume weighted average price of the stock over the 90 trading days prior to February 4, 2005. The debentures are convertible to restricted common stock at the set price.

At any time, the Company has the right to redeem some or all of the debentures in cash or stock, in an amount equal to 120% of the face amount of the debentures until February 4, 2006; 115% from February 5, 2006 to February 4, 2007; and 110% from February 5, 2007 until maturity. Payment in stock would be at the set price. The holders may convert the debentures to stock even if USE should seek to redeem in cash.

If at any time, after registration for public resale of the conversion shares have been approved, the Company's stock trades at more than 150% of the set price for 20 consecutive trading days, USE may convert the balance of the face amount of the debentures at the set price.

In the event of default, the investors may require payment (i) in cash equal to 130% of the then outstanding face amount; or (ii) in stock equal to 100% of face amount, with the stock priced at the set price, or (iii) in stock equal to 130% of the face amount, with the stock priced at 100% of the volume weighted average price of our stock for the 90 trading days prior to default.

The Company issued warrants to the investors, expiring February 4, 2008, to purchase 971,195 shares of restricted common stock, at \$3.63 per share (equal to 110% of the Nasdaq closing price on February 3, 2005). The number of shares underlying the warrants equals 50% of the shares issuable on full conversion of the debentures at the set price (as if the debentures were so converted on February 4, 2005). Warrants to purchase an additional 100,000 shares, at the same price and for the same term as the warrants issued to the investors, were a registered broker-dealer as compensation for its services in connection with the transaction. If in any period of 20 consecutive trading days (after registration has been approved) the stock price of the Company's common stock exceeds 200% of the warrants' exercise price, on each of the trading days, all of the warrants will expire on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the Company sends a call notice to the warrant holders.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2005, the Company received \$1,529,300 from the exercise of 417,811 warrants by non-employee individuals and firms. The continued exercise of employee options and non-employee warrants is contingent upon the market price of the Company's common stock remaining above the exercise prices.

Other sources of capital are cash on hand; collection of receivables; contractual funding of drilling and development programs by non-affiliates; sale of excess equipment and real estate properties; additional debt or equity financings through third parties; equity financing of the Company's subsidiaries and a line of credit with a commercial bank.

## **Capital Requirements**

The capital requirements of the Company during 2005 remain its General and Administrative costs and expenses; the funding of costs associated with the maintenance and operation of its coalbed methane properties; permitting and development work on its gold property and the ongoing maintenance of its uranium properties. Additionally, pending the outcome of the litigation with Phelps Dodge, the Company may incur the costs associated with holding the molybdenum property. Although it is not known what the exact cost of maintaining the molybdenum properties is, it has been represented that the cost is approximately \$1.0 million per year.

## **Maintaining Uranium Properties**

#### **SMP Uranium Properties**

The average monthly care and maintenance costs associated with the Sheep Mountain uranium mineral properties was \$23,100 during the year ended December 31, 2004. Included in the average monthly cost during the year ended December 31, 2004 is ongoing reclamation work on the former SMP properties. It is anticipated that a total of \$192,700 in reclamation expenditures will be conducted during 2005.

On December 8, 2004, the Company and Crested d/b/a USECC entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "agreement") with Bell Coast Capital Corp. now Uranium Power Corp. ("UPC"), a British Columbia corporation (TSX-V "UPC-V") for the sale to UPC of an undivided 50% interest in the former SMP uranium properties. The initial purchase price for the 50% interest in the properties is \$4,050,000 and 4,000,000 shares of common stock of UPC, payable by installments. All amounts are stated in US dollars.

The Company and Crested, and UPC, will each be responsible for paying 50% of (i) current and future Sheep Mountain reclamation costs in excess of \$1,600,000, and (ii) all costs to maintain and hold the properties.

UPC has agreed to contribute \$10,000,000 to the joint venture (at \$500,000 for each of 20 exploration projects that are approved). The Company and Crested, and UPC, each will be responsible for 50% of costs on each project in excess of \$500,000. See Note F to the audited consolidated financial statements.

On April 11, 2005 USECC and UPC signed a mining venture agreement.

#### **Plateau Resources Uranium Properties**

Plateau owned the Ticaboo townsite, motel, convenience store, boat storage, restaurant and lounge. During the year ended December 31, 2003, the Company sold its interest in the townsite operations to a non-affiliated entity, Cactus. As a result of the sale of the townsite, USECC received a promissory note from Cactus in the amount of \$3,120,700. The Company received \$166,000 in cash payments and \$44,000 in room credits from Cactus during calendar 2004.

Additionally, Plateau owns and maintains the Shootaring Canyon Uranium Mill (the "Shootaring Mill"). During the year ended December 31, 2003, Plateau requested a change in the status of the Shootaring Mill from active to reclamation from the NRC. The NRC granted the change in license status which generated a surplus in the cash bond account of approximately \$2.9 million which was released to Plateau. The Company received the benefit of this release of cash.

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During the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, Plateau performed approximately \$262,500 \$209,600, respectively in reclamation on mining properties and the Shootaring Mill. Due to increases in the market price for uranium during the last six months of the year ended December 31, 2004 and the first quarter of 2005, the Company reconsidered its prior decision to reclaim the Shootaring Mill property. In March 2005, Plateau filed an application with the State of Utah to restart the Mill. Therefore, the Company will not expend any capital resources in the reclamation of the Mill during calendar 2005.

The cash costs per month, including reclamation costs, at the Plateau properties during calendar 2004 were approximately \$32,600 per month. These costs are projected to increase to \$75,000 to \$100,000 per month during the year ending December 31, 2005 due to increased activity in the uranium business.

## **Sutter Gold Mining Inc. (SGMI) Properties**

Because of the recent increase in the price of gold, management of Sutter Gold has decided to place the properties controlled by it into production. No extensive development work or mill construction will be initiated until such time as funding from debt and or equity sources is in place. The goal of the Company's management is to have the SGMI properties be self supporting and thereby not requiring any capital resource commitment from the Company. On December 29, 2004, SGMC merged with Globemin Resources, Inc., a Canadian company, and changed its name to Sutter Gold Mining Inc. ("SGMI"). SGMI is traded on the TSX Venture Exchange. SGMI has sufficient capital to pay for the anticipated work which will be done on the properties during calendar 2005. Additional financing is being sought by SGMI. See Note F.

## **Development of Coalbed Methane Properties**

A portion of the costs during the year ended December 31, 2004 for the development of RMG's coalbed methane properties were funded through an agreement that RMG entered into with CCBM, Inc. ("CCBM") a subsidiary of Carrizo Oil and Gas of Houston, Texas. At December 31, 2003, CCBM had completely satisfied its cash and drilling commitments to RMG.

During the year ended December 31, 2003, RMG and CCBM entered into a Subscription and Contribution Agreement with Credit Suisse First Boston Private Equity parties ("CSFB") to form Pinnacle Gas Resources, Inc. ("Pinnacle"). As a result of the formation, RMG and CCBM contributed certain undeveloped and producing coalbed methane properties to Pinnacle. RMG has the opportunity to increase its ownership in Pinnacle by advancing cash to purchase common stock in Pinnacle through the exercise of options, but that increase would be offset to the extent other parties contribute additional capital to Pinnacle. See Part I "Transaction with Pinnacle Gas Resources, Inc." Management of the Company does not anticipate exercising these options during calendar 2005 unless surplus capital resources are received. RMG has no capital commitments on the properties contributed to Pinnacle. See Note F.

RMG continues to pursue other investment and production opportunities in the CBM business. On January 30, 2004, RMG purchased the assets of Hi-Pro Production, LLC a non-affiliated entity which included both producing and non-producing properties. The purchase of these CBM assets was accomplished by the issuance of common stock and warrants of both RMG and USE and cash, the majority of which was borrowed as a result of mezzanine financing through Petrobridge Investment Management, LLC

All cash flows from gas production on the Hi-Pro properties are pledged to pay the acquisition debt. See Note F to the audited consolidated financial statements. The acquisition debt also requires minimum net production volumes through June 30, 2006 and maintenance of financial ratios. The Hi-Pro properties are held by RMG I, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of RMG and are the sole collateral for the debt.

At December 31, 2004, RMG I was not in compliance with all of the financial covenants under the Petrobridge agreement. A revocable waiver was granted through January 31, 2006 by the lender. As the wavier is conditional, the entire debt is classified as current. Management of RMG I continues to seek solutions in the production of coalbed methane gas to bring the project into compliance. Due to lower than projected sales volumes, the Hi-Pro field will remain out of compliance unless (1) higher prices are realized, (2) costs are reduced and (3) the debt is paid down. Because it is probable that RMG I will not be in compliance with these ratios for the next reporting period the entire \$3,214,800 is classified as current debt. Should the lender declare the note in default, the only asset available for recourse is the Hi-Pro property owned by RMG I. See Note F.

Future equity financing by RMG, or industry financings, will be needed for RMGI, LLC to drill and complete wells on the substantial undeveloped acreage acquired from Hi-Pro. New production from this acreage could be needed to service the acquisition debt to offset the impact of declining production from the producing properties and/or low gas prices.

As of April 11, 2005, the Company, Crested, and RMG signed a binding agreement for the acquisition of RMG by Enterra Energy Trust.

If the proposed transaction with Enterra is not consummated, management of the Company believes that continued exploration and development of RMG's unproven properties will be financed through cash that RMG and USE have on hand as well as ventures with industry partners. None of the Company's capital resources should be needed therefore to fund operations or development work of RMG during 2005.

#### **Debt Payments**

Debt to non-related parties at December 31, 2004 was \$7,180,700 net of a discount of \$273,000. This debt consists of debt owed by RMG I to mezzanine lenders to purchase the Hi-Pro assets of \$3.2 million; long term debt related to the purchase of vehicles and a corporate aircraft of \$1.2 million, and convertible debt of \$2.7million. The commitment of capital resources during calendar 2005 for equipment and liability insurance debt is \$185,300. The mezzanine lenders for the Hi-Pro acquisition sweep all funds from operations of the field to pay interest and principal with the exception of funds to pay (a) lease operating expenses, (b) royalties and (c) production related taxes. At December 31, 2004, RMG I was not in compliance with five of the financial covenants under the Petrobridge agreement (see note F). A revocable waiver was granted through January 31, 2006 by the lender. As the waiver is conditional, the entire debt is classified as current. The convertible debt is not due until 2006 so will only require \$300,000 of the Company's capital resources to pay interest when due quarterly.

#### **Reclamation Costs**

The asset retirement obligations are substantially long term and are either bonded through the use of cash bonds or the pledge of assets. It is anticipated that \$192,700 of reclamation work on the SMP properties in Wyoming will be performed during 2005.

The asset retirement obligation on the Plateau uranium mining and milling properties in Utah at December 31, 2004 was \$5,249,100, which is reflected on the Balance Sheet. This liability is fully funded by cash investments that are recorded as long term restricted assets. Due to the increased market price of uranium, the reclamation of this property has been delayed significantly and is not anticipated to commence until 2032.

The asset retirement obligation of the Sheep Mountain uranium properties in Wyoming at September 30, 2004 are \$2,339,900 and are covered by a reclamation bond which is secured by a pledge of certain real estate assets of the Company and Crested.

RMG asset retirement obligations at September 30, 2004 were \$463,700. It is not anticipated that any reclamation work will commence on the coalbed methane properties during 2005.

The asset retirement obligation for SGMI is \$22,400 which is covered by a cash bond. No cash resources will be used for asset retirement obligations at SGMI during the twelve months ended December 31, 2005.

#### **Liquidity Summary**

The Company's capital resources during the year ended December 31, 2004 were sufficient to fund mine standby costs; coalbed methane property acquisition, maintenance and operations; limited reclamation and general and administrative expenses. The anticipated development of our gold, uranium, molybdenum and coalbed methane gas properties will require additional funding. This funding will be derived either through joint ventures with industry participants, debt or equity financings.

The current market prices for gold, uranium, molybdenum and coalbed methane gas are at levels that will warrant the exploration and development of the Company's mineral properties. Industry projections for all these metals along with gas anticipate prices remaining at the current levels or higher during the next decade. Management of the Company therefore believes that sufficient capital will be available to develop its mineral properties. The successful development and production of these properties will greatly enhance the liquidity and financial position of the Company.

#### **Results of Operations**

During the periods presented, the Company has discontinued certain operations. Reclassifications to previously published financial statements have therefore been made to reflect ongoing operations and the effect of the discontinued operations. The Company changed its year end to December 31 effective December 31, 2002.

#### Year ended December 31, 2004 Compared to the Year ended December 31, 2003

#### Revenues:

Operating revenues during the year ended December 31, 2004 increased significantly over those recognized during the prior year. The primary cause of this increase is as a result of the purchase of producing coalbed methane properties by RMG during the first quarter of 2004. The Company recognized \$3,205,700 in gas sales during the twelve months ended December 31, 2004 as compared to only \$287,400 during the prior year. The gas sales during the year ended December 31, 2003 were only for six months due to the formation of Pinnacle and the contribution of all of the Company's producing properties to that entity.

The acquisition of producing gas properties also increased management fee revenues recognized by the Company during the year ended December 31, 2004. This increase came as a result of the Company being paid a per well fee for the operation of the wells by the other working interest owners as well as a monthly fee for employees who manage the day to day production of the producing properties. During the year ended December 31, 2004 the Company recognized \$796,300 in management revenues as a result of these activities. No similar revenues were recognized during the year ended December 31, 2003.

Revenues from real estate operations decreased during the year ended December 31, 2004 from those recorded during the year ended December 31, 2003 by \$78,200. This decrease was as a result of reduced lot sales at the Plateau operations in Utah. All other revenues for the year ended December 31, 2004 remained constant with those recognized during the previous year.

## **Costs and Expenses:**

As a result of the Company purchasing and operating coalbed methane properties during the year ended December 31, 2004, the costs associated with gas operations increased significantly from \$313,100 to \$4,168,800. These costs and expenses reflect the costs of operations, repairs and maintenance and amortization of the purchase price on a units of production basis. The field which was purchased by the Company had not been well maintained for some time and therefore required major repairs and enhancements. Although the operation of a gas field constantly requires ongoing maintenance, it is not anticipated by management that the major enhancement costs will be required in the future as the Company has, and is committed to, perform the required maintenance on an ongoing basis. The enhancements and maintenance performed during the year ended December 31, 2004 have increased production and improved both the cash flow and results of operations relating to the gas property.

The production on all gas properties has a life certain and therefore begins to decline the longer the property is produced. The gas property that the Company purchased is on that decline curve and it is not known how long the property will continue to produce at its current levels. There are however additional coal seams that the management of the Company is evaluating for future development and production. The overall cost of the property is therefore anticipated to remain static; however, if the lower coals are not placed into production, the profitability of the property will decrease.

The holding costs associated with the Company's mineral properties during the year ended December 31, 2004 remained constant with those costs recorded during the previous year. It is anticipated that these costs will increase during 2005 as the Company moves forward with the permitting process relating to its uranium and gold properties. Additionally the holding cost of the molybdenum property, which the Company most probably will receive back from Phelps Dodge, will increase these costs. All costs associated with the acquisition of additional properties will be capitalized but the permitting costs will be expensed.

Real estate operating costs and general and administrative costs were reduced during the year ended December 31, 2004 from those of the year ended December 31, 2003. The reduction of real estate costs is insignificant, \$7,400, and is related to the reduction of the Company's involvement in the southern Utah property sold to a third party which had previously been operated by Plateau. The reduction in general and administrative costs of \$706,400 was due to the ongoing efforts of the Company's management to reduce overhead and related expenses.

#### Other Income and Expenses:

Other Income and Expenses increased from net expenses of \$73,000 during the year ended December 31, 2003 to net income of \$13,000 during the year ended December 31, 2004. Although the net increase of \$86,000 is insignificant there were some major changes in the individual components.

Due to the positive upward movement of the market prices for the minerals in which the Company is involved it has determined to retain its remaining mineral development and extraction equipment. The determination to retain this equipment is a direct cause of the reduction of \$154,000 from the year ended December 31, 2003 to the year ended December 31, 2003 in the gain on the sale of assets.

The income recognized from the sale of investments is as a result of the liquidation of common stock of a company, Ruby Mining Company ("Ruby"), which the Company sold several years ago. The Company retained ownership of a portion of its former shares of common stock in Ruby and had no book basis in the shares. During the year ended December 31, 2004 the Company sold 832,500 shares of Ruby common stock and received \$433,100. The Company also received \$152,700 from the sale of a piece of real estate during the year ended December 31, 2004 which had no book value.

Interest revenues recognized during the year ended December 31, 2004 decreased from those recognized during the year ended December 31, 2003 due to the reduced amount of cash invested in interest bearing accounts. Interest expenses increased from \$799,100 during the twelve months ended December 31, 2003 by \$266,300 to \$1,065,400 at December 31, 2004 as a result of increased debt associated with the purchase of coalbed methane properties.

#### Net Loss:

High and non-recurring remediation and maintenance costs associated with the new coalbed methane producing property resulted in a net loss from those operations of \$963,100. This loss is offset by an increase of management fees of \$964,300 which is directly tied to the operations of coalbed methane properties. Increased interest expenses and reduced interest revenues are therefore the primary causes for the increase in the loss of \$438,600 during the year ended December 31, 2004 to \$6,248,700 as compared to the loss during the year ended December 31, 2003 of \$5,810,100. These losses reflect net losses per share of \$0.47 per share and \$0.52 per share for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 respectively.

## Year ended December 31, 2003 Compared to the Year ended May 31, 2002

#### Revenues:

Revenues for the twelve months ended December 31, 2003 consisted of \$334,300 from real estate operations, \$287,400 from gas sales and \$215,600 from management fees. Revenues from real estate operations during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2002 were \$1,276,200. The decrease in real estate revenues was as a result of reduced sales of commercial real estate during the twelve months ended December 31, 2003. During fiscal 2002 the Company sold a tract of land in California which was no longer needed for the SGMI development plan for operations.

