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**Merger
Transaction**

Merger Rationale

Enhances U.S. core areas with quality natural gas assets

Expands base of low-risk exploitation projects

Accelerates production growth profile

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Accretive to 2005 earnings / cash flow

Underpinned with attractive hedges

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**Merger
Transaction**

**Operational
Benefits**

Strategic Asset Rationale

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Rockies, S. Texas, Gulf Coast, Gulf of Mexico

Major player in all core areas

Shifts KMG reserve base

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Application of KMG tight-gas and supply-chain expertise

Entry into new core areas - Uinta Basin

Stong base foundation for high-potential exploration growth

**Regional
Overlap**

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**Impact to
Reserves
MM BOE**

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As of Jan. 1, 2004

29% increase in proved reserves

Complements core U.S. onshore & gulf assets

Adds balance/stability

Substantial potential from identified probable and possible locations

Reserve Balance
Pro Forma Jan. 1, 2004

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By Product

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By Category

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By Region

1.3 B BOE

Production Profile
Pro Forma
M BOE/D

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* Assumes Aug. 1, 2004 effective date

Production by Region
Pro Forma 2005
M BOE/D

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**Unit Operating
Cost Impact
\$/ BOE**

	2005
LOE*	\$ (.20)
Production Tax	.30
Transportation	(.10)
G&A*	(.25)
Net Impact	\$ (.25)

Maintains Kerr-McGee's high-margin cash flow per BOE

* Includes \$40 MM of synergies in LOE and G&A

**Additional
Synergies**

Strategic fit with existing Kerr-McGee core positions

Geological and geophysical knowledge

Drilling experience

Completion technology

Operational expertise

Added scale benefits supply-chain opportunities

Opportunities in areas where Kerr-McGee has demonstrated ability to add reserves and value

Potential to highgrade exploration program

**Purchase Price
By Reserve Layer**

	Purchase Price \$ MM	Reserves (MM BOE)	Purchase Price \$/BOE
Proven reserves	\$ 2,147	297	7.23
Probable & possible	930	300	3.10
Exploitation / exploration	300	500	.60
Gathering assets	50		
	\$ 3,427		

**Probable & Possible
Resources
MM BOE**

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Value

Rank	Field
1	Wattenberg
2	Nansen
3	Natural Buttes
4	Gunnison
5	Harding
6	Constitution
7	Gryphon
8	Red Hawk
9	CFD 11-1 & CFD 11-2
10	Conger
11	Baldpate
12	Tulich
13	Flores
14	Skene
15	VK 826
16	MP 108
17	Janice
18	Leadon
19	Mocane Laverne
20	Pompano
21	Moxa Arch
22	BA 133
23	Rincon
24	Elm Grove
25	Boomvang
26	Andrews
27	WC Blk 180/198
28	Speaks, SW
29	Navajo
30	ST Blk 316

Yellow - KMG
Blue - WRC

As of Jan. 1, 2004

**Greater Natural Buttes Area
 Uinta Basin**

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New core area

Large, stable, long-life gas

High-quality gas asset

Stacked pay with field extension

Value plus by mid-stream assets

Current avg. daily production (MMCFe/D)	92
Reserves 12/31/03 (BCFe)	658
Gross acres	271,000
Net acres	229,000

**Greater Natural Buttes Area
New Drilling Locations**

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**Greater Natural Buttes Area
Development Potential**

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	BCFe
Exploitation	900
Probable/Possible	900
PUD	355
PDP	308

*Approximately 80% net leases

1.8 TCFe of upside potential exists

Infills

Deepenings

Southeast extension

Down-spacing

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**D-J Basin
Acquisition Lookback**

Since acquisition. . .

Added 350 BCFe of proved reserves

Completed > 1,100 projects in Wattenberg

Increased project inventory 12%

Increased value by \$250 MM

Created core area to exploit tight-gas expertise

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**Moxa Arch
Green River Basin**

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Key Characteristics

Sizeable, long-life, natural gas asset

524,000 gross / 149,000 net acres

50 MMCFe/D gross operated 33 MMCFe/D net

2004 Program

35-40 development wells

IRR 25% -40% (1)

(1) Assuming NYMEX gas prices of \$4.20/MCF - \$5.20/MCF

Upside Potentials

Infill drilling at center 5th spot (pending regulatory approval)

Infill drilling at section line 5th spot (not booked)

Improved stimulation design

Focused team approach as in Wattenberg

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**Coalbed Methane
Powder River Basin**

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Wyodak Coal

Currently producing 15 MMCF/D gross operated

15-20 wells planned for 2004

Table / Culp (Big George)

30,000 gross acres / 9,500 net acres

10-16 well pilot program scheduled for next 12 months, subject to obtaining permits

Gulf Coast

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Adds . . .

