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Mountrail County, ND

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In this presentation, we refer to Adjusted Net Income and Discretionary Cash Flow, which are non-GAAP measures that the Company believes are helpful in evaluating the performance of its business. A reconciliation of Adjusted Net Income and Discretionary Cash Flow to the relevant GAAP measures can be found at the end of the presentation.

Reserve and Resource Information



Whiting uses in this presentation the terms proved, probable and possible reserves. Proved reserves are reserves which, by analysis of geoscience and engineering data, can be estimated with reasonable certainty to be economically producible from a given date forward from known reservoirs under existing economic conditions, operating methods and government regulations prior to the time at which contracts providing the right to operate expire, unless evidence indicates that renewal is reasonably certain. Probable reserves are reserves that are less certain to be recovered than proved reserves but which, together with proved reserves, are as likely as not to be recovered. Possible reserves are reserves that are less certain to be recovered. Possible reserves are reserves that are less which may potentially be recoverable through additional drilling or recovery techniques are by nature more uncertain than estimates of proved reserves and accordingly are subject to substantially greater risk of not actually being realized by the Company.

Whiting uses in this presentation the term "total resources," which consists of contingent and prospective resources, which SEC rules prohibit in filings of U.S. registrants. Contingent resources are resources that are potentially recoverable but not yet considered mature enough for commercial development due to technological or business hurdles. For contingent resources to move into the reserves category, the key conditions, or contingencies, that prevented commercial development must be clarified and removed. Prospective resources are estimated volumes associated with undiscovered accumulations. These represent quantities of petroleum which are estimated to be potentially recoverable from oil and gas deposits identified on the basis of indirect evidence but which have not yet been drilled. This class represents a higher risk than contingent resources since the risk of discovery is also added. For prospective resources to become classified as contingent resources, hydrocarbons must be discovered, the accumulations must be further evaluated and an estimate of quantities that would be recoverable under appropriate development projects prepared. Estimates of resources are by nature more uncertain than reserves and accordingly are subject to substantially greater risk of not actually being realized by the Company.

Company Overview





Drilling the Hutchins Stock Association #1096 in North Ward Estes Field, Whiting's EOR project in Winkler County, Texas.

Market Capitalization¹ \$6.4 B \$700.0 MM Long-term Debt² **Shares Outstanding** 58.5 MM Debt/Total Cap² 22.1% Proved reserves³ 275.0 MMBOE % Oil 81% **RP** ratio⁴ 13.6 years Q3 2010 Production

- 1 Assumes a \$109.35 share price (closing price as of November 29, 2010) on 58,548,894 common shares outstanding as of September 30, 2010.
- As of September 30, 2010. Please refer to Slide #54 for details. 2
- 3 Whiting reserves at December 31, 2009 based on independent engineering.
- 4 R/P ratio based on year-end 2009 proved reserves and 2009 production.

66.1 MBOE/d

Adjusted Net Income and Discretionary Cash Flow for the Three Months Ended Sept. 30, 2010 and 2009 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾



	Three Months Ended				
	9/30/10	9/30/09			
(In millions, except per share data)					
Net Income	\$ 5.6	\$ 30.9			
Adjusted Net Income	\$ 71.6	\$ 15.8			
Adjusted Earnings Per Basic Share	\$ 1.40	\$ 0.29			
Adjusted Earnings Per Diluted Share	\$ 1.30	\$ 0.29			
Discretionary Cash Flow	\$ 229.5	\$ 145.9			

- ⁽¹⁾ Please refer to slide #58 for a Reconciliation of Net Income Available to Common Shareholders to Adjusted Net Income Available to Common Shareholders.
- ⁽²⁾ Please refer to slide #59 for a Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Discretionary Cash Flow.

Consistently Strong Margins



Consistently Delivering Strong EBITDA Margins ⁽¹⁾



⁽¹⁾ Includes hedging adjustments.

Platform for Continued Growth





At December 31, 2009, Whiting Had a 13.6 Year R/P Ratio ⁽¹⁾ Supported by a Strong Portfolio of Development Opportunities

⁽¹⁾ R/P ratio based on year-end 2009 proved reserves and 2009 production.

Whiting a Top Oil Producer in Three States



- ⁽¹⁾ Whiting was the second largest producer according to the North Dakota Industrial Commission for the month ended January 31, 2010, in which Whiting's gross operated production was 807,600 barrels of oil per month. As of August 2010, Whiting's gross operated production was 1.3 million barrels of oil per month, which is an annualized rate of 15.6 million barrels per year.
- ⁽²⁾ According to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission for the year 2008.
- ⁽³⁾ According to the Railroad Commission of Texas for the year 2009.

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Map of Operations





Our Formula for Success





Whiting Total Reserves and Resources at Dec. 31, 2009



			OII & NGL				
	MMBO	MMBNGL	MMBO	BCF	MMBOE	% of MMBOE	
PDP	104	12	116	157	142	19.5%	
PBP	2	1	3	13	5	0.7%	
PNP	23	3	26	8	27	3.7%	
PUD	64	15	79	129	<u> </u>	13.8%	
Total Proved ^{(1) (2)}	<u> 193 </u>	31	224		275		
Total Probable ^{(1) (3)}	45	13	58	182	89	12.2%	
Total Possible ^{(1) (4)}	135	32	167	185	<u> 198 </u>	27.1%	
Total 3P Reserves	373	76	449	674	562		
Resource Potential (5)	93	<u>19</u>	<u>112</u>	337	<u> </u>	23.0%	
Iotal Reserve and Resource Potential	466	95	561	1,011	730	100.0%	

- (1) Proved, Probable and Possible Reserves based on independent engineering by Cawley Gillespie & Associates, Inc. at December 31, 2009. Based on 12-month average prices of \$61.18/Bbl and \$3.87/Mcf in accordance with SEC requirements. Please refer to Slide #2 for disclosures regarding "Reserve and Resource Information." All volumes shown are unrisked.
- ⁽²⁾ Future capital expenditures for total Proved Reserves are estimated at \$1,406M.
- ⁽³⁾ Future capital expenditures for total Probable Reserves are estimated at \$806M.
- ⁽⁴⁾ Future capital expenditures for total Possible Reserves are estimated at \$1,439M.
- ⁽⁵⁾ Whiting has internally estimated its unrisked Total Resource potential using prices of \$75/Bbl and \$6.00/Mcf held flat. Future capital expenditures associated with Resources are estimated at \$2,195M. Please refer to Slide #2 for disclosures regarding "Reserve and Resource Information." All volumes shown are unrisked.

Major Fields with Probable and Possible Reserves at December 31, 2009 ^{(1) (2)}



Region	Field	MMBOE	Capex <u>MM\$</u>	<u>\$ Per BOE</u>
Permian (Additional pl	North Ward Estes nases and larger CO ₂ slug sizes)	124	647	5.22
Rockies (65 flank and	Sanish cross-unit Bakken wells plus	63	586	9.30
Rockies (193 20- and	Sulphur Creek 10-acre wells)	28	328	11.71
Rockies (93 Three Fo	Parshall rks wells)	9	98	<u>10.89</u>
	Total (78% of 287 MMBOE)	224	<u>1,659</u>	<u> </u>

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- ⁽²⁾ Based on 12-month average prices of \$61.18/Bbl and \$3.87/Mcf in accordance with SEC requirements.

