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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q/A Amendment No. 1

x **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2004

.. **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.**

Commission file number 1-10447

CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

04-3072771
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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1200 Enclave Parkway, Houston, Texas 77077

(Address of principal executive offices including Zip Code)

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(Registrant's telephone number)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

As of April 26, 2004, there were 32,892,303 shares of Common Stock, Par Value \$.10 Per Share, outstanding.

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This Amendment No. 1 to the March 31, 2004 quarterly report on Form 10-Q/A (Form 10-Q/A) is being filed to amend the Company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2004, which was filed with the SEC on April 30, 2004 (Original Form 10-Q). Accordingly, pursuant to rule 12b-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, this Form 10-Q/A contains the complete text of items 1 and 4 of Part I and item 6 of Part II, as amended, as well as certain currently dated certifications. Unaffected items have not been repeated in this Amendment No. 1.

In August 2004 we determined that deferred tax assets and liabilities associated with current and non-current assets and liabilities that had historically been classified in long-term deferred income taxes should instead be classified as current and non-current deferred tax assets and liabilities based on the classification of the related asset and liability for financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, we have revised our consolidated balance sheet to reflect this change in classification. The net effect of these revisions on the Company's balance sheet at March 31, 2004 was an increase to current assets, non-current assets, total assets, current liabilities, long-term deferred income taxes and total liabilities and stockholders' equity. Such revisions had no impact on our Consolidated Statement of Operations, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity or Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The significant effects of the revisions on our consolidated balance sheet from the amounts previously reported are summarized in the following table (in thousands of dollars):

Balance Sheet Line Item	As of March 31, 2004		
	Previously Reported	As	
		Restated	Increase
Deferred Income Taxes - Current Assets	\$	\$ 30,233	\$ 30,233
Total Current Assets	\$ 148,539	\$ 178,772	\$ 30,233
Deferred Income Taxes - Non-Current Assets	\$	\$ 10,896	\$ 10,896
Total Assets	\$ 1,065,241	\$ 1,106,370	\$ 41,129
Deferred Income Taxes - Current Liabilities ⁽¹⁾	\$	\$ 1,520	\$ 1,520
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 184,581	\$ 186,101	\$ 1,520
Deferred Income Taxes - Non-Current Liabilities	\$ 175,685	\$ 215,294	\$ 39,609
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,065,241	\$ 1,106,370	\$ 41,129

(1) This amount has been reported as an accrued liability on the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

This amendment does not reflect events occurring after the filing of the Original Form 10-Q, and does not modify or update the disclosures therein in any way other than as required to reflect the amendments as described above and set forth below.

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Table of Contents**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****ITEM 1. Financial Statements****CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)**

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2004	2003
NET OPERATING REVENUES		
Natural Gas Production	\$ 90,379	\$ 77,710
Brokered Natural Gas	31,559	31,850
Crude Oil and Condensate	12,767	23,093
Other	1,899	3,263
	136,604	135,916
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Brokered Natural Gas Cost	28,721	28,261
Direct Operations - Field and Pipeline	12,078	10,926
Exploration	16,144	13,391
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	24,229	23,507
Impairment of Unproved Properties	2,583	2,337
Impairment of Long-Lived Assets (Note 3)		87,926
General and Administrative	6,716	6,595
Taxes Other Than Income	10,102	10,224
	100,573	183,167
Gain on Sale of Assets	59	560
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	36,090	(46,691)
Interest Expense and Other	5,377	5,625
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	30,713	(52,316)
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	11,702	(19,940)
NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ACCOUNTING CHANGE	19,011	(32,376)
CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ACCOUNTING CHANGE (Note 10)		(6,847)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 19,011	\$ (39,223)
Basic Earnings (Loss) Per Share - Before Accounting Change	\$ 0.59	\$ (1.02)
Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share - Before Accounting Change	\$ 0.58	\$ (1.02)

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Basic Loss Per Share - Accounting Change	\$	\$ (0.21)
Diluted Loss Per Share - Accounting Change	\$	\$ (0.21)
Basic Earnings (Loss) Per Share	\$ 0.59	\$ (1.23)
Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share	\$ 0.58	\$ (1.23)
Average Common Shares Outstanding	32,398	31,837
Diluted Common Shares (Note 6)	32,866	31,837

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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(In thousands, except share amounts)