During the year ended December 31, 2003 the Company reported \$287,400 in gas sales. There were no similar revenues during the twelve months ended May 31, 2002 as the Company had no production of coal bed methane gas at May 31, 2002.

The Company recognized a minimal increase in management fee revenues during the year ended December 31, 2003 to \$215,600 over the \$208,200 recognized in management fee revenues during the twelve months ended May 31, 2002. Management fee revenues were actually reduced after June 2003 when RMG contributed its producing and certain undeveloped properties to Pinnacle. Although RMG provided the transitional accounting services for Pinnacle through December 31, 2003, it received only its actual cost for those services.

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#### Costs and Expenses:

Costs and expenses for the year ended December 31, 2003 were \$8,075,200 as compared to \$8,877,800 for the year ended May 31, 2002. Costs and expenses of real estate operations and the cost of real estate sold decreased by \$1,045,500 during that twelve months ended December 31, 2003 when compared to the costs and expenses incurred during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2002. This decrease was primarily as a result of a tract of no longer needed. Real estate was sold by SGMI during the year ended May 31, 2002 while no similar sales occurred during the year ended December 31, 2003.

During the year ended December 31, 2003 the Company recognized \$313,100 in gas operating expenses. No similar expenses were recorded during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2002 as the Company had not yet begun producing gas at that time.

Mineral holding costs decreased by \$246,100 to \$1,461,700 at December 31, 2003 from \$1,707,800 at May 31, 2002. This decrease was as a result of the Company placing all its mining properties on a shut-down status and reducing costs of holding those properties.

General and administrative costs increased by \$2,050,700 during the twelve months ended December 31, 2003 over the twelve months ended May 31, 2002. This increase was as a result of several non cash items. Non cash items which were expensed during the year ended December 31, 2003 were: depreciation and amortization of \$554,200; accretion of asset retirement obligations of \$366,700; amortization of debt discount of \$537,700; amortization of non cash services of \$134,700, and non cash compensation of \$893,500 for a total of \$2,486,800.

The amortization of debt discount increased primarily as a result of the acceleration in the discount amortization due to the conversion of approximately one half of the debt under the terms of \$1.0 million of debt to common shares of the Company's common stock.

On January 1, 2003, the Company adopted SFAS 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligation. Under the terms of this accounting standard, the Company is required to record the fair value of the reclamation liability on its shut-down mining and gas properties as of the date that the liability was incurred. The accounting standard further requires the Company to review the liability and determine if a change in estimate is required as well as accrete the total liability for the future liability. As a result of the adoption of this accounting standard, the Company recorded the non cash accretion of \$366,700.

Non cash compensation increased as a result of the initial funding of the 2001 Stock Award Plan whereby five of the executive officers of the Company were granted a total of 100,000 shares of common stock at \$3.10 per share. Under the plan, each officer is to receive 10,000 shares of common stock annually under the condition that the shares cannot be sold until the officer's death or retirement. The plan was effective in 2001 and had not been funded. The funding for the twelve months ended December 2003 was therefore retroactive for two years. In addition to the increase due to the funding of the 2001 Stock Award Plan, the funding for the ESOP as well as the amortization of the deferred compensation recorded in prior periods were both for a full twelve months as compared to only seven months in the prior period.

The increase in the amortization of non cash services during the year ended December 31, 2003 resulted from the issuance of additional stock and warrants for legal and financial consulting services. These services related to the formation of Pinnacle and litigation with Phelps Dodge.

## Other Income and Expenses:

During the fiscal year ended May 31, 2002 the Company recognized \$812,700 in gains from the sale of assets while during the year ended December 31, 2003 the Company recognized only \$198,200. The Company was selling the majority of its construction equipment during the years ended May 31, 2002 and 2001. The majority of the surplus equipment to be sold was sold during those two years.

Interest income decreased \$291,800 during the year ended December 31, 2003 when compared to the year ended May 31, 2002. This reduction in revenues occurred as a result of the Company having less amounts of cash invested in interest bearing accounts during the year ended December 31, 2003. In May of 2002 the Company borrowed \$1.5 million from third party lenders. During the year ended December 31, 2003 the Company recorded interest on this debt while there was not interest paid on this debt during fiscal 2002.

Effective January 1, 2003 the Company adopted SFAS 143 "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations" which requires the Company to record the fair value of the reclamation liability on its shut down mining and gas properties as of the date that the liability is incurred. The Company is further required to accrete the total liability for the full value of the future liability. As a result of adopting this new accounting policy the Company recorded a cumulative effect of accounting change of \$1,615,600 as well as an accretion expense of 366,700.

Operations for the year ended December 31, 2003 resulted in a loss of \$5,810,100 or \$0.52 per share as compared to a loss of \$6,181,100 or \$0.66 per share during fiscal 2002.

#### Seven months ended December 31, 2002 Compared to the Seven months ended December 31, 2001

#### Revenues:

During the seven months ended December 31, 2002, the Company recognized \$673,000 in revenues as compared to \$545,900 in revenues during the seven months ended December 31, 2001. This increase of \$127,100 in revenues was primarily as a result of the production and sale of CBM gas during the seven months ended December 31, 2002 of \$119,400 while no revenues from CBM production were recognized during the same period of the previous year.

Through the purchase of the Bobcat Field, RMG began selling CBM gas during the seven months ended December 31, 2002. As anticipated, production from these newly developed wells was lower than it will be in the future. Additionally, the market price for natural gas was very low during the summer and fall months of 2002. These reasons along with high start up and operating costs of \$355,200, resulted in a loss from operations for CBM of \$235,800. Management believes with increased production volumes, reduced ongoing operating costs and increased market prices for natural gas, the CBM properties will show profits and cash flows during 2003.

## **Costs and Expenses:**

Costs and expenses during the seven months ended December 2002 were \$4,197,900 as compared to costs and expenses of \$4,460,800 during the seven months ended December 31, 2001. This reduction of \$262,900 was as a result of a reduction in the holding costs of shut-down mineral properties and an ongoing cost cutting program. These reductions in operating costs were offset primarily by the operating costs associated with CBM.

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#### Other Income and Expenses:

During the seven months ended December 31, 2002, the Company recognized a loss on the sale of assets of \$342,600 while it recognized a gain on the sale of assets during the seven months ended December 31, 2001 of \$592,600. The Company also had an increase in interest expense of \$234,500 during the seven months ended December 31, 2002 over the same period of the previous year as a result of the interest on the Company's convertible debt.

Operations for the seven months ended December 31, 2002, resulted in a loss of \$3,840,100 or \$0.36 per share as compared to a loss of \$2,785,400 or \$0.34 per share for the seven months ended December 31, 2001.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

On December 16, 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB No. 123(R), *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, which replaces FASB 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, and supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and its related implementation guidance. The Company will be required to implement FASB 123(R) on the quarterly report for the quarter ended September 30, 2005. Under the terms of FASB 123(R) the Company will be required to expense the fair value of stock options issued to employees. The fair value is determined using an option-pricing model that takes into account the stock price at the grant date, the exercise price, the expected life of the option, the volatility of the underlying stock, the expected dividends on it, and the risk-free interest rate over the expected life of the option. The fair value of an option estimated at the grant date is not subsequently adjusted for changes in the price of the underlying stock or its volatility, life of the option, dividends on the stock, or the risk-free interest rate.

Effective January 1, 2003, the Company adopted SFAS No. 143 "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligation." The statement requires the Company to record the fair value of the reclamation liability on its shut down mining and gas properties as of the date that the liability is incurred. The statement further requires that the Company review the liability each quarter and determine if a change in estimate is required as well as accrete the total liability on a quarterly basis for the future liability.

The Company will also deduct any actual funds expended for reclamation during the quarter in which it occurs. The Company has no remaining book value for these properties.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity." This Statement establishes standards for how the Company will classify and measure certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. It requires that the Company classify a financial instrument within its scope as a liability. Some of the provisions of this Statement are consistent with the current definition of liabilities in FASB Concepts Statement No. 6, "Elements of Financial Statements." The remaining provisions of this Statement are consistent with the FASB's proposal to revise that definition to encompass certain obligations that a reporting entity can or must settle by issuing its own equity shares, depending on the nature of the relationship established between the holder and the issuer. This Statement is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003 and otherwise is effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. The adoption of SFAS No. 150 had no material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

The Company has reviewed other current outstanding statements from the Financial Accounting Standards Board and does not believe that any of those statements will have a material adverse affect on the financial statements of the Company when adopted.

## **Future Operations**

We have generated operating losses for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, the seven months ended December 31, 2002 and the fiscal year ended May 31, 2002 as a result of costs associated with shut down mineral properties. Management of the Company intends to take advantage of the opportunity presented by the recent and future projected market prices for all the minerals and coalbed methane gas that it is involved with.

#### **Effects of Changes in Prices**

Mineral operations are significantly affected by changes in commodity prices. As prices for a particular mineral increase, prices for prospects for that mineral also increase, making acquisitions of such properties costly and sales advantageous. Conversely, a price decline facilitates acquisitions of properties containing that mineral, but makes sales of such properties more difficult. Operational impacts of changes in mineral commodity prices are common in the mining industry.

**Natural Gas and Oil.** Our decision to expand into the coalbed methane industry was predicated on the projections for natural gas prices. We believe that the energy demands of the United States of America will sustain higher natural prices. As a result of RMG's hedging activities, the price of gas will not materially affect our operations for fiscal 2005.

**Uranium and Gold.** Changes in the prices of uranium and gold will affect our operational decisions the most. Currently, both gold and uranium have experienced an increase in price. We continually evaluate market trends and data and are seeking financing or a joint venture to place the Company's gold and uranium properties in production. We are currently evaluating our gold and uranium properties as market prices have increased to the level that these properties could produce profitably. Management is evaluating how long this trend will continue and at what level market prices for gold and uranium will settle at for the long term.

**Molybdenum.** The price of Molybdenum at December 31, 2004 was at a 20 year high of \$34 per pound. Since the U.S. District Court ruled in favor of those claims brought by Phelps Dodge, the Company and Crested believe they will receive back the Mt. Emmons molybdenum property near Crested Butte, Colorado. If the properties are received, the Company and Crested will seek financing or a joint venture partner to place the Mt. Emmons property into production. The Mt. Emmons property will have a very long life and changes in prices of molybdenum would affect the revenues from that property. The Mt. Emmons property will not be placed into production during 2005 or the near term.

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## **Contractual Obligations**

The Company has two divisions of contractual obligations as of December 31, 2004: debt to third parties of \$7,180,700, and asset retirement obligations of \$8,075,100. The debt will be paid over a period of five to seven years and the retirement obligations will be retired during the next 30 years. During the year ended December 31, 2004, RMG incurred new debt of \$3.7 million in the acquisition of the assets of Hi-Pro, and the Company incurred \$3.0 million of new debt to a private lender under a credit facility. The following table shows the schedule of the payments on the debt, and the expenditures for budgeted asset retirement obligations.

	Total	Less than one Year	One to Three Years	Three to Five Years	More than Five Years
Long-term debt obligations	\$ 7,180,700 \$	3,400,100 \$	3,771,500 \$	9,100 \$	
Other long-term liabilities Totals	\$ 8,075,100 15,255,800 \$	192,700 3,592,800 \$	471,100 4,242,600 \$	1,946,100 1,955,200 \$	5,465,200 5,465,200

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources - Second Quarter 2005**

The following is Management's Discussion and Analysis of the significant factors which have affected our liquidity, capital resources and results of operations during the periods included in the accompanying financial statements. For a detailed explanation of the Company's Business Overview, it is suggested that Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 be read in conjunction with the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004. The discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Due to uncertainties in our business, actual results may differ materially from the discussion below.

#### **Overview of Business**

U.S. Energy Corp. ("USE" or the "Company") and its subsidiaries historically have been involved in the acquisition, exploration, development and production of properties prospective for hard rock minerals including lead, zinc, silver, molybdenum, gold, uranium, oil and gas and commercial real estate. The Company manages most of its operations through a joint venture, USECC Joint Venture ("USECC"), with one of its subsidiary companies, Crested Corp. ("Crested") of which it owns a consolidated 70.1%. The narrative discussion of this MD&A refers only to USE or the Company but includes the consolidated financial statements of Crested, Plateau Resources Ltd. ("Plateau"), USECC and other subsidiaries.

The financial statements in this prospectus, including statements for the year ended December 31, 2004 and for the six months ended June 30, 2005, include the consolidated financial statements of Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. ("RMG"). On June 1, 2005 all of the outstanding stock of RMG was sold to Enterra US Acquisitions Inc. ("Acquisitions") (a privately-held Washington corporation organized by Enterra Energy Trust ("Enterra") for purposes of the RMG acquisition. The condensed consolidated balance sheet of the Company at June 30, 2005, the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three and six month ended June 30, 3005 and June 30, 2004 and the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and June 30, 2004 do not include the balances of RMG. RMG operations for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and the three and six months ended June

30, 2004 are reflected as discontinued operations. No operations were recorded from RMG for the three months ended June 30, 2005 as a result of the sale of RMG having an effective sale date of April 1, 2005 for operations.

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The Company has entered into partnerships through which it either joint ventured or leased properties with non-related parties for the development and production of certain of its mineral properties. Due to either depressed metal market prices or disputes in certain of the partnerships, all mineral properties have either been sold, reclaimed or are shut down. However, activities have resumed on a limited basis in uranium and gold. The Company has had no production from any of these mineral properties during the periods covered above.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Asset Impairments - We assess the impairment of property and equipment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Oil Producing Activities and Mineral Claims - We follow the full cost method of accounting for oil and mineral properties. Accordingly, all costs associated with acquisition, exploration and development of oil and mineral reserves, including directly related overhead costs, are capitalized and are subject to ceiling tests to ensure the carrying value does not exceed the fair market value.

All capitalized costs of oil and mineral properties subject to amortization and the estimated future costs to develop proved reserves, are amortized using the unit-of-production method using estimates of proved reserves. Investments in unproved properties and major exploration and development projects are not amortized until proved reserves associated with the projects can be determined or until impairment occurs. If the results of an assessment indicate that the properties are impaired, the capitalized cost of the property will be added to the costs to be amortized.

Asset Retirement Obligations - The Company's policy is to accrue the liability for future reclamation costs of its mineral properties based on the current estimate of the future reclamation costs as determined by internal and external experts.

Revenue Recognition - Revenues are reported on a gross revenue basis and are recorded at the time services are provided or the commodity is sold. Sales of proved and unproved properties are accounted for as adjustments of capitalized costs with no gain or loss recognized, unless such adjustments would significantly alter the relationship between capitalized costs and proved reserves of oil and gas, in which case the gain or loss is recognized in income. Abandonments of properties are accounted for as adjustments of capitalized costs with no loss recognized.

*Use of Accounting Estimates* - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

On December 16, 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB No. 123(R), *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, which replaces FASB 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, and supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and its related implementation guidance. The FASB later extended the effective date for implementation for the first annual or interim reporting period after December 31, 2005. The Company will be required to implement FASB 123(R) on the quarterly report for the quarter ended March 31, 2006. Under the terms of FASB 123(R) the Company will be required to expense the fair value of stock options issued to employees. The fair value is determined using an option-pricing model that takes into account the stock price at the grant date, the exercise price, the expected life of the option, the volatility of the underlying stock, the expected dividends on it, and the risk-free interest rate over the expected life of the option. The fair value of an option estimated at the grant date is not subsequently adjusted for changes in the price of the underlying stock or its volatility, life of the option, dividends on the stock, or the risk-free interest rate.

The Company has reviewed other current outstanding statements from the Financial Accounting Standards Board and does not believe that any of those statements will have a material adverse affect on the financial statements of the Company when adopted.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

During the six months ended June 30, 2005, the Company recorded a gain of \$9,299,500 and generated \$860,500 of cash. Financing activities generated \$4,321,000 primarily as a result of the exercise of warrants for the Company's common stock and third party debt and operating and investing activities consumed \$2,799,800 and \$660,700 respectively.

On June 1, 2005 Enterra US Acquisitions Inc. (a privately-held Washington corporation organized by Enterra for purposes of the RMG acquisition, hereafter "Acquisitions") acquired all the outstanding stock of RMG, for which Enterra paid \$500,000 cash and issued \$5,234,000 of Enterra units (the "Enterra Initial Units"), net of the \$266,000 adjustment for the purchase of overriding royalty interests (effected May 1, 2005); and Acquisitions issued \$14,000,000 of class D shares of Acquisitions. The Enterra Initial Units and the class D shares were issued pro rata to the RMG shareholders. USE's and Crested's participation in the consideration received was approximately \$18,341,600. USE's consolidated subsidiary, Yellowstone Fuels, Inc. ("YSFI") also received approximately \$296,700.

The Enterra Initial Units received by the Company, Crested and YSFC are reflected on the Company's consolidated balance sheet as \$6,215,500, which included a unrealized gain of \$1,249,900, as current assets - marketable securities and the Class D shares of Acquisitions are carried as \$13,172,250 as investments in non-affiliates. The Company is required to hold the class D shares of Acquisitions for a period of one year from June 1, 2005. After the holding period is satisfied, the Company can exchange these shares on a one for one basis for units in Enterra which will then be saleable on the Toronto Stock Exchange - Vancouver ("TSX-V").

