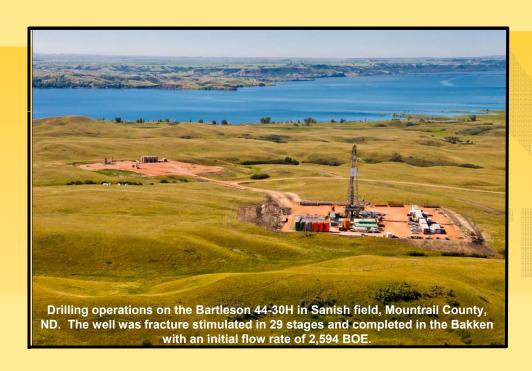
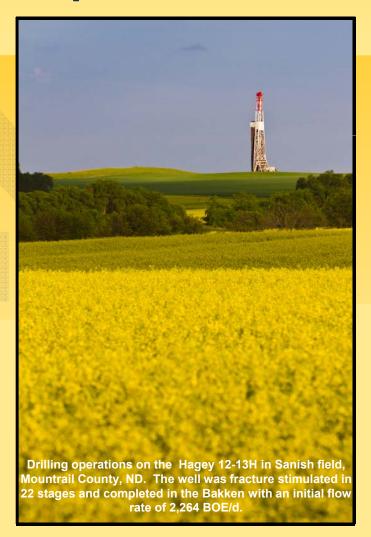


## **Whiting Petroleum Corporation**



First Quarter 2011
Financial and Operating Results
April 28, 2011



# Forward-Looking Statement Disclosure, Non-GAAP Measures



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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 than probable reserves. Estimates of probable and possible reserves 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 Capitalization <sup>1</sup>	\$8.5 B
Long-term Debt <sup>2</sup>	\$980.0 MM
Shares Outstanding	117.4 MM
Debt/Total Cap²	27.8%
Proved reserves <sup>3</sup>	304.9 MMBOE
% Oil	83%
RP ratio <sup>4</sup>	12.9 years
Q1 2011 Production	66.0 MBOE/d

- Assumes a \$72.67 share price (closing price as of April 25, 2011) on 117,368,706 common shares outstanding as of March 31, 2011.
- 2 As of March 31, 2011. Please refer to Slide #40 for details.
- 3 Whiting reserves at December 31, 2010 based on independent engineering.
- 4 R/P ratio based on year-end 2010 proved reserves and 2010 production.

### **Consistently Strong Margins**



### Consistently Delivering Strong EBITDA Margins (1)



<sup>(1)</sup> Includes hedging adjustments.

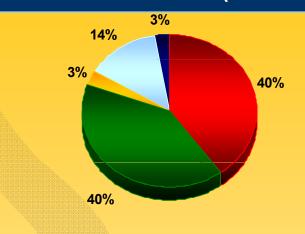
### **Platform for Continued Growth**







### **Proved Reserves (12/31/2010)**



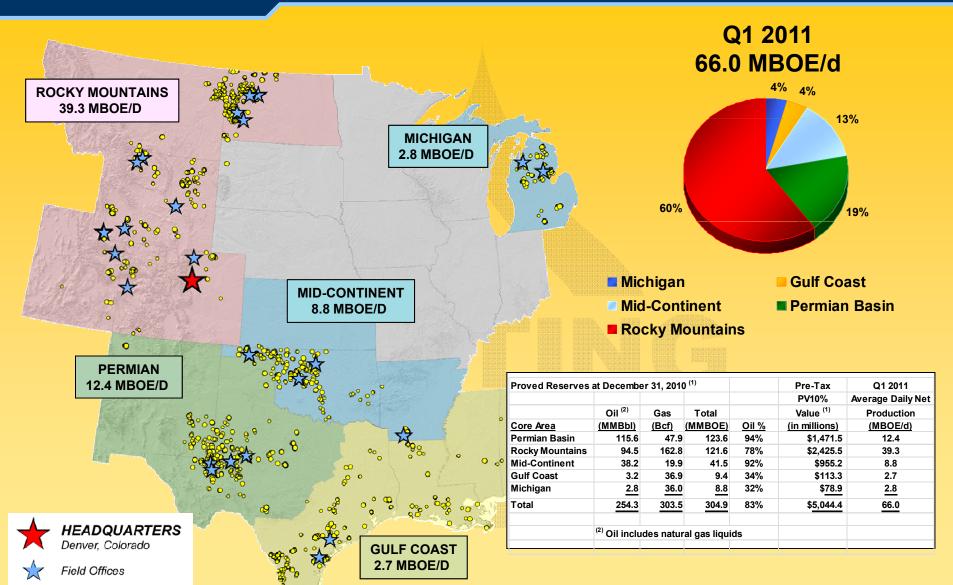
- Rocky Mountains Permian Basin
  - Gulf Coast Mid-Continent
- Michigan
- 304.9 MMBOE (12/31/2010)
- 83% Oil / 17% Natural Gas
- 71% Developed / 29% Undeveloped
- 1,328,665 Net Acres (43% Developed)
- \$5.0 Billion PV10% (pre-tax) at SEC NYMEX prices of \$79.43/Bbl and \$4.38/Mcf

At December 31, 2010, Whiting Had a 12.9 Year R/P Ratio (1) Supported by a Strong Portfolio of Development Opportunities

## Map of Operations

Whiting Properties





Based on 12-month average prices of \$79.43/Bbl and \$4.38/Mcf in accordance with SEC requirements. Our pre-tax PV10 values do not purport to present the fair value of our oil and natural gas reserves.

### Whiting Total Reserves and Resources at Dec. 31, 2010



PDP PBP PNP PUD	MMBO 134 2 24 64	MMBNGL 13 1 4 12	Oil & NGL MMBO 147 3 28 76	BCF 204 13 3 83	MMBOE 181 5 29 90	% of Total 3P  MMBOE  29%  1%  5%  14%
Total Proved (1) (2)  Total Probable (1) (3)	224 50	30	254 65	303	305	16%
Total Possible (1) (4)  Total 3P Reserves	146 420	82	183 502	205 720	<u>217</u> 622	35% 100.0%
Resource Potential (5)	228	27	255	711	374	

Proved, Probable and Possible Reserves based on independent engineering by Cawley Gillespie & Associates, Inc. at December 31, 2010. Based on 12-month average prices of \$79.43/Bbl and \$4.38/Mcf in accordance with SEC requirements. Please refer to Slide #2 for disclosures regarding "Reserve and Resource Information." All volumes shown are unrisked.

<sup>(2)</sup> Future capital expenditures for total Proved Reserves are estimated at \$1,492MM.

<sup>(3)</sup> Future capital expenditures for total Probable Reserves are estimated at \$1,500MM.

<sup>(4)</sup> Future capital expenditures for total Possible Reserves are estimated at \$2,036MM.

Whiting has internally estimated its unrisked Total Resource potential using year-end 2010 SEC pricing of \$79.43/Bbl and \$4.38/Mcf held flat. Future capital expenditures associated with Resources are estimated at \$5,089MM. 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, 2010 (1) (2)



Region	Field	MMBOE	Capex MM\$	\$ Per BOE
Permian (Additional ph	North Ward Estes pases and larger CO <sub>2</sub> slug sizes)	130	1,199	9.22
Rockies (Bakken and	Various Fields and Prospects Three Forks Development)	75	968	12.91
Rockies (225 20- and	Sulphur Creek 10-acre wells)	32	398	<u>12.44</u>
	Total (75% of 317 MMBOE)		<u>2,565</u>	10.82

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on independent engineering by Cawley Gillespie & Associates, Inc. at December 31, 2010. Please refer to Slide #2 for disclosures regarding "Reserve and Resource Information." All volumes shown are unrisked.

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on 12-month average prices of \$79.43/Bbl and \$4.38/Mcf in accordance with SEC requirements.

### Whiting Total Resource Potential at Dec. 31, 2010 (1)(2)(3)

Using SEC Prices of \$79.43/Bbl and \$4.38/Mcf Held Flat



	MMBO	MMBNGL	Oil & NGL MMBO	Nat. Gas <u>BCF</u>	MMBOE	PV10, MM\$
Williston Basin Bakken & Three Forks (Continued exploration in ND & MT)	127	11	138	70	149	\$ 1,670
Big Tex – TX (Wolfcamp and Bone Spring exploration)	37	0	37	65	48	\$ 1,040
Redtail – CO (Niobrara exploration)	38	0	38	24	42	\$ 853
Sulphur Creek – CO (4)	1	10	11	139	34	\$ 20
Other Areas – (CO, MI, ND, TX, UT and WY)	25	6	31	413	<u>101</u>	<u>\$ 655</u>
Total Resource Potential	228	27	255	711	<u>374</u>	\$ 4,238

Whiting has internally estimated its unrisked Total Resource potential. PV10 values were based on SEC NYMEX price assumptions of \$79.43/Bbl and \$4.38/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.

