### W&T Offshore, Inc.

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## Company Highlights



#### **Highlights**

Ticker	WTI (NYSE)
Initial Public Offering	January 2005
Employees	295
Market Capitalization (\$ in MMs) (1)	\$934
Insider Ownership (% of S. O.)	58%

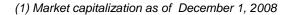
<b>Key Financials (\$ in MMs)</b>	9M 2008	2007	2006
Payanua	\$1,107	\$1,114	\$800
Revenue			•
Adjusted EBITDA	\$862	\$820	\$642
Adjusted EBITDA Margin %	78%	74%	80%
CAPEX	\$505	\$362	\$589

Reserve Data (as of 12/31/07)	
Proved Reserves (Bcfe)	639
Proved Developed Reserves (Bcfe)	395
Proved Developed %	62%
Oil and Liquids %	48%

#### Field Statistics (as of 12/31/07)

# of Producing Fields w/WI	155
Approx. Acreage (Gross/Net)	1.7 million/1.0 million
% Held-by-Production	73%

Production (Pre-storms 8/27/08)	
Average Daily Production (MMcfe) Natural Gas % Operated Production % (net)	310 +/- 55% 67%
Production (Post-storms 11/4/08)	
Current Production (MMcfe)	159 +/-
Natural Gas %	67%





### W&T's Business Strategy

- Cash flow returns and generation is our top priority
- Increase reserves and revenue through the drill bit and by acquisition
- Continued focus on offshore Gulf of Mexico
  - Conventional shelf primary focus
  - Deep Shelf and Deepwater secondary focus
- Numerous acquisition opportunities exist today
  - Competitors continue to divest GOM assets
  - Assets are not leaving basin, just changing hands
- Acreage will be King!
  - Many companies have "left or are leaving" the shelf
  - Held by production acreage is best
- Maintain financial discipline



## Hurricane Update



### Gulf of Mexico Hurricane Gustav/Ike Summary

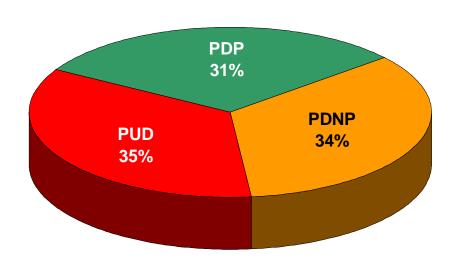
- Offshore Platforms Toppled
  - Operated: El 397"A", El 371"B"
  - Non-operated: VR 386"B", VR 284 "A"&"B", EI 349"A", EI 175"E", EI 292"B", ST 148"B"
  - Non-operated processing facilities: EW 947"A", ST 196"A"
- Gas Pipelines
  - Four Major pipelines damaged: HIOS, Sea Robin, ANR, Discovery
    - 55 MMcfe/d production deferred
- Production Facilities with damage to both Gas and Oil Pipeline
  - EC 321: Gas line is TETCO, Oil line is portions of Marathon/Exxon
  - SS 154: Gas line is Tennessee 500, Oil line is Whitecap
    - Total production deferred 30 MMcfe/d
- Oil Pipelines
  - 20 MMcfe/d production deferred
- Operated Drilling Rigs
  - Mat Cantilever rig replaced by Independent Leg Jack-up due to sea floor conditions

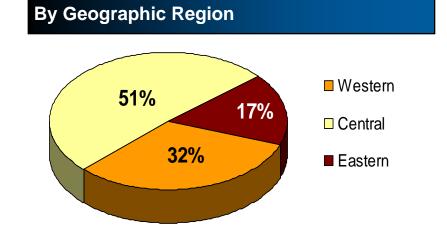


### Reserves and Production Overview



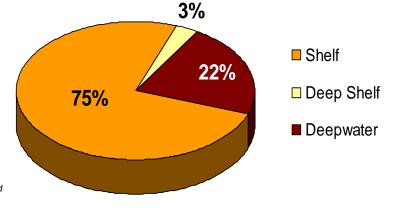
### Proved Reserves – December 31, 2007





	Oil & NGLs (MMbbls)	Gas Total (Bcf) (Bcfe)		PV-10 <sup>(2)</sup> (\$ in millions)	
Net Proved Reserves: (1	)				
PDP	13.4	143.5	224.1	\$ 964	
PDNP	13.2	91.8	171.2	1,002	
PUD	24.3	97.5	243.5	1,089	
Total Proved	51.0	332.8	638.8	\$ 3,055	



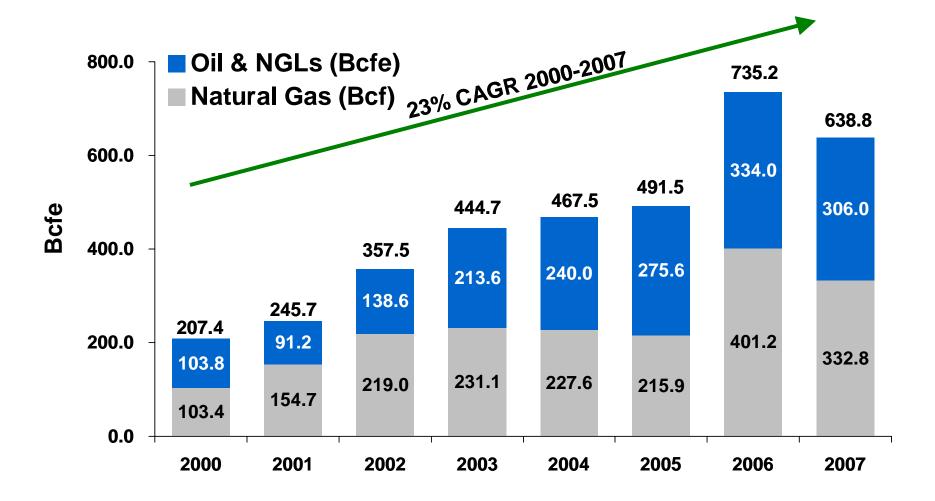


<sup>1.</sup> PV 10 is based on SEC flat pricing of \$87.22/Bbl and \$6.88/Mcf as of December 31, 2007. Totals may not foot due to rounding.