The Company did not receive any cash during the six months ended June 30, 2005 from the sale of RMG but did receive net proceeds of \$512,225 from the sale of 20,922 of its Enterra Initial Units during the month of July 2005. We may sell the balance of our Enterra Initial Units, 144,738 units, during the third quarter of 2005. The Company is required to hold the class D shares of Acquisitions for a period of one year from June 1, 2005. After the holding period is satisfied, the Company can exchange these shares on a one for one basis for units in Enterra which will then be saleable on the Toronto Stock Exchange - Vancouver ("TSX-V"). At July 31, 2005, the market price for Enterra units was approximately \$25.

Although the Company's cash position increased by \$860,500 during the six months ended June 30, 2005, it will need to continue to sell the Enterra and Acquisition units as well as seek industry partners or equity financing to fund mine standby exploration and development costs; limited reclamation and general and administrative expenses.

The current market prices for gold, uranium and molybdenum are at levels that will warrant the exploration and development of the Company's mineral properties. Industry projections for all these metals anticipate prices remaining at the current levels or higher during the next decade. Management of the Company therefore believes that sufficient capital will be available to develop its mineral properties through either industry partners, private placements, debt or the sale of equity either in the subsidiary companies or the Company itself. The successful development and production of these properties will greatly enhance the liquidity and financial position of the Company.

#### **Capital Resources**

#### Sale of Rocky Mountain Gas

157,896 shares of Enterra Initial Units were pledged to Geddes and Company ("Geddes") as collateral on a \$3.0 million dollar loan. The note was reduced by \$500,000 at closing of the Enterra purchase of RMG by paying Geddes the cash portion of the payment from Enterra to Geddes. The balance of the note was to be retired by making ten monthly payments of \$250,000 each. Upon the receipt of each payment, Geddes was to release 13,158 of the Enterra Initial Units it held as collateral and after the seventh and also the final payments are received by Geddes, it is to release 26,316 Enterra Initial Units.

Crested received net proceeds of approximately \$2.2 million from the sale of all of its Enterra Initial Units during the third quarter of 2005. Crested advanced the majority of these funds to the Company as repayment of a portion of its debt which was approximately \$11.5 million at June 30, 2005. This debt is eliminated in the consolidation of Crested into the financial statements of the Company. The debt has been incurred over time as a result of the Company paying Crested's portion of cash requirements to fund various subsidiaries and joint ventures as Crested has not had the funds to do so. The monies advanced to the Company which Crested received from the sale of its Enterra Initial Units, were paid to Geddes and the note balance was paid in full by the Company on August 1, 2005. Geddes has released the entire 157,896 Enterra Initial Units to the Company and the Company began selling them during the third quarter of 2005. The market value of the Enterra Initial Units was approximately \$25 per unit on July 31, 2005.

On June 1, 2006, the 436,586 class D shares of Acquisitions (not traded anywhere) owned by the Company will be exchangeable, on a one-for-one basis, for additional Enterra units (the "Enterra Additional Units"); the Enterra Additional Units will be tradable on the TSX at that time. Although the ultimate value of the class D shares of Acquisitions will not be determined until they are sold; the market value of the shares at July 31, 2005 was approximately \$10.9 million. Management of the Company is exploring means of monetizing these shares prior to the expiration of the twelve month holding period.

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RMG's minority equity ownership of Pinnacle Gas Resources, Inc. ("Pinnacle") was not included in the disposition of RMG, but was assigned to the Company and Crested in proportion to their ownership of RMG. The Company therefore received 65% ownership of the Pinnacle equity and Crested 35%. Enterra is entitled to be paid an amount of up to (but not more than) \$2,000,000, if proceeds from a future disposition by the Company and Crested to a third party of their minority equity interest in Pinnacle exceeds \$10,000,000. Currently, we have no information about whether or when Pinnacle might become a public company or might be purchased by third parties. The value of the minority equity position upon a future disposition could be more or less than \$10,000,000. The boards of directors of the Company and Crested determined that the value of RMG's minority equity interest in Pinnacle is approximately \$6,250,000, based only upon Pinnacle's recent sales of equity to its shareholders (RMG did not participate in those sales). Management of the Company anticipates selling its equity in Pinnacle at such time as Pinnacle is either sold or becomes a public company.

#### Joint Venture with Uranium Power Corp.

As of April 11, 2005, the Company and Crested (as the USECC Joint Venture) signed a Mining Venture Agreement with Uranium Power Corp. ("UPC," formerly Bell Coast Capital Corp.) to establish a joint venture, with a term of 30 years, to explore, develop and mine the properties being purchased by UPC under the December 8, 2004 Purchase and Sale Agreement, and acquire, explore and develop additional uranium properties. The Company and Crested received an additional \$500,000 cash in July, 2005 and 1,000,000 shares of UPC common stock. The remaining \$3.2 million and 3 million shares of UPC common stock are to be received in four equal payments every six months beginning June 2006. UPC has also agreed to fund up to \$10 million in exploration projects by funding the first \$500,000 of each of 20 projects. If any of the scheduled payments or delivery of stock are not made by UPC the property ownership will revert back to the Company and Crested.

In addition to these payments, UPC is to pay the Company and Crested an additional \$3.0 million in two equal payments of \$1.5 million after the price for uranium oxide exceeds \$30.00/lb for four consecutive weeks. This provision of the contract was met during the six months ended June 30, 2005. The Company and Crested will therefore be receiving \$1.5 million on April 26, 2006 and October 29, 2006.

The initial participating interests in the joint venture (profits, losses and capital calls) are 50% for the USECC Joint Venture and 50% for UPC. A budget of \$567,842 for the seven months ending December 31, 2005 has been approved, relating to reclamation work at the Sheep Mountain properties, exploration drilling, geological and engineering work, and other costs. During July 2005, UPC funded \$342,200 of this initial budget.

The manager of the joint venture is the USECC Joint Venture; the manager will implement the decisions of the management committee and operate the business of the joint venture. UPC and the USECC Joint Venture each have two representatives on the four person management committee, subject to change if the participating interests of the parties are adjusted. The manager is entitled to a management fee from the joint venture equal to a minimum of 10% of the manager's costs to provide services and materials to the joint venture (excluding capital costs) for field work and personnel, office overhead and general and administrative expenses, and 2% of capital costs. The manager may be replaced if its participating interest becomes less than 50%.

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#### Issuance of senior convertible debentures

On February 9, 2005, the Company closed a financing pursuant to a securities purchase agreement with seven accredited investors ("Investors") for the issuance of \$4,720,000 in face amount of debentures maturing February 4, 2008, and three year warrants to purchase common stock of the Company. The debentures were unsecured. The face amount of the debentures includes simple annual interest at 6%; the investors paid \$4,000,000 for the debentures. A commission of 7% on the \$4,000,000 was paid by the Company to HPC Capital Management (a registered broker-dealer) in connection with the transaction, and the Company paid \$20,000 of the investors' counsel's legal fees, resulting in net proceeds to the Company of \$3,700,000. Net proceeds have and will continue to be used by the Company for general working capital.

During the quarter ended June 30, 2005 the Company issued 1,812,181 shares of it common stock to the Investors at their request to convert and retire \$3,732,000 of the debt and \$671,600 of the related discount. The balance of \$268,000 of the debt and \$48,400 in related discount was retired during the month of July 2005 by the Company issuing 130,206 shares of its common stock to the Investors at their request of debt conversion. The entire debt of \$4,720,000 was therefore retired at the end of July 2005 by the issuance of 1,942,387 shares of common stock.

The Company issued warrants to the investors, expiring February 4, 2008, to purchase 971,193 shares of restricted common stock, at \$3.63 per share (equal to 110% of the NASDAQ closing price for the company's stock on February 3, 2005). The number of shares underlying the warrants equals 50% of the shares issuable on full conversion of the debentures at the set price (as if the debentures were so converted on February 4, 2005).

Warrants to purchase 100,000 shares, at the same price and for the same term as the warrants issued to the investors, have been issued to HPC Capital Management as additional compensation for its services in connection with the transaction with the investors.

The Company filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission to cover the future sale by the investors of the shares issued for payment and/or conversion of the debentures, and the shares issued on exercise of the warrants and the future sale by HPC Capital Management of the shares issuable on exercise of the warrants issued to HPC in connection with the transaction. The registration statement became effective June 13, 2005.

#### <u>Other</u>

During the six months ended June 30, 2005, the Company received \$1,552,661 from the exercise of 423,752 warrants and \$27,000 from the exercise of 12,000 employee options. An additional 402,334 shares underlying employee options were issued to the employees by the surrender of 205,171 shares of the Company's common stock directly owned by the employees.

In 2003 the Company sold its interests in the town site operations in southern Utah to a non-affiliated entity, The Cactus Group ("Cactus"). The Company carried the loan which had a balance due at June 30, 2005 of approximately \$3.0 million at 7.5% annual interest. Cactus is to make payments of \$24,000 per month until August 2008 at which time a balloon note in the amount of \$2.8 million is due. At June 30, 2005, Cactus was \$74,000 in default on its cash payments as well as its contractual covenants to maintain the properties and equipment. During July 2005, Cactus brought its monthly cash payments current but remained in default in its maintenance and other requirements of the loan agreements. A notice of default has been sent to Cactus who has 45 days from July 6, 2005 to correct the default. Due to the defaults and continued lateness of payments from Cactus the cash resources from the payments on the Cactus note and the balloon payment are suspect.

The Company and Crested jointly had a line of credit with a commercial bank in the amount of \$750,000 which expired on June 30, 2005. Management has requested that the line of credit be reinstated and is awaiting the decision of the bank's loan committee. As the line of credit has been in place for over 5 years and has always been in good standing, it is anticipated that it will be renewed. The line of credit is secured by certain real estate holdings and equipment jointly owned with Crested. This line credit is used for short term working capital needs associated with operations.

The Company and Crested continue to pursue the settlement of a long standing arbitration/litigation regarding the Sheep Mountain Partnership ("SMP"). The litigation involves Nukem, Inc. ("Nukem") and its subsidiary Cycle Resource Investment Corp. of Danbury Connecticut. The case is currently on remand to the arbitration panel following Nukem's third appeal to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to the remand, there was a \$20 million judgment entered by the U.S. Federal District Court of Colorado in favor of the Company and Crested. The timing and cost of achieving final resolution cannot be predicted. Management of the Company believes that the ultimate outcome will be positive and in favor of the Company.

## **Capital Requirements**

The capital requirements of the Company during 2005 remain its General and Administrative costs and expenses; permitting and development work on its gold property, and the ongoing maintenance, exploration and potential development of its uranium and other mineral properties.

As a result of the RMG disposition, the Company no longer directly holds coalbed methane properties. The Company therefore is no longer liable to fund drilling programs and lease holding costs related to those properties. The Company will however continue to participate in the coalbed methane business through its equity holdings in securities of Enterra, Acquisitions and Pinnacle.

#### **Maintaining Mineral Properties**

#### **SMP Uranium Properties**

As stated above, the Joint Venture with UPC will fund the majority of the expenses associated with maintaining the uranium properties in central Wyoming and performing exploration drilling on them. A budget of \$567,842 for the seven months ending December 31, 2005 has been approved, relating to reclamation work at the Sheep Mountain properties, exploration drilling, geological and engineering work, and other costs. UPC has agreed to fund the first \$500,000 of all approved projects up to a total of \$10,000,000. The average care and maintenance costs associated with the SMP uranium mineral properties in Wyoming is approximately \$200,000 per year.

#### **Plateau Resources Ltd. Uranium Properties**

Plateau owns and maintains the Shootaring Canyon Uranium Mill (the "Shootaring Mill"). Due to increases in the market price for uranium during the last six months of the year ended December 31, 2004 and the first six months of 2005, the Company reconsidered its prior decision to reclaim the Shootaring Mill property. In March 2005, Plateau filed an application with the State of Utah to restart the Mill. (See the Form 8-K report filed March 31, 2005). Therefore, the Company will not expend any capital resources in the reclamation of the Mill during calendar 2005.

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It will cost at least \$25 million to modify the Mill's tailings cell to Utah standards; post additional reclamation bonding, and complete other mill upgrades before production can begin. Additionally, a circuit to process vanadium which is contained in almost all of the mineralized material found in nearby mines, is planned to be added to the Mill. When refurbished and the operational license is issued, the Mill will have the capacity to produce up to 1.5 million pounds of uranium concentrates annually depending on the grade of material fed to the Mill. The Company and Crested have agreed to place their rights and ownership in Plateau and other uranium assets into a newly formed entity, U.S. Uranium Ltd. ("USUL"). In order to fund the refurbishment of the Mill and acquire additional uranium properties from which to produce uranium bearing ores, USUL is seeking joint venture partners or equity participants and is exploring the possibility of becoming a public company.

Should Cactus remain in default, as discussed above, on its commitments or the note, Plateau would receive back the real estate which consists of a motel, boat storage, a C-Store, restaurant - lounge, trailer and home sites. In that event, the Company would be responsible for the costs associated with the returned properties including remediation and operations. Until an actual detailed inspection of the properties is made it is not possible to estimate what the remedial costs and expenses will be. We are currently anticipating what will be done with the property. We will either operate it, sell it or place the assets up for auction.

#### **Sutter Gold Mining Inc. (SGMI) Properties**

Because of the recent increase in the price of gold, management of Sutter Gold has decided to place the properties controlled by it into production. No extensive development work or mill construction will be initiated until such time as funding from debt and or equity sources is in place. The goal of the Company's management is to have the SGMI properties be self supporting and thereby not requiring any capital resource commitment from the Company. On December 29, 2004, SGMC merged with Globemin Resources, Inc., a Canadian company, and changed its name to Sutter Gold Mining Inc. ("SGMI"). SGMI is traded on the TSX Venture Exchange. SGMI has sufficient capital to pay for the anticipated work which will be done on the properties during calendar 2005. Additional financing is being sought by SGMI.

#### Mt. Emmons Molybdenum Property

On February 4, 2005, the U.S. District Court in Colorado entered Findings and Fact and Conclusions of Law and ordered that the conveyance of the Mt. Emmons properties by Phelps Dodge to the Company and Crested include the transfer of ownership and operational responsibility for the Water Treatment Plant. The Company, Crested and Phelps Dodge are currently discussing how the water treatment plant will be transferred and what costs, if any, Phelps Dodge will be reimbursed for.

The Company does not know what the annual holding costs of the water treatment plant are but management of the Company has been told that the costs approximate \$1.0 million per year. Another commitment of cash resources that the Company is exploring with Phelps Dodge is the bonding commitment. The ultimate transfer of the water treatment license to operate the water treatment plant is subject to the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment ("CDPHE"). The timing and scope of responsibilities for maintaining and operating the plant will be addressed by the CDPHE later in 2005.

The Company does not have the required capital resources to maintain and operate the water treatment plant long term and develop the Mt. Emmons molybdenum property. Management of the Company is therefore aggressively pursuing industry partners and other avenues of financing for the property.

#### **Debt Payments**

During the six months ended June 30, 2005, the Company repaid \$3,732,000 in debt to certain Investors who advanced \$4,000,000, \$3,700,000 net, plus prepaid interest of \$720,000 during the first quarter of 2005. The sale of RMG also resulted in the repayment by Enterra of approximately \$3,500,000 to Petrobridge Investment Management, a mezzanine credit facility. RMG's wholly owned subsidiary, RMG I, had used the Petrobridge loan to finance a portion of its purchase of Hi-Pro Production, a Gillette, Wyoming coal bed methane company. The debt to Geddes of \$3,000,000 and debt for equity financings was reduced by cash payments of \$750,000 and \$208,600 respectively.

Debt to non-related parties at June 30, 2005 was \$3,374,900 which is net of discounts of \$258,300. This debt consists of debt related to the purchase of vehicles and a corporate aircraft of \$1,115,000; senior convertible debentures of \$204,000, net of discount of \$64,200 for commissions paid and warrants to purchase the Company's common stock; and \$2,055,900 net of a discount of \$194,100 to Geddes at 11% per annum. The entire debt to Geddes and the senior convertible debentures were repaid in full during July 2005.

#### **Reclamation Costs**

The asset retirement obligation on the Plateau uranium mining and milling properties in Utah at June 30, 2005 was \$5,341,700, which is reflected on the Balance Sheet. This liability is fully funded by cash investments that are recorded as long term restricted assets. Due to the increased market price of uranium, the reclamation of this property has been delayed significantly and is not anticipated to commence until 2032.

The asset retirement obligation of the Sheep Mountain uranium properties in Wyoming at June 30, 2005 is \$2,430,700 and is covered by a reclamation bond which is secured by a pledge of certain real estate assets of the Company and Crested. It is anticipated that \$192,700 of reclamation work on the SMP properties in Wyoming will be performed during 2005.

The asset retirement obligation for SGMI is \$22,400 which is covered by a cash bond. No cash resources will be used for asset retirement obligations at SGMI during the year ended December 31, 2005.

#### **Other**

The employees of the Company are not given raises on a regular basis. In consideration of this and in appreciation of the work it took to develop and sell RMG, management of the Company accepted the recommendation of the Compensation Committee to pay all employees and directors a bonus upon the closing of the sale of RMG to Enterra. The board of directors has granted similar bonuses in the past. In addition, there have been informal discussions between some officers and directors regarding the possible payment of bonuses to some of the key individuals involved over the past 14 years in the Nukem case once it is settled. However, the board of directors has not determined whether such bonuses will be paid.

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## **Results of Operations**

#### Six Months Ended June 30, 2005 compared with the Six Months Ended June 30, 2004

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004 the only revenues recorded by the Company were from real estate operations and management fee charged for management services provided for various subsidiary companies and fees associated with the management of three oil wells in Montana which are owned by the Assoiniboine and Souix tribes. Also included in management fees are revenues received from UPC during the six months ended June 30, 2005 in the amount of \$175,000. The payment of cash from UPC is classified as management fees because title to the properties, which have no book basis, is retained by the Company and Crested until UPC makes all the contractually scheduled payments of cash and stock. The receipt of the funds from UPC is the primary reason that management revenues increased by \$197,500 during the six months ended June 30, 2005 when compared with management revenues recognized during the six months ended June 30, 2004. Other increases in management fee revenues for the six and three months ended June 30, 2004 and 2005 are as a result of increased activity at the subsidiary companies.