<sup>(2)</sup> Future capital expenditures for Total Resources are estimated at \$5,089MM.

<sup>(3)</sup> Estimated future capital expenditures associated with these areas are as follows: Williston Basin \$2,370MM; Big Tex \$652MM; Redtail \$638MM; Sulphur Creek \$355MM; Other Areas \$1,074MM.

<sup>(4)</sup> Whiting estimates continued development will occur at NYMEX prices of approximately \$6.00 per Mcf.

### Whiting Total Reserves at December 31, 2010

with Breakout of % Bakken / Three Forks and EOR



	MMBOE	BAK & 3FKS (MMBOE)	BAK & 3FKS <u>%</u>	EOR (MMBOE)	EOR %
PDP PBP PNP PUD	181 5 29 90	49 0 0 25	27% 2% 0% 28%	65 0 27 41	36% 0% 93% 46%
Total Proved <sup>(1)</sup>	305	<u>74</u>	24%	<u> 133</u>	44%
Total Probable <sup>(1)</sup>	100	6	6%	41	41%
Total Possible (1)	217	69	32%	110	51%
Total 3P Reserves	622	149	24%	<u>284</u>	46%
Resource Potential (2)					
Williston Basin BAK & 3FKS – ND & M Big Tex – TX Redtail Niobrara – CO Sulphur Creek – CO Other Areas – CO, MI, ND, TX, UT & W	48 42 34	149   	100%		
Total Resource Potential	374	149	40%		

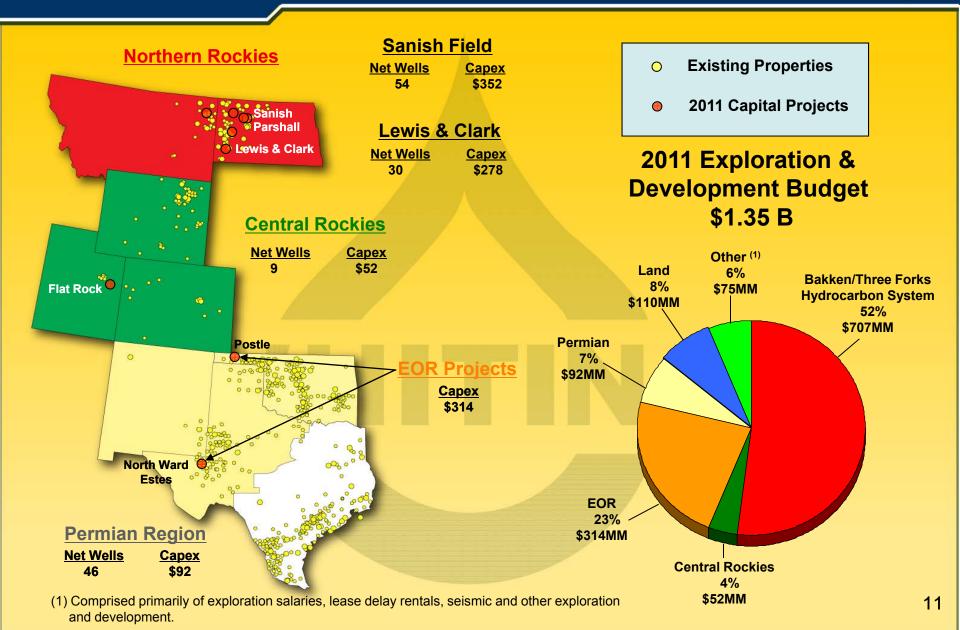
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### **Key Development Areas for 2011**

(\$ in millions)





# **2011 Exploration and Development Budget Estimated Gross and Net Wells in 2011**



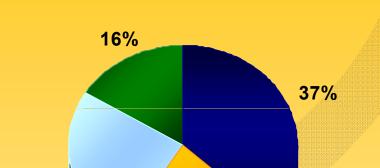
	EST. 2011 CAPEX	PLANNED V	
	<u>(In MM)</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>
NORTHERN ROCKIES			
Sanish Field	\$ 352	95	54
Parshall Field	\$ 12	11	2
Lewis & Clark Area	\$ 278 \$ 65	51	30
Other (Hidden Bench, Starbuck,	\$ <u>65</u>	<u>23</u>	<u> 14</u>
Cassandra & Big Island)	\$ 707	180	100
SUBTOTAL EOR PROJECTS			
North Ward Estes	\$ 201		
Postle	\$ 113		
SUBTOTAL	\$ 314	<del></del>	
PERMIAN BASIN			00
Big Tex	\$ 89 \$ 3	23	23
Other Permian	\$ 3	23	23
SUBTOTAL	\$ <u>92</u>	46	46
CENTRAL ROCKIES			
Redtail Prospect	\$ 35	6	6
Other Central Rockies	\$ 35 \$ 17	4	6 3 9
SUBTOTAL	\$ 52	10	9
GULF COAST			
Various	<b>\$ 2</b>	1	1
MICHIGAN			1
PDC Expl. & Dvlp.	\$ 5 \$ 11	1	1
OTHER, EXPLORATION		<del></del>	
OTHER, NON-OPERATED	\$ 17	<del></del>	
EXPL. EXPENSE (1)	\$ 40	<del></del>	
LAND	<u>\$ 110</u>		
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$1,350</u>	<u>238</u>	<u>157</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Comprised primarily of exploration salaries, lease delay rentals and seismic activities.