280 BCFe proved reserves, 70% proved developed, 95% natural gas

160 BCFe probable & possible potential

190-340 BCFe net unrisks exploration potential

**Gulf Coast
Expertise**

Historical core operating area

Ongoing active program

20-30 wells planned in 2004

Developed nearly 30MM BOE recently

Extensive 3-D coverage

**Gulf Coast
Upside Potential**

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Exploitation

More than 200 identified exploitation

4 rigs currently running

Exploration

> 40 identified prospects

190-340 BCFe resource potential

75,000 gross / 40,000 net acres

Ongoing 3-D evaluation

**Elm Grove Field
Northern Louisiana**

Daily Oil Production (MMCFe/D)

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Average 37% WI

33-36 wells planned for 2004

1.5 BCFe average reserves/well

40 acre infill potential - 60 to 80 locations

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**Gulf of Mexico
Complementary Position**

Adds complementary shelf assets to existing deepwater opportunities

20 M BOE/D or production

68% gas

80% operated

Near-term exploitation opportunities

Benefit from Kerr-McGee's extensive infrastructure

>100 blocks; 12 in deep water

Tahiti override

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Tahiti ORRI
Green Canyon 640

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3.7% ORRI on Green Canyon 640

14 MM BOE of probable and possible

Sanction expected in 2005

First production expected 2008

No capital required

Gulf of Mexico

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**Current Westport
Activity**

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**Existing 2004
Exploration Program
\$300 MM**

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45-55 Exploratory Wells

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**Financial
Benefits**

Transaction is accretive

Earnings per share

3.0% - 18.8% in 2005

Cash flow per share

0.3% - 4.6% in 2005

\$150 MM to \$250 MM of projected free cash flow coming from Westport assets in 2005 & 2006

Improves balance sheet leverage

Net debt/capital improves from 54% end of 2003 to approx. 42% end of 2004 (Pro Forma)

Synergy cost savings BTAX of \$40 MM annually

Increases financial flexibility

Hedge Positions

90% of Westport's production has been hedged from second half of 2004 through 2006

New hedge positions:

	Gas		Oil	
	Price	Volumes (MMBtu/D)	Price	Volumes (BOPD)
1/2-2004	\$5.96	185,000	\$32.60	9,000
2005	\$5.00-\$6.25	280,000	\$28.50-\$31.89	14,000
2006	\$4.75-\$5.51	340,000	\$27.00-\$30.58	19,000

Percentage of total combined production hedged

	Gas	Oil
1/2-2004	76%	77%
2005	32%	12%
2006	31%	12%

Accretion Analysis*

	2005		2006	
	Floor Price	Ceiling Price	Floor Price	Ceiling Price
Earnings per Share	3.0%	18.8%	25.8%	51.1%
Cash Flow per Share	0.3%	4.6%	3.3%	8.0%

*Based upon FirstCall estimates

Cash Flow Contribution
\$MM

		2005	
		Floor Hedge Price	Ceiling Hedge Price
Cash Flow	\$	600	\$ 700
Capital		(387)	(387)
ATAX Synergy Savings		26	26
Free Cash Flow	\$	239	\$ 339
Increased Dividend Payout	\$	(89)	\$ (89)
Total Free Cash Flow	\$	150	\$ 250

**2005 Commodity
Price Sensitivity**

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* Assumes commodity prices stay within collars

Credit Improvements

	Kerr-McGee Stand Alone 2003	Pro Forma 2004	% Improvement
Net Debt to Capital	54%	42%	22%
Interest Coverage	7.5x	11.0x	47%
Operating Cash Flow	\$ 1.6 B	\$ 2.2 B	38%
Cash Margin (\$/BOE)	\$ 21.67	\$ 23.14	7%
Production (BOE/D)(1)	271,000	300,000	11%
Proved Reserves (MM BOE)(2)	1,026	1,323	29%
Reserve Life (Years)	10.0	10.0	
Total Debt(3) / Proved Reserves	\$ 3.08	\$ 2.63	18%
Adj. Debt(3) / PD Reserves	\$ 6.62	\$ 5.13	23%

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- (1) Pro Forma assumes five months of Westport's production
- (2) Pro Forma assumes adding together 12/31/03 reserves of Kerr-McGee & Westport
- (3) Excludes \$500 MM debt allocated to Chemical assets
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Capital Structure
\$MM

		Kerr-McGee Stand-alone			Pro Forma
		YE 2003		YE 2004	YE 2004
Total Debt	\$	3,655	\$	3,105	\$ 3,985
Cash		(142)		(142)	(85)
Net Debt		3,513		2,963	3,900
Book Equity		2,636		2,856	5,357
Net Book Capitalization	\$	6,149	\$	5,819	\$ 9,257

**Preliminary Purchase
Price Allocation
\$MM**

Purchase Price		
Equity purchase price (49.4 MM @ \$51.51)	\$	2,545
Net debt and preferred		882
Enterprise value	\$	3,427
Plus other liabilities		437
Plus deferred income taxes		664
Total transaction value	\$	4,528
Value allocation		
Proved oil & gas properties	\$	2,147
Unproved oil & gas properties		1,230
Gathering property & equipment		50
Other assets		124
Current assets (excluding cash)		108
Goodwill		869
Total value of assets acquired	\$	4,528

Transaction Terms

Consideration:	0.71 Kerr-McGee shares for each outstanding Westport share
Structure:	Tax-free Section 368 reorganization (Forward Subsidiary Merger)
Non-Solicitation Provisions:	Customary non-solicitation provisions, subject to fiduciary outs
Termination Fee:	\$90 million
Voting Agreement:	Westport's major shareholders representing 42% of the outstanding shares have agreed to vote in favor of merger
Conditions:	Kerr-McGee & Westport shareholder approvals Hart Scott Rodino approval
Timing:	Expect to close during third quarter 2004

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