Costs and expenses incurred in operations during the six and three months ended June 30, 2005 increased \$1,088,300 and \$1,138,200 respectively over the costs and expenses recognized from operations during the comparative periods of the prior year. Expenses from real estate operations remained constant during the six and three months ended June 30, 2005 when compared with those recorded during the six and three months ended June 30, 2004. Mineral holding costs decreased during both the six and three months ended June 30, 2005 by \$166,300 and \$70,000 respectively. These decreases were as a result of holding costs at both the uranium properties in Wyoming and Utah as well as those at the California gold mine being reduced due to cost cutting measures.

General and administrative costs and expenses increased by \$1,257,000 during the six months ended June 30, 2005 when compared to the general and administrative costs and expenses recognized during the six months ended June 30, 2004. The general and administrative expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2005 also increased by \$1,201,200 over those recognized during the quarter ended June 30, 2004. The primary reasons for these increases were; costs associated with a \$4,000,000 convertible debt financing in February of 2005 - commissions of \$280,000, legal fees of \$20,000 along with \$114,500 of expenses recorded for the issuance of warrants granted to seven accredited investors; \$160,600 in expenses for legal and accounting services to comply with Sarbanes Oxley; increased activity levels at Sutter which increased general and administrative costs and expenses by \$70,000; and a bonus paid to directors, officers and employees of the Company after the close of the sale of RMG to Enterra.

One outside director of RMG was paid a bonus of \$10,000 and another RMG director was paid a bonus of \$5,000 for their work on the development of RMG, and the four outside directors of USE were paid \$5,000 each for a total bonus to the directors of \$35,000. The employees were paid a total bonus of \$435,750 at the close of the sale of RMG. All employees of the Company and USE participated in the bonus which was paid at the close of the sale of RMG. The bonus was paid in consideration for the dedicated work put forth by the employees in the development of RMG and due to the fact that many of the employees have not received increases in compensation for a number of years.

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Officers of the Company, USE and RMG received the following bonuses: Mark Larsen, President of RMG \$140,000, officers of the Company and USE - Keith Larsen and Scott Lorimer \$40,000 each, and John L. Larsen, Daniel P. Svilar and Harold F. Herron \$20,000 each. In addition to these Officers, Mr. Steve Youngbauer who serves as Assistant General Counsel to Mr. Svilar, received a bonus of \$40,000. There were two additional members of John L. Larsen's family who received bonuses for a total compensation amount of bonuses to Mr. Larsen's family of \$226,000. The total amount paid in bonuses to the directors, officers and employees for extraordinary work in closing the Enterra purchase of RMG was \$470,750 which represents 2.5% of the total consideration received by the Company and its affiliates from the sale of RMG to Enterra.

During the six and three months ended June 30, 2005 other income and expenses resulted in increased income of \$12,509,800 and \$12,690,300. Both these increases are as a result of increased income from the gain on sale of investments which are offset by increased Interest expenses.

The gain on the sale of investment recorded during the six and three months ended June 30, 2005 increased by \$14,237,300 and \$14,450,000. The amount of increase in the gain on sale of investment for both periods is as a result of the sale of RMG to Enterra. Actual consolidated income recognized by the company for the sale of RMG was \$14,778,000. Of this amount the Company recorded \$9,680,800, Crested recorded \$5,458,000 and YSFC recorded a loss on the transaction of \$360,800. These amounts are derived by the receipt of \$500,000 cash and the Enterra Initial Units and the Class D shares of Acquisitions discussed above under Liquidity and Capital Resources less the Company and its affiliates basis in the RMG ownership and other costs associated with the closing of the RMG sale.

Interest expense increased from \$235,500 during the six months ended June 30, 2004 by \$1,756,000 to \$1,991,500 during the six months ended June 30, 2005. Interest expense during the quarter ended June 30, 2005 increased by a similar amount, \$1,766,300, over the amount of interest expense recorded during the quarter ended June 30, 2004. The reason of these increases in interest expense is related directly to the senior convertible debentures which were issued in February 2005 in the amount of \$4,000,000 with \$720,000 of prepaid interest. (Please see Capital Resources above). As discussed above only \$268,000 in principal and \$48,400 in interest remained outstanding at June 30, 2005. The payment of the interest of \$671,600 plus the amortization of virtually all of the discount taken for the issuance of warrants in the amount of \$1,016,700 during the six and three months ended June 30, 2005 were the primary factors which resulted in the increase in interest expense.

All previously reported operations of RMG are reported on this filing as discontinued operations. There are no discontinued operations for the three months ended June 30, 2005 as a result of the Enterra transaction having an effective date of April 1, 2005.

After a provision of alternative minimum taxes due in income recognized during the six months ended June 30, 2005 the Company recognized a net gain of \$9,299,500 or \$0.62 per share as compared to a net loss of \$3,384,200 or \$0.27 per share for the six months ended June 30, 2004. During the quarter ended June 30, 2005 the Company recognized a net gain of \$10,800,700 or \$0.68 per share as compared to a net loss of \$1,609,200 or \$0.13 per share.

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#### Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2004 compared to the Three and Six Months ended June 30, 2003

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2004, the Company recorded operating losses of \$1,324,600 and \$2,762,700 as compared to operating losses of \$1,765,000 and \$700,200 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2003.

Revenues from operations for the six months ended June 30, 2004, were \$278,800 as compared to \$386,500 for the six months ended June 30, 2003. This decrease in revenues of \$107,700 was as a result of reduced revenues from real estate transactions and reduced management fees. The reduction in management fees was due to reduced activity in the Company subsidiary companies.

Other income and expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2004, increased by \$778,400 over the same period of the previous year primarily as a result of the sale of Ruby Mining stock for \$410,400 and a gain on the sale of certain real estate investments of \$248,000.

All operations previously reported from RMG have been reclassified to discontinued operations of \$(1,221,800) for the six months ended June 30, 2004 and \$(746,000) for the quarter ended June 30, 2004. Discontinued operations from RMG for the three and six months ended June 30, 2003 are \$(1,510,700) and \$(1,595,900) respectively.

The Company recorded non-cash income of \$1,615,600 during the six months ended June 30, 2003, as a result of the implementation of SFAS No. 143. There was no similar non-cash income during the six months ended June 30, 2004.

During the six months ended June 30, 2004, the Company recognized a net loss of \$3,384,200 or \$0.27 per share as compared to a net loss of \$1,922,800 or \$0.18 per share during the six months ended June 30, 2003. The primary reduction in the loss for the six months ended June 30, 2004 over the loss for the six months ended June 30, 2003 is the recognition of \$1,615,600 in non-cash income as a result of an accounting change in 2003.

## **Contractual Obligations**

The Company has two divisions of contractual obligations as of June 30, 2005: debt to third parties of \$3,374,900, and asset retirement obligations of \$7,794,800 which will be paid over a period of five to seven years. During the six months ended June 30, 2005, the Company incurred new debt of \$4,720,000, including interest at 6% or \$720,000, to private lenders. At June 30, 2005, all but \$268,000 plus \$48,400 in interest of this new debt had been retired at the lenders' option of converting the debt and prepaid interest into shares of the Company's common stock. The following table shows the schedule of the payments on the debt, and the expenditures for budgeted asset retirement obligations.

		Less than one	One to Three	Three to Five	More than Five	
	Total	Year	Years	Years	Years	
Long-term debt obligations	\$ 3,374,900 \$	144,200 \$	3,218,500 \$	12,200 \$	-	
Other long-term liabilities	7,794,800	192,700	471,100	1,946,100	5,184,900	
Totals	\$ 11,169,700 \$	336,900 \$	3,689,600 \$	1,958,300 \$	5,184,900	

#### **Directors and Executive Officers**

Information about the directors and executive officers of the Company follows. As near as possible, the board of directors is divided into groups of two, with each director serving a term of three years from election.

Executive officers are elected by the board of directors at the annual directors' meeting, which follows each Annual Shareholders' Meeting, to serve until his successor has been duly elected.

#### Family Relationships.

Keith G. Larsen, a director, Chairman and CEO, and Mark J. Larsen, President and COO, formerly President of Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. and presently also President of U.S. Moly Corp., are sons of John L. Larsen, Chairman, director and a principal shareholder. Harold F. Herron, a director and Senior Vice-President, is a former son-in-law of John L. Larsen. There are no other family relationships among the executive officers or directors of the Company.

## **Business Experience and Other Directorships of Directors**

**John L. Larsen** has been principally employed as an officer and director of the Company and Crested Corp. for more than the past five years. Mr. Larsen is a director, Chairman Emeritus, Chairman of the Executive Committee and a Senior Vice President of the company. He is also the Co-Chairman and a director of Crested, an affiliate of the Company. Mr. Larsen is Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the board of directors of Plateau Resources Limited and a director of Sutter Gold Mining Inc. He was a director of Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. (until its sale on June 1, 2005) and Yellowstone Fuels Corp. Mr. Larsen is a director of U.S. Uranium Ltd. and U.S. Moly Corp.

**Keith G. Larsen** has been principally employed by the Company and Crested for more than the past five years. He has been a director of the Company and its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since August 23, 2005. Prior to becoming Chairman and CEO, Mr. Larsen was the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer beginning November 25, 1997. Mr. Larsen also was the Chief Executive Officer and a director of Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. (until its sale on June 1, 2005) and is a director of Crested. Mr. Larsen is a director of U.S. Uranium Ltd., and U.S. Moly Corp.

Mark J. Larsen, age 42, became the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company on August 23, 2005. Prior to that, Mr. Larsen was the President of RMG until it was sold on June 1, 2005. Mr. Larsen is the President of U.S. Moly Corp. and has served as the Director of Business Development and Operations Manager for USE. Mr. Larsen is the son of John L. Larsen.

**Harold F. Herron** has been the Company's Vice-President since January 1989, and now is Senior Vice President. Mr. Herron is President and a director of Crested Corp. and Plateau Resources Limited, Chief Executive Officer and a director of Sutter Gold Mining Inc., and he was a director of Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. until its sale on June 1, 2005. He is the President of U.S. Uranium Ltd. and a director of U.S. Moly Corp. Mr. Herron received an M.B.A. degree from the University of Wyoming after receiving a B.S. degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha

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**Don C. Anderson** has been a Company director since May 1990. From January 1990 until mid-1993, Mr. Anderson was the Manager of the Geology Department for the Company. Mr. Anderson was Manager of Exploration and Development for Pathfinder Mines Corporation, a major domestic uranium mining and milling corporation, from 1976 until his retirement in 1988. Previously, he was Mine Manager for Pathfinder's predecessor, Utah International, Inc., from 1965 to 1976. He received a B. S. degree in geology from Brigham Young University.

Michael H. Feinstein has been director of the Company since September 2004. Mr. Feinstein is a graduate in 1957 of Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He became a CPA in the state of Colorado in 1960. Mr. Feinstein is currently a financial and business consultant and the Director of Taxation for a CPA firm in Scottsdale, AZ, which provides accounting and tax services to small businesses. He has over 40 years of accounting, auditing, and business experience including 25 years of experience as an employee and subsequently a partner for Deloitte & Touche and its predecessors. He has served as a director, CFO and CEO of numerous public and private companies.

**H. Russell Fraser** has been a director of the Company since 1996 and was a director of Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. from 1999 until its sale on June 1, 2005. He is past President and director of American Capital, Inc., the first "A" rated financial guarantee company in New York, New York. Mr. Fraser was chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Fitch Investors Services, L.P. for more than the past five years. Fitch Investors Services, L.P., New York, New York, is a nationwide stock and bond rating and information distribution company. From 1980-1989, Mr. Fraser served as president and chief executive officer of AMBAC, the oldest municipal bond issuer in the United States. In 2005, Mr. Fraser became a director of Ascend Services Limited, a privately held financial guarantee company based in the Cayman Islands.

Before joining AMBAC, Mr. Fraser was senior vice president and director of fixed-income research at PaineWebber, Inc. While a member of the board of directors at PaineWebber, Mr. Fraser participated in both the corporate and public finance departments and headed PaineWebber's trading and sales for all corporate bond products. Previously, he managed corporate ratings at Standard & Poor's, supervising research analysis of corporate bonds, preferred stock, and commercial paper. Mr. Fraser holds a B.S. in finance and economics from the University of Arizona. He is a member of the Municipal Analysts Group of New York and founder of the Fixed Income Analysts Society.

In August 2004, Mr. Fraser and his wife, and two family companies, filed petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, due to the impact of health problems in 2004.

Michael Thomas Anderson was appointed to the board of directors of the Company on May 23, 2003. Mr. Anderson has run his own accounting and consulting practice since 1993. Prior to that, he was chief financial officer for an operating unit of a Fortune 500 company for eight years. From 1977 to 1985, Mr. Anderson worked in public accounting. He is a member of the AICPA and The Wyoming Society of CPAs. Mr. Anderson holds a B.S. degree in accounting from Brigham Young University.

# Information Concerning Executive Officers Who Are Not Directors, and an Executive Officer and Director of a Subsidiary

The following information is provided pursuant to Item 401 of Reg. S-K, regarding the executive officers of the Company who are not also directors.

**Daniel P. Svilar**, age 76, has been General Counsel for USE and Crested for more than the past five years. He also is Secretary and a director of Crested, and Secretary of USE. His positions of General Counsel to, and as officers of the companies, are at the will of the board of directors. There are no understandings between Mr. Svilar and any other person pursuant to which he was named as officer or General Counsel. Mr. Svilar received a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from New Mexico State University and a J.D. from the University of Wyoming. He has no family relationships with any of the other executive officers or directors of USE or Crested. During the past five years, Mr. Svilar has not been involved in any Reg. S-K Item 401(f) proceeding.

Robert Scott Lorimer, age 54, has been Chief Accounting Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for both USE and Crested for more than the past five years. Mr. Lorimer also has been their Vice President Finance since April 1998. Mr. Lorimer received a B.S. in Finance, Accounting, Economics and German from Brigham Young University and worked towards a Masters in Accountancy at the University of Nebraska. He serves at the will of the board of directors. There are no understandings between Mr. Lorimer and any other person, pursuant to which he was named as an officer, and he has no family relationship with any of the other executive officers or directors of USE or Crested. During the past five years, he has not been involved in any Reg. S-K Item 401(f) listed proceeding.

#### **Executive Compensation**

Under a Management Agreement dated August 1, 1981, USE and Crested share certain general and administrative expenses, including compensation of the officers and directors of the companies (but excluding directors' fees) which have been paid through the USECC Joint Venture ("USECC"). Substantially all the work efforts of the officers of USE and Crested are devoted to the business of both companies and to their subsidiary companies.

All personnel of USECC and RMG are and were employees of USE, in order to utilize the Company's ESOP as an employee benefit mechanism. The Company charges USECC for the direct and indirect costs of its employees for time spent on USECC matters, and USECC charges one-half of that amount to Crested and the Company.

#### SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table sets forth the compensation paid to the Chief Executive Officer USE, and those of the four most highly compensated USE executive who were paid more than \$100,000 cash in the (former) fiscal year ended May 31, 2002, more than \$50,000 cash in the fiscal period (seven months) ended December 31, 2002, and more than \$100,000 cash in the full years ended December 31, 2003 and 2004. The table includes compensation paid such persons by Crested and other subsidiaries during these periods for such persons' services to such companies.

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#### **SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE**

		Annu	al Compensat	ion	Long Term Compensation Awards Payouts				
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)		(e) Other	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
Name and				A Co	nnual ompen-	Restricted Stock	Ontinual	LPIT Pay-	All Other Compen-
Principal Position	Year	Salary(\$)	Bonus(\$)	S	ation (\$)	Award(s) (\$)	Options/ SARs(#)	outs (\$)	sation (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>
John L. Larsen	2004	\$176,500	\$ 14,700	(2)	\$-0-	\$ 25,700(6)	125,000	\$-0-	\$24,300
Former CEO and	2003	174,500	25,300	(3)	-0-	$117,200^{(7)}$	-0-	-0-	22,700
Chairman	2002*	109,500	7,500	(4)	-0-	-0-	97,000 <sup>(10)</sup>	-0-	11,700
	2002	152,000	18,000	(5)	-0-	78,000 <sup>(8)</sup>	100,000(10)	-0-	17,700
Keith G. Larsen	2004	\$162,000	\$ 24,500	(2)	\$-0-	\$25,700 <sup>(6)</sup>	125,000	\$-0-	\$24,300
Chairman and	2003	156,000	40,000	(3)	-0-	$62,000^{(7)}$	-0-	-0-	22,700
CEO	2002*	90,000	7,200	(4)	-0-	-0-	97,000 <sup>(10)</sup>	-0-	9,700
	2002	152,300	17,700	(5)	-0-	-0-	100,000(10)	-0-	17,000
Mark J. Larsen	2004	\$124,600	\$ 23,500		\$-0-	\$-0-	125,000	\$-0-	\$18,100
President and COO	2003**	120,000	33,300	(3)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	17,400
Daniel P. Svilar	2004	\$155,100	\$ 14,300	(2)	\$-0-	\$25,700(6)	125,000	\$-0-	\$19,500
General Counsel	2003	149,400	24,700	(3)	-0-	$103,400^{(7)}$	-0-	-0-	22,700
and Secretary	2002*	86,200	6,900	(4)	-0-	-0-	97,000 <sup>(10)</sup>	-0-	9,300
	2002	149,400	17,400	(5)	-0-	58,500(8)	100,000(10)	-0-	16,700
Harold F. Herron	2004	\$138,000	\$ 13,800	(2)	\$-0-	\$25,700(6)	125,000	\$-0-	\$22,600
Sr. Vice President	2003	106,200	65,700	(3)	-0-	89,600 <sup>(7)</sup>	-0-	-0-	22,700
	2002*	60,500	27,800	(9)	-0-	-0-	97,000(10)	-0-	8,800
	2002	99,500	53,600	(9)	-0-	39,000(8)	100,000(10)	-0-	15,300
R. Scott Lorimer	2004	\$141,000	\$ 16,400	(2)	\$-0-	\$25,700(6)	125,000	\$-0-	\$23,900
Treasurer and	2003	135,700	24,000	(3)	-0-	89,600 <sup>(7)</sup>	-0-	-0-	22,700
CFO	2002*	83,500	6,800	(4)	-0-	-0-	$97,000^{(10)}$	-0-	9,000
	2002	141,000	17,000	(5)	-0-	39,000(8)	$100,000^{(10)}$	-0-	15,800

<sup>\*</sup> For seven months June 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002

<sup>\*\*</sup> Mr. Larsen became President of RMG on October 15, 2003. Compensation paid to Mr. Larsen as an employee of the Company (not an officer) before that date is not included in the table. Mr. Larsen ceased being an officer of RMG when that company was sold on June 1, 2005 and became the President and COO of the Company on August 23, 2005.