Whiting Total Resource Potential at Dec. 31, 2009 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ Using Prices of \$75.00/Bbl and \$6.00/Mcf Held Flat



	MMBO	(<u>MMBNGL</u>	Dil & NGL <u>MMBO</u>	Nat. Gas <u>BCF</u>	<u>MMBOE</u>	<u>P\</u>	/10, MM\$
Lewis & Clark – ND (3 Forks Expl. Drlg.)	58	5	63	24	66	\$	828
Sanish Field – ND (Increase 3 Forks Drilling Density to 3 Wells per 1,280-acre Unit from 2)	14	2	16	8	17	\$	185
Other Williston Basin (Red River and 3 Forks Expl. Drlg.)	1.1	0		2	12	\$	193
Sulphur Creek – CO (Higher NYMEX Gas Price of Approx. \$6.00/Mcf)	1	12	13	161	40	\$	90
Other Area – WY, UT & MI (Expl. Drlg. in Niobrara Shale in WY, Cane Creek in UT & PDC in MI)	9	0	9	<u>142</u>	33	\$	206
Total Resource Potential	93		112	337		<u>\$</u>	1,502

- (1) Whiting has internally estimated its unrisked Total Resource potential. PV10 values were based on NYMEX price assumptions of \$75.00/Bbl and \$6.00/Mcf. Please refer to Slide #2 for disclosures regarding "Reserve and Resource Information." All volumes shown are unrisked. Our pre-tax PV10 values do not purport to present the fair value of our oil and natural gas reserves.
- ⁽²⁾ Future capital expenditures for Total Resources are estimated at \$2,195M.
- ⁽³⁾ Estimated future capital expenditures associated with these areas are as follows: Lewis & Clark \$981MM, Sanish \$234MM, Other Williston Basin \$165MM, Sulphur Creek \$419MM, Other WY, UT, MI \$396MM.

Whiting Total Reserves & Resources at Dec. 31, 2009

with Breakout of % Bakken and EOR



	<u>MMBOE</u>	BAK & 3FKS (<u>MMBOE</u>)	BAK & 3FKS <u>%</u>	POSTLE & N WARD (MMBOE)	POSTLE & N WARD
PDP	142	25	18%	57	40%
PBP	5	0	0%	0	0%
PNP	27	0	0%	22	81%
PUD	<u> </u>	<u> 19 </u>	19%	49_	49%
Total Proved ⁽¹⁾	275		16%	128	47%
Total Probable ⁽¹⁾	89	3	3%	32	36%
Total Possible ⁽¹⁾	<u> 198 </u>		35%	94	47%
Total 3P Reserves	562		21%	254	45%
Resource Potential ⁽²⁾					
LEWIS & CLARK – ND	66	66	100%		
SANISH – ND	17	17	100%		
OTHER WILLISTON BASIN	12	4	33%		
SULPHUR CREEK – CO	40	0	0%		
OTHER AREAS - WY, UT & MI	33	0_	0%		
Total Resource Potential	<u> </u>	87	52%		
Total 3P Reserve and					
Resource Potential	730	204	28%	254	35%

(1) The Proved, Probable and Possible reserve estimates shown are based on independent engineering by Cawley, Gillespie & Associates, Inc. at December 31, 2009 using SEC NYMEX prices of \$61.18/Bbl and \$3.87/Mcf. The PV10 values shown in other slides, however, were based on estimated reserves calculated using NYMEX price assumptions of \$75.00/Bbl and \$6.00/Mcf. Please refer to Slide #2 for disclosures regarding "Reserve and Resource Information." All volumes shown are unrisked.

(2) Whiting has internally estimated its "Total Resource" potential at NYMEX prices of \$75.00/Bbl and \$6.00/Mcf. Please see Slide #2 for the definition of "Total Resource." All volumes shown are unrisked.

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Whiting Pre-Tax PV10 Values at Dec. 31, 2009 ⁽¹⁾

Using \$75.00/Bbl and \$6.00/Mcf Held Flat – Excludes Resource Potential ⁽²⁾

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V10, MM\$
2,755
5 71
64
<u>1,125</u>
\$ 4,415
895
\$ 1,565

- (1) Reserve estimates shown are based on independent engineering by Cawley, Gillespie & Associates, Inc. at December 31, 2009 using SEC NYMEX price assumptions of \$61.18/Bbl and \$3.87/Mcf. The PV10 values, however, were based on estimated reserves calculated using NYMEX price assumptions of \$75.00/Bbl and \$6.00/Mcf. The new reserve volumes estimated using the higher price assumptions were 293 MMBOE for proved, 99 MMBOE for Probable, 204 MMBOE for Possible and 597 MMBOE for Total 3P Reserves. Please refer to Slide #2 for disclosures regarding "Reserve and Resource Information." All volumes shown are unrisked. Our pre-tax PV10 values do not purport to present the fair value of our oil and natural gas reserves.
- (2) Whiting has internally estimated its "Total Resource" potential. At NYMEX prices of \$75.00/Bbl and \$6.00/Mcf, Whiting estimates its Total Resource at 168 MMBOE with a PV10% value of \$1.5 billion. This value has not been included above. Please see slide #2 for the definition of "Total Resource." All volumes shown are unrisked.

Finding Costs (in Thousands)

	2004		2006	<u> 2007 </u>	2008	2009	<u>Six-Year Total/Avg</u> . (2004 – 2009)
Proved Acquisitions	525,563	\$ 906,208	\$ 29,778	\$ 8,128	\$ 294,056	\$ 78,800	\$ 1,842,533
Unproved Acquisitions	4,401	\$ 16,124	\$ 38,628	\$ 13,598	\$ 98,841	\$ 12,872	\$ 184,464
Development Cost	5 74,476	\$ 215,162	\$ 408,828	\$ 506,057	\$ 914,616	\$ 436,721	\$ 2,555,860
Exploration Cost	9,739	\$ 22,532	\$ 81,877	\$ 56,741	\$ 42,621	\$ 50,970	\$ 264,480
Change in Future Dvlp. Cost	5 150,538	\$ 692,229	\$ 267,685	\$ 10,048	\$ (204,633)	\$ 423,541	\$ 1,339,408
Total	§ <u>764,717</u>	\$ <u>1,852,255</u>	\$ 826,796	\$ 594,572	\$1,145,501	\$ <u>1,002,904</u>	\$ <u>6,186,745</u>
Acauisition Reserves							
Acquisition – Oil (MBbls)	52.288	115.737	670	691	513	3.177	173.076
Acquisition – Gas (MMcf)	114,715	101,082	4,009		90,329	4,155	314,290
Total Acquisition (MBOE)	71,407	132,584	1,338	691	15,568	3,870	225,458
Dovelopment Recorver							
Development Oil (MPhie)	5 175	1 056	4 105	10.072	20.205	05 115	67 720
Development Gas (MMof)	0,170 20,122	1,900	4,120	10,973	20,395	25,115	07,739
Total Dovelopment (MROE)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	7 252	17 706	20 011	22 100	102 666
	10,031			17,790		32,103	102,000
Revisions							
Reserve Revisions – Oil (MBbls	s) (853)	950	2,053	392	(20,851)	33,566	15,257
Reserve Revisions – Gas (MMc	f) (9,862)	(45,322)	(57,780)	8,079	(74,689)	(62,618)	(242,192)
Total Reserve Revisions (MB	OE) (2,497)) (6,604)	(7,577)	1,739	(33,299)	23,130	(25,108)
Cost Per BOE to Acquire	5 7 26	¢ 693	\$ 22.25	¢ 11.76	¢ 18.80	¢ 20.36	¢ 817
Cost Per BOE to Acquile	21 75	¢ 0.03	¢ 22.25	¢ 30.02	¢ 10.09	¢ 16.73	¢ 56.01
All-In Finding Cost Per BOE	31.75	\$ 14.09	\$ 742.74	\$ 29.40	\$ 94.05	\$ <u>16.97</u>	\$ <u>50.01</u> \$ <u>20.42</u>

Unrisked Probable and Possible Reserves – BOE	286,596
Probable and Possible Cap-Ex	\$ 2,244,649
All-In Rate with Future Dvlp. Cost and Prob. & Poss.	\$ 14.30



Key Development Areas for 2010 (\$ in millions)





2010 Exploration and Development Budget Estimated Gross and Net Wells in 2010



	EST. 2010 CAPEX	PLANNED WELLS		
	<u>(In MM)</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>	
NORTHERN ROCKIES				
Sanish Field	\$ 273	98	52	
Parshall Field	\$ 11	15	3	
Lewis & Clark Area	\$ 77	13	10	
Other Northern Rockies	<u>\$ 56</u>	<u> </u>	9	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 417	159	74	
EOR PROJECTS				
North Ward Estes ⁽¹⁾	\$ 158			
Postle ⁽¹⁾	\$ <u>72</u>	24	<u> 18 </u>	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 230	24	18	
PERMIAN BASIN				
Various	\$ 51	20	16	
CENTRAL ROCKIES				
Flat Rock Field	\$ 21	5	5	
Other Central Rockies	\$ <u>26</u>	<u> </u>	4_	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 47	10	9	
GULF COAST	¢ 00	15	7	
Various	ə 29	IJ	'	
MICHIGAN	¢ 13	9	2	
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GRAND IOTAL	<u>\$ 830</u>	230	126	

(1) 2010 planned capital expenditures at our CO₂ projects include approximately \$52 million for purchased CO₂ at North Ward Estes and \$12 million for Postle CO₂ purchases.