# 2010 vs. 2011 Capital Expenditures By Reserve Category

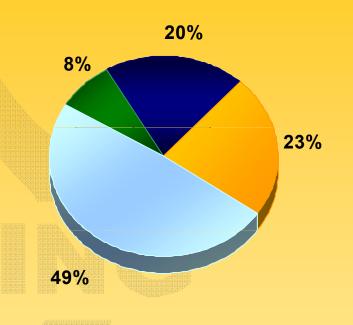






22%

### 2011 - \$1,350 MM Budget



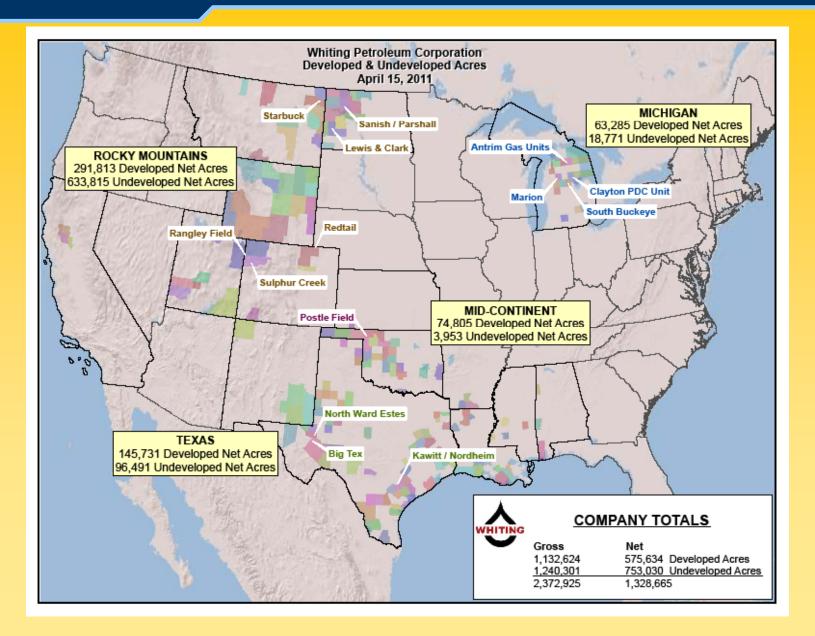
■ Proved

25%

- **CO₂** Recovery Projects (Proved)
- Non-Proved
- Land

# Whiting Developed & Undeveloped Acreage by Core Area





## Whiting Prospect Areas in Bakken/Three Forks Hydrocarbon System at March 31, 2011<sup>(1)</sup>

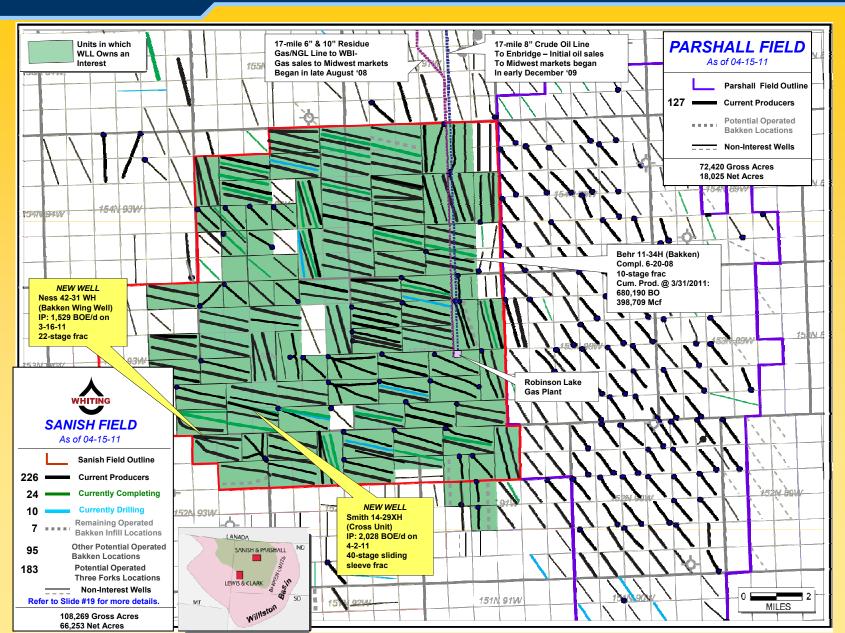


Sheridan	Divide Zone Brockton-Froid Fault Zone	Burke Water
Regulative STARBUCK	CASSANDRA	SANISH Mountriii
Richard	McKenzie HIDDE BENC	H
Dawson	LEMIS & CLARA	Dumn Burn Burn Burn Burn Burn Burn Burn Bur
WHITING BAKKEN PROSPECTS WOGC Lease Areas  2011 Planned Wells  15 30  Miles 02-15-2011	Gol BIG by ISLAND	

Sanish / Parshall  - Bakken and Three Forks Objectives  - 194 producing wells in Sanish  - 127 producing wells in Parshall  - 99 Wells in 2010, 106 in 2011  - \$364MM capex in 2011	Gross <u>Acres</u> 180,689	Net Acres 84,278
Lewis & Clark  - Three Forks Objective  - Control 164 1,280-acre spacing units  - 12 Wells in 2010, 51 in 2011  - \$278MM capex in 2011	376,111	245,744
Hidden Bench / Tarpon  - Middle Bakken "C" Objective  - Control 15 1,280-acre spacing units  - 12 Wells in 2011, \$35MM capex in 2011	64,176	33,949
Starbuck - Middle Bakken Objective - Control 75 1,280-acre spacing units - 2 Wells in 2011, \$13MM capex in 2011	110,326	88,534
Cassandra - Middle Bakken Objective - Control 9 1,280-acre spacing units - 2 Wells in 2010, 2 in 2011 - \$6MM capex in 2011	28,776	13,846
Big Island - Multiple Objectives - Control 64 1,280-acre spacing units - 1 Well in 2011, \$4MM capex in 2011	<u>131,600</u>	94,570
Subtotals	891,678	560,921
Other ND and Montana	108,294	42,781
	999,972	603,702

# Sanish and Parshall Fields - Recent and Notable Wells





## IP, 30-, and 60- day Average Production Rates for Whiting Operated Wells in Sanish Field in 2011

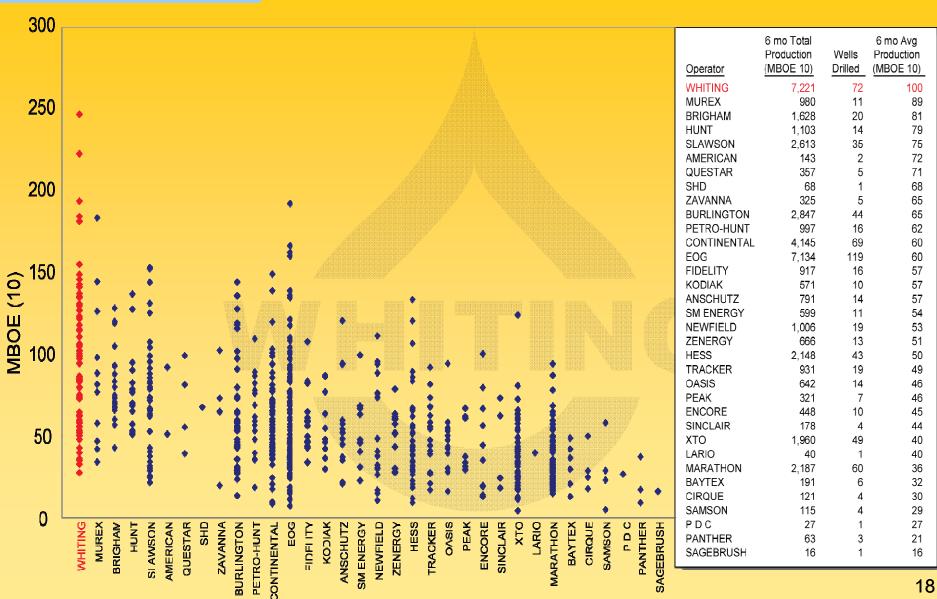


			Completion		Average 1st 30 Days	Average 1st 60 Days
	Well Name	<u>WI%</u>	Date	BOEPD	(BOE/d)	(BOE/d)
1)	STATE 12-32H	39.84%	4/11/2011	2,247		
2)	ROBERT PATTEN 44-3TFH	92.75%	4/5/2011	440		
3)	HOLLINGER 11-14TFH	47.24%	4/4/2011	596		
4)	HOLLINGER 21-14TFH	47.24%	3/31/2011	1,232		
5)	SMITH 14-29XH	42.95%	3/30/2011	2,028		
6)	GUINN TRUST 1-13TFH	40.85%	3/24/2011	1,254		
7)	HOOVER 14-1XH	27.28%	3/20/2011	2,212		
8)	WARDEN 43-9TFH	30.04%	3/17/2011	715		
9)	NESS 42-31WH	78.16%	3/14/2011	1,529		
10)	SCOTT MEIERS 12-17TFH	87.06%	3/13/2011	1,087		
11)	ARNDT 14-5XH	28.17%	3/7/2011	1,416	700	
12)	DEAL 43-28TFH	71.86%	3/4/2011	920		
13)	BARLOW 14-6XH	74.64%	2/28/2011	1,182	511	
14)	OJA 14-27XH	65.09%	2/18/2011	2,072	558	
15)	NIEMITALO 31-15XH	52.04%	2/15/2011	2,905	843	
16)	BARTLESON 21-3H	50.00%	2/13/2011	1,235	552	
17)	HEIPLE 14-3XH	63.41%	2/9/2011	2,080	1,163	
18)	BERNARD ROGGENBUCK 24-25H	72.65%	1/22/2011	2,072	698	567
19)	SIKES STATE 43-16H	100.00%	1/19/2011	3,385	1,291	1,052
20)	BREHM 12-7H	50.00%	1/14/2011	987	439	253
21)	MILLER 44-11H	76.28%	1/8/2011	1,447	343	
22)	NESS 21-3H	<u>50.00%</u>	1/4/2011	<u>1,730</u>	<u>690</u>	<u>546</u>
4	verages	58.53%		1,581	708	605