(1) Dollar values for ESOP contributions.

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- (2) Consists of a bonus paid at the successful conclusion of the purchase of the Hi-Pro properties by RMG. The amount paid to each individual in the table was: John L. Larsen \$10,000, Keith Larsen \$20,000, Daniel P. Svilar \$10,000, Harold F. Herron \$10,000, R. Scott Lorimer \$12,500 and Mark Larsen \$20,000. An annual Christmas bonus is also included in this amount.
- (3) Consists of a bonus granted to officers and employees after the conclusion of the formation of Pinnacle Gas and an additional bonus granted to officers and employees after the successful release of a portion of the cash bond for reclamation of the Shootaring Canyon uranium mill and a Christmas bonus. Mr. Herron was instrumental in growing The Brunton Company to the level that it could be sold to a third party. For his efforts the Company granted Mr. Herron a bonus which is paid out over several years, ending in August 2004. See note (8) for data on payments prior to 2003.
- (4) Consists of Christmas bonus amounts granted to employees during the seven month period ended December 31, 2002.
- (5) Consists of \$10,000 bonus granted to officers and employees after the conclusion of a coalbed methane gas transaction, and a Christmas bonus granted to employees. The Christmas bonus amounts granted for John L. Larsen, Keith G. Larsen, Daniel P. Svilar, Harold F. Herron and Robert Scott Lorimer during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2002 were \$8,000, \$7,700, \$7,400, \$6,700 and \$7,000, respectively.
- (6) Consists of 10,000 shares issued to each Officer pursuant to the Company's 2001 Stock Compensation Plan. Under the terms of the plan, each Officer is to receive 10,000 shares of the Company's common stock or some other portion as approved by the compensation committee. The Company has agreed under the terms of the plan to pay all taxes due. The officer has agreed not to sell these shares to the market or pledge them on obligations until after his (i) retirement; (ii) total disability or (iii) in the case of the death of the officer, his estate may sell the shares of stock.
- (7) Consists 20,000 shares issued to each Officer pursuant to the Company's 2001 Stock Compensation Plan. Under the terms of the plan each Officer is to receive 10,000 shares of the Company's common stock or some other portion as approved by the compensation committee. There were no issuances of shares under the plan during the years ended May 31, 2001 and 2002 or the seven months ended December 31, 2002. The issuance of these shares to the officers was therefore retroactive for the funding of the shares due each officer for 2002 and 2003. The Company has agreed under the terms of the plan to pay all taxes due. The officer has agreed not to sell these shares to the market or pledge them on obligations until after his (i) retirement; (ii) total disability or (iii) in the case of the death of the officer his estate may sell the shares of stock. Also includes shares issued under the 1996 stock award program multiplied by \$3.50 (the closing market price on the issue date for the year ending December 31, 2003). These shares are subject to forfeiture on termination of employment, except for retirement, death or disability. If the Company were to pay a stock dividend, dividends would be paid on these shares. The shares issued to each officer were 15,774, 11,830, 7887 and 7887 shares to John L. Larsen, Daniel P. Svilar, Harold F. Herron and Robert Scott Lorimer, respectively. This is the final funding under the Company's 2001 Stock Compensation Plan.

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<sup>(8)</sup> Consists of shares issued under the 1996 stock award program multiplied by \$5.35 and \$3.90 (the closing market price on the issue dates for former fiscal years 2001 and 2002 respectively). These shares are subject to forfeiture on termination of employment, except for retirement, death or disability. If the Company were to pay a stock dividend, dividends would be paid on these shares. The following table lists the number of shares issued to each executive each year.

	Number of Shares				
Name	2001	2002			
John L. Larsen	20,000	20,000			
Keith G. Larsen	-0-	-0-			
Daniel P. Svilar	15,000	15,000			
Harold F. Herron	10,000	10,000			
R. Scott Lorimer	10,000	10,000			

(9) Mr. Herron was instrumental in growing The Brunton Company to the level that it could be sold to a third party. For his efforts the Company granted Mr. Herron a bonus which is paid out over several years, ending in August 2004. The amount of the bonus paid was \$21,200 and \$36,900 for the seven months ended December 31, 2002, and the fiscal year ended May 31, 2002, respectively. The total bonus paid to Mr. Herron also includes a bonus of \$6,600 for the seven months ended December 31, 2002, and \$6,700 for fiscal year ended May 31, 2002, respectively, and a \$10,000 bonus paid in 2002 to officers and employees after the conclusion of a coalbed methane gas transaction.

(10) Stock options granted pursuant to the Company's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan. See details of the options under "Grants to Executive Officers (Qualified and Nonqualified)" below.

#### **Executive Compensation Plans and Employment Agreements**

The Company has adopted a plan to pay the dependents of Messrs. John Larsen and Svilar amounts equivalent to the salaries they are receiving at the time of their death, for a period of one year after death, and reduced amounts for up to five years thereafter. The amounts to be paid in such subsequent years have not yet been established, but would be established by the boards of directors of the Company and Crested.

Mr. Svilar has an employment agreement with the Company and Crested, which provides for an annual salary in excess of \$100,000, with the condition that Mr. Svilar pay an unspecified amount of expenses incurred by him on behalf of the Company and its affiliates. In the event Mr. Svilar's employment is involuntarily terminated, he is to receive an amount equal to the salary he was being paid at termination, for a year. If he should voluntarily terminate his employment, the Company and Crested will pay him that salary for nine months thereafter. The foregoing is in addition to Mr. Svilar's Executive Severance and Non-Compete Agreement with the Company (see below).

In fiscal 1992, the Company signed Executive Severance and Non-Compete Agreements with Messrs. John L. Larsen, Svilar and Lorimer, providing for payment to such person upon termination of his employment with the Company, occurring within three years after a change in control of the Company, of an amount equal to (i) severance pay in an amount equal to three times the average annual compensation over the prior five taxable years ending before change in control, (ii) legal fees and expenses incurred by such persons as a result of termination, and (iii) the difference between market value of securities issuable on exercise of vested options to purchase securities in USE, and the options' exercise price. These Agreements also provide that for the three years following termination, the terminated individual will not compete with USE in most of the western United States in regards to exploration and development activities for uranium, molybdenum, silver or gold. During fiscal 2001, the Company signed similar Agreements with Keith Larsen, Mark Larsen,

Richard Larsen (an employee of USE but not an officer or director of USE or its affiliates), and Harold Herron. For such non-compete covenant, such persons will be paid monthly over a three year period an agreed amount for the value of such covenants. These Agreements are intended to benefit the Company's shareholders, by enabling such persons to negotiate with a hostile takeover offer and assist the board of directors concerning the fairness of a takeover, without the distraction of possible tenure insecurity following a change in control.

The Company and Crested adopted a retirement policies on October 7, 2005. These policies include a mandatory retirement age of 70 unless the Board requests the services of officers or employees past that age. Employees and Officers are eligible for retirement plan after their years of service and age total 70. Additionally the Board approved a retirement benefit for the Chairman/CEO, President/COO, CFO/Treasurer, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Employee Board Members on the Executive Committee. Under the terms of the executive retirement plan, the named officers are to receive 50% of their base cash pay or the average annual pay, less all bonuses, received over the last five years of their employment which ever is greater. This benefit for executives is available for 5 years following retirement. In return for this benefit the retired executive officer will be available to the Company and Crested for up to 1,040 hours per year for consulting or any other services the board deems needed. This retirement benefit can be extended beyond the five year period at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The Company and Crested provide all of their employees with certain forms of insurance coverage, including life and health insurance, with the exception of Messrs. John L. Larsen and Daniel P. Svilar. The Company and Crested reimburse Messrs. John Larsen and Svilar for their Medicare supplement premiums. The health insurance plan does not discriminate in favor of executive employees; life insurance of \$200,000 is provided to each member of upper management (which includes all persons in the compensation table except Messrs. John L. Larsen and Svilar), \$100,000 of such coverage is provided to middle-management employees, and \$90,000 of such coverage is provided to other employees.

**Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP").** An ESOP has been adopted to encourage ownership of the common stock by employees, and to provide a source of retirement income to them. The ESOP is a combination stock bonus plan and money purchase pension plan. It is expected that the ESOP will continue to invest primarily in the common stock. Messrs. John L. Larsen and Harold F. Herron are the trustees of the ESOP.

Contributions to the stock bonus plan portion of the ESOP are discretionary and are limited to a maximum of 15% of the covered employees' compensation for each accounting year. Contributions to the money purchase pension portion of the ESOP are mandatory (fixed at ten percent of the compensation of covered employees for each year), are not dependent upon profits or the presence of accumulated earnings, and may be made in cash or shares of Company's common stock.

The Company made a contribution of 70,439 shares to the ESOP for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004, all of which were contributed under the money purchase pension plan. At the time the shares were contributed, the market price was \$2.96 per share, for a total contribution with a market value of \$208,500 (which has been funded by the Company). The Company and Crested each are responsible for one-half of that amount. 38,843 of the shares were allocated to the ESOP accounts of the executive officers of the Company and the (now former) president of Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. Additionally, 6,058 shares were allocated to the ESOP accounts of these same individuals from ESOP shares forfeited by terminated employees who were not fully vested.

Employee interests in the ESOP are earned pursuant to a seven year vesting schedule; after three years of service, the employee is vested to 20% of the ESOP account, and thereafter at 20% per year. Any portion which is not vested is forfeited upon termination of employment, other than by retirement, disability, or death.

The maximum loan outstanding during the twelve months ended December 31, 2004 under a loan arrangement between the Company and the ESOP was \$927,013 at December 31, 2004. Interest owed by the ESOP was not booked by the Company. Crested pays one-half of the amounts contributed to the ESOP by the Company. Because the loans are expected to be repaid by contributions to the ESOP, Crested may be considered to indirectly owe one-half of the loan amounts to the Company.

**401(k) Plan.** In first quarter 2004, the Company established a traditional qualified 401(k) plan for employees, by which the Company will match \$0.50 for each \$1.00 contributed by participating employees, up to an annual \$4,000 per employee maximum contribution by the Company. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2004 and the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company has contributed \$36,900 and \$44,500 respectively to this plan. Plan eligibility and vesting rules are uniform for all employees, including executive officers of the Company.

**1998** Incentive Stock Option Plan. The Company's 1998 Incentive Stock Option Plan ("1998 ISOP") reserved an aggregate of 3,250,000 shares of common stock for issuance upon exercise of options granted thereunder.

Options expire no later than ten years from the date of grant, and upon termination of employment for cause. Subject to the ten year maximum period, upon termination, unless terminated for cause, options are exercisable for three months or in the case of retirement, disability or death, for one year.

At October 5, 2005 there were 1,266,505 options outstanding. No more options will be issued under the 1998 ISOP.

**2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan ("2001 ISOP").** The 2001 ISOP was approved at the 2001 Annual Meeting of Shareholders meeting, and provides for the issuance of options to purchase up to 3,772,149 shares of common stock. The 2001 ISOP was amended in 2004 to provide that the number of shares available for issuance always shall equal 20% of the total shares issued and outstanding at any point in time. The options are intended to qualify under section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code. Options are issued at exercise prices equal to (or for holders of 10% or more of the outstanding stock at the time, 110% of) market price on grant dates, and would vest (become exercisable) at various times as determined by the executive committee and approved by the board of directors. All options are exercisable for cash, or through other means as determined by the executive committee and approved by the board of directors, in accordance with similar plans of public companies.

For information about options, please see the audited consolidated financial statements. At October 5, 2005, there were 2,372,596 options outstanding under the 2001 ISOP.

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#### Option Grants to Executive Officers in the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2004 (Nonqualified)

	Number of Shares Under	Percent of All Options Granted to			
	Lying Options	Employees	Exercise	Expiration	Grant Date
Name	Granted	in 2004	Price	Date (1)	Pres.Value <sup>(2)</sup>
John L. Larsen	125,000	9.8%	\$2.46	6/30/14	\$207,500
Keith G. Larsen	125,000	9.8%	\$2.46	6/30/14	\$207,500
Harold F. Herron	125,000	9.8%	\$2.46	6/30/14	\$207,500
Daniel P. Svilar	125,000	9.8%	\$2.46	6/30/14	\$207,500
R. Scott Lorimer	125,000	9.8%	\$2.46	6/30/14	\$207,500
Mark G. Larsen*	125,000	9.8%	\$2.46	6/30/14	\$207,500

<sup>\*</sup> Mark Larsen resigned as President of Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. upon its sale on June 1, 2005. Mr. Larsen is currently serving as the President and COO of the Company.

Options were granted on July 1, 2004.

The Black-Scholes option-pricing model was used to determine the grant date present value of the stock options that were granted to the named officer. The following facts and assumptions were used: An exercise price of \$2.46/share which was equal to the market value of the stock on the grant date (July 1, 2004); a zero dividend yield; expected volatility of 50.8%, risk-free interest rate of 4.82%, and an expected life of 10 years.

#### Aggregated Option/SAR Exercises during the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005 Twelve Months Ended 12/31/04 and Option/SAR Values at 12/31/04

The following table shows options exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2005, options outstanding and exercisable at October 5, 2005 and the dollar values for in-the-money options, at October 5, 2005 (closing market price on that date was \$4.11).

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)		(f)
	In Nine		N. 1 C	NT 1 C		Value of
	Ended 9	9-30-05	Number of	Number of		n-the-Money
	Shares	Value	Options/SARS at 10-5-05	Options/SARs at 10-5-05		ptions/SARs at 10-5-05
Nama	Acquired	Value				
Name c	on Exercise (#)	Keanzeu(\$	) Outstanding	Exercisable	]	Exercisable
John L. Larsen,	-0-	-0-	77,718	77,718	\$	163,985(1)
CEO	-0-	-0-	97,000	97,000	\$	180,420(2)
	-0-	-0-	184,400	184,400	\$	315,324(3)
	-0-	-0-	125,000	25,000	\$	$41,250^{(4)}$
	-0-	-0-	34,782	34,782	\$	$42,782^{(5)}$
	-0-	-0-	100,000	100,000	\$	21,000 <sup>(6)</sup>
Keith G. Larsen	-0-	-0-	52,718	52,718	\$	111,235(1)
President	44,444	88,444	52,556	52,556	\$	97,754(2)
	11,321	20,831	298,079	298,079	\$	509,715(3)
	-0-	-0-	125,000	25,000	\$	$41,250^{(4)}$
	-0-	-0-	34,782	34,782	\$	$42,782^{(5)}$
	-0-	-0-	100,000	100,000	\$	21,000(6)
Harold F. Herron,	-0-	-0-	20,109	20,109	\$	42,430 <sup>(1)</sup>
Sr. Vice President	22,222	119,999	26,278	26,278	\$	48,877 <sup>(2)</sup>
	6,083	31,936	27,617	27,617	\$	47,225(3)
	-0-	-0-	125,000	25,000	\$	41,250 <sup>(4)</sup>
	17,391	82,955	-0-	-0-	\$	-0-(5)
	-0-	-0-	50,000	50,000	\$	$10,500^{(6)}$
Daniel P. Svilar	-0-	-0-	40,218	40,218	\$	84,860 <sup>(1)</sup>
Secretary	-0-	-0-	97,000	97,000	\$	180,420(2)
	-0-	-0-	121,900	121,900	\$	208,449(3)
	-0-	-0-	125,000	25,000	\$	$41,250^{(4)}$
	-0-	-0-	34,782	34,782	\$	$42,782^{(5)}$
	-0-	-0-	100,000	100,000	\$	21,000 <sup>(6)</sup>
R. Scott Lorimer	-0-	-0-	40,218	40,218	\$	84,860 <sup>(1)</sup>

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Treasurer	44,444	83,555	52,556	52,556	\$ 97,754(2)
	-0-	-0-	80,233	80,233	\$ 137,198(3)
	-0-	-0-	125,000	25,000	\$ 41,250 <sup>(4)</sup>
	34,782	43,477	-0-	-0-	\$ -0-(5)
	-0-	-0-	100,000	100,000	\$ 21,000 <sup>(6)</sup>
Mark J. Larsen	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	\$ -0-(1)
Larsen	-0-	-0-	97,000	97,000	\$ 180,420(2)
	-0-	-0-	41,248	41,248	\$ 70,534(3)
	-0-	-0-	125,000	25,000	\$ 41,250 <sup>(4)</sup>
	-0-	-0-	27,782	27,782	\$ $34,172^{(5)}$
	-0-	-0-	100,000	100,000	\$ $21,000^{(6)}$

- (1) Equal to \$4.11, the closing market price on October 5, 2005, less \$2.00 per share option exercise price, multiplied by all shares exercisable.
- (2) Equal to \$4.11, the closing market price on October 5, 2005, less \$2.25 per share option exercise price, multiplied by all shares exercisable.
- (3) Equal to \$4.11, the closing market price on October 5, 2005, less \$2.40 per share option exercise price, multiplied by all shares exercisable.
- (4) Equal to \$4.11, the closing market price on October 5, 2005, less \$2.46 per share option exercise price, multiplied by all shares exercisable.
- (5) Equal to \$4.11, the closing market price on October 5, 2005, less \$2.88 per share option exercise price, multiplied by all shares exercisable.