(2) Comprised primarily of exploration salaries, lease delay rentals, seismic and other development.



Based on 2009 Production, Whiting Has a 13.6 Year R/P Ratio

2009 vs. 2010 Exploration & Development Expenditures By Reserve Category



Proved

CO₂ Recovery Projects (Proved)

Non-Proved

⁽¹⁾ This amount was not reduced by \$60.5 million of 2009 development costs that Whiting incurred prior to the closing of the Sanish field transaction and were reimbursed to Whiting in the Sanish field transaction.

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Whiting Developed & Undeveloped Acreage by Core Area



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Whiting Net Acres in Bakken/Three Forks Hydrocarbon System⁽¹⁾



Prospect Area	Formation	Gross <u>Acres</u>	Net <u>Acres</u>	Net Undeveloped Bakken/Three Forks Acreage
North Dakota				
Lewis & Clark	Bakken & Three Forks	337,052	232,908	216,689
Sanish	Bakken & Three Forks	110,057	67,006	40,204 ⁽²⁾
Parshall	Bakken & Three Forks	73,242	18,188	1,457
Hidden Bench/ Tarpon	Bakken & Three Forks	49,467	28,686	28,686
Cassandra	Bakken & Three Forks	25,165	12,932	12,932
Big Island	Bakken	78,571	59,877	59,877
Other ND	Bakken & Three Forks	60,124	29,170	29,170
<u>Montana</u>				
Starbuck	Bakken & Three Forks	111,966	90,174	90,174
Other Montana	Bakken & Three Forks	37,839	13,186	13,186
Total		883,483	552,127 ⁽³⁾	492,375

(1) As of October 15, 2010.

(2) In Sanish, Whiting estimates 535 potential Operated and Non-Operated Bakken and Three Forks locations. Only 213 of the 535 have been drilled, or 40%. Therefore, the table above reflects 60% of our net Sanish acres, or 40,874 net acres as undeveloped.

(3) Whiting's total acreage cost in the 552,127 net acres is approximately \$93.0 million, or \$168 per net acre, based on current book value.

Whiting Williston Basin Bakken Activity





Foreground: the Smith 11-7H was completed on 8/2/08, flowing 2,421 BOED.

Background: Drilling the Kannianan 11-5H, which flowed 1,998 BOED at completion on 9/3/09.

- Basin-wide stratigraphic trap in shale and dolomitic siltstone
- 183,299 gross; 85,194 net acres in Sanish and Parshall fields
- Average EUR 850 MBOE/well, average CWC of approximately \$5.0MM
- Whiting plans to complete 90 operated wells and participate in 8 non-operated wells for a total of 98 gross (52 net) wells in Sanish field in 2010
- Whiting plans to participate in 12 gross (2 net) wells in the nonoperated Parshall field in 2010

Middle Bakken Induced Fractures



Sanish and Parshall Fields -Recent and Notable Wells





30-, 60- and 90-day Average Production Rates for Whiting Operated Bakken Wells in Sanish Field



	2010 Wells	WI	NDI	Tost Date	IP (BOE/d) 24-hr.	Average 1st 30 Days (BOE/d)	Average 1st 60 Days (BOE/d)	Average 1st 90 Days (BOE/d)
1)		 59%	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	2 306			
1) 2)		JO %	47%	11/20/10	2,390			
2) 2)		00 % 60%	7 T %	11/19/10	2,111			
3) 4)		02 % 17%	30 %	11/14/10	1,509			
-+) 5)		47 /o 729/	50%	10/26/10	2.045			
5)		75 /o 260/	J9 /6 019/	10/25/10	2,945			
7)	Kannianen 42-33H	20 % 77%	63%	10/23/10	2,900	710		
<i>1)</i> 9)		57%	03 /8 //79/	10/22/10	2,233	925		
0)	Partlocon 12.19H	J7 /6	47 /0 260/	10/22/10	2,025	759		
9) 10\	Anderson 21.7H	44 /0	30 %	10/20/10	2 110	750		
11)		43 /0	50%	10/10/10	2,110	707		
10)	Strobook 12-10H	7 1 % 25%	00%	10/13/10	2,017	1 1 / 1		
12)	Dishman 12.10H	23 /8	20 %	10/12/10	2,344	047		
14)	Cmith 44-26	93 /8 // 00/	20%	10/03/10	1 090	547		
14)	Mayor 12-3H	40 %	52%	00/30/10	2 073	1.006		
16)	Sattorthwaita 12.74	46%	JJ /6	09/30/10	1 290	620		
17)	Knife Diver State 21-16H	40 %	37 /8 209/	09/04/10	1,309	470	411	
10)	Orden 12 2H (1)	23/6	20 /8	09/04/10	0 107	470	411 010	
10)		57% 61%	47%	08/25/10	2,137	1 152	010	
20)		01 /o 400/	49 /0	00/23/10	3,293	700	500	
20)		40%	39%	00/23/10	1,009	1 020	050	
21)		41% 070/	33%	08/12/10	2,322	1,020	003	076
22)		07%	71%	08/10/10	2,700	1,221	1,070	970
23)		30%	24%	00/10/10	3,479	1,004	904	000
24)		30% 70%	31% 50%	08/07/10	3,805	1,341	1,091	1,045
25)	Coppendent 12-5	73%	59%	07/19/10	1,875	049	200	1 020
26)		70%	50%	07/17/10	4,431	1,316	1,159	1,039
27)	Kannianen 43-31H	46%	38%	07/09/10	1,910	670	640	659

(1) Fracture stimulated in 22 stages using sliding sleeves. Eight additional stages using the "plug and perf" method will be performed at a later date.

(Continued) 30-, 60- and 90-day Average Production Rates for Whiting Operated Bakken Wells in Sanish Field