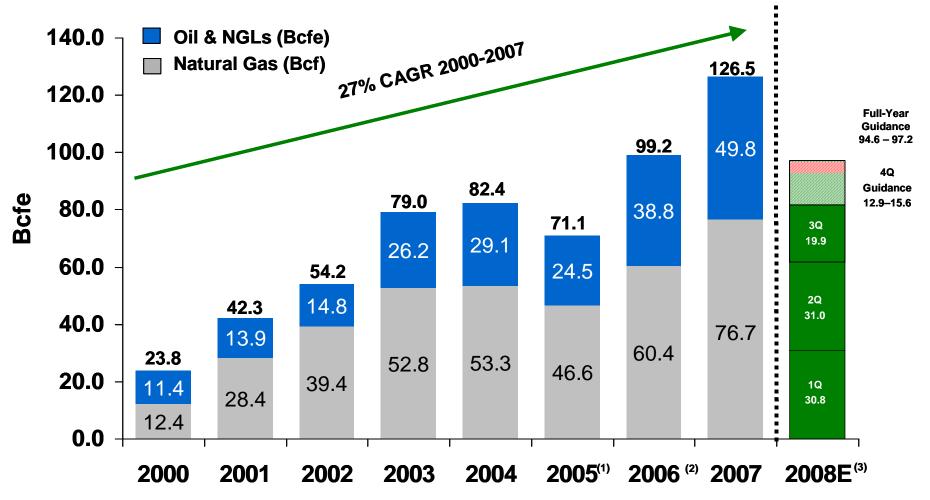


<sup>2.</sup> The PV-10, as calculated by our independent petroleum consultant, has been adjusted by the Company to include estimated retirement obligations. The PV-10 value is a non-GAAP measure and is defined in the 2007 10k.

### History of reserve growth



### Production growth



<sup>1 2005</sup> Production does not include 17.4 Bcfe of deferral caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita



<sup>2 2006</sup> Production does not include 7.8 Bcfe of deferral caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

<sup>3 2008</sup>E Production does not include 8.0 Bcfe of deferral caused by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike

# Acquisitions



## Winning Acquisition Strategy

Key to our successful acquisition strategy is our ability to <u>target under-exploited assets</u>

Key	Acquisition Factors	Example
1.	Cash Flow	Strong current production rates, including severa behind pipe, workover projects identified early
2.	"Bank-ability"	High % proved developed reserve base Banks lend based on Proved Developed Reserve
3.	Identified Upside	Undrilled prospects in dataroom Contiguous acreage to existing heritage propertie Undeveloped lease blocks / acreage Reduced need to supplement with lease sales
4.	Neglected properties	Overlooked assets Lacking expertise Minimal CAPEX in recent years

## Transaction History

- ▶ Ability to overcome natural decline rates
- ▶ Strong acquire and exploit capabilities
- ▶ Cumulative production through 2007 was 473 Bcfe

Transaction	Producing Fields Acq'd	Reserves Acq'd	Transaction Price (\$MM)	Acq. Multiple \$/Mcfe	2007 Reserves
Vastar - 1999	7	18 Bcfe	\$9.9	\$0.55	37 Bcfe
Amoco -1999 <sup>(1)</sup>	5	64 Bcfe	\$26.1	\$0.41	43 Bcfe
EEX - 2000	40	46 Bcfe	\$43.8	\$0.95	15 Bcfe
Burlington - 2002	53	120 Bcfe	\$52.3	\$0.44	104 Bcfe
ConocoPhillips - 2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	13	95 Bcfe	\$55.8	\$0.59	72 Bcfe
Sub Total	118	343 Bcfe	\$187.9	\$0.55	271 Bcfe
Kerr-McGee - 2006	72	247 Bcfe	\$1,061.0	\$4.30	197 Bcfe
Apache "Mahogany" - 2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	1	60 Bcfe	\$116.0	\$1.93	60 Bcfe
Grand Total	191	650 Bcfe	\$1,364.9	\$2.10	528 Bcfe

<sup>(1)</sup> Purchased partial working interest in Amoco and ConocoPhilips transactions. (2) Closed 1/29/08 with effective date of 1/1/08.

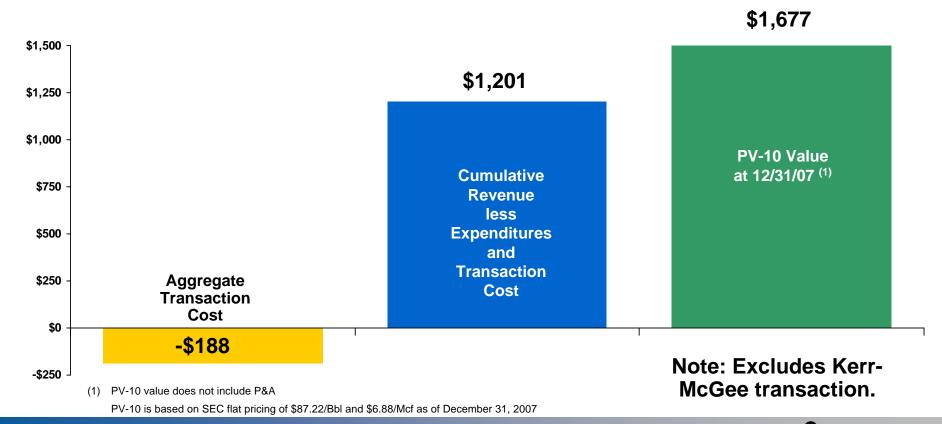


### Acquisitions Prior to KMG

Value created from 5 Major Transactions from 1999-2003 (\$ in millions)