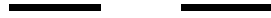
	March 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
	Restated	
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 51,799	\$ 724
Accounts Receivable	72,778	87,425
Inventories	10,991	18,241
Deferred Income Taxes	30,233	21,935
Other	12,971	15,006
	<u>178,772</u>	<u>143,331</u>
Total Current Assets	178,772	143,331
Properties and Equipment, Net (Successful Efforts Method)	909,929	895,955
Deferred Income Taxes	10,896	8,920
Other Assets	6,773	6,850
	<u>\$ 1,106,370</u>	<u>\$ 1,055,056</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 92,157	\$ 84,943
Accrued Liabilities	93,944	71,584
	<u>186,101</u>	<u>156,527</u>
Total Current Liabilities	186,101	156,527
Long-Term Debt	270,000	270,000
Deferred Income Taxes	215,294	208,955
Other Liabilities	59,212	54,377
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 7)		
Stockholders' Equity		
Common Stock:		
Authorized 80,000,000 Shares of \$.10 Par Value Issued and Outstanding 32,793,829 Shares and 32,538,255 Shares in 2004 and 2003, Respectively	3,279	3,254
Additional Paid-in Capital	368,802	361,699
Retained Earnings	45,478	27,763
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	(37,412)	(23,135)
Less Treasury Stock, at Cost: 302,600 Shares in 2004 and 2003	(4,384)	(4,384)
	<u>375,763</u>	<u>365,197</u>
Total Stockholders' Equity	375,763	365,197
	<u>\$ 1,106,370</u>	<u>\$ 1,055,056</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2004	2003
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 19,011	\$ (39,223)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income (Loss) to Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change		6,847
Depletion, Depreciation and Amortization	24,229	23,507
Impairment of Unproved Properties	2,583	2,337
Impairment of Long-Lived Assets		87,926
Deferred Income Tax Expense	4,549	(27,010)
Gain on Sale of Assets	(59)	(560)
Exploration Expense	16,144	13,391
Change in Derivative Fair Value	5,619	544
Other	264	(139)
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
Accounts Receivable	14,647	(38,442)
Inventories	7,250	5,596
Other Current Assets	2,035	(621)
Other Assets	77	(201)
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	4,187	22,988
Other Liabilities	(2,966)	2,607
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>97,570</u>	<u>59,547</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Capital Expenditures	(35,711)	(21,321)
Proceeds from Sale of Assets		1,602
Exploration Expense	(16,144)	(13,391)
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	<u>(51,855)</u>	<u>(33,110)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Increase in Short-Term Financing	16,000	64,000
Decrease in Short-Term Financing	(16,000)	(91,000)
Sale of Common Stock Proceeds	6,656	498
Dividends Paid	(1,296)	(1,273)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities	<u>5,360</u>	<u>(27,775)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	51,075	(1,338)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period	724	2,561
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	<u>\$ 51,799</u>	<u>\$ 1,223</u>



The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

1. FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

During interim periods, Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (the Company) follows the same accounting policies used in its Annual Report to Stockholders and its Report on Form 10-K/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. People using financial information produced for interim periods are encouraged to refer to the footnotes in the Annual Report to Stockholders when reviewing interim financial results. In management's opinion, the accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements contain all material adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation. The results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for the entire year.

Our independent accountants have performed a review of these condensed consolidated interim financial statements in accordance with standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Pursuant to Rule 436(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, this report should not be considered a part of a registration statement prepared or certified by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP within the meanings of Sections 7 and 11 of the Act.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2001, the FASB approved for issuance Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations. SFAS 143 establishes accounting requirements for retirement obligations associated with tangible long-lived assets, including (1) the timing of the liability recognition, (2) initial measurement of the liability, (3) allocation of asset retirement cost to expense, (4) subsequent measurement of the liability and (5) financial statement disclosures. SFAS 143 requires that an asset retirement cost should be capitalized as part of the cost of the related long-lived asset and subsequently allocated to expense using a systematic and rational method. The adoption of SFAS 143 resulted in (1) an increase of total liabilities, because more retirement obligations are required to be recognized, (2) an increase in the recognized cost of assets, because the retirement costs are added to the carrying amount of the long-lived assets, and (3) an increase in operating expense, because of the accretion of the retirement obligation and additional depreciation and depletion. The majority of the asset retirement obligations recorded by the Company relate to the plugging and abandonment of oil and gas wells. The Company adopted the statement on January 1, 2003. The transition adjustment resulting from the adoption of SFAS 143 has been reported as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle in January 2003.