2010 Wells	WI	NRI	Test Date	IP (BOE/d) 24-hr. Test	Average 1st 30 Days (BOE/d)	Average 1st 60 Days (BOE/d)	Average 1st 90 Days (BOE/d)
28) Peterson 13-//H		<u></u>	07/07/10	1 604	713	<u> (</u>	<u> (</u>
	33 /0 170/	01/6	07/07/10	1,054	713	504 504	570
20) Mooro 14-7YH	47 /0	30 /6	07/02/10	1,211	710	504 640	622
31) Labti 24-22H	53%	12%	06/19/10	2 058	968	053	000
32) Hanson 12-20H	00%	40 %	06/18/10	2,000	1 108	923	929
32) Iverson 21-1/H	95 /6 //7%	30%	06/15/10	2 551	1,150	1 074	900
34) Littlefield 12-34H	47 /o 54%	J9 /8	05/28/10	1 0/2	1,241	1 1 2 0	1 014
35) Lacey 12-1H	94 % 86%	70%	05/28/10	3 445	1,214	1,139	867
36) Eladeland 21-12H	31%	26%	05/25/10	2 600	1,245	1,007	088
37) Fladeland 44-9H	30%	25%	05/16/10	2,000	841	684	618
38) Jorganson 12-27H	30 %	62%	05/13/10	2,501	1 / 3/	1 276	1 272
30) Niemitalo 12-35H	80%	65%	05/09/10	2,095	1,454	1,270	1,272
40) Olson Federal 42-8H	84%	70%	05/02/10	1 912	922	893	861
41) Curren 11-14H	04 /0 91%	17%	04/24/10	3 311	1 016	774	707
42) TTT Banch 12-25H	40%	32%	04/21/10	2 513	1 220	1 157	1 017
43) Bobde 43-1H	40%	34%	04/18/10	2,313	1 049	1,137	950
44) Holmberg 44-24H	36%	27%	04/13/10	2,558	713	619	539
45) Platt 43-28H	72%	50%	04/08/10	2,000	883	701	727
46) Meiers 11-17H	88%	71%	04/01/10	2 303	871	742	688
47) Annala 12-33H	78%	64%	03/26/10	2,000	927	869	832
48) Smith 12-7H	78%	63%	03/21/10	2,736	909	751	696
49) Leo 12-29H	93%	75%	03/18/10	3 474	1 210	937	821
50) TTT Banch 21-26H	25%	21%	03/15/10	2 471	1,210	905	814
51) Kinnoin 21-14H	52%	42%	03/11/10	2,559	1 478	1 401	1 276
52) TTT Banch 12-6H	43%	35%	03/07/10	2,000	1 212	992	895
53) Patten 44-3H	95%	77%	03/01/10	2,307	1 164	1 135	1 068
54) Sorenson 11-3H	38%	31%	02/19/10	2,237	1 736	1 594	1,000
	0070		02/10/10	2,110	1,700	1,004	26

(Continued) 30-, 60- and 90-day Average Production Rates for Whiting Operated Bakken Wells in Sanish Field

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<u>2010 Wells</u>		NRI	Test Date	IP (BOE/d) 24-hr. Test	Average 1st 30 Days (BOE/d)	Average 1st 60 Days (BOE/d)	Average 1st 90 Days (BOE/d)
55) Fladeland 11-10H	70%	56%	02/14/10	1,929	838	679	590
56) TTT Ranch 43-4H	31%	26%	02/02/10	1,853	922	673	647
57) Ness 44-21H	73%	60%	01/20/10	3,278	1,209	1,059	953
58) Rigel State 12-16H	32%	26%	01/17/10	3,205	945	940	877
59) Kannianen 44-33H	77%	63%	01/10/10	3,767	1,668	1,383	1,259
60) Iverson 11-14H	<u> 47% </u>	<u> </u>	01/03/10	1,906	824	680	600
2010 Averages	<u> 58% </u>	<u> 47%</u>		2,506	<u>1,010</u>	<u> 911 </u>	865
2008 through 2010 Averages	<u> 60% </u>	<u>49%</u>		<u>2,307</u>	<u>943</u>	815	<u>749</u>



30-, 60- and 90-day Average Production Rates for Whiting Operated Three Forks Wells in Sanish Field



<u>2010 Wells</u> 1) Mallard State 44-16TFH 2) Marmon 12-18TFH ⁽¹⁾ 3) TTT Ranch 4-6TFH 4) KR State 11-16TFH 5) Foreman 11-4TFH 6) Olson 11-14TFH 7) Anderson 11-7TFH <u>2009 Wells</u>	<u>WI</u> 100% 99% 43% 25% 46% 21% 47%	NRI 81% 81% 35% 20% 38% 17% 38%	Test Date 11/15/10 08/31/10 08/16/10 06/26/10 06/24/10 06/05/10 01/29/10	IP (BOE/d) 24-hr. Test 516 1,182 1,768 1,298 1,447 1,640 1,262	Average 1st 30 Days (BOE/d) 336 622 543 702 686 460	Average 1st 60 Days (BOE/d) 510 424 515 601 404	Average 1st 90 Days (BOE/d) 456 402 441 528 382
8) Ogden 11-3TFH 9) Hansen 21-3TFH 10) Braaflat 21-11TFH	57% 50% <u>97%</u>	47% 41% <u>79%</u>	11/10/09 06/10/09 01/01/09	1,479 551 <u>1,005</u>	632 300 362	534 257 <u>314</u>	464 255 282
2010 Averages 2009 / 2010 Averages	<u>54%</u> <u>59%</u>	<u>44%</u> <u>48%</u>		<u>1,302</u> <u>1,215</u>	<u> </u>	<u>491</u> 445	<u>442</u> <u>401</u>

⁽¹⁾ Monitor well that was fracture stimulated in 10 stages.

Reported Initial Daily Rate (BOEPD) North Dakota Middle Bakken Horizontal Wells since 2000

North Dakota Industrial Commission + Public Announcements

September, 2010



Six Month Cumulative Production by Operator For Bakken Wells Drilled Since January 2009

Source: North Dakota Industrial Commission + Montana Board of Oil & Gas July, 2010



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Microseismic Events Recorded during fracture stimulation of the Holmberg 44-24H





- 24-Stage Frac / IP: 2,558 BOE/D on April 13, 2010
- Excellent "frac saturation" evidenced by minimal gaps of unfraced rock along the wellbore with some overlapping stages impacting the same rock volume.
- Well developed NE-trending natural fractures indicated in some locations.
- Lateral frac wings average 750' on either side of the wellbore. This is consistent with our other fracs and planned spacing pattern for full field development.

Bakken Drainage Area





Sanish Field Development Pattern





Fully Developed Bakken and Three Forks Horizontal Wells in Sanish Field Area







Installed 1,920 sleeves in 126 wells (thru 10/15/10)

- 27 intervals "tight": (1.4%)
- 9 sleeves (5 wells) not opened: (0.5%)
- 5 sleeves skipped due to human error: (0.3%)
- Successfully pumped: <u>1882 sleeves (98.0%)</u>

Typical Bakken Production Profile East/Central Sanish ^{(1) (2)}





(1) Based on independent engineering by Cawley Gillespie & Associates, Inc. at 12/31/09. Please refer to Slide #2 for disclosures regarding "Reserve and Resource Information." All volumes shown are unrisked. Our pre-tax PV10 values do not purport to present the fair value of our oil and natural gas reserves.

⁽²⁾ EURs, ROIs, IRRs and PV10 values will vary well to well. Whiting holds an average WI of 61% and an average NRI of 50% in its operated wells in Sanish field.

Typical Bakken Production Profile West Sanish (1) (2) (3)



Production Profiles in Oil Equivalents - West Sanish EUR - 650 MBOE, CAPEX \$5.5MM 10,000 Nymex oil price/Bbl \$60 \$70 \$80 ROI 3.0:1 3.7:1 4.4:1 IRR (%) 63% 87% Proved Forecast Range 41% **Equivalent Daily Production Proved & Possible Forecast** PV(10) \$MM 4.605 6.830 9.056 Sanish Bay 42-12H 1.000 EUR - 400 MBOE, CAPEX \$5.5MM (20-Stage Frac) Nymex oil price/Bbl \$60 \$70 \$80 ROI 1.9:1 2.4:1 2.9:1 **BOE/D IRR (%)** 24% 37% 56% PV(10) \$MM 1.848 3.541 5.237 100 Average Profile for West Sanish EUR Range 400 - 650 MBOE 10 108 12 24 36 48 60 72 84 96 120 132 144 156 168 180 **Months On Production**

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(2) EURs, ROIs, IRRs and PV10 values will vary well to well. Whiting holds an average WI of 61% and an average NRI of 50% in its operated wells in Sanish field.

(3) Future wells in the western portion of Sanish field will be fraced in 22 - 30 stages.