**Probable and Possible:** 

Probable: 78.8 Bcfe \$470 MM PV-10 Possible: 85.5 Bcfe \$518 MM PV-10 93 Exploration and Development Wells Drilled

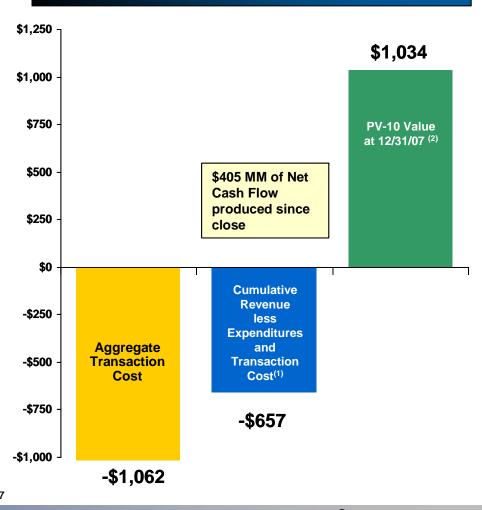


### Kerr-McGee Report Card

We believe the integration of KMG into W&T is on schedule and we are continuing to find more opportunities

- Assumed operations on October 1, 2006
- Purchased new seismic
- Completed 36 recompletes & 14 workovers
- Wells drilled through 2007:
  - ▶ 10 exploration wells
  - ▶ 2 development wells
- Anticipate drilling 22 exploration wells in 2008
- Anticipate drilling 1 development well in 2008
  - (1) Approximate Revenues and Costs at 9/30/08
  - (2) PV-10 value does not include P&A PV-10 is based on SEC flat pricing of \$87.22/Bbl and \$6.88/Mcf as of December 31, 2007





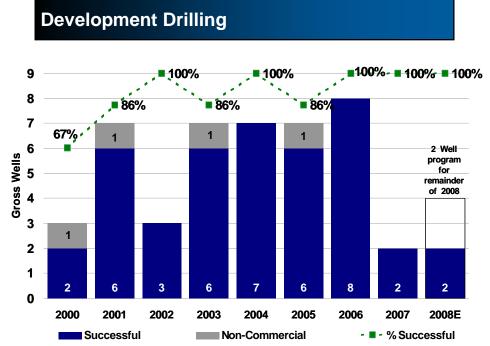


# **Drilling Overview**

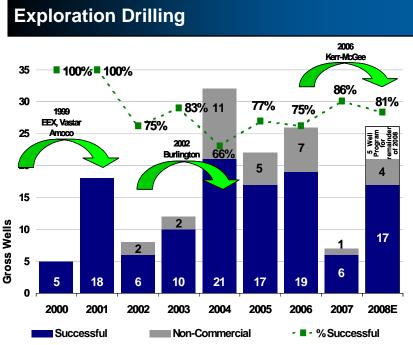


### Development and Exploration Success

Thus far in 2008, W&T has continued its strong performance with total average success rate of 83%



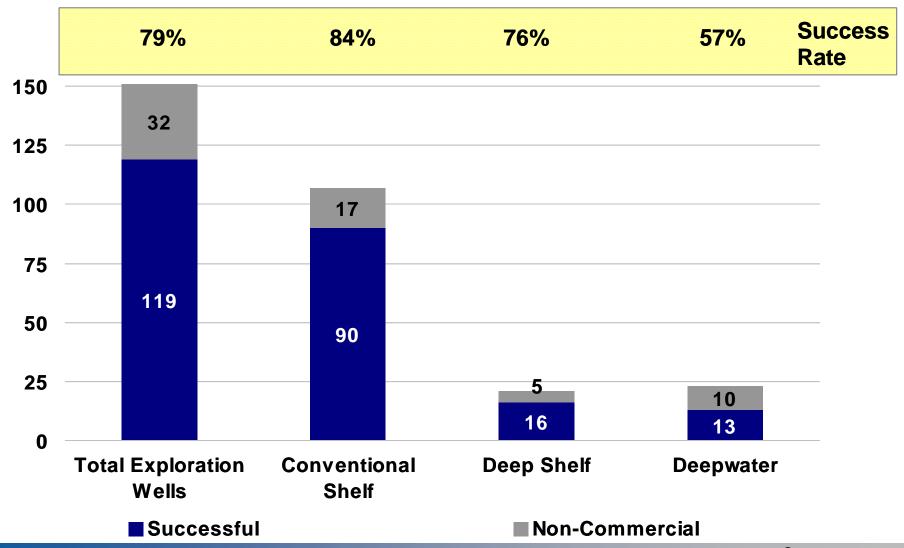
Overall Development Drilling success: 42 of 46, 91% success rate