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

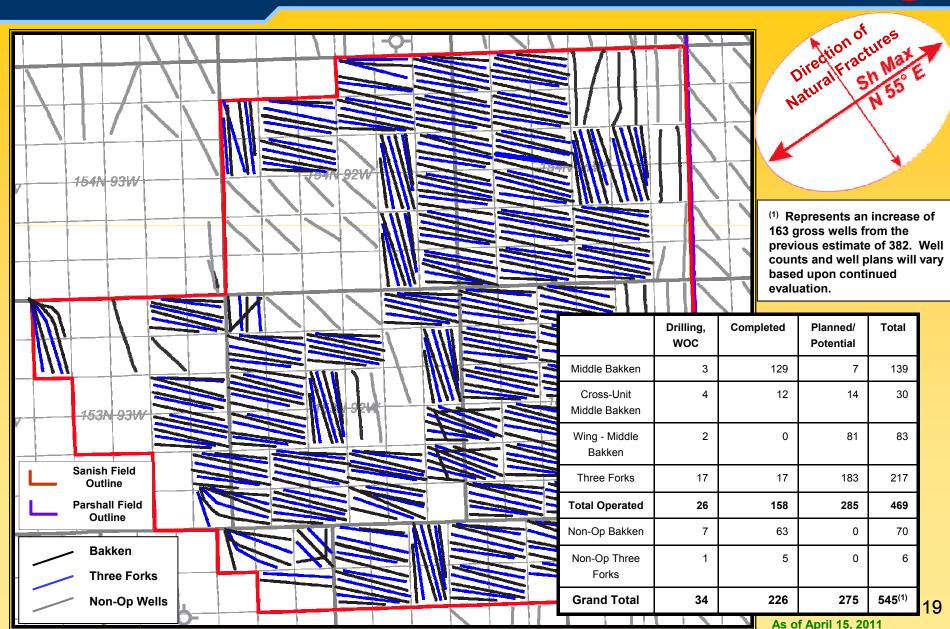
**WHITING** 

Source: IHS Energy, Inc. January, 2011



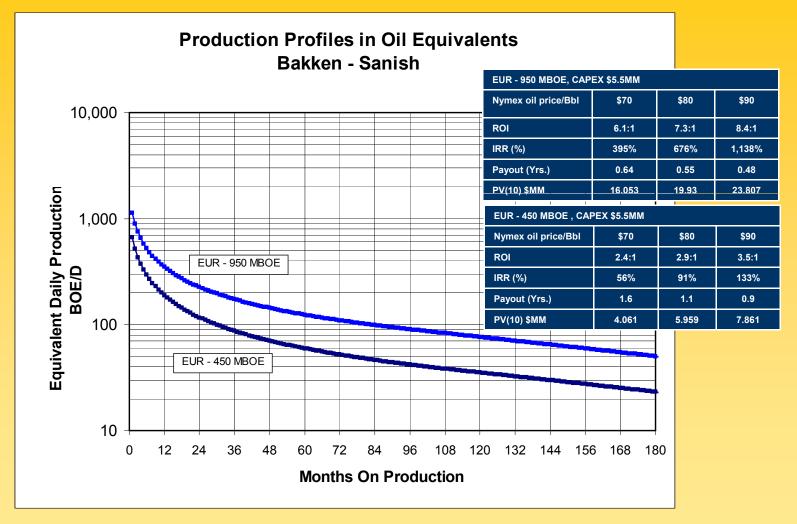
## Fully Developed Bakken and Three Forks Horizontal Wells in Sanish Field Area





# Typical Bakken Production Profiles Sanish Field (1) (2)



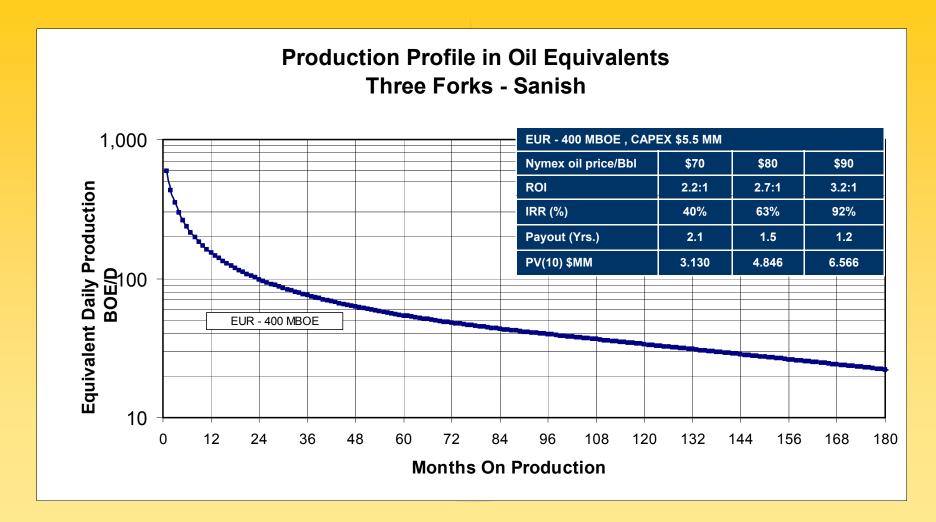


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<sup>(2)</sup> EURs, ROIs, IRRs and PV10 values will vary well to well. Whiting holds an average WI of 60% and an average NRI of 50% in its operated Bakken wells in Sanish field.

## Typical Three Forks Production Profile Sanish Field (1) (2)



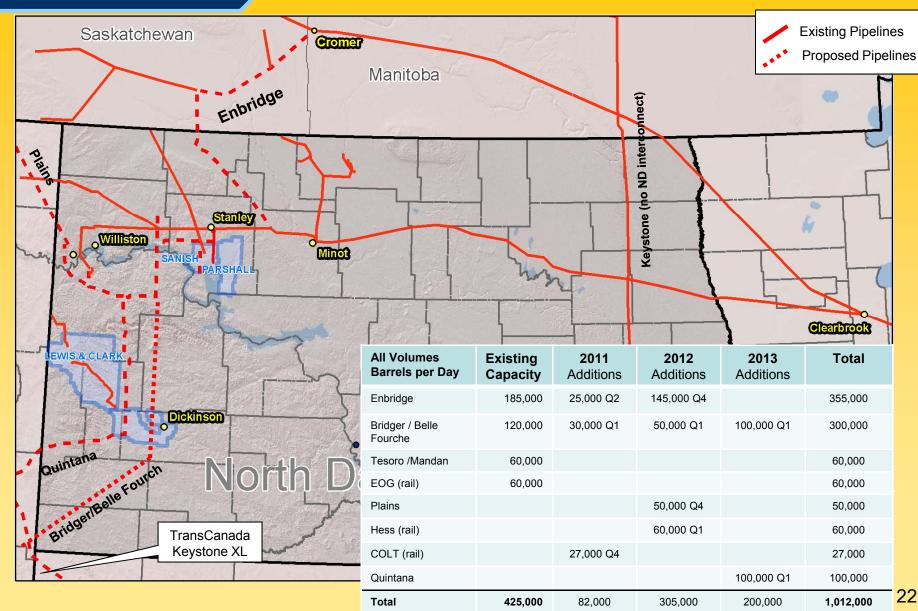


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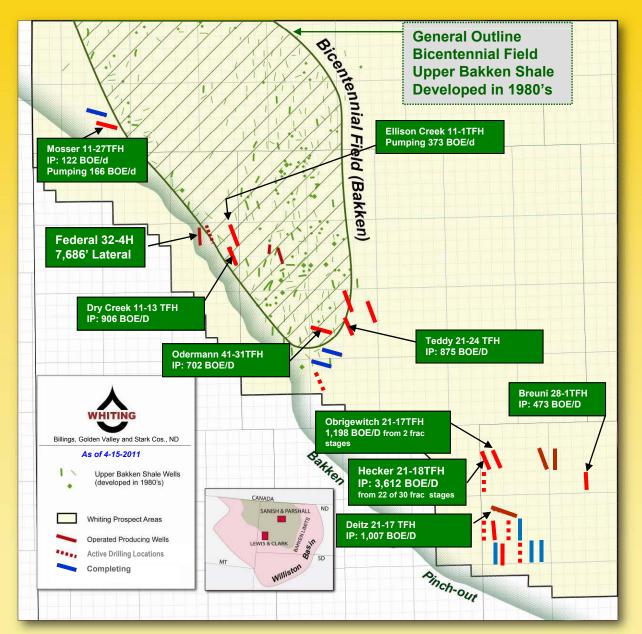
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## Williston Basin Off-take Expansion





### Lewis & Clark Area – 250 Units / 500 Potential Locations



#### **OBJECTIVE**

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

#### **ACREAGE**

Whiting has assembled 376,111 gross (245,744 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 65%
- Average NRI of 52%
- Well by well WI and NRI will vary based on ownership in each spacing unit

#### **ECONOMICS**

Well Cost: \$6.5 MM per well EUR: 350 to 500 MBOE

#### **DRILLING PROGRAM**

5 rigs currently active in the area. Plans are to ramp this to 9 rigs by third quarter 2011. Planned budget for the area is \$278 MM

FEDERAL 32-4H IP: 1,970 BOE/D. Avg during first 30, 60 and 90 days was 695 BOE/D, 531 BOE/D and 447 BOE/D.