In January 2003, the FASB issued Financial Interpretation No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities—An Interpretation of ARB No. 51 (FIN 46 or Interpretation). FIN 46 is an interpretation of Accounting Research Bulletin 51, Consolidated Financial Statements, and addresses consolidation by business enterprises of variable interest entities (VIEs). The primary objective of the Interpretation is to provide guidance on the identification of, and financial reporting for, entities over which control is achieved through means other than voting rights; such entities are known as VIEs. The Interpretation requires an enterprise to consolidate a VIE if that enterprise has a variable interest that will absorb a majority of the entity's expected losses if they occur, receive a majority of the entity's expected residual returns if they occur or both. An enterprise shall consider the rights and obligations conveyed by its variable interests in making this determination. At March 31, 2004 the Company did not have

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any entities that would qualify for consolidation in accordance with the provisions of FIN 46. Therefore, the adoption of FIN 46 did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2003 the FASB issued SFAS 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity. This Statement establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. It requires that an issuer classify a financial instrument that is within its scope as a liability (or an asset in some circumstances). Many of those instruments were previously classified as equity. This statement was developed in response to concerns expressed by preparers, auditors, regulators, investors, and other users of

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financial statements about issuers classification in the statement of financial position of certain financial instruments that have characteristics of both liabilities and equity but that have been presented either entirely as equity or between the liabilities section and the equity section of the statement of financial position. This statement also addresses questions about the classification of certain financial instruments that embody obligations to issue equity shares.

SFAS 150 contains guidance which stipulates that companies with consolidated entities that will terminate by a specified date, such as limited-life partnerships, will have to measure the liabilities for the other owners' interests in those limited-life entities based on the fair values of the limited-life entities' assets. Period-to-period changes in the liabilities are to be reported in the consolidated income statement as interest costs. As a result of SFAS 150, liability amounts and related interest costs may be significantly greater than the minority interests previously recognized. This Statement is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise is effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. The adoption of this standard did not have an impact on our consolidated financial statements. In November 2003 the FASB issued FSP 150-3, Effective Date, Disclosures, and Transition for Mandatorily Redeemable Financial Instruments of Certain Nonpublic Entities and Certain Mandatorily Redeemable Non Controlling Interests Under SFAS 150, which defers indefinitely the provisions of SFAS 150 as they relate to the Company's limited life partnerships acquired in conjunction with the Cody acquisition.

We have been made aware of an issue regarding the application of provisions of SFAS 141, Business Combinations and SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets (SFAS 142) to companies in the extractive industries, including oil and gas companies. The issue was whether SFAS 142 requires registrants to reclassify costs associated with mineral rights, including both proved and unproved leasehold acquisition costs, as intangible assets in the balance sheet, apart from other capitalized oil and gas property costs. Historically, the Company and other oil and gas companies have included the cost of these oil and gas leasehold interests as part of oil and gas properties and provided the disclosures required by SFAS No. 69, Disclosures about Oil and Gas Producing Activities (SFAS 69). Also under consideration was whether SFAS 142 requires registrants to provide the additional disclosures prescribed by SFAS 142 for intangible assets for costs associated with mineral rights. In March 2004, the Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) released a consensus on EITF Issue No. 04-2, Whether Mineral Rights are Tangible or Intangible Assets, that stated mineral rights are tangible assets. Additionally, the FASB has issued guidance that would amend SFAS 141 and 142 to exclude mineral rights from the definition of intangible assets.

On December 23, 2003, the FASB issued SFAS 132, Employers' Disclosures about Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits, an amendment of SFAS 87, 88, and 106, and a revision of SFAS 132. This statement revises employers' disclosures about pension plans and other postretirement benefit plans. It does not change the measurement or recognition of those plans required by SFAS 87, Employers' Accounting for Pensions, SFAS 88, Employers' Accounting for Settlements and Curtailments of Defined Benefit Pension Plans and for Termination Benefits, and SFAS 106, Employers' Accounting for Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions. The new rules require additional disclosures about the assets, obligations, cash flows, and net periodic benefit cost of defined benefit pension plans and other postretirement benefit plans. The required information must be provided separately for pension plans and for other postretirement benefit plans. The new disclosures are effective for 2003 calendar year financial statements. See footnote 11 for the interim disclosures.