Overall Exploration Drilling success: 119 of 151, 79% success rate



### Exploration Success 2000 – December 1, 2008

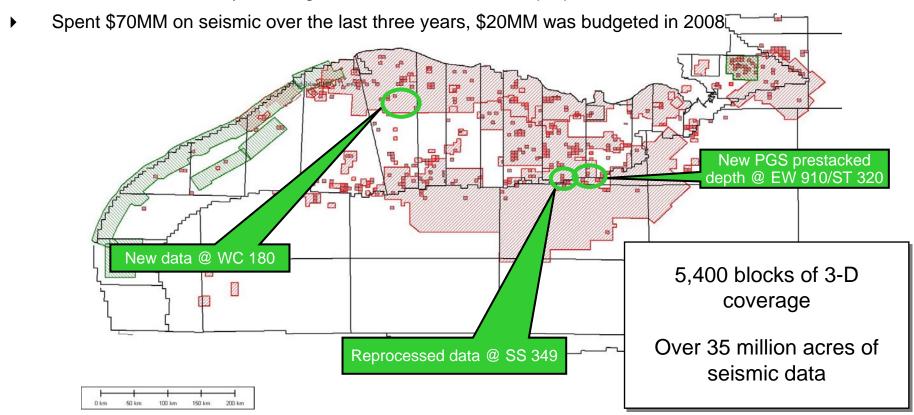


## 2008 Exploration & Development Program



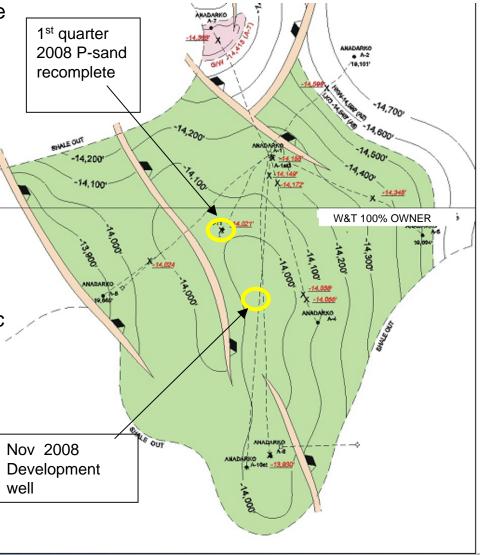
### Seismic Coverage

- ▶ Goal is to obtain a continuous 3-D database covering all W&T properties
- ▶ Recent new 3-D seismic acquisition as indicated in the green shaded areas
  - 660 blocks of SEI 3-D across offshore Texas
  - 68 blocks of WesternGECO/GPI across Main Pass
  - 25 blocks across West Cameron
- New seismic is already showing results on W&T and KMG properties



### Recent Asset Acquisition – SS349 "Mahogany"

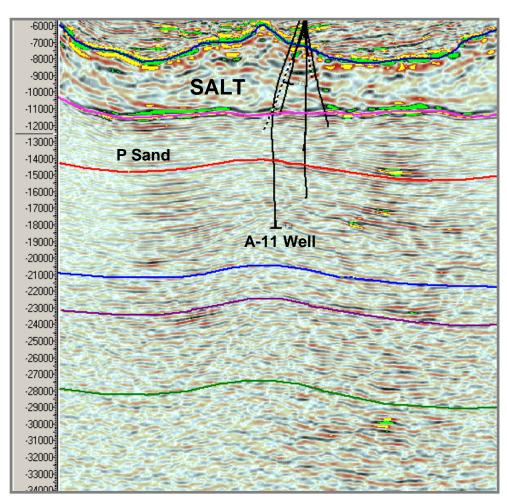
- First commercial field in the subsalt play in the GOM
  - 5 productive horizons below salt at depths as deep as 17,000 feet
  - Miocene section is undrilled
- Became operator in Dec. 2004
- Closed transaction on 1/29/08;
   effective date 1/1/08
- Purchased 60 Bcfe for \$116MM
- ▶ 83% oil reserves on 12/31/07
- Newly reprocessed pre-stacked depth seismic
- Maximizing production
  - Acid Stimulation Program (A-4, A-5)
  - Recomplete to P-sand (A-11)





## SS349 "Mahogany"- Deep Prospect

- ▶ A-11 deepest well in Field @ 18,380'
  TVD
- ▶ Deepest pay zone X-Sand @ 17,150' TVD
- ▶ A-11 TD in lower most Pliocene, essentially all of Miocene & deeper section not penetrated
- P-Sand most prolific of productive zones beneath salt
- Gross production of P-Sand only through 12-2007 15MMBO & 25Bcfg
- ► Total subsalt gross production through 12-2007 including P-Sand 19.6 MMBO & 35.2 Bcfg



Note: Seismic courtesy of PGS

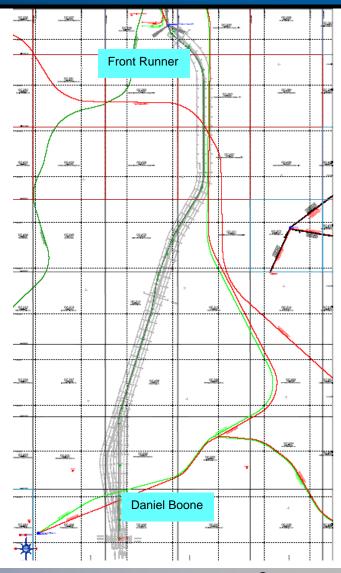


## Green Canyon 646 "Daniel Boone"

W&T working interest 60% and is the operator

Reserves (Bcfe)	
Proved	24
Probable	10
Possible	19
3P Total	53

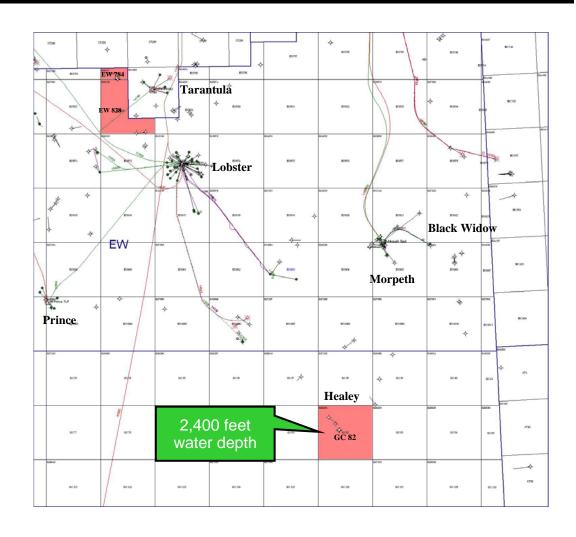
- ► Total measured depth 12,365 feet
- 119 miles off coast of Louisiana
- 4,230 feet of water depth
- ▶ 275 feet of oil and natural gas sands
- Development via a subsea production system tied back to the Front Runner spar
  - 26 mile tie back
- First production expected second half 2009
  - No delays due to recent storms