Finding Cost Comparison



	Eagle Ford Oil ⁽¹⁾	Haynesville Gas ⁽²⁾	Pinedale Gas ⁽³⁾	Bakken Oil ⁽⁴⁾				
Gross EUR (BCFE)	3.1	7.5	6.5	5.1				
Gross Well Cost (\$MM)	5.5	8.5	5.0	5.5				
6:1 Conversion								
Net EUR (MBOE)	385	938	867	697				
F&D Cost (\$ / BOE)	14.29	9.07	5.77	7.89				
F&D Cost (\$ / MCFE)	2.38	1.51	0.96	1.32				
13:1 Conversion								
Net EUR (MBOE)	385	433	400	697				
F&D Cost (\$ / BOE)	14.29	19.64	12.50	7.89				
F&D Cost (\$ / MCFE)	1.10	1.51	0.96	0.61				

⁽¹⁾ EOG Resources; South Texas Eagle Ford Presentation, Slide #24

⁽²⁾ PetroHawk Corporate Presentation, April 13, 2010, Slide #11

⁽³⁾ Ultra Petroleum IPAA OGIS Symposium Presentation, April 12, 2010, Slide #15

⁽⁴⁾ Whiting type curve average reserve of 850 MBOE

Enbridge Pipeline Expansion ⁽¹⁾





⁽¹⁾ Whiting expects that approximately 75% of its operated production from the Sanish field will be sold via the Sanish field to Enbridge pipeline during the fourth quarter of 2010.

Lewis & Clark Area – 250 Units / 500 Potential Locations



OBJECTIVE

Upper Three Forks along pinch-out of the overlying Bakken Shale

ACREAGE

Whiting has assembled 337,052 gross (232,908 net) acres in our Lewis & Clark prospect area in the southwestern Williston Basin

This acreage position would allow up to 250 possible 1,280-acre spacing units within the prospective area:

- Average WI of 69%
- Average NRI of 56%

• Well by well WI and NRI will vary based on ownership in each spacing unit

ECONOMICS

Well Cost: \$6 MM per well EUR: 350 to 500 MBOE

DRILLING PROGRAM

Current 13-well program began in May 2010 with three drilling rigs. A fourth rig was added in August 2010 and a fifth rig is expected to be added in November 2010. Planned CapEx for 2010 is \$77 MM.

FEDERAL 32-4H DISCOVERY WELL

IP: 1,970 BOE/D. Average rate during first 30, 60 and 90 days of production was 695 BOE/D, 531 BOE/D and 447 BOE/D, respectively.

Production History of Federal 32-4 Well at Lewis & Clark ^{(1) (2) (3)}



- ⁽¹⁾ The table above reflects production from November 23, 2009 through September 30, 2010.
- ⁽²⁾ The Federal 32-4 was completed in the Three Forks formation on 11/23/09 flowing 1,970 BOE/D.
- (3) Total monthly production from all Whiting-operated wells in North Dakota is reported to the North Dakota Industrial Commission (NDIC) at approximately the end of the following month. The NDIC included only 8 days of production from the Federal 32-4 in November 2009. Thus, the NDIC reported total production in the first six months for the Federal 32-4 to be 51,000 BOE during a 159-day period.

NOTE: Production in the first six months (181 days) totaled 66,300 BOE.

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Sulphur Creek Field (Boies Ranch and Jimmy Gulch) Rio Blanco County, Colorado





- Whiting's net production from the Sulphur Creek field in Rio Blanco County, Colorado, was 4.6 MMcf per day as of November 30, 2010
- Whiting owns 10,196 gross (4,455 net) acres in the Sulphur Creek field area
- 32 Mesaverde wells have been drilled and 228 20-acre potential locations remain
 - Jimmy Gulch prospect (Mesaverde completion interval):
 - One square mile extension of Boies Ranch prospect
 - 3 wells are producing

Whiting has a five-year gas sales contract at a flat fixed-price of \$5.34 per Mcf at the wellhead. The contract covers daily volumes of 5 MMcf through year-end 2010, 4 MMcf in 2011, 3 MMcf in 2012, 2 MMcf in 2013, and 1 MMcf in 2014. (Please refer to slide #56.)

Flat Rock Field *Uintah County, Utah*





Source: Utah Oil and Gas Commission as of September 1, 2008

22,029 gross acres (11,454 net)

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- 19.9 MMcfe of daily net production as of November 30, 2010
 - 10 wells in the Entrada formation (11,500 feet)
 - 25 wells in the Wasatch and Dakota formations

95% of current production is from the Entrada formation

- 49 square miles of 3-D seismic support
- Up to 100 feet of net pay
- 27 additional drilling locations

On February 12, 2010, Whiting completed the Ute Tribal 11-30-14-20 well in the Dakota formation flowing 6.8 MMcf/d

A 3-well Entrada drilling program commenced in July 2010.

Whiting has a five-year gas sales contract covering 10 MMcf of gas per day at a flat fixed-price of \$5.50 per Mcf at the wellhead. In 2010, 2011 and in Q1 2012, an additional 9 MMcf of daily gas volumes are under contract at a weighted average flat fixed-price of \$5.15 per Mcf at the wellhead. (Please refer to slide #56.)

EOR Projects - Postle and North Ward Estes Fields ⁽¹⁾





- Based on independent engineering by Cawley, Gillespie & Associates, Inc. at December 31, 2009. Includes ancillary fields. Please refer to Slide #2 for disclosures regarding "Reserve and Resource Information." All volumes shown are unrisked.
- (2) Production growth based on assumptions in December 31, 2009 reserve report. After 2015, Postle field proved reserve production is expected to decline at 8% - 10% year over year.
- (3) Production growth based on assumptions in December 31, 2009 reserve report. After 2020, North Ward Estes field proved reserve production is expected to decline at 4% - 6% year over year.

Postle Field Proved Reserve Production Forecast ⁽²⁾

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North Ward Estes Field Proved Reserve Production Forecast ⁽³⁾



Total Postle, N. Ward Estes and Ancillary Properties



Fully Developed (Fully Developed Costs Per BOE					
	Net (MM\$)	Reserves or Production (Net MMBOE)	Acq. and Dev. Cost (\$/BOE)			
Acquisition Purchase Price (effective 7/1/05)	\$ 802					
Remaining Proved at 12/31/09 – Capex / Reserves	920 ⁽¹⁾	131.7 ^{(1) (2) (3)}				
Six Months 2005 – Capex / Production	55	1.9				
2006 – Capex / Production	243	4.4				
2007 – Capex / Production	283	4.2				
2008 – Capex / Production	326	4.6				
2009 – Capex / Production	165	5.3				
2006 – 2008 Divestments – Sales Price	(23)					
2009 Acquisitions – Purchase Price	66					
Total Actual Plus Proved at 12/31/09 – Capex / Reserves	2,837 ⁽¹⁾	152.1 ^{(1) (2)}	\$18.65 ⁽¹			
Probable and Possible at 12/31/09 – Capex / Reserves	715 ⁽¹⁾	⁽⁴⁾ <u>131.8 ^{(1) (2)}</u>				
Total Actual Plus All Reserve Cats. – Capex / Reserves	\$3,552 ⁽¹⁾	283.9 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	\$12.51 ⁽¹			

⁽¹⁾ Based on 12-month average prices of \$61.18/Bbl and \$3.87/Mcf in accordance with SEC requirements.

⁽²⁾ Based on independent engineering by Cawley Gillespie & Associates, Inc. at December 31, 2009. Please refer to Slide #2 for disclosures regarding "Reserve and Resource Information." All volumes shown are unrisked.

⁽³⁾ The estimated proved reserves at acquisition in June 2005 was 122.3 MMBOE.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes \$40 million for Ancillary properties.

Development Plans – Postle Field Texas County, Oklahoma





Total Remaining Capital Expenditures ⁽¹⁾ (In Millions)

CapEx ⁽²⁾

Drilling, Completion, Workovers		
& Dry Trail Gas Plant Costs (thru 2013)	\$ 105	
CO ₂ Purchases (thru 2015)	 31	
Total	\$ 136	

⁽¹⁾ Based on independent engineering at Dec. 31, 2009.

(2) Consists of CapEx for Proved, Probable and Possible reserves. Please refer to Slide #2 for disclosures regarding "Reserve and Resource Information."