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SFAS 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, as amended by SFAS 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure*, outlines a fair value based method of accounting for stock options or similar equity instruments. The Company has opted to continue using the intrinsic value based method, as recommended by Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion 25, to measure compensation cost for its stock option plans.

The following table illustrates the effect on Net Income and Earnings Per Share if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS 123 to stock-based employee compensation.

(In thousands, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2004	2003
Net Income (Loss), as reported	\$ 19,011	\$ (39,223)
Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of tax	476	477
Pro forma net income (loss)	\$ 18,535	\$ (39,700)
Earnings per share:		
Basic - as reported	\$ 0.59	\$ (1.23)
Basic - pro forma	\$ 0.57	\$ (1.25)
Diluted - as reported	\$ 0.58	\$ (1.23)
Diluted - pro forma	\$ 0.56	\$ (1.25)

The assumptions used in the fair value method calculation as well as additional stock based compensation information are disclosed in the following table.

(In thousands, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2004	2003
Compensation Expense in Net Income, as reported ⁽¹⁾	\$ 292	\$ 248
Weighted Average Value per Option Granted During the Period ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	\$	\$ 6.75
Assumptions ⁽³⁾		
Stock Price Volatility		35.4%
Risk Free Rate of Return		2.5%
Dividend Rate (per year)	\$	\$ 0.16
Expected Term (in years)		4

⁽¹⁾ Compensation expense is defined as expense related to the vesting of stock grants, net of tax.

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- (2) *Calculated using the Black Scholes fair value based method.*
- (3) *There were no stock options issued in the first quarter of 2004.*

The fair value of stock options included in the pro forma results for each of the periods presented is not necessarily indicative of future effects on Net Income and Earnings Per Share.

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In August 2004 we determined that deferred tax assets and liabilities associated with current and non-current assets and liabilities that had historically been classified in long-term deferred income taxes should instead be classified as current and non-current deferred tax assets and liabilities based on the classification of the related asset and liability for financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, we have revised our consolidated balance sheet to reflect this change in classification. Such revisions had no impact on our Consolidated Statement of Operations, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity or Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The significant effects of the revisions on our consolidated balance sheet from the amounts previously reported are summarized in the following table (in thousands of dollars):

Balance Sheet Line Item	As of March 31, 2004	
	Previously Reported	As Restated
Deferred Income Taxes - Current Assets	\$	\$ 30,233
Total Current Assets	\$ 148,539	\$ 178,772
Deferred Income Taxes - Non-Current Assets	\$	\$ 10,896
Total Assets	\$ 1,065,241	\$ 1,106,370
Deferred Income Taxes - Current Liabilities ⁽¹⁾	\$	\$ 1,520
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 184,581	\$ 186,101
Deferred Income Taxes - Non-Current Liabilities	\$ 175,685	\$ 215,294
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,065,241	\$ 1,106,370

⁽¹⁾ This amount has been reported as an accrued liability on the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

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Properties and equipment are comprised of the following:

	March 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
	(In thousands)	
Unproved Oil and Gas Properties	\$ 86,381	\$ 86,918
Proved Oil and Gas Properties	1,504,723	1,469,751
Gathering and Pipeline Systems	150,027	146,909
Land, Building and Improvements	4,758	4,758
Other	29,235	28,658
	1,775,124	1,736,994
Accumulated Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	(865,195)	(841,039)
	\$ 909,929	\$ 895,955

Prior to the adoption of SFAS 143 on January 1, 2003, future estimated plug and abandonment costs were accrued over the productive life of certain oil and gas properties when the residual value of well equipment was not sufficient to cover the plug and abandonment liability. The accrued liability for plug and abandonment costs was included in Accumulated Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization.

Total future plug and abandonment costs of \$17.1 million and \$1.1 million, recorded at December 31, 2002, have been reclassified from Accumulated Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization and Other Accrued Liabilities, respectively, to Other Long-Term Liabilities due to the adoption of SFAS 143 (see Note 10). These reclassifications were made to conform to the current period presentation.