## Green Canyon 82 - Healey

- ▶ 100% W&T Working Interest
- ▶ Lease purchased in 2004
- Development options under review
  - EPS
  - Subsea tieback
    - Lobster platform
    - Morpeth TLP
    - Prince TLP
- ▶ 4 Additional prospects identified with Healey #4





## 2008 Drilling Program

#### **Development**

Drilled and online

1 Ship Shoal 224 E-19 Shelf 67%
2 South Timbalier 230 A-7st Shelf 100%

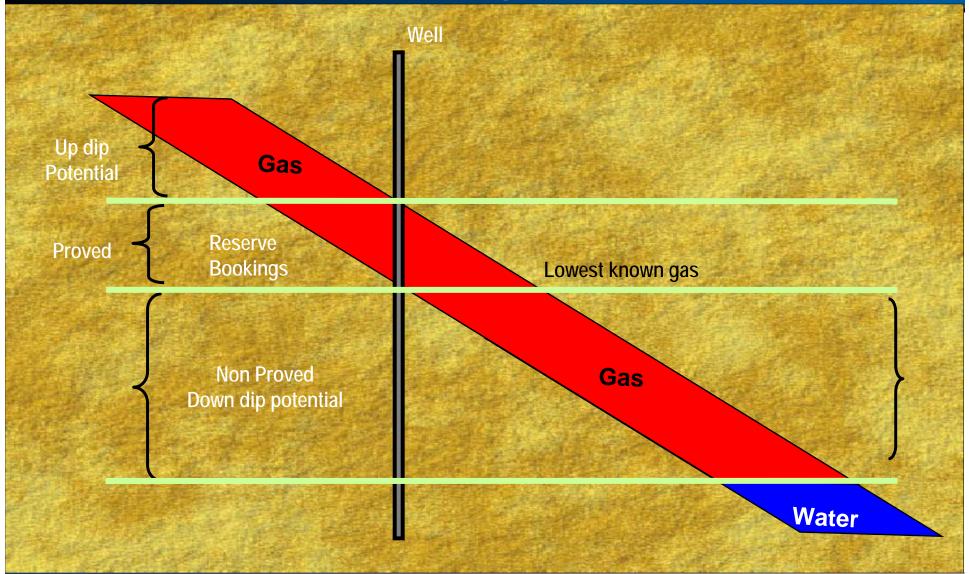
#### To Begin Drilling in 2008

3 Ship Shoal 359 A-12st Shelf 100% 4 Vermilion 23 C-2st Shelf 25%

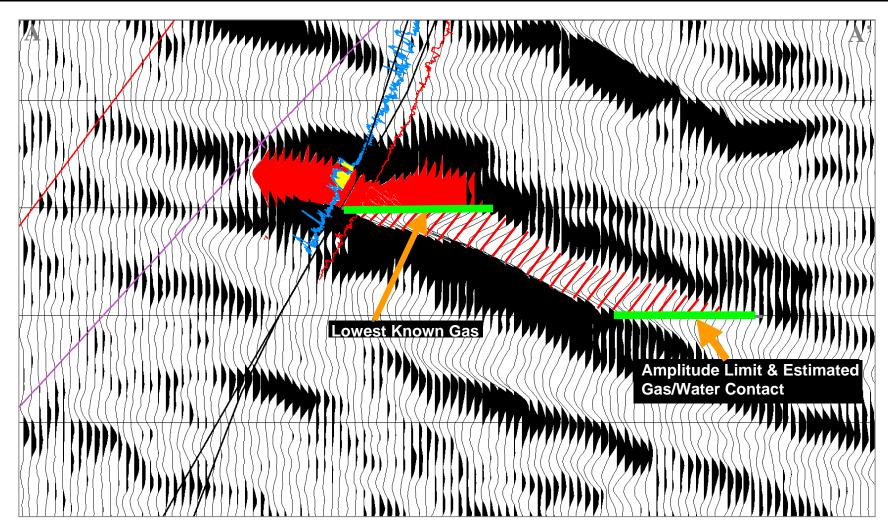
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Drilled ar	d onli	ne		
1 Eugene Island 175	H-5	Shelf	25%	
2 Eugene Island 175	I-2st	Shelf	25%	
3 High Island 111	A-11	Shelf	62%	
4 Main Pass 108	D-2	Shelf	75%	
5 Main Pass 108	D-3	Shelf	75%	
6 Main Pass 283	A-1st	Shelf	75%	
7 Ship Shoal 224	E-18	Deep Shelf	47%	
8 Ship Shoal 224	E-20	Shelf	100%	
9 Ship Shoal 232	B-2st	Deep Shelf	90%	
10 Ship Shoal 300	A-2st	Shelf	100%	
11 Ship Shoal 314	A-4st	Shelf	100%	
12 Ship Shoal 314	A-2st	Shelf	75%	
13 Ship Shoal 315	A-3st	Shelf	100%	
14 South Timbalier 217	A-3	Shelf	50%	_
Comp	leting			
15 Eugene Island 186	#1	Deep Shelf		To be completed and on-line in 2008
16 Eugene Island 261	A-5	Shelf	33%	To be completed and on-line in 2009
17 High Island A376	#7	Shelf	28%	To be completed and on-line in 2009
Currently				
18 Main Pass 108	E-1	Shelf	75%	
19 Main Pass 279	A-6	Shelf	75%	Net unrisked reserve potential
20 South Timbalier 320	A-7	Deep Shelf		➤ ~100 Bcfe
21 Vermilion 225	B-7	Deep Shelf	94%	.
To Begin Dri				l
22 South Marsh Island 39	C-4st		50%	J
Non Con			5061	
23 High Island 38	#2	Deep Shelf		
24 Main Pass 266	A-5	Shelf	50%	
25 Ship Shoal 317	#1	Shelf	75%	
26 Viosca Knoll 519	#1	Deep Shelf	90%	