Currently 9 wells are waiting on completion.

## IP, 30-, 60- and 90-day Average Production Rates for Whiting Operated Wells in Lewis & Clark Field

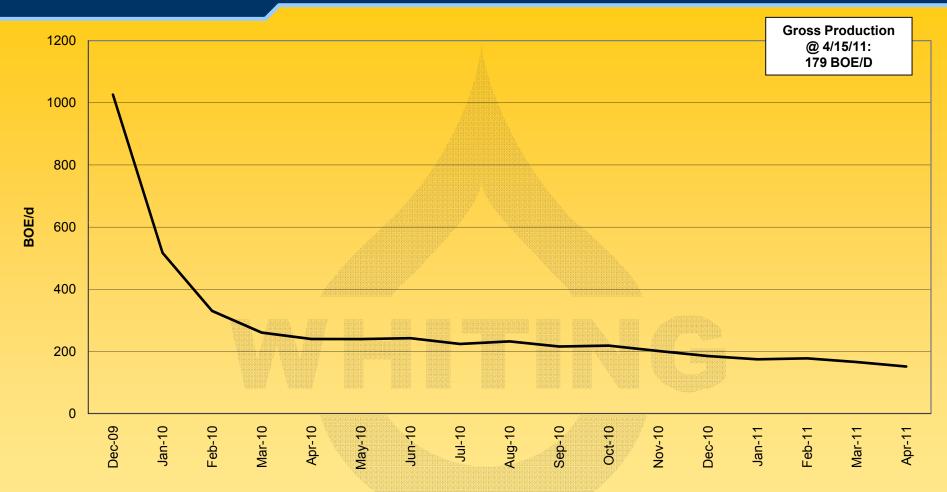


<u>WellName</u>	<u>WI</u>	<u>NRI</u>	Test Date	P (BOE/d) 24- hr Test	Average 1st 30 Days (BOE/d)	Average 1st 60 Days (BOE/d)	Average 1st 90 Days (BOE/d)
1) OBRIGEWITCH 21-17TFH	96%	77%	4/18/2011	1,189			
2) TEDDY 21-24TFH	63%	50%	4/1/2011	875			
3) DRY CREEK 11-13TFH	56%	45%	3/27/2011	906			
4) DIETZ 21-17TFH	98%	78%	3/16/2011	1,007			
5) MOSSER 11-27	64%	51%	3/11/2011	122			
6) HECKER 21-18TFH	77%	61%	3/4/2011	3,612			
7) BRUENI 28-1H	44%	35%	3/1/2011	473			
8) ODERMANN 41-31TFH	48%	38%	2/27/2011	702			
9) MANN 21-18TFH	66%	55%	12/21/2010	870	425	312	261
10) TEDDY 44-30TFH	88%	70%	11/17/2010	1,874	766	618	530
11) TEDDY 44-13TFH (1)	81%	65%	11/12/2010	381	187	169	175
12) ELLISON CREEK 11-1TFH (2)	63%	51%	9/28/2010	608	343	326	299
13) FROEHLICH 44-9TFH	90%	72%	9/18/2010	2,090	1,049	819	698
14) KUBAS 11-13TFH	91%	73%	9/13/2010	1,953	711	530	457
15) FEDERAL 32-4HBKCE	84%	70%	11/25/2009	1,970	695	531	447
16) MOI 22-15H	91%	79%	3/1/2009	339	210	200	175
17) BUCKHORN RANCH 31-16H	<u>91%</u>	<u>78%</u>	12/24/2008	<u>552</u>	<u>311</u>	<u>267</u>	<u>252</u>
Averages	76%	62%		1,148	522	419	366

- (1) Fracture stimulated into water-bearing zone. Whiting plans to modify frac design.
- (2) Partially pressure depleted by 1980s' Upper Bakken Shale well.

# Production History of Federal 32-4TFH Well at Lewis & Clark (1) (2) (3)



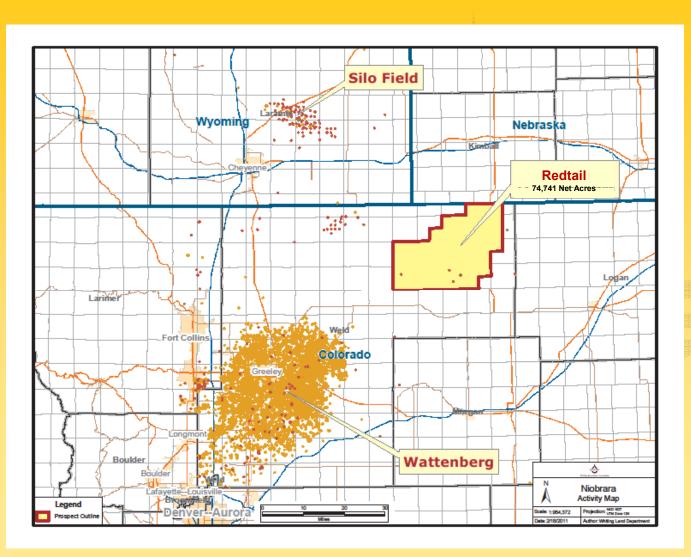


- (1) The graph above reflects production from November 23, 2009 through April 15, 2011.
- (2) The Federal 32-4TFH was completed in the Three Forks formation on 11/23/09 flowing 1,970 BOE/D.
- (3) Total monthly production from all Whiting-operated wells in North Dakota is reported to the North Dakota Industrial Commission (NDIC) at approximately the end of the following month. The NDIC included only 8 days of production from the Federal 32-4TFH in November 2009. Thus, the NDIC reported total production in the first six months for the Federal 32-4TFH to be 51,000 BOE during a 159-day period.

NOTE: Production in the first six months (181 days) totaled 66,300 BOE. Through 4/15/2011 cum prod 127,293 BOE.

# Redtail Niobrara Prospect Weld County, Colorado





#### **OBJECTIVE**

**Niobrara Shale** 

#### **ACREAGE**

Whiting has assembled 102,920 gross (74,741 net) acres in our Redtail prospect in the northeastern portion of the DJ Basin

This acreage position would allow up to 220 operated wells and an additional 131 nonoperated wells based on 320acre spacing:

- Average WI of 73%
- Average NRI of 61%
- Well by well WI and NRI will vary based on ownership in each spacing unit

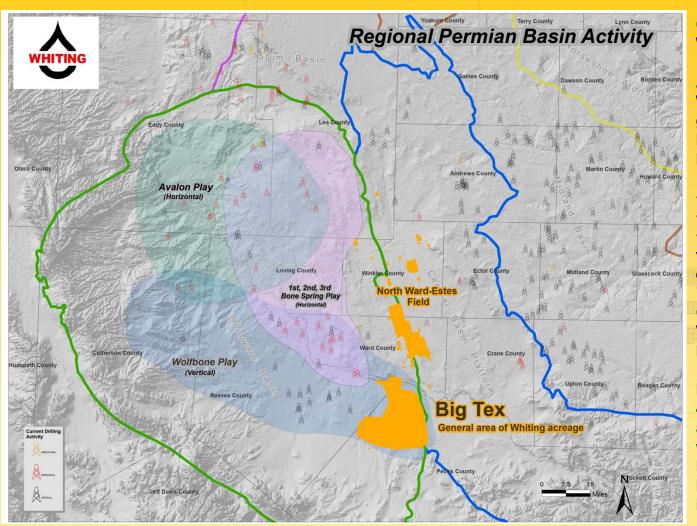
### COMPLETED WELL COST Horizontal: \$4 to \$5 MM

#### **DRILLING PROGRAM**

One rig currently active in the area. One well drilled in 2010 and 6 wells planned for 2011. Planned budget in 2011 is \$35 MM

# Big Tex Prospect <u>Pecos, Reeves and Ward Counties, Texas</u>





#### **OBJECTIVE**

**Wolfcamp and Bone Spring** 

#### **ACREAGE**

Whiting has assembled 111,665 gross (83,303 net) acres in our Big Tex prospect in the Delaware Basin:

- Average WI of 75%
- Average NRI of 56%
- Well by well WI and NRI will vary based on ownership in each spacing unit