Postle Quarterly Average Net BOE/D Production



Development Plans – North Ward Estes Field Ward and Winkler Counties, Texas

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58,000 Net Acres

CO ₂ Projec	Injection t Start Date	PVPD	Other Proved	<u>P2</u>	<u>P3</u>	Total		
Primary & V	VF	15	15	1	9	40		
Phase 1	2007 - 2008	9	4	4	10	27		
Phase 2	2009 - 2010	3	12	4	12	31		
Phase 3	2010 - 2014	0	18	9	22	49		
Phase 4	2011	0	3	1	3	7		
Phase 5	2012 - 16	0	3	9	15	27		
Phase 6	2020	0	8	4	9	21		
Phase 7	2025	0	0	0	8	8		
Phase 8	2027	0	0	0	4	4		
Totals <u>27 63 32 92 21</u>								

Project Timing and Net Reserves (1)

disclosures regarding "Reserve and Resource Information." All volumes shown are unrisked.

Development Plans – North Ward Estes Field Ward and Winkler Counties, Texas



58,000	Net	Acres
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0	2 Projec	Injection t Start Date		
PI	hase 1	2007 - 2008	Total 2010 - 2030 Rem	aining
Pl	hase 2	2009 - 2010	Capital Expenditure (In Millions)	s ⁽¹⁾
Pl	hase 3	2010 - 2014		ConEx (2)
	3A	2010	Drilling, Completion, Workovers	
	3B	2011	& Gas Plant Costs	\$ 504
	30 3D	2012		
	3E	2013	CO ₂ Purchases	937
Ρ	hase 4	2011	Total	\$1,441
Ρ	hase 5	2012 – 2016		
	5A	2012		
	5B	2015		
	5C	2016		
Ρ	hase 6	2020	⁹ Based on independent engineerin 2009.	g at Dec. 31,
P	hase 7	2025 ⁽²	Consists of CapEx for Proved, Pro Possible reserves. Please refer to disclosures regarding "Reserve ar	bable and Slide #2 for Id Resource
Ρ	hase 8	2027	Information."	

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North Ward Estes Quarterly Average Net BOE/D Production





(1) Production decline was due to scaling problems that have been subsequently resolved with mechanical and chemical treatments.

Whiting Estimated Oil Recovery Type Curve from CO₂ Flood North Ward Estes



North Ward Estes and Postle Quarterly Average Net BOE/D Production



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Production Growth (in BOE/D)



Net Production from Bakken, Postle and N. Ward Estes



Total Capitalization (\$ in thousands)



	Sept. 30, 2010	Sept. 30, 2009
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 3,211</u>	<u>\$ 15,860</u>
Long-Term Debt:		
Credit Agreement	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000
Senior Subordinated Notes	600,000	<u>619,604</u>
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 700,000	\$ 769,604
Stockholders' Equity	2,465,351	2,284,450
Total Capitalization	\$3,165,351	\$3,054,054
Total Debt / Total Capitalization	22.1%	25.2%

Disciplined Hedging Strategy⁽¹⁾



- Utilize hedges to manage exposure against potential commodity price declines while maintaining pricing upside
- Employ mix of contracts weighted toward the short-term

	Existing C	rude Oil Hedge Po	sitions	Existing Na	atural Gas Hedge P	dge Positions	
Hedge Period	Hedged Volumes (Bbls per Month)	Hedge Price Weighted Average Range (\$/Bbl)	As a Percentage of Sept. 2010 Oil Production ⁽²⁾	Hedged Volumes (<u>MMBtu per Month)</u>	Weighted Average Hedge Price Range (\$/MMBtu)	As a Percentage of Sept. 2010 Gas Production ⁽²⁾	
2010							
Q4	805,146	\$63.98 - \$89.53	49.4%	39,445	\$7.00 - \$14.20	1.7%	
2011							
Q1	904,917	\$61.01 - \$96.52	55.6%	38,139	\$7.00 - \$17.40	1.6%	
Q2	904,696	\$61.01 - \$96.51	55.5%	36,954	\$6.00 - \$13.05	1.5%	
Q3	904,479	\$61.01 - \$96.50	55.5%	35,855	\$6.00 - \$13.65	1.5%	
Q4	904,255	\$61.00 - \$96.50	55.5%	34,554	\$7.00 - \$14.25	1.4%	
2012							
Q1	339,054	\$48.17 - \$91.55	20.8%	33,381	\$7.00 - \$15.55	1.4%	
Q2	338,850	\$48.15 - \$91.53	20.8%	32,477	\$6.00 - \$13.60	1.4%	
Q3	338,650	\$48.14 - \$91.50	20.8%	31,502	\$6.00 - \$14.45	1.3%	
Q4	338,477	\$48.12 - \$91.49	20.8%	30,640	\$7.00 - \$13.40	1.3%	
2013							
Q1	290,000	\$47.67 - \$90.21	17.8%				
Q2	290,000	\$47.67 - \$90.21	17.8%				
Q3	290,000	\$47.67 - \$90.21	17.8%				
Oct	290,000	\$47.67 - \$90.21	17.8%				
Nov	190,000	\$47.22 - \$85.06	11.7%				

(1) As of November 4, 2010

(2) Under Whiting's credit agreement, the Company is allowed to enter into derivative contracts regarding forecasted PDP production volumes for five years as follows: Year 1 – 90%; Years 2 and 3 – 85%; Year 4 – 80% and Year 5 – 75%. The Company has hedged approximately 74.1% of forecasted PDP crude oil production and approximately 2.3% of forecasted PDP natural gas production in 2010. Forecasted PDP volumes were based on independent reserve estimates as of December 31, 2009.

Fixed-Price Marketing Contracts



EXISTING NATURAL GAS MARKETING CONTRACTS V	Existing	Natural	Gas Marketing	g Contracts ⁽¹⁾
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	Contracted Volumes	Weighted Average Contracted Price	As a Percentage of
Period	(Mcf per Month)	(\$/Mcf)	Sept. 2010 Gas Production
Q4 2010	823,178	\$5.29	34.5%
Q1 2011	776,721	\$5.30	32.6%
Q2 2011	777,767	\$5.31	32.6%
Q3 2011	771,506	\$5.30	32.4%
Q4 2011	771,506	\$5.30	32.4%
Q1 2012	576,173	\$5.30	24.2%
Q2 2012	460,506	\$5.41	19.3%
Q3 2012	464,840	\$5.41	19.5%
Q4 2012	398,667	\$5.46	16.7%
Q1 2013	360,000	\$5.47	15.1%
Q2 2013	364,000	\$5.47	15.3%
Q3 2013	368,000	\$5.47	15.4%
Q4 2013	368,000	\$5.47	15.4%
Q1 2014	330,000	**** *********************************	13.8%
Q2 2014	333,667	\$5.49	14.0%
Q3 2014	337,333	\$5.49	14.1%
Q4 2014	337,333	\$5.49	14.1%

(1) Under Whiting's credit agreement, the Company is allowed to enter into derivative contracts regarding forecasted PDP production volumes for five years as follows: Year 1 – 90%; Years 2 and 3 – 85%; Year 4 – 80% and Year 5 – 75%. Based on the above schedule, the Company has entered into fixed-price natural gas contracts for the following percentages of forecasted PDP natural gas production: 2010 – 40.2%; 2011 – 45.3%; 2012 – 36.5%; 2013 – 34.4%; 2014 – 35.6%. Forecasted PDP volumes were based on independent reserve estimates as of December 31, 2009.