# Proved Reserve Bookings Example



## Proved Reserve Bookings - Pluto MC 718

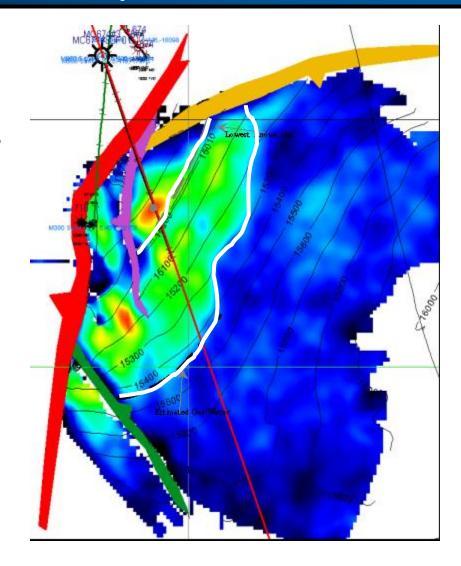


3-D Seismic Courtesy of WesternGeco



## Pluto MC 718 #3 M1:50 Deepwater Sand

- Example of limited proved reserve bookings
- ▶ Initial production in mid-September 2006
- Proved reserves at booking was 2.9 Bcfe gross
- Cumulative production is 10.5 Bcfe gross





### Financials



### 2008 Capital Expenditures Program

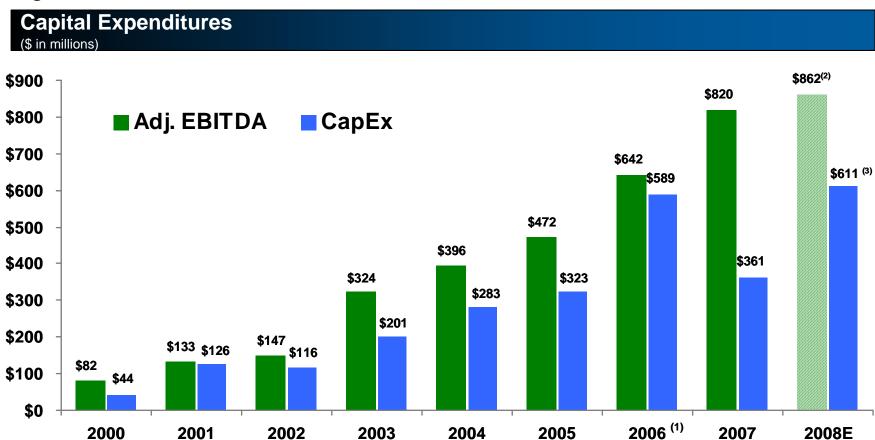
(\$ in millions)	2008 dget <sup>(1)</sup>	2008 ctual	2007	<b>7</b> A	2006	6A
Exploration	\$ 34	\$ 196	\$ 171	47%	\$ 252	43%
Development	71	253	129	36%	302	51%
Seismic & other <sup>(2)</sup>	2	55	61	17%	35	6%
Total Capital Budget	\$ 107	\$ 504	\$ 361	100%	\$ 589	100%

- W&T spent \$117 MM to acquire the remaining interest in SS349 "Mahogany"
- ▶ The 2008 budget will be funded from internally generated cash flow

<sup>(1)</sup> Assumes 30 wells drilled in 2008 (2) Includes \$21 MM in additional Leasehold costs in 9M 2008 actual

### Drill from Cash Flow

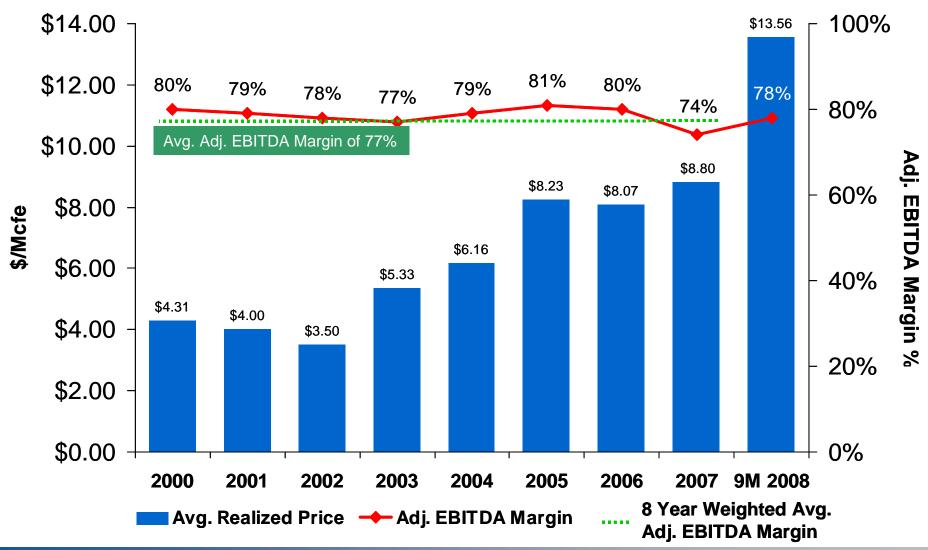
W&T has funded capital expenditures largely through internally generated cash flow