#### COMPLETED WELL COST

Vertical: \$2 MM Horizontal: \$4.5 MM

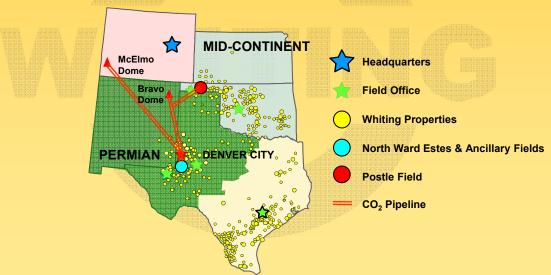
#### **DRILLING PROGRAM**

4 rigs currently active in the area. Recently kicked off a 4 well horizontal drilling program. Plan to drill 23 wells in 2011. Planned budget for the prospect in 2011 is \$89 MM

### **EOR Projects - Postle and North Ward Estes Fields**



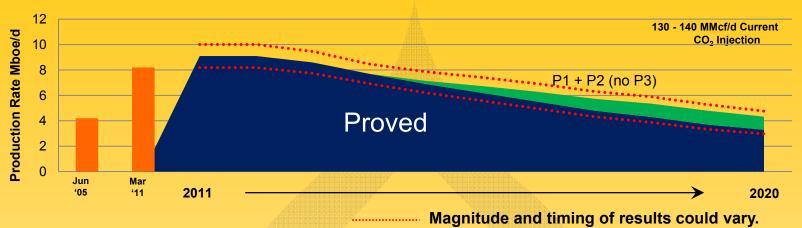
12/31/10 Proved Reserve	<u>Whiting</u>	Postle <u>N. Ward Estes</u>	Total <u>Whiting</u>	% Postle N. Ward <u>Estes</u>
12/3 1/10 Proved Reserve	<u>:5</u>			
Oil – MMBbl	130	124	254	49%
Gas – Bcf	276	27	304	9%
Total – MMBOE	177	<b>128</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	305	42% <sup>(1)</sup>
% Crude Oil	74%	96%	83%	
Q1 2011 Production				
Total – MBOE/d	49.4	16.6	66.0	25%
(1) Includes Ancillary Propertie	es			



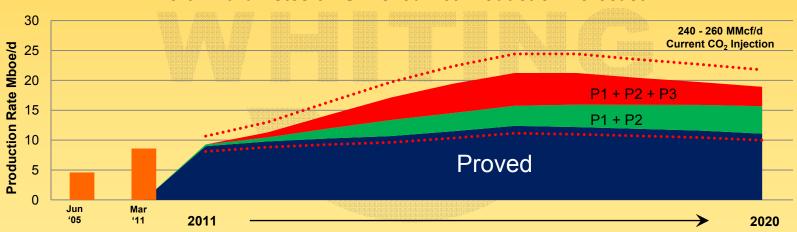
### EOR Projects Net Production Forecasts (1)



#### Postle Field 3P Unrisked Net Production Forecast (2)



#### North Ward Estes 3P Unrisked Net Production Forecast (3)



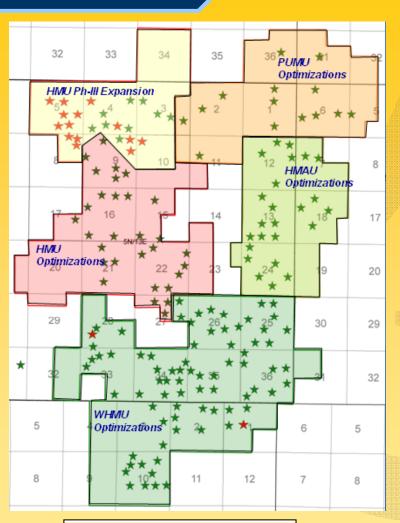
<sup>(1)</sup> Based on independent engineering by Cawley, Gillespie & Associates, Inc. at December 31, 2010. Includes ancillary fields. Please refer to Slide #2 for disclosures regarding "Reserve and Resource Information." All volumes shown are unrisked.

<sup>(2)</sup> Production forecasts based on assumptions in December 31, 2010 reserve report. After 2020, Postle field proved reserve production is expected to decline at 8% - 11% year over year.

Production forecasts based on assumptions in December 31, 2010 reserve report. After 2020, North Ward Estes field proved reserve production is expected to decline at 5% - 7% year over year.

# **Development Plans – Postle Field** *Texas County, Oklahoma*





## Total 2011 - 2015 Remaining Capital Expenditures (in millions, net)

Drilling, Completion, Workovers & Dry Trail Gas Plant \$285

CO<sub>2</sub> Purchases 11

Total: \$ 296

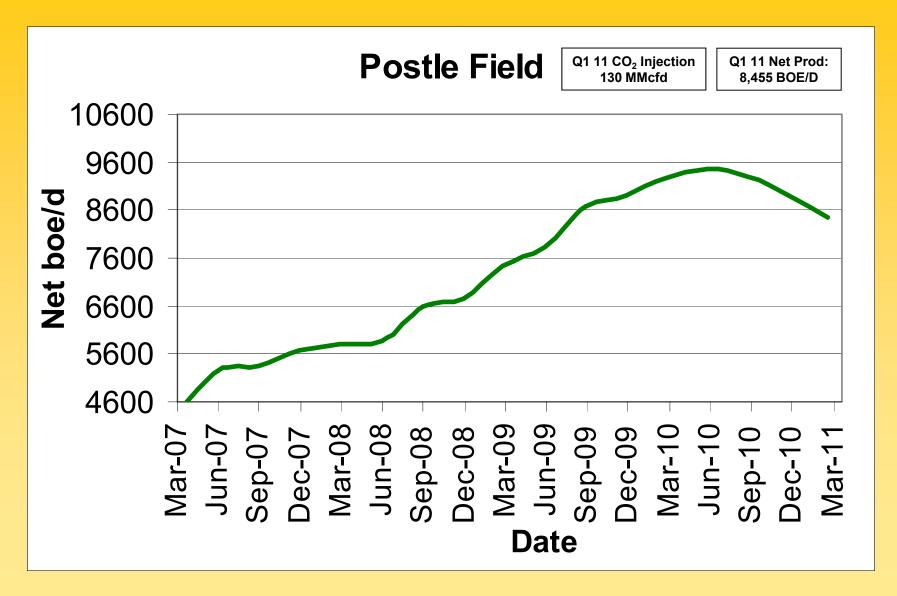
\*\*Completed 157 Wells (2005 – 2010)

\*\*Remaining 16 Wells (2011 – 2012)

**24,225 Net Acres** 

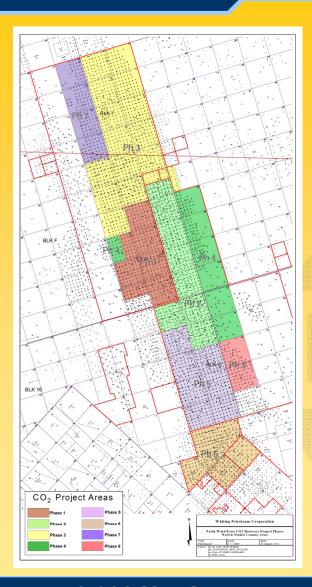
### Postle Quarterly Average Net BOE/D Production





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





### **Project Timing and Net Reserves** (1)

CO <sub>2</sub> Projec	Injection et Start Date	PVPD	Other Proved	<u>P2</u>	<u>P3</u>	Total
Base: Prima WF & CO <sub>2</sub>	90.00.0000	33	12	1	64	110
Phase 1	2007 - 2008	0 (2)	3	4	2	9
Phase 2	2009 - 2010	0 (2)	6	4	4	14
Phase 3	2010 - 2014	0	22	8	8	38
Phase 4	2011	0	3	1	1	5
Phase 5	2012 - 13	0	3	9	8	20
Phase 6	2015	0	10	4	3	17
Phase 7	2016	0	0	0	6	6
Phase 8	2016	0	0	0	3	3
	Totals (MMBOE)	<u>33</u>	59	31	99	222

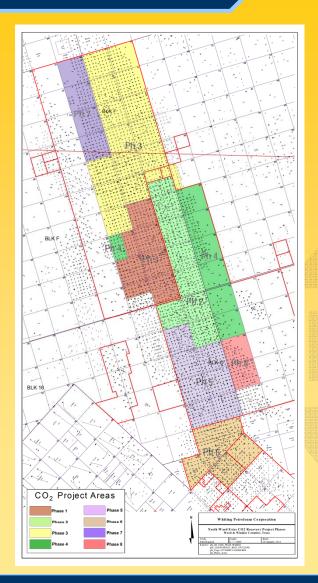
**<sup>58,000</sup> Net Acres** 

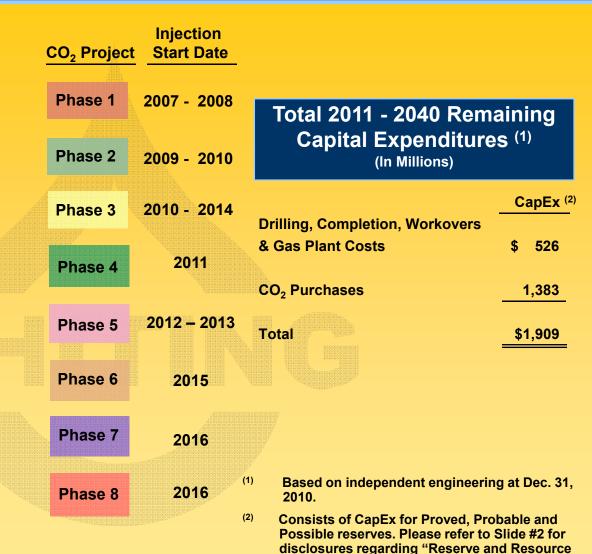
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<sup>(2)</sup> Response moved to Base.