In Summary



Five core regions; 13.6 ⁽¹⁾ year R/P Geographically diversified, longlived reserve base Grown proved reserves 284% from 71.7 MMBOE at Nov. 2003 IPO to 275.0 MMBOE at 12/31/09 Multi-year inventory of Grown production 289% from 17.0 MBOE/D at Nov. 2003 IPO to 66.1 MBOE/D in Q3 2010 development, exploitation and exploration projects to drive Drilling inventory as of 12/31/09 of approximately organic production growth going 1,400 gross operated wells based on 3P reserves forward and an additional approximate 1,000 gross operated wells based on resource potential Additional exploration potential in Significant organic growth potential from drilling programs the Rockies, Permian Basin and **Gulf Coast** Continued moderate risk organic growth potential from Postle and North Ward Estes fields Other exploration includes horizontal oil prospects (Williston and Permian Basin) 15 acquisitions in 2004 - 2009; 230.7 MMBOE at **Disciplined acquirer with strong** \$8.19 per BOE average acquisition cost record of accretive acquisitions Total Debt to Cap of 22.1% as of Sept. 30, 2010 **Commitment to financial strength** Average 27 years of experience **Proven management and technical** team

⁽¹⁾ R/P ratio based on year-end 2009 proved reserves and total 2009 production.

Adjusted Net Income ⁽¹⁾ (In Thousands)



Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) Available to Common Shareholders to Adjusted Net Income (Loss) Available to Common Shareholders

	Three Mont Sept. 2010	hs Ended . 30, 2009	Nine Month Sept. 2010	s Ended 30, 2009
Net Income (Loss) Available to Common Shareholders	\$ 5,612	\$ 30,944	\$ 206,759	\$ (105,978)
Cash Premium on Induced Conversion	47,529		47,529	
Adjustments Net of Tax:				
Amortization of Deferred Gain on Sale	(2,390)	(2,436)	(7,197)	(8,325)
Gain on Sale of Properties		(635)	(1,189)	(3,774)
Impairment Expense	2,699	3,724	7,471	9,745
Loss on Early Extinguishment of Debt	3,866		3,866	
Unrealized Derivative (Gains) Losses	14,275	(15,776)	(50,951)	96,276
Adjusted Net Income (Loss) ⁽¹⁾	5 71,591	\$ 15,821	\$ 206,288	\$ (12,056)
Adjusted Earnings (Loss) Available to Common				
Shareholders per Share, Basic	<u>\$ 1.40</u>	<u>\$ 0.29</u>	<u>\$ 4.05</u>	\$ <u>(0.26)</u>
Adjusted Earnings (Loss) Available to Common				
Shareholders per Share, Diluted	<u>\$ 1.30</u>	<u>\$ 0.29</u>	<u>\$ 3.76</u>	<u>\$ (0.26)</u>

(1) Adjusted Net Income (Loss) Available to Common Shareholders is a non-GAAP financial measure. Management believes it provides useful information to investors for analysis of Whiting's fundamental business on a recurring basis. In addition, management believes that Adjusted Net Income (Loss) Available to Common Shareholders is widely used by professional research analysts and others in valuation, comparison, and investment recommendations of companies in the oil and gas exploration and production industry, and many investors use the published research of industry research analysts in making investment decisions. Adjusted Net Income Available for Common Shareholders should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for net income, income from operations, net cash provided by operating activities or other income, cash flow or liquidity measures under GAAP and may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies.

Discretionary Cash Flow⁽¹⁾



Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Discretionary Cash Flow (In Thousands)

	Three Months Ended Sept. 30,			
		<u>2010</u>	2	2009
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	280,134	\$	145,811
Exploration		6,146		5,974
Exploratory dry hole costs		(199)		(2,290)
Changes in working capital		(51,238)		1,345
Preferred stock dividends paid		(5,391)		(4,911)
Discretionary cash flow ⁽¹⁾	\$	229,452	\$	145,929

	Nine Mont	onths Ended une 30,	
	<u>2010</u>	2009	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 720,267	\$ 290,820	
Exploration	25,861	24,785	
Exploratory dry hole costs	(2,796)	(2,344)	
Changes in working capital	(54,990)	19,221	
Preferred stock dividends paid	(16,172)	(4,911)	
Discretionary cash flow	\$ 672,170	\$ 327,571	

(1) Discretionary cash flow is computed as net income plus exploration and impairment costs, depreciation, depletion and amortization, deferred income taxes, non-cash interest costs, losses on early extinguishment of debt, non-cash compensation plan charges, non-cash losses on mark-to-market derivatives and other non-current items, less the gain on sale of properties, amortization of deferred gain on sale, non-cash gains on mark-to-market derivatives, and preferred stock dividends paid, not including preferred stock conversion inducements. The non-GAAP measure of discretionary cash flow is presented because management believes it provides useful information to investors for analysis of the Company's ability to internally fund acquisitions, exploration and development. Discretionary cash flow should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for net income, income from operations, net cash provided by operating activities or other income, cash flow or liquidity measures under GAAP and may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies.



- Q1 What is the oil in place per section for Sanish (Bakken)?
- A1 It varies across the field and is difficult to calculate in this complex reservoir. We estimate that there are approximately 8-11 million barrels of black oil per section. We hold interests in 170 sections in the Sanish field.
- Q2 What is the ultimate recovery for Sanish (Bakken)?
- A2 We estimate the expected recovery to be 600-900,000 barrels of black oil per section or about 8% of the original oil in place (OOIP). Note that we are drilling 2 wells on each 1,280-acre (2 sections) unit.
- Q3 What is the oil in place per section for Sanish (Three Forks)?
- A3 We have less geologic and reservoir data on the Three Forks since we are very early in the development. OOIP will vary across the field and is difficult to calculate in this complex reservoir. We estimate there to be 4-6 million barrels of black oil per section.
- Q4 What is the ultimate recovery for Sanish (Three Forks)?
- A4 We estimate the expected recovery to be 350-500,000 barrels of black oil per section or about 8% of OOIP. Again, we plan to drill 2 wells per 1,280-acre (2 sections) unit.
- Q5 How does the geology compare across your project areas in terms of porosity, thickness, and pressure gradients? Sanish, Lewis & Clark, McKenzie/Williams Counties.
- A5 In each project area it varies to some extent as you can see on our slide titled "Middle Bakken Induced Fractures" where the Middle Bakken exists over Sanish but pinches out and is almost non-existent over at Parshall. Permeability varies both in the matrix and due to the intensity of natural fracturing. Comparing prospect area to prospect area, there are wide variations in the geology. For example, the Middle Bakken has pinched out and does not exist at Lewis & Clark.
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Bakken and Three Forks Reservoir and Geology (Continued)

- Q6 What led you to the Lewis & Clark extension?
- A6 Regional mapping; taking what we learned at Sanish and Parshall and applying that to other parts of the basin.
- Q7 How does the Three Forks play vary between the Sanish and Lewis & Clark areas?
- A7 They are geologically very similar. The Three Forks may be slightly tighter at Lewis & Clark.
- Q8 Is the Sanish Sand required to make a productive well in the extensional Lewis & Clark area?
- A8 No, we had very little Sanish Sand in the Federal 32-4.
- Q9 Are there any specific catalysts that would encourage you to step up drilling activity in the Lewis & Clark area?
- A9 If we consistently drill and complete wells that generate initial results indicating ROI's of at least 3:1 we will step up activity.
- Q10 Are the Scallion Limestone and Lodgepole formations valid resource targets?
- A10 Yes, in various parts of the basin.