(1) Excludes Kerr-McGee acquisition costs (2) First nine months of 2008 actuals (3) Full Year 2008E CAPEX



### W&T Offshore High EBITDA Margins



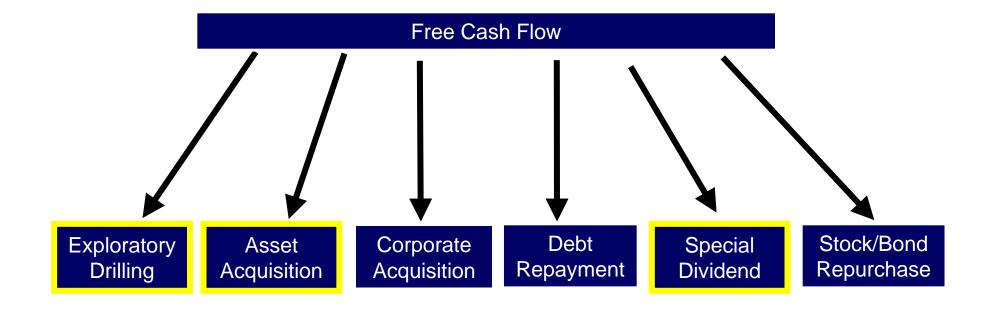
## Commodity Hedging Schedule

Crude Oil (12/1/08 - 12/31/08)	Remaining 2008			
Collars				
Volumes (Bbls/day)	2,800			
Volumes (Bbls)	86,800			
Floor-Ceiling	\$60.00 - \$74.50			
Approximate Mcfe/d	16,800			
Approximate Mcfe	520,800			

Note: 1 open contract remains for Crude Oil

## W&T Liquidity - Opportunities

- ▶ Cash balance at 11/4/08 ~ \$500 million
- ▶ Undrawn revolver at 11/4/08 = \$500 million



### **Key Drivers**

- High cash-on-cash returns repeatable over many years
- Great Liquidity
- Proven Track-Record of Acquiring and Exploiting assets
- Large inventory of prospects

## Forward-Looking Statement Disclosure

This presentation, contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Forward-looking statements give our current expectations or forecasts of future events. They include statements regarding our future operating and financial performance. Although we believe the expectations and forecasts reflected in these and other forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance they will prove to have been correct. They can be affected by inaccurate assumptions or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties. You should understand that the following important factors, could affect our future results and could cause those results or other outcomes to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements relating to: (1) amount, nature and timing of capital expenditures; (2) drilling of wells and other planned exploitation activities; (3) timing and amount of future production of oil and natural gas; (4) increases in production growth and proved reserves; (5) operating costs such as lease operating expenses, administrative costs and other expenses: (6) our future operating or financial results; (7) cash flow and anticipated liquidity; (8) our business strategy, including expansion into the deep shelf and the deepwater of the Gulf of Mexico, and the availability of acquisition opportunities: (9) hedging strategy: (10) exploration and exploitation activities and property acquisitions; (11) marketing of oil and natural gas; (12) governmental and environmental regulation of the oil and gas industry; (13) environmental liabilities relating to potential pollution arising from our operations; (14) our level of indebtedness; (15) timing and amount of future dividends; (16) industry competition, conditions, performance and consolidation: (17) natural events such as severe weather, hurricanes, floods, fire and earthquakes; and (18) availability of drilling rigs and other oil field equipment and services.

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## Appendix



### Reconciliation of Net Income to EBITDA

## The following table presents a reconciliation of our consolidated net income to consolidated EBITDA to Adjusted EBITDA:

	Year Ended December 31,								
	2000	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	2008
(\$ in thousands)									
Net income	\$48,204	\$ 63,569	\$ 2,049	\$ 116,582	\$149,482	\$ 189,023	\$199,104	\$144,300	\$292,597
Income taxes			52,408	61,156	80,008	101,003	107,205	71,459	150,914
Net interest expense (income)	4,918	3,902	3,001	2,229	1,842	(1,601)	11,261	30,684	15,899
Depreciation, depletion,									
amortization and accretion	29,775	65,293	89,941	143,692	164,808	183,833	337,627	532,910	413,195
EBITDA	82,177	132,764	147,399	323,659	396,140	472,258	655,242	779,353	872,605
Loss on extinguishment of debt								2,806	
Unrealized derivatives loss (gain)							(13,476)	37,831	(10,933)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$82,177	\$132,764	\$ 147,399	\$ 323,659	\$396,140	\$ 472,258	\$641,766	\$819,990	\$861,672

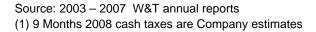
We define EBITDA as net income plus income tax expense, net interest expense (income), and depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion. Adjusted EBITDA also excludes the unrealized gain or loss related to our open derivative contracts. Although not prescribed under generally accepted accounting principles, we believe the presentation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA provide useful information regarding our ability to service debt and to fund capital expenditures and help our investors understand our operating performance and make it easier to compare our results with those of other companies that have different financing, capital and tax structures. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered in isolation from or as a substitute for net income, as an indication of operating performance or cash flows from operating activities or as a measure of liquidity. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, as we calculate them, may not be comparable to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA measures reported by other companies. In addition, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA do not represent funds available for discretionary use.