As part of the Cody acquisition, the Company acquired an interest in certain oil and gas properties in the Kurten field, as general partner of a partnership and as an operator. Prior to the liquidation of the partnership and the divestiture of the Company's interest in the field, it had an interest of approximately 25%, including a one percent interest in the partnership. The liquidation and divestiture was effective July 31 and November 1, 2003, respectively. The divestiture yielded proceeds of \$7.6 million and resulted in a pre-tax gain of \$1.8 million. Under the partnership agreement, the Company had the right to a reversionary working interest that would have brought its ultimate interest to 50% upon the limited partner reaching payout. Under the partnership agreement, the limited partner had the option to trigger a liquidation of the partnership. Effective February 13, 2003, the Kurten partnership commenced liquidation at the limited partner's election. In connection with the liquidation, an appraisal was obtained to allocate the interest in the partnership assets. Based on the receipt of the appraisal in February 2003, the Company would not receive the reversionary interest as part of the liquidation. Due to the impact of the loss of the reversionary interest on future estimated net cash flows of the Kurten field, the limited partners decision and the Company's decision to proceed with the liquidation, it performed an impairment review which resulted in a charge of approximately \$87.9 million. This impairment charge is reflected in the first quarter 2003 Statement of Operations as an operating expense but did not impact the Company's cash flows.

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Certain balance sheet amounts are comprised of the following:

	March 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
(In thousands)		
Accounts Receivable		
Trade Accounts	\$ 70,924	\$ 79,439
Joint Interest Accounts	7,597	13,312
Other Accounts	(336)	81
	<u>78,185</u>	<u>92,832</u>
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(5,407)	(5,407)
	<u>\$ 72,778</u>	<u>\$ 87,425</u>
Inventories		
Natural Gas in Storage ⁽¹⁾	\$ 5,197	\$ 14,950
Oil in Storage	316	241
Tubular Goods and Well Equipment	3,787	3,367
Pipeline Exchange Balances	1,691	(317)
	<u>\$ 10,991</u>	<u>\$ 18,241</u>
Other Current Assets		
Commodity Hedging Contracts - SFAS 133	\$	\$ 1,152
Drilling Advances	9,497	6,443
Prepaid Balances	3,269	4,325
Other Accounts	205	3,086
	<u>\$ 12,971</u>	<u>\$ 15,006</u>
Accounts Payable		
Trade Accounts	\$ 13,080	\$ 11,872
Natural Gas Purchases	7,748	5,751
Royalty and Other Owners	27,920	28,001
Capital Costs	26,325	21,964
Taxes Other Than Income	4,522	3,280
Drilling Advances	3,976	5,721
Wellhead Gas Imbalances	1,877	2,085
Other Accounts	6,709	6,269
	<u>\$ 92,157</u>	<u>\$ 84,943</u>
Accrued Liabilities		

⁽¹⁾ The decline in natural gas inventory is due to an increase in gas sales from storage to meet contractual demands.

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Employee Benefits	\$ 6,624	\$ 9,105
Taxes Other Than Income	14,949	13,359
Interest Payable	5,046	6,368
Commodity Hedging Contracts - SFAS 133	58,124	36,582
Deferred Income Taxes	1,520 ⁽²⁾	1,826
Other Accounts	7,681	4,344
	<u>\$ 93,944</u>	<u>\$ 71,584</u>

⁽²⁾ Amount restated as of March 31, 2004.

Other Liabilities		
Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pension	\$ 2,186	\$ 2,132
Accrued Pension Cost	7,035	6,232
Commodity Hedging Contracts - FAS 133	9,010	3,051
Accrued Plugging and Abandonment Liability	37,698	36,848
Taxes Other Than Income and Other	3,283	6,114
	<u>\$ 59,212</u>	<u>\$ 54,377</u>

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At March 31, 2004, the Company did not have any debt outstanding under its credit facility, which provides for an available credit line of \$250 million. The available credit line is subject to adjustment from time to time on the basis of the projected present value (as determined by the bank's petroleum engineer) of estimated future net cash flows from certain proved oil and gas reserves and other assets of the Company. The revolving term under this credit facility presently ends in October 2006 and is subject to renewal.

The Company has the following debt outstanding:

\$100 million of 12-year 7.19% Notes to be repaid in five annual installments of \$20 million beginning in November 2005

\$75 million of 10-year 7.26% Notes due in July 2011

\$75 million of 12-year 7.36% Notes due in July 2013

\$20 million of 15-year 7.46% Notes due in July 2016

6. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share (EPS) is computed by dividing net income (the numerator) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period (the denominator). Diluted EPS is similarly calculated using the treasury stock method except that the denominator is increased to reflect the potential dilution that could occur if outstanding stock options and stock awards outstanding at the end of the applicable period were exercised for common stock.