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Bakken Well Design and Completion

- Q11 Why sliding sleeve versus perf and plug?
- A11 It is mechanically simpler, less moving parts. We can complete wells through the winter. On a sliding sleeve job, we can complete the fracture stimulation in about 24 hours.
- Q12 At Sanish, where should the horizontal well be landed within the Middle Bakken target zone to achieve the best production?
- A12 See slide titled "Middle Bakken Induced Fractures." It is our opinion that it is in the "B" zone of the Middle Bakken.
- Q13 Does the azimuth of the lateral well matter in meeting stimulation and reservoir drainage objectives?
- A13 Yes, we believe you need to drill in a direction that is approximately perpendicular to the maximum principal stress. This is 55 degrees northeast. See our slide titled "Fully Developed Bakken and Three Forks Horizontal Wells in Sanish Field Area."
- Q14 Do the natural fractures impact fracture initiation?
- A14 Probably, we see slightly lower fracturing pressure on the east side of Sanish field where we know the natural fracturing intensity is higher.
- Q15 How might your completions vary by area and what are the geologic factors that drive your approach?
- A15 If the rock is tighter and contains fewer natural fractures, we will pump more stages.
- Q16 Why white sand vs. ceramics in the Sanish field?
- A16 Our engineering evaluation indicates that we do not need ceramics to maintain open fractures in Sanish.
- Q17 A few industry studies suggest that using ceramic proppants can increase EUR. Have you tested this and what are your thoughts on this matter?
- A17 The pressure pumping companies sell ceramics for about 5 times the amount of sand, so they are going to push ceramics. This is difficult to test so you may not know the answer for years.
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Bakken Development Planning and Well Costs

- Q18 How many un-drilled locations at year-end 2009 were included in your reserve report for each of the following areas: Sanish/Parshall (Bakken); Sanish/Parshall (Three Forks); and Lewis & Clark (Three Forks)?
- A18 Sanish/Parshall (Bakken): 75 locations in PUD, 30 locations in Probable, 41 locations in Possible for a total 3P of 146 locations; Sanish/Parshall (Three Forks): 0 PUD, 1 well location in Probable, 224 locations in Possible for a total 3P of 225 locations; Lewis & Clark (Three Forks): No locations in 3P. Approximately 379 locations in Resource.
- Q19 Can you provide some detail on the 1,400 (and 1,000) well drilling inventory as of December 31, 2009?

A19 – ESTIMATED TOTAL 3P LOCATIONS

<u>Area</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>
Sanish Field Area	273	147
Parshall Field	98	21
Sulphur Creek Field	227	150
Northern Rockies	55	31
Central Rockies	74	46
Mid-Continent	66	56
Gulf Coast	137	82
Permian	544	189
Total	1,474	722

ESTIMATED TOTAL RESOURCE LOCATIONS

Area	Gross	<u>Net</u>
Lewis & Clark	379	166
Sanish Field Area	79	40
Other Williston	77	37
Sulphur Creek	307	175
Other Areas	229	204
Total	1,071	622

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Bakken Development Planning and Well Costs (Continued)

- Q20 What is the timing of the 13 Lewis & Clark wells in 2010?
- A20 We drilled three in Q2 and are planning to drill 5 wells in Q3 and 5 in Q4.
- Q21 What type of pressures are you experiencing on drilling and completion costs?
- A21 As the rig count has increased in North Dakota we have seen the cost of our frac jobs increase from its low of last year. This is caused by two factors. We are pumping more stages and we have had increases in labor costs passed through to us. From 2009's low, our frac cost has increased on the order of 20% – 30%. The majority of the drilling rigs we have in North Dakota are on 6 month contracts with an option to extend for an additional 6 months. In some cases we have also tied the day rate to NYMEX oil prices. These factors have helped keep the drilling economics in line with our expectations.
- Q22 What are your current spud to total depth and spud to spud times? How much more efficiency is possible?
- A22 Across our program, for winter / spring 2009-10, spud to TD was averaging 24 days. Spud to spud average was 40.5 days. We have drilled two wells spud to TD in just 15 days. For these wells, spud to rig release was about 25 days. At Sanish, for 40 wells drilled from January 1 through July 20, 2010, our average spud to TD averaged 21.2 days. Our spud to spud is averaging 39 days. We still think there are efficiencies to be gained and that we can eliminate another 2 to 4 days out of the process.

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Bakken Development Planning and Well Costs (Continued)

Q23 – How long does it take to complete a well and what types of efficiencies are possible with multi-pad drilling?

- A23 We have our wells completed within about three weeks of rig release. We build the battery, lay the oil gathering and gas gathering lines during that three-week period. Consequently, once the well is frac'd we can go down the sales line with the production. We see no significant efficiency to pad drilling. You delay the production from the first wells drilled until you finish drilling all of the wells on the pad. You can save on rig moves, but you may cause mechanical issues with more complicated well designs. Further, production bulges caused by multiple completions over a limited period of time may cause marketing/product sales issues.
- Q24 At present, Whiting is planning 2.5 Middle Bakken wells per 1,280. Are you planning to conduct any further testing beyond that to examine drainage patterns?
- A24 Yes, we have an active reservoir surveillance program going on in the field. We collect pressure data, monitor production and monitor offset wells when we perform fracture stimulations. We have also installed a permanent micro seismic array in the field to monitor and map every frac we perform across the entire field.
- Q25 With your expertise in EOR, is the Middle Bakken prospective for CO₂ flooding and when might you consider testing that, if so?
- A25 We have evaluated this option. The initial issue is CO_2 . There is not a source with sufficient capacity in the Williston Basin. However, man made CO_2 projects are being designed and may be available in 2-4 years. Natural fractures may make the CO_2 move through the reservoir so fast that it makes a CO_2 project risky. In summary, it is unlikely.
- Q26 What type of primary/secondary recovery could be expected?
- A26 Primary recovery 8% 10%, secondary recovery currently questionable.

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- Q27 Could you review how you measure 24-hour and 30-day IP rates?
- A27 After the frac job, we let the well sit for approximately 3 days to allow the gel to break down and the sand to keep the fractures open. We bring the well back at a fairly aggressive rate to ensure we get the balls off seat and get the entire horizontal lateral producing. After about 48 hours of flow back, we initiate the IP test and put the well on a 40/64ths choke and monitor the production for a 24-hour period. Production is measured by strapping the production tanks that are on location. We measure and internally report our production for every well we operate on a daily basis (company wide). The 30-day rate is just that, what the well averages over the first 30 days of production.
- Q28 How strong of an indicator is the 30-day rate on EUR?
- A28 We believe it is an early indicator. Our technical team has developed a rough correlation between 30-day rates and EUR's and this is reflected in the typical Bakken production profiles in our slide show.
- Q29 As investors, what variables should we comprehend in our analysis when comparing one company's 30-day rate versus another's?
- A29 The 30-day rate is an early indicator but the 60 and 90 day rates are even better indicators.
- Q30 What are the important milestones when attempting to measure a well's potential deliverability (30-day rates, well performance when on pump)?
- A30 All of the above are indicators but 60 and 90 day rates are perhaps the best for early on scoping as this starts to define the hyperbolic curve the well may follow. Tubing pressure is also a good indicator as well as cumulative production at the time the well goes on pump.

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Portfolio/EOR

- Q31 In the 2009 year-end reserve report, what assumptions were made for North Ward Estes recovery (Proved, 2P and 3P) and for Postle (Proved, 2P and 3P)?
- A31 Estimated remaining reserves at North Ward Estes are based on section by section geologic and reservoir engineering analysis and vary throughout the field depending on reservoir quality and our development plans. In general, the resulting EUR's indicate tertiary recoveries of 5-6% in the Proved category, up to 7-8% in the Probable category and 10-11% or more in the Possible category. Our estimated remaining reserves at Postle are also based on detailed geologic and engineering analysis on an injection pattern level and vary throughout the field. In general, the resulting EUR's indicate tertiary recoveries of 12-16% or more, all in the proved category due to the mature state of development for most of the Postle field.
- Q32 In terms of portfolio management, what are the key drivers behind your capital allocation process? The returns in the Bakken are different than EOR, but EOR is a bit more resilient through the cycles.
- A32 You are correct. Generally, drilling provides higher IRR's and EOR projects have a greater assurance of reserve additions. We are fortunate to have a mixture of both in Whiting's inventory of projects. Drilling projects begin to <u>decline</u> when drilling activity peaks. EOR projects begin to <u>incline</u> about a year after project installation and commencement of H₂O and CO₂ injection. After production peaks on an EOR project production can plateau and remain relatively flat for several years before beginning to decline. This is caused by the pressure maintenance of the H₂O and CO₂. This plateau production may provide cash flow for many years to fund additional exploration and development drilling projects for the company.

Q33 – What is your capital for all non-Bakken and non-EOR projects?

A33 – See our slide titled "2010 Exploration and Development Budget." The projects on that list <u>not</u> related to our Bakken, Three Forks and EOR projects total \$183MM.

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