### Free Cash Flow Generation

#### Over the last 5 ¾ years, W&T has generated 19% Free Cash Flow Yield

	Year Ended December 31,						9 Months					
		2003		2004		2005	2006	2007		2008		TOTAL
(\$ in thousands)												
Revenues	\$	422,587	\$	508,715	\$	585,136	\$ 800,466	\$ 1,113,749	\$	1,107,303	\$	4,537,956
Adjusted EBITDA		323,659		396,140		472,258	641,766	819,990		861,672		3,515,485
Less: Cash Taxes	\$	(45,450)	\$	(65,229)	\$	(17,969)	\$ (47,993)	\$ (34,030)	\$	(26,591) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	(237,262)
Cash Interest		(2,111)		(1,692)		(791)	(19,600)	(56,673)		(28,402)		(109,271)
Cash Dividends		(41,000)		(4,450)		(3,958)	(8,225)	(9,137)		(39, 159)		(105,929)
Plus: Interest Income		279		276		2,746	5,919	6,405		9,271		24,896
Total Cash Payments	\$	(88,283)	\$	(71,095)	\$	(19,972)	\$ (69,899)	\$ (93,435)	\$	(84,881)	\$	(427,566)
Cash Available for CAPEX	\$	235,376	\$	325,045	\$	452,286	\$ 571,867	\$ 726,555	\$	776,791	\$	3,087,919
Less: CAPEX w/o acquisitions		(148,602)		(279,866)		(321,473)	(594,134)	(360,087)		(505,073)	(	(2,209,235)
Free Cash Flow	\$	86,774	\$	45,179	\$	130,813	\$ (22,267)	\$ 366,468	\$	271,718	\$	878,684
Free Cash Flow Yield (FCF/REV)		21%		9%		22%	-3%	33%		25%		19%





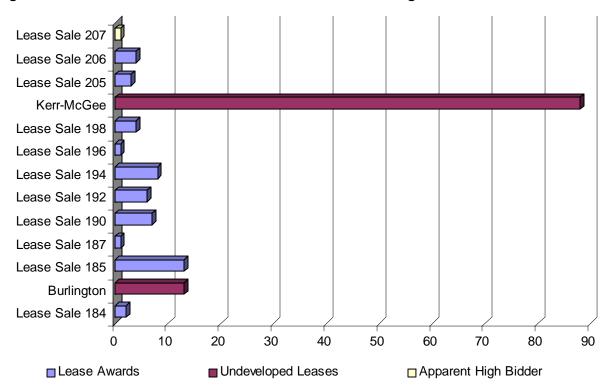
### Lender Group

- ▶ On October 24, 2008 the borrowing base of the revolving credit facility was reaffirmed
  - Revolving credit facility matures in 2012
- ▶ W&T has \$500 million available at 11/4/2008
  - No significant exposure to recent credit market turmoil

Lender	% share	Lender	% share
Toronto Dominion	10.0	ING Capital	5
BMO Capital Markets	9.0	Amegy Bank	4
Fortis Capital Corporation	9.0	Bank of Scotland	4
Natixis	9.0	SunTrust Bank	4
BNP Paribas	7.1	Bank of America	4
<b>GE Business Finacial Services</b>	7.0	Morgan Stanley Bank	4
Royal Bank of Canada	7.0	Bank of Nova Scotia	4
Guaranty Bank	6.4	Societe Generale	4
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### Balance of Acreage acquired and MMS Lease Sales

- ▶ W&T has accumulated 1 million net acres of which 73% is Held By Production
- Since 2002, W&T has been awarded 49 leases in the GOM Lease Sales
- ▶ Since 2002, W&T has acquired 101 undeveloped leases through acquisitions
- We believe that the combination of successful lease sales and acquisitions provide W&T more than adequate opportunities to explore and develop years worth of drilling prospects
- Apparent high bidder on one Conventional Shelf lease in August 2008 at Central Lease Sale 207



# Realized prices, Costs per Mcfe & Credit Stats

Realized price	2005	2006	2007	9M 2008
Natural Gas (\$/Mcf) Liquids (\$/Bbl) Realized Price (\$/Mcfe)	\$ 8.27 48.85 8.23	\$ 7.08 57.70 8.07	\$ 7.20 67.58 8.80	\$ 10.21 106.71 13.56
Cost per Mcfe	2005	2006	2007	9M 2008
Lease Operating Expense Lease Operating Expense-Hurricane repairs Production taxes Gathering and transportation DD&A Asset retirement obligation accretion General and administrative Total operating costs	\$ 1.07 - 0.01 0.17 2.46 0.13 0.34 4.18	\$ 1.15 - 0.02 0.16 3.28 0.13 0.38 5.11	\$ 1.71 0.15 0.05 0.12 4.04 0.17 0.31 6.55	\$ 1.92 - 0.10 0.18 4.70 0.36 0.42 \$ 7.68
Cash interest expense	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.47
Credit Stats	2005	2006	2007	9M 2008
Adjusted EBITDA/Cash Interest Net Debt/Adjusted EBITDA  Total Debt/Book Capitalization Ratio Net Debt/Net Capitalization Ratio	409.6x NA 7% NA	21.1x 1.0x 40% 38%	14.9x 0.4x 36% 23%	21.4x 0.0x 31% -2%
Total Debt/Proved Reserves (\$ / Mcfe) Net Debt/Proved Reserves (\$ / Mcfe) Net Debt/Proved Developed Reserves (\$ / Mcfe)	\$ 0.08 NA NA	\$ 0.93 0.88 1.35	\$ 1.02 0.53 0.86	N/A N/A N/A

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