**1996 Stock Award Program.** The Company had an annual incentive compensation arrangement for the issuance of up to 67,000 shares of common stock each year (from 1997 through 2002) to executive officers of the Company, in amounts determined each year based on earnings of the Company for the prior fiscal. A total of 392,536 shares were issued under this plan. The compensation committee did not award any shares under this plan during the seven months ended December 31, 2002; 43,378 shares were issued in 2003 to close out the program. One-half of the compensation expense under the Program was the responsibility of Crested.

Each allocation of shares was determined by the USE Compensation Committee; the shares were issued in the name of the officer, and are being earned out (vested) over 5 years, at the rate of 20% as of May 31 of each year following the date of issue. However, none of the vested shares become available to or come under the control of the officer until termination of employment by retirement, death or disability. Upon termination, the share certificates will be released to the officer; until termination, the certificates are held by the Treasurer of the Company. Voting rights are exercised over the shares by the non-employee directors of the Company; dividends or other distributions with respect to the shares will be held by the Treasurer for the benefit of the officers.

**2001 Stock Compensation Plan.** The shareholders approved the 2001 Stock Compensation Plan (the "plan") at the 2001 Annual Shareholders Meeting.

The plan has an initial term of seven years, with up to 2,500 shares of common stock to be issued in the first business day of each calendar quarter to six individuals (five officers of U.S. Energy Corp: John L. Larsen, Keith G. Larsen, Robert Scott Lorimer, Harold F. Herron, Daniel P. Svilar, and Mark J. Larsen, formerly President and a director of Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. and now President and COO of the Company.). The number of shares to be issued in any year is determined by the Compensation Committee and approved by the independent directors, taking into account our public stock prices at the date of grant and during the prior calendar year, the Company's financial condition and business prospects, and other factors deemed appropriate. The Company pays the income taxes owed by recipients as a result of receipt of the stock. The stock recipients have agreed not to sell or transfer such shares during their employment with the Company.

The 2001 Stock Compensation Plan is now the sole mechanism for compensating management with stock, however options may be granted to management and others under the 2001 ISOP. This plan is designed to reward executives with equity, and encourage them to increase their ownership of the Company and not sell their shares in the market.

#### **Executive Retirement Policy**

The Company and Crested adopted a retirement policies on October 17, 2005. These policies include a mandatory retirement age of 70 unless the Board requests the services of officers or employees past that age. Employees and Officers are eligible for retirement plan after their years of service and age total 70. Additionally the Board approved a retirement benefit for the Chairman/CEO, President/COO, CFO/Treasurer, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Employee Board Members on the Executive Committee. Under the terms of the executive retirement plan, the named officers are to receive 50% of their base cash pay or the average annual pay, less all bonuses, received over the last five years of their employment which ever is greater. This benefit for executives is available for 5 years following retirement. In return for this benefit the retired executive officer will be available to the Company and Crested for up to 1,040 hours per year for consulting or any other services the board deems needed. This retirement benefit can be extended beyond the five year period at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

#### **Directors' Fees and Other Compensation**

The Company pays non-employee directors a fee of \$150 per meeting attended. All directors are reimbursed for expenses incurred with attending meetings.

In addition, non-employee directors are compensated for services at \$400 per month, payable each year by the issue of shares of USE common stock based on the closing stock market price as of January 15. In 2005, the Company issued 11,475 shares to the non-employee directors (3,104 shares each to Don Anderson, H. Russell Fraser, and Michael T. Anderson, 2,386 to Nick Bebout and 476 shares to Mike Feinstein at an average price of \$3.10). This compensation was for services during 2003 and 2004.

#### **Certain Relationships and Related Transactions**

**Debt Owed by a Director.** In the early 1990s, Harold F. Herron, an officer and director, had been living in and caring for a house owned by the Company. In fiscal 1995, Mr. Herron purchased the home for \$260,000 (equal to appraised value), and was reimbursed by the Company for \$22,830 of leasehold improvements he had made to the property. The Company accepted a promissory note for \$112,170 of the purchase price, with 7% annual interest; a payment schedule was entered into and Mr. Herron is current in his payments on the note. This note is a nonrecourse note secured by 30,000 shares of the Company's common stock owned by Mr. Herron. At December 31, 2003, he owed \$90,300 on the note. During 2004 he gave up 5,000 shares of the collateral to reduce the debt. Mr. Herron also gave up 5,000 shares of the collateral to reduce the debt in January of 2005. The collateral now consists of 5,000 shares of the Company common stock. The balance under the note is \$30,600.

**Family Employment.** Three of John L. Larsen's sons, one former son-in-law (Harold F. Herron), and one grandson are employed by the Company or subsidiaries. Collectively, Mr. Larsen and these family members received \$844,700 in total compensation for services during the twelve months ended December 31, 2004, including benefits.

**Transactions Involving USECC and Crested.** The Company and Crested conduct most activities through their equally-owned joint venture USECC. From time to time the Company and Crested advance funds to or make payments on behalf of USECC, which create intercompany debt. The party extending funds is subsequently reimbursed by the other venturer. Crested owed the Company \$11,540,000 at June 30, 2005.

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Participation by Officers, Directors and Employees in Stock Ownership of Subsidiaries. Historically, our business strategy has been, and will continue to be, acquiring grass roots and/or developed mineral properties when commodity prices are low (such as they have been, in the past, in natural gas, gold, uranium and molybdenum), then operating, selling, leasing or joint venturing the properties, or selling the companies we set up to hold and explore or develop the properties to other companies in the mineral sector when prices are moving upward.

Typically, projects initially are acquired, financed and operated by USECC in their joint venture. From time to time, some of the projects are later transferred to separate companies organized for that purpose, with the objective of raising capital from an outside source for further development and/or joint venturing with other companies. Examples of this corporate strategy are, for gold properties, Sutter Gold Mining Inc. (formerly Globemin Resources Inc., a publicly traded British Columbia company, which acquired Sutter Gold Mining Company, and then changed its name to Sutter Gold Mining Inc.); and Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. for coalbed methane gas. Additional subsidiaries have been organized: U.S. Uranium Ltd. for uranium, and U.S. Moly Corp. for molybdenum.

Initial ownership of these subsidiaries is by USE and Crested, with additional stock (plus options) issued by the subsidiary company's board of directors to the officers, certain of the directors and employees of USE. Additional stock and/or options may be issued to other persons with experience specifically related to the subsidiary company's projects. The stock, and the options, will be forfeited if the individual's employment is terminated for any reason except death, disability and retirement. The subsidiary stock is issued to officers, directors and employees for nominal cash consideration. The subsidiary ownership percentages will vary, but in general, officers, directors and employees of USE would own not more than 10% (on an initial fully diluted basis, including options), and USE and Crested would own 90%. USE's and Crested's participation in that 90% will depend on the properties and funding which each contributes to the subsidiary at inception. Subsequent investments by third parties would dilute the stock ownership of all the initial owners.

On the disposition of a subsidiary company through a merger, sale of assets, or other transaction, the equity positions in subsidiary companies held by officers, directors and employees of USE will be entitled to receive the same consideration (pro rata) as the equity positions of USE, Crested and third party investors. No preferential terms will be accorded to the officers, directors and employees, although in certain instances, some of the individuals might be employed by the acquiring company. If a subsidiary becomes a public company through an underwritten initial public offering, some or all of the equity held by USE, Crested and the individuals might be subject to lock up restrictions for a period of time following the offering. Typically, those lock up restrictions would apply equally (have the same duration) for USE and Crested, and for the officers and directors, although equity held by non-management employees might not be locked up.

The profitability (if any) of the stock in the subsidiaries owned USE, Crested and the individuals, will not be known until a disposition or a successful public offering occurs. A subsidiary company may be merged, its assets sold, or otherwise disposed of without the transaction being subject to a vote by the shareholders of USE and Crested, in which event the shareholders of USE and Crested would be relying on the judgment of the directors of USE and Crested who do not own stock or hold options to buy stock in the subsidiary.

USE and Crested, and their officers, certain of their directors, and their employees, own stock and options to buy stock in the subsidiaries shown below. Information about subsidiaries, which are not now active or expected to become active in 2005, is not shown.

On June 1, 2005, the shareholders of Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. approved the sale of RMG to Enterra Energy Trust (see "Capital Activities in Second Quarter 2005" above).

RMG's minority equity ownership of Pinnacle was not included in the disposition of RMG, but was assigned to USE and Crested in proportion to their ownership of RMG. The boards of directors of USE and Crested determined that the value of RMG's minority equity interest in Pinnacle was approximately \$6,250,000; based upon Pinnacle's recent sales of equity to its shareholders (RMG did not participate in those sales). To compensate the minority shareholders of RMG (including officers, directors and employees of USE and Crested, Mark J. Larsen (former president and a former director of RMG), Yellowstone Fuels, Corp. ("YSFC") and Tom Swank (a former director of RMG) for their pro rata beneficially-owned 5.9% (\$370,916) of the \$6,250,000 value of the minority Pinnacle interest transferred to USE and Crested, restricted shares of common stock of USE have been issued (as of September 28, 2005) to the former minority shareholders of RMG, pro rata for their May 31, 2005 percentage beneficial ownership in Pinnacle (through their former ownership in RMG). These USE shares were valued at the average Nasdaq Official Close Price for the ten trading days beginning September 12, 2005.

Those officers and directors of USE and Crested who owned stock in RMG, Mark J. Larsen (president and a director of RMG until June 1, 2005), Tom Swank (a director of RMG until June 1, 2005), and Richard Larsen (an employee of USE) received the following amounts (the value of the Enterra Initial Units, and the Enterra Additional Units when issued in exchange for the class D shares of Acquisitions, and the value of the USE shares (issued as of September 28, 2005 for their minority beneficial ownership of Pinnacle), in proportion to their percentage ownership of RMG stock: John L. Larsen (\$122,989); Keith G. Larsen (\$171,255); Harold F. Herron (\$80,956); Don Anderson (\$7,786); H. Russell Fraser (\$15,568); Robert Scott Lorimer (\$93,411); Daniel P. Svilar (\$98,081); Mark J. Larsen (\$71,616); Richard Larsen (\$71,616) and Tom Swank (\$15,568). The realized value of these components will vary depending on the market value of the Enterra Trust Units, and the USE shares, when sold; the Units are valued, only for purposes of the foregoing disclosures, at \$19.00 per Unit.

The employees of RMG, and the officers and directors, of USE and Crested held options to purchase 3,712,500 shares of RMG, at \$3.00 per share. However, as one of the conditions to closing the Enterra agreement, all of these options were cancelled.

- · U.S. Uranium Ltd. ("USUL") has issued options to purchase a total of 3,080,000 shares of common stock, at an exercise price of \$0.25 per share, to officers, directors and employees of USE and Crested. All these warrants have a 10 year life and vest at the rate of 20% for 5 years. USUL will issue stock to these individuals in 2005 for nominal cash consideration, and will issue stock to USE and Crested for certain uranium properties to be transferred into USUL in 2005. The percentage ownership of USE and Crested is expected to be approximately 90% on a combined basis, after the properties are transferred. USUL has not yet commenced operations and the uranium properties to be transferred into USUL have not yet been identified.
- · U.S. Moly Corp. ("Moly") has issued options to purchase a total of 3,080,000 shares of common stock, at an exercise price of \$0.25 per share, to officers, directors and employees of USE and Crested. All these warrants have a 10 year life and vest at the rate of 20% for 5 years. Moly will issue stock to these individuals in 2005 for nominal cash consideration, and will issue stock to USE and Crested for certain molybdenum properties located in Colorado, to be transferred into Moly in 2005, along with other rights and obligations associated with those properties. The percentage ownership of USE and Crested is expected to be approximately 90% on a combined basis, after the properties are transferred. Moly has not yet commenced operations.

• Sutter Gold Mining Inc. ("SGMI") is owned 64.2% by USE; 1.5% by Crested; and 4% by officers and some of the directors of USE and Crested, and by Mark J. Larsen, former president and a director of RMG, president and a director of Moly, and a director of USUL. Options to purchase 710,000 shares are held by officers and directors of USE and Crested, and by Mark J. Larsen. SGMI has agreed to cancel all of these options, subject to officer and director consent. SGMI has resumed exploration activities on its gold property in California. More information about SGMI is contained in USE's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004.

#### Principal Holders of Voting Securities of the Company And Ownership by Officers and Directors

The following is a list of all record holders who, as of June 27, 2005, beneficially owned more than 5% of the outstanding shares of common stock, and the outstanding common stock beneficially held by each director and nominee, and each officer, and by all officers and directors as a group, as reported in filings with the SEC, or as otherwise known to us. This list includes shares held by Mark J. Larsen, an officer and director of a subsidiary, but not an officer or director of the Company. Beneficial ownership includes the shares underlying presently exercisable options.

Except as otherwise noted, each holder exercises the sole voting and dispositive powers over the shares listed opposite the holder's name, excluding shares subject to forfeiture and those held in ESOP accounts established for the employee's benefit. Dispositive powers over the forfeitable shares held by employees who are not officers, and by non-employee directors ("Forfeitable Shares") are shared by the Company's board of directors. Voting and dispositive powers over Forfeitable Shares held by the Company's five executive officers ("Officers' Forfeitable Shares") are shared by the Company's non-employee directors (Messrs. Anderson, Feinstein, Anderson, and Fraser). The ESOP Trustees (John L. Larsen and Harold F. Herron) exercise voting powers over non-allocated ESOP shares and dispositive powers over all ESOP shares. It should be noted that voting and dispositive powers over certain shares are shared by one or more of the listed holders. Such securities are reported opposite each holder having a shared interest therein.

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Name and address Of beneficial owner	Amount a Voting Rig Sole					Percent of Class (1)	
Of belieficial owner	Sole	Shared	Sole	Shared	Ownership	of Class (1)	
John L. Larsen*(2)	1,110,073	968,726	1,110,073	1,407,865	2,640,458	16.4%	
201 Hill Street Riverton, WY 82501							
Keith G. Larsen*(3) 4045 Valley Green Cir. Riverton, WY 82501	784,189	820,415	733,174	835,595	1,605,924	10.0%	
The K2 Principal Fund L.P. <sup>(13)</sup>	836,703		836,703		836,703	5.1%	
444 Adelaide West Toronto, Ontario Canada M5V 1S7			,		3, 3,		
Harold F. Herron*(4)	376,343	973,226	350,645	1,407,865	1,800,978	11.2%	
877 N. 8th W. Riverton, WY 82501							
Don C. Anderson*(5)	142,911	420,720	142,911	443,400	586,311	3.6%	
P. O. Box 680 Midway, UT 84049							
Michael H. Feinstein*(6)	476	420,720	476	443,400	443,876	2.8%	
5309 East Paradise Lane Scottsdale, AZ 85254							
H. Russell Fraser*(7)	121,356	422,020	121,356	444,700	566,056	3.5%	
3453 Southfork Road Cody, WY 82414							
Michael T. Anderson*(8)	52,405	420,720	52,405	443,400	495,805	3.1%	
933 Main Street Lander, WY 82520							
Daniel P. Svilar**(9)	636,338	818,915	636,338	817,915	1,566,933	9.7%	
580 S. Indiana Street Hudson, WY 82515							
R. Scott Lorimer**(10)	564,620	812,915	505,481	812,915	1,452,655	9.0%	
11 Korrel Court Riverton, WY 82501							
Mark J. Larsen**(11)	453,618	4,600	416,184	-0-	453,618	2.8%	
513 Westchester Cir. Riverton, WY 82501							

#### All officers and directors

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A group (nine persons)<sup>(12)</sup> 4,242,329 1,413,346 4,069,043 1,834,885 6,077,214 37.8%

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<sup>\*</sup> Director

<sup>\*\*</sup> Officer (Mr. Mark Larsen was president of the Company's majority-owned subsidiary, Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc., sold on June 1, 2005, and became President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company on August 23, 2005.