The following is a calculation of basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2004	2003
Shares - basic	32,397,824	31,836,505
Dilution effect of stock options and awards at end of period	468,477	
Shares - diluted	32,866,301	31,836,505
	523,684	1,561,973

Stock awards and shares excluded from diluted earnings per share due to the anti-dilutive effect

7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Wyoming Royalty Litigation

In June 2000, the Company was sued by two overriding royalty owners in Wyoming state court for unspecified damages. The plaintiffs requested class certification under the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure and alleged that the Company improperly deducted costs of production from royalty payments to the plaintiffs and other similarly situated persons. Additionally, the suit claimed that the Company failed to properly inform the plaintiffs and other similarly situated persons of the deductions taken from royalties. At a mediation held in April 2003, the plaintiffs in this case claimed total damages of \$9.5 million plus attorney fees. The Company was able to settle the case and the State District Court Judge entered his order approving the settlement in the fourth quarter of 2003. The settlement was for a total of \$2.25 million. The class included all private fee royalty and overriding royalty owners of the Company in the State of Wyoming except those in the suit discussed below and one owner who opted out of the settlement. It also includes provisions for the method of valuation of gas for royalty payment purposes going forward and for reporting of royalty payments which should prevent further litigation of these issues by the class members.

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In January 2002, 13 overriding royalty owners sued the Company in Wyoming federal district court. The plaintiffs in the federal case have made the same general claims pertaining to deductions from their overriding royalty as the plaintiffs in the Wyoming state court case but have not asked for class certification. That case is on hold awaiting a Wyoming Supreme Court decision on two certified questions.

Although management believes that a number of our defenses are supported by Wyoming case law, two letter decisions handed down by state district court judges in other cases do not support certain of the defenses. In one of the cases the case has been settled so no order will be entered. In the other case a generic order has been entered adopting the letter decision by reference. It is not known what effect, if any, the decision, will have on the pending case. In addition, in 2000 a district court judge's decision supported the Company's defenses, and that decision was recently orally confirmed by another state district court judge. Accordingly, there is a split of authority concerning the interpretation of the reporting penalty provisions of the Wyoming Royalty Payment Act, which will need to be resolved by the Wyoming Supreme Court.

As noted above, the judge agreed to certify two questions of state law for decision by the Wyoming State Supreme Court. The Wyoming State Supreme Court has agreed to decide both questions, and these decisions should dispose of important issues in the pending federal case. The federal judge refused, however, to certify a question relating to the issue of the proper calculation of damages for failure to provide certain information required by statute on overriding royalty owner check stubs that had been decided adversely to our position in the state district court letter decision. After the federal judge's refusal to certify this issue, the plaintiffs reduced the damages they were claiming. Based upon the plaintiffs expert witness report filed in March 2003, the plaintiffs are now claiming \$21 million in total damages which can be broken down into \$15.7 million for alleged violations of the check stub reporting statute and the remainder for all other damages. In the opinion of our outside counsel, Brown, Drew & Massey, LLP the likelihood of the plaintiffs recovering the stated damages for violation of the check stub reporting statute is remote.

The Company is vigorously defending the case. It has a reserve that management believes is adequate to provide for the potential liability based on its estimate of the probable outcome of this case. Should circumstances change, the potential impact may materially affect quarterly or annual results of operations and cash flows. However, management does not believe it would materially impact our financial position.

West Virginia Royalty Litigation

In December 2001, the Company was sued by two royalty owners in West Virginia state court for an unspecified amount of damages. The plaintiffs have requested class certification under the West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure and allege that the Company failed to pay royalty based upon the wholesale market value of the gas produced, that it had taken improper deductions from the royalty and failed to properly inform the plaintiffs and other similarly situated persons of deductions taken from the royalty. The plaintiffs have also claimed that they are entitled to a 1/8th royalty share of the gas sales contract settlement that the Company reached with Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation in the 1995 Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation bankruptcy proceeding.

The Company has removed the lawsuit to federal court; however, in February 2003, the Company received an order remanding the lawsuit back to state court. Discovery and pleadings necessary to place the class certification issue before the court have been ongoing. A hearing on the plaintiffs' motion for class certification was held on October 20, 2003, and proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law were submitted to the court on December 5, 2003. The trial is currently scheduled for January 18, 2005.