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



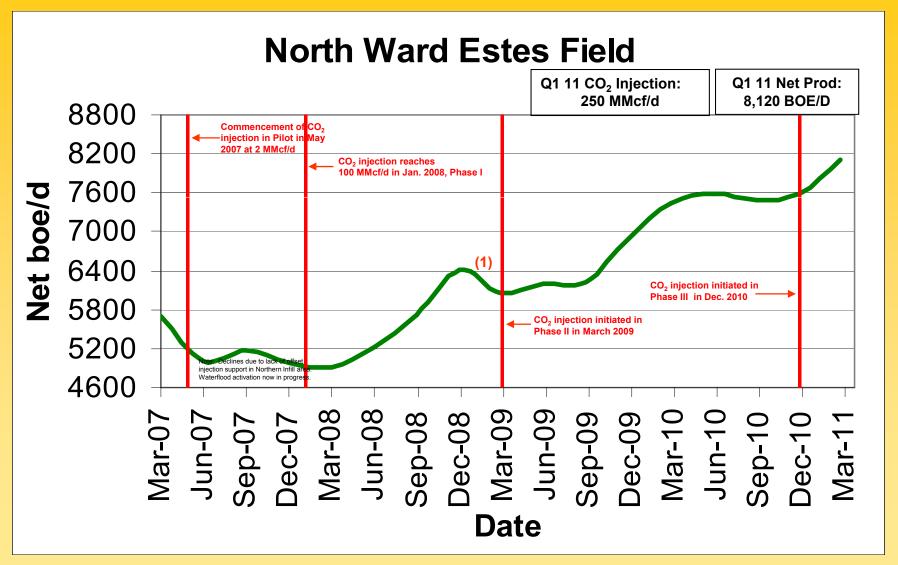




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# North Ward Estes Quarterly Average Net BOE/D Production

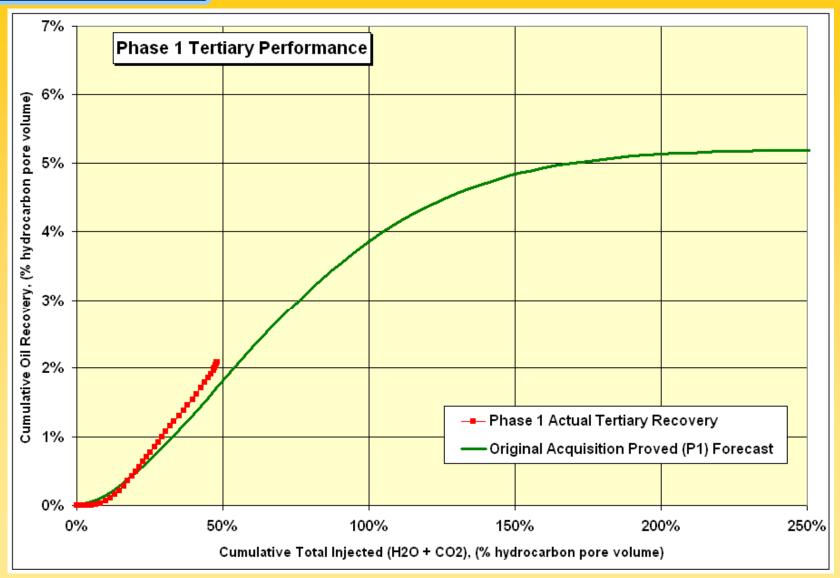




<sup>(1)</sup> Production decline was due to scaling problems that have been subsequently resolved with mechanical and chemical treatments.

# Whiting Estimated Oil Recovery Type Curve from CO<sub>2</sub> Flood *North Ward Estes* (1)

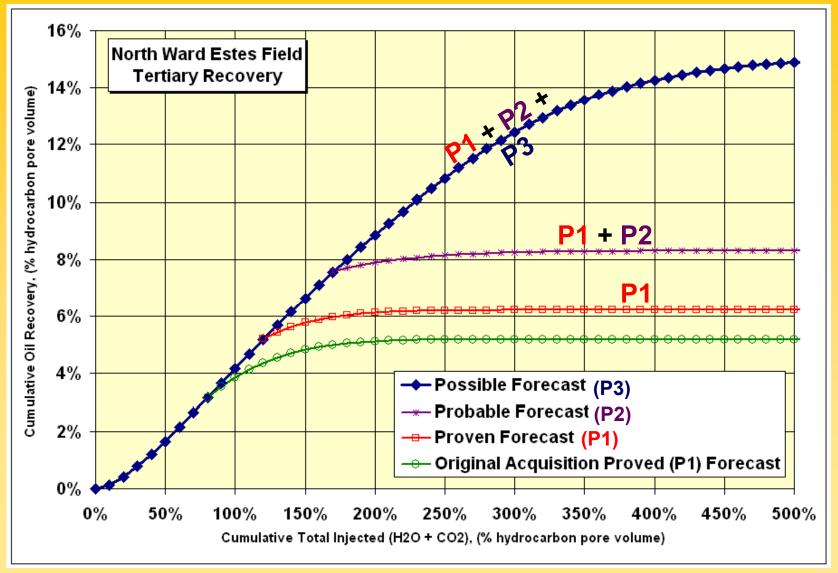




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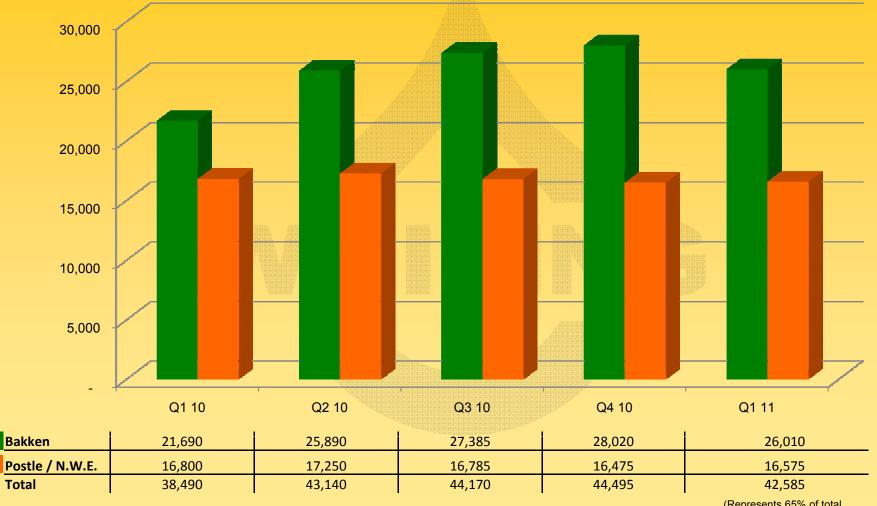


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# Production Growth (in BOE/D)



### Net Production from Bakken, Postle and N. Ward Estes



# Adjusted Net Income and Discretionary Cash Flow for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 (1)(2)



	Three Mor	Three Months Ended			
	3/31/11	3/31/10			
(In millions, except per share data)					
Net Income	\$ 19.1	\$ 81.2			
Adjusted Net Income	\$ 99.7	\$ 62.3			
Adjusted Earnings Per Basic Share	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.61			
Adjusted Earnings Per Diluted Share	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.57			
Discretionary Cash Flow	\$ 284.1	\$ 214.6			

<sup>(1)</sup> Please refer to slide #45 for a Reconciliation of Net Income Available to Common Shareholders to Adjusted Net Income Available to Common Shareholders.