- (1) Percent of class is computed by dividing the number of shares beneficially owned plus any options held by the reporting person, by the number of shares outstanding plus the shares underlying options held by that person.
- (2) Mr. John L. Larsen exercises sole voting powers over 426,513 shares contributed to a family limited partnership, 500 shares held in a street name account for his benefit, 64,160 shares held in an Individual Retirement Account ("IRA") established for his benefit, and 618,900 shares underlying options. He exercises shared voting rights over 155,811 shares held by the ESOP, which have not been allocated to accounts established for specific beneficiaries, and shares held by corporations of which Mr. Larsen is a director consisting of 512,359 shares held by Crested Corp., 125,556 shares held by Plateau Resources Limited ("Plateau"), and 175,000 shares held by Sutter Gold Mining Inc. ("SGMI"). Mr. Larsen shares the voting rights over such shares with the other directors of those corporations. Mr. Larsen shares voting powers over the unallocated ESOP shares in his capacity as an ESOP Trustee with the other ESOP Trustees. Shares over which sole dispositive rights are exercised consist of 426,513 directly owned shares, 500 shares held in street name, 64,160 shares held in his IRA, and the 618,900 shares underlying options. Shared dispositive powers are exercised over 572,270 shares held by the ESOP, 22,680 Forfeitable Shares, 512,359 shares held by Crested, 125,556 shares held by Plateau and 175,000 shares held by SGMI. The shares listed under "Total Beneficial Ownership" also include 145,200 Officers' Forfeitable Shares.
- (3) Mr. Keith Larsen exercises sole voting rights over 62,539 directly held shares, 7,500 shares as custodian over shares held for his minor children under the Wyoming Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (the "Custodial Shares"), 51,015 shares held in an ESOP account established for his benefit, 663,135 shares underlying options. He exercises shared voting rights over 7,500 shares held directly by his minor children and shares held by corporations of which Mr. Larsen is a director consisting of 512,359 shares held by Crested, 125,556 shares held by Plateau, and 175,000 shares held by Sutter. Mr. Larsen shares the voting rights over such shares with the other directors of those corporations. Mr. Keith Larsen exercises sole dispositive rights over 62,539 directly held shares, 7,500 Custodial shares, and 663,135 shares underlying options. He exercises shared dispositive rights over 22,680 Forfeitable Shares 512,359 shares held by Crested, 125,556 shares held by Plateau and 175,000 shares held by SGMI. The shares listed under "Total Beneficial Ownership" also include 8,820 Officers' Forfeitable Shares.
- (4) Mr. Herron exercises sole voting powers over 86,141 directly owned shares, 11,000 shares held in an IRA established for his benefit, 4,500 Custodial Shares, 249,004 shares underlying options, and 25,698 shares held in the ESOP account established for his benefit. Shared voting powers are exercised over 4,500 Custodial shares, 155,811 shares held by the ESOP which have not been allocated to accounts established for specific beneficiaries, 512,359 shares held by Crested, 125,556 shares held by Plateau, and 175,000 shares held by Sutter. Sole dispositive powers are exercised over 86,141 directly held shares, 11,000 shares held in his IRA, 4,500 Custodial Shares and 249,004 shares underlying options. Mr. Herron exercises shared dispositive rights over 572,270 shares held by the ESOP, 512,359 shares held by Crested, 125,556 shares held by Plateau and 175,000 shares held by SGMI, and 22,680 Forfeitable Shares. Mr. Herron exercises shared dispositive and voting powers over the shares held by Crested, Sutter and Plateau as a director of those companies with the other directors of those companies and over the ESOP shares in his capacity as an ESOP Trustee with the other ESOP Trustees. The shares listed under "Total Beneficial Ownership" also include 39,450 Officers' Forfeitable Shares.
- (5) Mr. Don Anderson exercises sole voting powers over 37,356 directly held shares, 3,055 shares held in an IRA established for his benefit, and 102,500 shares underlying options. He exercises shared voting powers over 420,720 Officers' Forfeitable Shares. Mr. Anderson exercises dispositive power over 37,356 directly held shares, 3,055 IRA shares, and 102,500 shares underlying his options. He exercises shared dispositive powers over the 22,680 Forfeitable Shares and 420,720 Officers' Forfeitable Shares.

- <sup>(6)</sup> Mr. Feinstein exercises sole voting rights over 476 directly held shares. He exercises shared voting powers over 420,720 Officers' Forfeitable Shares. Mr. Feinstein exercises sole dispositive rights over 476 directly held shares. He exercises shared dispositive powers over the 22,680 Forfeitable Shares and 420,720 Officers' Forfeitable Shares.
- (7) Mr. Fraser exercises sole voting rights over 13,856 directly held shares, 4,000 shares held in an IRA for his benefit, 1,000 shares held in a street name account for his benefit and 102,500 shares underlying options. He exercises shared voting rights over 1,300 shares held directly by his wife and 420,720 Officers' Forfeitable Shares. Mr. Fraser exercises sole dispositive rights over 13,856 directly held shares, 4,000 IRA shares, 1,000 held in a street name account for his benefit and 102,500 shares underlying his options. He exercises shared dispositive powers over 1,300 wife's shares, 22,680 Forfeitable Shares, and 420,720 Officers' Forfeitable Shares.
- <sup>(8)</sup> Mr. Mike Anderson exercises sole voting rights over 2,405 directly owned shares and 50,000 shares underlying his options. He exercises shared voting powers over 420,720 Officers' Forfeitable Shares. He exercises sole dispositive rights over 2,405 directly owned shares and 50,000 shares underlying his options. He exercises shared dispositive powers over the 22,680 Forfeitable Shares and 420,720 Officers' Forfeitable Shares.
- (9) Mr. Svilar exercises sole voting powers over 87,439 directly owned shares, 2,125 shares held in joint tenancy with his wife, 26,244 shares held in an IRA established for his benefit, 630 shares held in a street name account established for his benefit, 1,000 Custodial Shares, and 518,900 shares underlying options. He exercises shared voting over 512,359 shares held by Crested 125,556 shares held by Plateau, and 175,000 shares held by SGMI, 1,000 Custodial shares and 5,000 shares held by a private corporation of which he is a director and officer. He exercises sole dispositive power over 87,439 directly held shares, 2,125 joint tenancy shares, 26,244 IRA shares, 630 street name shares, 1,000 Custodial Shares, and 518,900 shares underlying his options. Mr. Svilar exercises shared dispositive rights over 512,359 shares held by Crested, 125,556 shares held by Plateau, 175,000 shares held by SGMI, and 5,000 shares held by a private corporation of which he is a director and officer. The shares listed under "Total Beneficial Ownership" also include 112,680 Officers' Forfeitable Shares.
- (10) Mr. Lorimer exercises sole voting rights over 107,474 directly held shares, 59,139 shares held in the ESOP account established for his benefit, and 398,007 shares underlying options. He exercises shared voting over 512,359 shares held by Crested, 125,556 shares held by Plateau, and 175,000 shares held by SGMI. He exercises sole dispositive rights over 107,474 directly held shares, and 398,007 shares underlying options. Mr. Lorimer exercises shared dispositive rights over 512,359 shares held by Crested, 125,556 shares held by Plateau and 175,000 shares held by SGMI. The shares listed under "Total Beneficial Ownership" also include 75,120 Officers' Forfeitable Shares.
- (11) Mr. Mark Larsen is listed in the table because he is the former president of Rocky Mountain Gas, which was sold on June 1, 2005. He exercises sole voting over 20,554 shares held directly, 4,600 Custodial Shares, 37,434 shares held in the ESOP account established for his benefit, and 391,030 shares underlying options. He exercises shared voting rights over 4,600 Custodial shares. Mr. Larsen exercises sole dispositive rights over 20,554 shares held directly, 4,600 Custodial shares, and 391,030 shares underlying his options.

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(12) The group exercises sole voting rights over 844,753 directly held shares, 3,125 shares held in joint tenancy, 108,459 shares held in IRAs, 1,130 shares held in street name, 17,600 Custodial Shares, 173,286 ESOP shares and 3,093,976 shares underlying options. Shared voting rights are exercised over 1,300 shares held in IRA accounts for spouses, 17,600 shares held by minor children, 420,720 Officers' Forfeitable Shares, 155,811 shares held in the ESOP which are not allocated to plan participants, 512,359 shares held by Crested, 125,556 shares held by Plateau, 175,000 shares held by SGMI, and 5,000 shares held by private corporations. The sole dispositive shares consist of 844,753 directly held shares, 3,125 shares held in joint tenancy, 108,459 shares held in

IRAs, 1,130 shares held in street name, 17,600 Custodial Shares, and 3,093,976 shares underlying options. The group

exercises shared dispositive rights over 1,300 shares held in IRA accounts for spouses, 572,270 shares held in the ESOP, 512,359 shares held by Crested, 125,556 shares held by Plateau, 175,000 shares held by SGMI, 5,000 shares held by private corporations, 22,680 Forfeitable Shares, and 420,720 Officers' Forfeitable Shares.

(13) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on March 10, 2005.

#### **Change in Independent Auditors**

Grant Thornton ("GT") audited our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003, the (former) fiscal year ended May 31, 2002 and the seven month period ended December 31, 2002. On December 17, 2004, the Company dismissed GT and engaged Epstein, Weber & Conover, PLC, Scottsdale, Arizona, to audit the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004.

GT's audit report on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003, the seven months ended December 31, 2002, and the (former) fiscal year ended May 31, 2002, contained a qualification of uncertainty as to whether the Company would continue as a going concern. The audit report did not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion, and was not otherwise qualified or modified as to audit scope or accounting principles. Epstein, Weber & Conover, PLC's audit report on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004, also contained a qualification of uncertainty as to whether the Company will continue as a going concern.

The decision to change GT as the audit firms was recommended by the Company's Audit Committee, and approved by that committee and the board of directors.

There has not been, during the two most recent fiscal years, or during any subsequent interim period preceding the change of audit firms, any disagreement with GT on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreement, if not resolved to the satisfaction of GT, would have caused it to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with its report.

In addition, during the two most recent fiscal years, there were no disagreements between the Company and GT which constituted "reportable events" under item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K. Disclosure of such "reportable events" would be required even if the Company and GT did not express a difference of opinion regarding the event.

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#### **Principal Accounting Fees and Services**

Grant Thornton LLP billed us as follows for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. Grant Thornton was dismissed as the Company's audit firm in December 2004. The information does not include fees paid to the new audit firm (Epstein, Weber & Conover, PLC) in late 2004.

	Year ended December 31,				
	2004		2003		
Audit fees (a)	\$ 115,300	\$	80,100		
Audit-related fees(b)	\$ 27,200	\$			
Tax fees(c)	\$ 33,700	\$	15,800		
All other fees(d)	\$ 40,400	\$	13,100		

- (a) Includes fees for audit of the annual financial statements and review of quarterly financial information filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- (b) For assurance and related services that were reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the financial statements, which fees are not included in the Audit Fees category. The Company had no Audit-Related Fees for the periods ended December 31, 2004 and 2003.
- (c) For tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning services, relating to any and all federal and state tax returns as necessary for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003.
- (d) For services in respect of other reports required to be filed by the SEC and other agencies.

The Audit Committee approves the terms of engagement before we engage the audit firm for audit and non-audit services, except as to engagements for services outside the scope of the original terms, in which instances the services have been provided pursuant to pre-approval policies and procedures, established by the audit committee. These pre-approval policies and procedures are detailed as to the category of service and the audit committee is kept informed of each service provided. These policies and procedures, and the work performed pursuant thereto, do not include delegation any delegation to management of the audit committee's responsibilities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This approval process was used with respect to the engagement of Grant Thornton for the 2002 and 2003, and with respect for the appointment of the new audit firm Epsetin Weber & Conover for the audit of the 2004 financial statements and related services.

The percentage of services provided for Audit-Related Fees, Tax Fees and All Other Fees for 2004 (and 2003), all provided pursuant to the audit committee's pre-approval policies and procedures, were: Audit-Related Fees 66% (74%); Tax Fees 16% (14%); and All Other Fees 18% (12%).

#### **Description of Securities**

**Common Stock**. We are authorized by our articles of incorporation to issue an unlimited number of shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value, and 100,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value.

Shares of common stock may be issued for such consideration and on such terms as determined by the board of directors, without shareholder approval. Holders are entitled to receive dividends when and as declared by the board of directors out of funds legally available therefore. There are no restrictions on payment of cash dividends. Cash dividends have not been declared on the common stock, although a 1 for 10 stock dividend was declared in November 1990. It is anticipated that future earnings would be reinvested into operations and not declared as dividends on the common stock. All holders of shares of common stock have equal voting rights, and the shares of common stock sold in this offering will have the same rights. Holders of shares of common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters upon which such holders are entitled to vote, and further have the right to cumulate their votes in elections of directors. Cumulation means multiplying the number of shares held, by the number of nominees to the board of directors, then voting the product among the nominees as desired. Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast.

Shares of common stock sold in this offering are fully-paid and nonassessable shares of U.S. Energy Corp.

Pursuant to our articles of incorporation and as permitted by Wyoming law, shares of common stock held by our subsidiaries may be voted by such subsidiaries as determined by the board of directors of each, in elections of directors and other matters brought before shareholders.

In September 2001, the Company adopted a shareholder rights plan ("poison pill") and filed the plan with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to Form 8-A. The following three paragraphs briefly state principal features of the plan, which are qualified by reference to the complete plan, which is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement which includes this prospectus.

Under the plan, the holder of each share of common stock has the right to purchase (when the rights become exercisable) from the Company one-one thousandth (1/1,000th) of one (1) share of Series P preferred stock at a price of \$200.00 for each one-one thousandth (1/1,000th) share of such preferred stock. The purpose of the plan is to deter an unfairly low priced hostile takeover of the Company, by encouraging a hostile party to negotiate a fair offer with the board of directors and thus eliminate the poison pill.

The rights trade with the common stock and aren't separable therefrom; no separate certificate for the rights is issued unless and until there is a hostile takeover attempted, after which time separate and tradable rights certificates would be issued.

The rights are not exercisable and never can be unless and until a hostile (not negotiated with the board) takeover of the Company is initiated with the objective of acquiring 15% of the Company's voting stock. If before the takeover is launched the hostile party comes to agreement with the board of directors about price and terms and makes a "qualified offer" to buy the stock of the Company, then the board of directors may redeem (buy back) the rights for \$0.01 each. But, if such a "qualified offer" isn't agreed upon, then the rights are exercisable for preferred stock, which in turn would enable the holder to convert the preferred stock into voting common stock of the Company at a price equal to one-half the market price. The board of directors could elect to issue shares of common stock in exchange for the rights, on a one-for-one basis.

**Preferred Stock**. Shares of preferred stock may be issued by the board of directors with such dividend, liquidation, voting and conversion features as may be determined by the board of directors without shareholder approval.

**Options and Warrants.** As of the date of this prospectus, options are held by employees and officers to purchase a total of 3,639,101 shares of common stock, at exercise prices ranging from \$2.00 to \$4.00. These options expire at various times from 2008 to 2011.

For information on warrants and options, see "Selling Shareholders" and "Capital Activities in Second Quarter 2005."

#### Disclosure of Commission Position on Indemnification for Securities Act Liabilities

Our articles of incorporation and bylaws provide that we shall indemnify directors provided that the indemnification shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for breach of the director's duty or loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, or for acts of omission not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law.

Wyoming law permits a corporation, under specified circumstances, to indemnify its directors, officers, employees or agents against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlements actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with any action, suit or proceeding brought by third parties by reason of the fact that they were or are directors, officers, employees or agents of the corporation, if these directors, officers, employees or agents acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceedings, had no reason to believe their conduct was unlawful. In a derivative action, i.e., one by or in the right of the corporation, indemnification may be made only for expenses actually and reasonably incurred by directors, officers, employees or agent in connection with the defense or settlement of an action or suit, and only with respect to a matter as to which they shall have acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made if such person shall have been adjudged liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that the defendant directors, officers, employees or agents are fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnify for such expenses despite such adjudication of liability.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise (for example, in connection with the sale of securities), we have been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the 1933 Act, and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Company of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Company will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the 1933 Securities Act, and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

#### Where to Find More Information

We have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement on Form S-1 under the 1933 Act with respect to the shares offered by this prospectus. This prospectus, filed as a part of the registration statement, does not contain certain information contained in part II of the registration statement or filed as exhibits to the registration statement. We refer you to the registration statement and exhibits which may be inspected and copied at the Public Reference Section of the Commission, 110 F Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20549-2001, at prescribed rates; the telephone number for the Public Reference Section is 1.800.SEC.0330. The registration statement and exhibits also are available for viewing at and downloading from the EDGAR location within the Commission's internet website (http://www.sec.gov).

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Our common stock is registered with the Commission under section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "1934 Act"). Under the 1934 Act, we file with the Commission periodic reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, and proxy statements, and our officers and directors file reports of stock ownership on Forms 3, 4 and 5. These filings may be viewed and downloaded from the Commission's internet website (http://www.sec.gov) at the EDGAR location, and also may be inspected and copied at the Public Reference Section of the Commission, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates; the telephone number for the Public Reference Section is 1.800.SEC.0330. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room can be obtained by calling the Commission at 1.800.SEC.0330.

We will provide copies of the reports and proxy statements we file with the Commission (and any amendments to those documents), on request and without charge. We hold an annual shareholder meeting each June; before the meeting, we send proxy statements and annual reports to record holders of our common stock.

#### **Legal Matters**

The validity of the issuance of the shares offered has been passed upon by The Law Office of Stephen E. Rounds, Denver, Colorado.