The investigation into this claim continues and it is in the discovery phase. The Company is vigorously defending the case. The Company has reserves management believes are adequate to provide for these potential liabilities based on management's estimate of the probable outcome of this matter. Should circumstances change, the potential impact may materially affect quarterly or annual results of operations and cash flows.

However, management does not believe it would materially impact our financial position.

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On January 6, 2003, the Company was served with Plaintiffs' Second Amended Original Petition in *Romeo Longoria, et al. v. Exxon Mobil Corporation, et al.* in the 79th Judicial District Court of Brooks County, Texas. The plaintiffs allege that they are the rightful owners of a one-half undivided mineral interest in and to certain lands in Brooks County, Texas. As Cody Energy, LLC, the Company acquired certain leases and wells from Wynn-Crosby 1996 Ltd. in 1997 and 1998 and the Company subsequently acquired a 320 acre lease from Hector and Gloria Lopez in 2001. The plaintiffs allege that they are entitled to be declared the rightful owners of an undivided interest in the surface and minerals and all improvements on the lands on which the Company acquired these leases. The plaintiffs also assert claims for trespass to try title, action to remove a cloud on the title, failure to properly account for royalty, fraud, trespass, conversion, all for unspecified actual and exemplary damages. The trial date of May 19, 2003 was cancelled and a new trial date has not been set. The Company has not had the opportunity to conduct discovery in this matter. The Company estimates that production revenue from this field since its predecessor, Cody Energy, LCC, acquired title and since Cabot acquired its lease is approximately \$13 million. The carrying value of this property is approximately \$34 million. Co-defendants Shell Oil Company and Shell Western E&P have filed a motion for summary judgment seeking dismissal of plaintiffs' causes of action on multiple grounds. The Company was in the process of joining in that motion, when the plaintiffs' attorneys asked permission from the Court to withdraw from the representation. The Court granted that request, and new attorneys for some, but not all of the plaintiffs have recently entered the case. The motion for summary judgment filed by the defendants has been denied by the Court.

Although the investigation into this claim is continuing, management intends to vigorously defend the case. Management cannot currently determine the likelihood or range of any potential loss.

8. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGING ACTIVITY

The Company periodically enters into derivative commodity instruments to hedge its exposure to price fluctuations on natural gas and crude oil production. At March 31, 2004, the Company had 27 cash flow hedges open: eight natural gas price collar arrangements and 19 natural gas price swap arrangements. Additionally, the Company had five crude oil financial instruments and one natural gas financial instrument open at March 31, 2004, that did not qualify for hedge accounting under SFAS 133. At March 31, 2004, a \$56.9 million (\$35.2 million net of tax) unrealized loss was recorded to Other Comprehensive Income, along with a \$67.1 million derivative liability. The change in derivative fair value for the current and prior periods have been included as a component of Natural Gas Production and Crude Oil and Condensate revenue, as appropriate.

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2004	
	Realized	Unrealized
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Net Operating Revenues - Decrease to Revenues		
Natural Gas Production	\$ (6,668)	\$ (1,724)
Crude Oil	\$ (2,170)	\$ (3,895)

Assuming no change in commodity prices, after March 31, 2004 the Company would reclassify to earnings, over the next 12 months, \$30.1 million in after-tax expenditures associated with commodity derivatives. This reclassification represents the net liability associated with open positions at March 31, 2004 related to remaining anticipated 2004 production and a portion of anticipated 2005 production.

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From time to time the Company enters into natural gas and crude oil swap arrangements that do not qualify for hedge accounting in accordance with SFAS 133. These financial instruments are recorded at fair value at the balance sheet date. At March 31, 2004, the Company had five open crude oil swap arrangements and one natural gas swap arrangement with an unrealized net loss of \$6.5 million related to the crude oil positions and an unrealized net loss of \$1.4 million related to natural gas positions. These amounts are reflected in the respective line items of Net Operating Revenues.

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Comprehensive Income includes Net Income and certain items recorded directly to Stockholders' Equity and classified as Other Comprehensive Income. The following table illustrates the calculation of Comprehensive Income for the three month periods ended March 31, 2004 and 2003:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2004	2003
	(In thousands)	
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss - Beginning of Period	\$ (23,135)	\$ (12,939)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 19,011	\$ (39,223)
Other Comprehensive Loss		
Reclassification Adjustment for Settled Contracts	6,393	24,984
Changes in Fair Value of Hedge Positions	(29,426)	(44,320)
Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment	(38)	
Deferred Income Tax	8,794	7,340
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