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**Estimates and Assumptions:**

The financial and operating guidance contains estimates and assumptions that we believe are reasonable. We caution that these estimates and assumptions are based on currently available information as of February 12, 2004. We are not undertaking any obligation to update these estimates as conditions change or as additional information becomes available.

All of the estimates and assumptions set forth in this document constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Although we believe that these forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, we can give no assurance

that expectations will in fact occur and caution that actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. These statements are subject to a number of risks including:

**Price volatility** The price of oil, gas and liquids are subject to large fluctuations in response to relatively minor changes in the supply of and demand for oil, gas and liquids, market uncertainty and a variety of additional factors beyond Nuevo's control. Any substantial or extended decline in commodity prices would have an adverse effect on Nuevo.

**Production** In general, production volumes are subject to curtailments, delays, and cancellations as a result of a lack of capital or other problems such as: weather, compliance with governmental regulations or price controls, electrical shortages, mechanical difficulties or shortages or delays in the delivery of equipment. Changes to the capital budget and exploratory drilling success will also have an impact on production volumes.

**Exploration** Unanticipated problems or successes encountered during the exploration for oil and gas. Exploration costs are an inherently difficult expense category to estimate and this estimate can be volatile due to the number of wells drilled, completed and the success rate in any given quarter and any potential changes to the capital budget.

Uncertainty of estimates of oil and gas reserves.

Ability of the Company to implement its business plan.

Political and environmental risks.

Governmental regulation.

Competition.

These estimates also assume that Nuevo will not engage in any material transactions such as acquisitions or divestitures of assets, formation of joint ventures or sale of debt or equity securities. Nuevo continually reviews these types of transactions as part of its corporate strategy, and may engage in any of them without prior notice.

These and other risk factors are described in the Company's report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2002.

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