Please refer to slide #46 for a Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Discretionary Cash Flow.

<sup>(3)</sup> All share and per share amounts have been retroactively restated for the 2010 period to reflect the Company's two-for-one stock split in February 2011.

### **Outstanding Bonds and Credit Agreement**



Coupon / Description	<u>Maturity</u>	Amount Outstanding	Ratings Moody's / S&P	Current Price
7.00% / Sr. Sub. – NC	02/01/2014	\$250.0 mil.	Ba3 / BB	106.500
6.50% / Sr. Sub. – NC4	10/01/2018	\$350.0 mil.	Ba3 / BB	103.500

- Bond Finance Covenant: Ratio of pre-tax earnings to fixed charges (interest expense) must be greater than
   2:1. It was 12.03:1 at 03/31/11.
- Restricted Payments Basket: Approximately \$1.6 billion.
- Bank Credit Agreement size is \$1.1 billion, under which \$380 million was drawn as of 03/31/11. Interest rate is currently 1.98% (LIBOR + 1.75%). Redetermination date is 11/1/11.
- Bank Credit Agreement Covenants: Total debt to EBITDAX at 03/31/11 was 0.91:1 (must be less than 4.25:1)
   Working capital at 03/31/11 was 2.25:1 (must be greater than 1:1)

# Total Capitalization (\$ in thousands)



	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2010		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,026	\$ 18,952		
Long-Term Debt:				
Credit Agreement	\$ 380,000	\$ 200,000		
Senior Subordinated Notes	600,000	600,000		
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 980,000	\$ 800,000		
Stockholders' Equity	2,542,745	2,531,315		
Total Capitalization	\$3,522,745	\$3,331,315		
Total Debt / Total Capitalization	27.8%	24.0%		

### **Guidance for Q2 and Full-Year 2011**



#### **Guidance**

	Second Quarter  2011	Full-Year <u>2011</u>	
Production (MMBOE)	6.15 - 6.35	25.80 - 26.20	
Lease operating expense per BOE	\$11.60- \$11.80	\$11.20- \$11.40	
General and admin. expense per BOE	\$3.30 - \$3.50	\$3.25 - \$3.45	
Interest expense per BOE	\$2.25 - \$2.45	\$2.15 - \$2.35	
Depr., depletion and amort. per BOE	\$18.35- \$18.65	\$18.50- \$18.70	
Prod. taxes (% of production revenue)	7.4% - 7.6%	7.4% - 7.7%	
Oil price differentials to NYMEX per Bbl	\$10.00- \$11.00	\$10.00- \$11.00	
Gas price premium to NYMEX per Mcf (1)	\$0.50 - \$0.80	\$0.50 - \$0.80	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes the effect of Whiting's fixed-price gas contracts. Please refer to fixed-price gas contracts on slide #43.

### 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 Crude Oil Hedge Positions**

#### **Existing Natural Gas Hedge Positions**

Hedge Period	Hedged Volumes (Bbls per Month)	Hedge Price Weighted Average Range (\$/Bbl)	As a Percentage of Mar. 2011 Oil Production	Hedged Volumes (MMBtu per Month)	Weighted Average Hedge Price Range (\$/MMBtu)	As a Percentage of March 2011 Gas Production
2011						
Q2	904,696	\$61.01 - \$98.32	54.0%	36,954	\$6.00 - \$13.05	1.6%
Q3	904,479	\$61.01 - \$98.31	53.9%	35,855	\$6.00 - \$13.65	1.6%
Q4	904,255	\$61.00 - \$98.31	53.9%	34,554	\$7.00 - \$14.25	1.5%
2012						
Q1	659,054	\$59.93 - \$106.28	39.3%	33,381	\$7.00 - \$15.55	1.5%
Q2	658,850	\$59.93 - \$106.27	39.3%	32,477	\$6.00 - \$13.60	1.4%
Q3	658,650	\$59.93 - \$106.26	39.3%	31,502	\$6.00 - \$14.45	1.4%
Q4	658,477	\$59.92 - \$106.26	39.3%	30,640	\$7.00 - \$13.40	1.3%
2013						
Q1	290,000	\$47.67 - \$90.21	17.3%			
Q2	290,000	\$47.67 - \$90.21	17.3%			
Q3	290,000	\$47.67 - \$90.21	17.3%			
Oct	290,000	\$47.67 - \$90.21	17.3%			
Nov	190,000	\$47.22 - \$85.06	11.3%			

<sup>(1)</sup> As of April 21, 2011.

## **Fixed-Price Marketing Contracts**



### **Existing Natural Gas Marketing Contracts**

Period	Contracted Volumes (Mcf per Month)	Weighted Average Contracted Price (\$/Mcf)	As a Percentage of March 2011 Gas Production
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Q2 2011	778,914	\$5.31	34.2%
Q3 2011	772,460	\$5.30	33.9%
Q4 2011	772,460	\$5.30	33.9%
Q1 2012	577,127	\$5.30	25.3%
Q2 2012	461,460	\$5.41	20.3%
Q3 2012	465,794	\$5.41	20.5%
Q4 2012	398,667	\$5.46	17.5%
Q1 2013	360,000	\$5.47	15.8%
Q2 2013	364,000	\$5.47	16.0%
Q3 2013	368,000	\$5.47	16.2%
Q4 2013	368,000	\$5.47	16.2%
Q1 2014	330,000	\$5.49	14.5%
Q2 2014	333,667	\$5.49	14.7%
Q3 2014	337,333	\$5.49	14.8%
Q4 2014	337,333	\$5.49	14.8%

### **In Summary**



 Geographically diversified, longlived reserve base



Five core regions; 12.9 (1) year R/P

Grown proved reserves 325% from 71.7 MMBOE at Nov. 2003 IPO to 304.9 MMBOE at 12/31/10

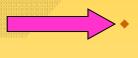
 Multi-year inventory of development, exploitation and exploration projects to drive organic production growth going forward



Grown production 288% from 17.0 MBOE/D at Nov. 2003 IPO to 66.0 MBOE/D in Q1 2011

Drilling inventory as of 12/31/10 of more than 1,300 gross operated wells based on 3P reserves and over 1,500 additional gross operated wells based on resource potential

 Additional exploration potential in the Rockies, Permian Basin and Gulf Coast



Significant organic growth potential from drilling programs

Continued moderate risk organic growth potential from Postle and North Ward Estes fields

Other exploration includes horizontal oil prospects (Williston and Permian Basin)

 Disciplined acquirer with strong record of accretive acquisitions



16 acquisitions in 2004 – 2010; 230.9 MMBOE at \$8.23 per BOE average acquisition cost

Commitment to financial strength



Total Debt to Cap of 27.8% as of March 31, 2011

Proven management and technical team



Average 28 years of experience

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## Adjusted Net Income (1) (In Thousands)



## Reconciliation of Net Income Available to Common Shareholders to Adjusted Net Income Available to Common Shareholders

	Three Months Ended Mar. 31,				
	2011		2	2010	
Net Income Available to Common Shareholders Adjustments Net of Tax:	\$	19,144	\$	81,220	
Amortization of Deferred Gain on Sale		(2,121)		(2,343)	
Impairment Expense	**************************************			2,409	
Unrealized Derivative (Gains) Losses	77,833 (18,945		(18,945)		
Adjusted Net Income (1)	_	\$ 99,668		62,341	
Adjusted Earnings Available to Common					
Shareholders per Share, Basic (2)	<u>\$</u>	0.85	<u>\$</u>	0.61	
Adjusted Earnings Available to Common	_				
Shareholders per Share, Diluted <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>\$</u>	0.84	<u>\$</u>	0.57	

(2) All per share amounts have been retroactively restated for the 2010 period to reflect the Company's two-for-one stock split in February 2011.

<sup>(1)</sup> Adjusted Net Income 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 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 Mar. 31,				
	2011				<u>2010</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	214,055		\$	196,547
Exploration		14,599			9,063
Exploratory dry hole costs		( 2,902)			( 2,010)
Changes in working capital		58,598			16,345
Preferred stock dividends paid		( 270)			( 5,391)
Discretionary cash flow (1)	\$	284,080		\$	214,554
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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.