#### **Experts**

Our consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2004, and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the year then ended, have been audited by Epstein, Weber & Conover, PLC, Scottsdale, Arizona, and are included in this prospectus, with the audit report from Epstein, Weber & Conover, PLC, in reliance upon the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

Our consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2003, December 31, 2002, and May 31, 2002 and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2003, the seven months ended December 31, 2002 and the (former) fiscal year ended May 31, 2002, have been audited by Grant Thornton LLP, and are included in this prospectus, with the audit report from Grant Thornton LLP, in reliance upon the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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#### U.S. ENERGY CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

#### **ASSETS**

	I	December 31, 2004	December 31, 2003	
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,842,500	\$	4,084,800
Accounts receivable				
Trade, net of allowance of \$111,300				
and \$27,800		797,500		300,900
Affiliates		13,500		96,800
Other		52,700		
Current portion of long-term notes				
receivable, net		49,500		102,500
Prepaid expenses		489,700		584,700
Inventories		176,100		21,700
Total current assets		5,421,500		5,191,400
INVESTMENTS:				
Non-affiliated company		957,700		957,700
Restricted investments		6,852,300		6,874,200
Total investments		7,810,000		7,831,900
PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT:				
Land		576,300		570,000
Buildings and improvements		5,922,400		5,777,700
Machinery and equipment		4,919,000		4,762,800
Proved oil and gas properties, full cost method		5,569,000		1,773,600
Unproved coal bed methane properties				
excluded from amortization		5,101,900		1,204,400
Total properties and equipment		22,088,600		14,088,500
Less accumulated depreciation,				
depletion and amortization		(8,322,000)		(6,901,400)
Net properties and equipment		13,766,600		7,187,100
OTHER ASSETS:				
Notes receivable trade		2,971,800		2,950,600
Deposits and other		733,800		768,700
Total other assets		3,705,600		3,719,300
Total assets	\$	30,703,700	\$	23,929,700

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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#### U.S. ENERGY CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

### LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

		December 31,		December 31,
CUDDENT LIADUITEG.		2004		2003
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	ф	1 751 200	Φ	727 000
Accounts payable	\$	1,751,300	\$	727,800
Accrued compensation expense		181,700		180,000
Asset retirement obligation		192,700		
Current portion of long-term debt		3,400,100		932,200
Other current liabilities		532,200		69,700
Total current liabilities		6,058,000		1,909,700
LONG-TERM DEBT		3,780,600		1,317,600
ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS		7,882,400		7,264,700
OTHER ACCRUED LIABILITIES		1,952,300		2,158,600
DEFERRED GAIN ON SALE OF ASSET		1,279,000		1,295,700
MINORITY INTERESTS		871,100		496,000
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES				
FORFEITABLE COMMON STOCK, \$.01 par value				
442,740 and 465,880 shares issued,				
forfeitable until earned		2,599,000		2,726,600
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PREFERRED STOCK,				
\$.01 par value; 100,000 shares authorized				
No shares issued or outstanding				
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SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:				
Common stock, \$.01 par value;				
unlimited shares authorized; 15,231,237				
and 12,824,698 shares issued net of				
treasury stock, respectively		152,300		128,200
Additional paid-in capital		59,157,100		52,961,200
Accumulated deficit		(49,321,700)		(43,073,000)
Treasury stock at cost,		(13,621,700)		(10,070,000)
972,306 and 966,306 shares respectively		(2,779,900)		(2,765,100)
Accumulated comprehensive loss		(436,000)		
Unallocated ESOP contribution		(490,500)		(490,500)
Total shareholders' equity		6,281,300		6,760,800
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	30,703,700	\$	23,929,700

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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#### U.S. ENERGY CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Year ended D 2004	ecembe	er 31, 2003	Seven months ended December 31, 2002		Year ended May 31, 2002
OPERATING REVENUES:						
Real estate operations	\$ 256,100	\$	334,300	\$ 394,500		1,276,200
Gas sales	3,205,700		287,400	119,400		
Management fees	1,179,900		215,600	159,100		208,200
	4,641,700		837,300	673,000		1,484,400
OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES:						
Real estate operations	295,500		302,900	189,700		1,348,400
Gas operations	4,168,800		313,100	355,200		
Mineral holding costs	1,466,700		1,461,700	737,200		1,707,800
General and administrative	5,291,100		5,997,500	2,915,800		3,946,800
Impairment of goodwill						1,622,700
Other						80,900
Provision for doubtful						
accounts	79,000					171,200
	11,301,100		8,075,200	4,197,900		8,877,800
ODED ATING LOSS	(6,650,400)		(7.227.000)	(2.524.000	`	(7.202.400)
OPERATING LOSS	(6,659,400)		(7,237,900)	(3,524,900	)	(7,393,400)
OTHER INCOME & EXPENSES:						
Gain (loss) on sales of assets	46,300		198,200	(342,600	)	812,700
Gain (loss) on sale of						
investment	656,300		(32,400)	(207,800		
Interest income	375,800		560,300	524,500		852,100
Interest expense	(1,065,400)		(799,100)	(361,200		(345,300)
	13,000		(73,000)	(387,100	)	1,319,500
LOSS BEFORE MINORITY INTEREST,						
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES,						
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS AND						
CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF						
ACCOUNTING CHANGE	(6,646,400)		(7,310,900)	(3,912,000	)	(6,073,900)
MINORITY INTEREST IN LOSS OF						

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CONSOLIDATED				
SUBSIDIARIES	397,700	235,100	54,800	39,500
LOSS BEFORE PROVISION FOR IN	NCOME			
TAXES, DISCONTINUED				
OPERATIONS				
AND CUMULATIVE				
EFFECT OF				
ACCOUNTING CHANGE	(6,248,700)	(7,075,800)	(3,857,200)	(6,034,400)
PROVISION FOR INCOME				

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**TAXES** 

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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#### U.S. ENERGY CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Year ended E 2004	<b>)</b> ecen	nber 31, 2003	Seven months ended December 31, 2002		Year ended May 31, 2002	
NET LOSS FROM CONTINUING							
OPERATIONS	\$ (6,248,700)	\$	(7,075,800)	\$	(3,857,200)	\$	(6,034,400)
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS,							
NET OF TAX			(349,900)		17,100		(146,700)
CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ACCOUNTING CHANGE			1,615,600				
NET LOSS	(6,248,700)		(5,810,100)		(3,840,100)		(6,181,100)
PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS							(86,500)
NET LOSS AVAILABLE TO COMMON							
SHAREHOLDERS	\$ (6,248,700)	\$	(5,810,100)	\$	(3,840,100)	\$	(6,267,600)
NET LOSS PER SHARE BASIC							
CONTINUED OPERATIONS	\$ (0.47)	\$	(0.63)	\$	(0.36)	\$	(0.65)
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS			(0.03)				(0.01)
PREFERRED DIVIDENDS							(0.01)
EFFECT OF ACCOUNTING ACCOUNTING CHANGE			0.14				
	\$ (0.47)	\$	(0.52)	\$	(0.36)	\$	(0.67)
NET LOSS PER SHARE DILUTED							
CONTINUED OPERATIONS DISCONTINUED	\$ (0.47)	\$	(0.63)	\$	(0.36)	\$	(0.65)
OPERATIONS			(0.03)				(0.01)
PREFERRED DIVIDENDS							(0.01)
EFFECT OF ACCOUNTING ACCOUNTING CHANGE			0.14				
ACCOUNTING CHARGE	\$ (0.47)	\$	(0.52)	\$	(0.36)	\$	(0.67)

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BASIC WEIGHTED								
AVERAGE								
SHARES OUTSTANDING	13,182,421	11,180,975	10,770,658	9,299,359				
DILUTED WEIGHTED								
AVERAGE								
SHARES OUTSTANDING	13,182,421	11,180,975	10,770,658	9,299,359				
	The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.							
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#### **U.S. ENERGY & AFFILIATES**

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Common S Shares	tock Amount	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Treasury Shares		Unallocated ESOP Sh Contribution	Total areholders' Equity
Balance May 31, 2001	8,989,047 \$	90,000 \$	\$ 38,681,600	\$ (27,155,200)	949,725 \$	(2,660,500)	\$ (490,500)\$	8,465,400
Funding of ESOP Issuance of common stock	70,075	700	236,200					236,900
to outside directors Issuance of common stock	3,429		14,400					14,400
for services rendered Issuance of common	45,000	500	147,600					148,100
stock warrants for services rendered	<del></del>		592,900					592,900
Treasury stock from payment on balance								
of note receivable Issuance of common					10,000	(79,900)	)	(79,900
stock in exchange for preferred stock Issuance of common	513,140	5,100	1,846,400					1,851,500
stock in exchange for subsidiary	010.000	0.100	2.566.000					2.506.000
stock	912,233	9,100	3,566,900					3,576,000

61,760	600	246,200					246,800
071.500	0.700	2 241 000					2 250 500
871,592	8,700	2,341,800					2,350,500
1.205		4.500					4,500
2,200		.,e 00					1,000
252 227	2.500	600,000					602 500
255,557	2,300		(6 267 600)				602,500 (6,267,600
11.720.818	\$ 117.200						
	1,205 253,337	871,592 8,700 1,205 253,337 2,500	871,592 8,700 2,341,800 1,205 4,500 253,337 2,500 600,000	871,592 8,700 2,341,800  1,205 4,500  253,337 2,500 600,000  (6,267,600)	871,592 8,700 2,341,800  1,205 4,500  253,337 2,500 600,000  (6,267,600)	871,592 8,700 2,341,800	871,592

<sup>(1)</sup> Net of 15,285 shares surrendered by employees for the exercise of 268,622 employee stock options.

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<sup>(2)</sup> Total Shareholders' Equity at May 31, 2002 does not include 500,788 shares currently issued but forfeitable if certain conditions are not met by the recipients. "Basic and Diluted Weighted Average Shares Outstanding" also includes 814,496 shares of common stock held by majority-owned subsidiaries, which, in consolidation, are treated as treasury shares.

#### **U.S. ENERGY & AFFILIATES**

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (continued)

	Common Shares	Stock Amount	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Treasur Shares	ry Stock Amount	Unallocated ESOP S Contribution	Total Shareholders' Equity
Balance May 31, 2002	11,720,818	\$ 117,200	\$ 48,278,500	\$ (33,422,800)	959,725 \$	6 (2,740,400	0) \$ (490,500) \$	\$ 11,742,000
Funding of ESOP	43,867	400	134,700			_		135,100
Issuance of common stock								
to outside consultants	15,000	200	60,700			-		60,900
Issuance of common stock								
warrants Issuance of			325,900			-		325,900
common stock								
for settlement of								
law suit	20,000	200	77,600			-		77,800
Issuance of common stock								
from employee options (1)	26,711	300	(300)					
options V	20,711	300	(300)			-		
Net loss				(3,840,100)		-		(3,840,100)
Balance December	11.00<.00	<b>4.10.20</b> 2	A 40 055 100	φ ( <b>25 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 </b>	050 505	· <b>(2 7</b> 12 12 12 1	0) # (400 700)	h 0.501.505
$31,2002^{(2)}$	11,826,396	\$ 118,300	\$ 48,877,100	\$ (37,262,900)	959,725 \$	5 (2,740,400	U) \$ (490,500) \$	8,501,600

<sup>(1)</sup> Net of 44,456 shares surrendered by employees for the exercise of 71,167 employee stock options.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> Total Shareholders' Equity at December 31, 2002 does not include 465,880 shares currently issued but forfeitable if certain conditions are not met by the recipients. "Basic and Diluted Weighted Average Shares Outstanding" also includes 814,496 shares of common stock held by majority-owned subsidiaries, which, in consolidation, are treated as treasury shares.

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#### **U.S. ENERGY & AFFILIATES**

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (continued)

			,	continueu)					
			Additional				Unallocated	Total	
	Common	Stock	Paid-In	Accumulated	ted Treasury Stock		ESOP Shareholders'		
	Shares	Amount	Capital	Deficit	Shares	Amount	Contribution	Equity	
Balance			•						
December 31,									
2002	11 826 396	\$ 118 300	\$ 48 877 100	\$ (37,262,900)	959 725	\$ (2.740.400	0) \$ (490,500) \$	8 8 501 600	
2002	11,020,370	ψ 110,500	Ψ 10,077,100	ψ (37,202,700)	757,125	φ (2,7 10,100	), φ (120 <b>,</b> 200) φ	0,501,000	
Franking of									
Funding of	76.004	700	225 700					226 400	
ESOP	76,294	700	235,700			<del>-</del> -		236,400	
Issuance of									
common stock									
to outside									
directors	3,891		14,400					14,400	
Issuance of									
common stock									
by release of									
forfeitable									
stock	78,286	800	434,400					435,200	
Issuance of	,		•					ŕ	
common stock									
from stock									
warrants	131,596	1,300	465,300					466,600	
Issuance of	131,370	1,500	105,500					100,000	
common stock									
in stock									
compensation	100.000	1 000	200,000					210.000	
plan	100,000	1,000	309,000					310,000	
Treasury stock									
from sale								(4.500)	
of subsidiary					1,581	(4,200	))	(4,200)	
Treasury stock									
from payment									
on balance of									
note receivable					5,000	(20,500	))	(20,500)	
Issuance of									
common stock									
to outside									
consultants	121,705	1,200	581,600					582,800	
Issuance of	121,700	1,200	201,000					002,000	
common stock									
warrants to									
outside			006 200					996 200	
consultants			886,300			-		886,300	
Issuance of									
common stock									

for settlement								
of lawsuit	10,000	100	49,900					50,000
Issuance of								
common stock								
in payment of								
debt	211,109	2,100	497,900					500,000
Issuance of								
common stock								
from employee								
options (1)	265,421	2,700	609,600					612,300
Net Loss				(5,810,100)				(5,810,100)
Balance								
December 31,								
$2003^{(2)}$	12,824,698	\$ 128,200	\$ 52,961,200	\$ (43,073,000)	966,306 \$ (	2,765,100)\$ (490	0,500) \$	\$ 6,760,800

<sup>(1)</sup>Net of 10,200 shares surrendered by employees for the exercise of 275,621 employee stock options.

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<sup>(2)</sup>Total Shareholders' Equity at December 31, 2003 does not include 465,880 shares currently issued but forfeitable if certain conditions are not met by the recipients. "Basic and Diluted Weighted Average Shares Outstanding" also includes 814,496 shares of common stock held by majority-owned subsidiaries, which, in consolidation, are treated as treasury shares.

#### **U.S. ENERGY & AFFILIATES**

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (continued)

Accumulated Total Additional Other Unalloca Common Stock Paid-In ComprehensiveAccumulateComprehensive Treasury Stock **ESOP** Shares Capital Loss Deficit Loss Shares Contribut Amount Amount Balance December 31, 2003 \$ (43,073,000) 966,306 \$ (2,765,100) \$ (490,50 12,824,698 \$ 128,200 \$ 52,961,200 Funding of **ESOP** 700 70,439 207,800 Issuance of common stock by release of forfeitable 200 stock 23,140 121,700 1,000 5,700 Issuance of common stock from stock 125,000 1,300 249,800 warrants Issuance of common stock in stock compensation plan 50,000 500 127,900 Treasury stock from payment on balance of note receivable 5,000 (20,500)Issuance of common stock to retire debt 476,833 4,700 1,068,200 Issuance of common stock warrants to **RMG** investors 291,500 Issuance of common stock to RMG investors 882,239 8,900 1,803,700 Issuance of common stock to purchase

property

678,888

6,800

1,976,300

Issuance of common stock									
in a private									
placement	100,000	1,000	349,000						
Comprehensive									
loss									
net loss			\$ (	6,248,700)	(6,248,700)				
Other									
comprehensive									
loss on									
hedging									
activity				(436,000)		(436,000)			
Comprehensive									
loss			(	6,684,700)					
Balance									
December 31,									
$2004^{(2)}$	15,231,237 \$	152,300 \$ 5	59,157,100	\$	(49,321,700)\$	\$ (436,000)	972,306 \$ (2,	779,900)\$ (49	0,50

<sup>(2)</sup> Total Shareholders' Equity at December 31, 2004 does not include 442,740 shares currently issued but forfeitable if certain on the met by the recipients. "Basic and Diluted Weighted Average Shares Outstanding" also includes 814,496 shares of common majority-owned subsidiaries, which, in consolidation, are treated as treasury shares.

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#### U.S. ENERGY CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

				Sev	ven Months		7 F 1 1
	Van Endad I	<b>.</b>	h 21	D.	Ended	Year Ended	
	Year Ended I 2004	Jecem	2003	De	cember 31, 2002		May 31, 2002
	2004		2003		2002		2002
CASH FLOWS FROM							
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:							
Net loss	\$ (6,248,700)	\$	(5,810,100)	\$	(3,840,100)	\$	(6,267,600)
Adjustments to reconcile net							
loss							
to net cash used in operating							
activities:							
Minority interest in loss of							
consolidated subsidiaries	(397,700)		(235,100)		(54,800)		(39,500)
Amortization of deferred							
charge	343,400		284,700		101,900		266,500
Depreciation	1,445,200		554,200		360,100		541,500
Accretion of asset							
retirement obligations	346,700		366,700				
Amortization of debt discount	384,300		537,700		211,200		
Impairment of goodwill							1,622,700
Noncash services	50,400		134,700		31,500		787,700
Noncash dividend							11,500
Provision for doubtful accounts	79,000						171,200
Recognition of deferred gain	(16,700)						
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	(46,300)		(199,300)		342,600		(812,700)
(Gain) on sale investments	(656,300)						
Write off of properties					21,500		
Cumulative effect of			/ <b>.</b>				
accounting change			(1,615,600)				
Noncash compensation	336,900		608,800		212,900		268,700
Lease holding costs			50,000				
Net changes in assets and							
liabilities:	64 <b>5</b> 00		(450.200)		(555,600)		<b>=</b> 00.000
Accounts receivable	64,500		(470,300)		(755,600)		799,900
Other assets	(207,300)		1,466,000		8,700		(47,500)
Accounts payable	132,400		(827,200)		609,900		(970,100)
Accrued compensation expense	1,700						90,800
Prepaid drilling costs			(134,400)		(107,700)		242,100
Reclamation and other	(150,000)		(202 200)				
liabilities	(179,800)		(393,200)				
NET CASH USED IN	(4.5(0.200)		(F (00 400)		(2.057.000)		(2.224.000)
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(4,568,300)		(5,682,400)		(2,857,900)		(3,334,800)

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#### U.S. ENERGY CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (continued)

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		Year Ended D 2004	ecem	ber 31, 2003	I Dece	en Months Ended ember 31, 2002	_	Year Ended May 31, 2002
Development of proved gas	4	(427 400)	φ.		Φ.		Φ.	
properties	\$	(435,100)	\$		\$		\$	
Development of unproved gas								
properties		(1,385,100)		(176,400)		(233,400)		(142,100)
Acquisition of producing gas								
properties		(1,198,000)				(650,000)		
Acquisition of undeveloped gas								
properties		(3,213,000)						
Proceeds on sale of gas interests		792,100						