

CALLON PETROLEUM CO

Form 10-K

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**  
**FORM 10-K**  
**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF**  
**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**  
**Commission File Number 001-14039**  
**CALLON PETROLEUM COMPANY**  
 (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

**64-0844345**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**200 North Canal Street**  
**Natchez, Mississippi 39120**

**(601) 442-1601**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**Title of each class**

**Name of exchange on which registered**

Common Stock, Par Value \$.01 Per Share

New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No .

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No .

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 (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No .

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definitions of "accelerated filer" and "large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). Yes  No .

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by nonaffiliates of the registrant was approximately \$384.5 million as of June 30, 2006 (based on the last reported sale price of such stock on the New York Stock Exchange on such date of \$19.34).

As of March 5, 2007, there were 20,750,449 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, outstanding.

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Document incorporated by reference: Portions of the definitive Proxy Statement of Callon Petroleum Company (to be filed no later than 120 days after December 31, 2007) relating to the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 3, 2007, which are incorporated into Part III of this Form 10-K.

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**PART I.**

**ITEM 1 and 2. BUSINESS and PROPERTIES**

**Overview**

Callon Petroleum Company has been engaged in the exploration, development, acquisition and production of oil and gas properties since 1950. Our properties are geographically concentrated primarily offshore in the Gulf of Mexico and onshore in Louisiana and Alabama. We were incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware in 1994 and succeeded to the business of a publicly traded limited partnership, a joint venture with a consortium of European investors and an independent energy company owned by members of current management. As used herein, the Company, Callon, we, us, and our refer to Callon Petroleum Company and its predecessors and subsidiaries unless the context requires otherwise.

In 1989, we began increasing our reserves through the acquisition of producing properties that were geologically complex, had (or were analogous to fields with) an established production history from stacked pay zones and were candidates for exploitation. We focused on reducing operating costs and implementing production enhancements through the application of technologically advanced production and recompletion techniques.

Over the past 11 years, we have placed emphasis on the acquisition of acreage with exploration and development drilling opportunities in the Gulf of Mexico shelf and deepwater areas. At December 31, 2006, we owned working interests in a total of 112 blocks/leases covering 223,000 net acres. To minimize risk we join with industry partners to explore federal offshore blocks acquired in the Gulf of Mexico. We perform extensive geological and geophysical studies using computer-aided exploration techniques (CAEX), including, where appropriate, the acquisition of 3-D seismic or high-resolution 2-D data to facilitate these efforts. We continue to develop prospects on the shelf through our 3-D seismic partnership using Amplitude versus Offset ( AVO ) technology. We have 8,000 square miles of 3-D seismic data and have invested in pre-stack time migration in order to apply AVO de-risking to our prospects. In 1998, we began exploration in the Gulf of Mexico deepwater area (generally 900 to 5,500 feet of water) and during the fourth quarter of 2003, our first two deepwater projects, the Medusa and Habanero fields, began production. Please see Significant Properties for a more detailed discussion.

We ended the year 2006 with estimated net proved reserves of 145.6 billion cubic feet of natural gas equivalent ( Bcfe ). This represents a decrease of 23% from 2005 year-end estimated net proved reserves of 188.6 Bcfe. The major focus of our future operations is expected to continue to be the exploration for and development of oil and gas properties, primarily in the Gulf of Mexico.

**Availability of Reports**

All of our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to such reports as well as other filings we make pursuant to Section 13(a) and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 are available free of charge on our Internet website. The address of our Internet website is [www.callon.com](http://www.callon.com). Our Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) filings are available on our website as soon as they are posted to the EDGAR database on the SEC 's website.

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### **Business Strategy**

Our goal is to increase shareholder value by increasing our reserves, production, cash flow and earnings. We seek to achieve these goals through the following strategies:

focus on Gulf of Mexico exploration with a balance between shelf and deepwater areas, and onshore Louisiana;

aggressively explore our existing prospect inventory;

replenish our prospect inventory with increasing emphasis on prospect generation using AVO technology to reduce the risks associated with our exploratory drilling; and

acquire producing properties with infrastructure in areas of focus that contain upside potential.

### **Exploration and Development Activities**

In 2006, capital expenditures for exploration and development costs related to oil and gas properties totaled approximately \$167 million. These expenditures included:

\$107 million in the Gulf of Mexico shelf, onshore south Louisiana and Texas State waters areas which included the drilling of 10 exploratory wells, five of which were unsuccessful, two development wells and completion costs for our successful wells;

\$15 million in our deepwater area, which included four exploratory wells, three of which were unsuccessful and one temporarily abandoned;

\$16 million for leasehold and seismic costs;

\$13 million for plugging and abandonment costs; and

\$6 million for capitalized interest and \$10 million for capitalized general and administration costs allocable directly to exploration and development projects.

### **Risk Factors**

**A decrease in oil and gas prices may adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.** Our success is highly dependent on prices for oil and gas, which are extremely volatile. Any substantial or extended decline in the price of oil or gas would have a material adverse effect on us. Oil and gas markets are both seasonal and cyclical. The prices of oil and gas depend on factors we cannot control such as weather, economic conditions, and levels of production, actions by OPEC and other countries and government actions. Prices of oil and gas will affect the following aspects of our business:

our revenues, cash flows and earnings;

the amount of oil and gas that we are economically able to produce;

our ability to attract capital to finance our operations and the cost of the capital;

the amount we are allowed to borrow under our senior secured credit facility;

the value of our oil and gas properties; and

the profit or loss we incur in exploring for and developing our reserves.

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**Our reserve information represents estimates that may turn out to be incorrect if the assumptions upon which these estimates are based are inaccurate. Any material inaccuracies in these reserve estimates or underlying assumptions will materially affect the quantities and present value of our reserves.** The process of estimating oil and gas reserves is complex. It requires interpretations of available technical data and various assumptions, including assumptions relating to economic factors. Any significant inaccuracies in these interpretations or assumptions could materially affect the estimated quantities and present value of reserves shown in this annual report.

In order to prepare these estimates, we must project production rates and the timing of development expenditures. The assumptions regarding the timing and costs to commence production from our deepwater wells used in preparing our reserves are often subject to revisions over time as described under Our deepwater operations have special operational risks that may negatively affect the value of those assets. We must also analyze available geological, geophysical, production and engineering data, the extent, quality and reliability of which can vary. The process also requires us to make economic assumptions, such as oil and gas prices, drilling and operating expenses, capital expenditures, taxes and availability of funds. Therefore, estimates of oil and gas reserves are inherently imprecise.

Actual future production, oil and gas prices, revenues, taxes, development expenditures, operating expenses and quantities of recoverable oil and gas reserves most likely will vary from the estimates. Any significant variance could materially affect the estimated quantities and present value of reserves shown in this report. In addition, estimates of proved reserves may be adjusted to reflect production history, results of exploration and development, prevailing oil and gas prices and other factors, many of which are beyond our control.

Also, under Mineral Management Services ( MMS ) rules governing our deepwater Medusa property and several of our shallow water, deep natural gas properties and prospects, we are eligible for royalty suspensions depending on the difference between the average monthly New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) sales price for oil or gas and price thresholds set by the MMS. As a result, our reserve estimates may increase or decrease depending upon the relation of price thresholds versus the average NYMEX prices.

Our Entrada field is governed by leases from the MMS. These leases granted royalty suspension without provisions for pricing thresholds for crude oil and natural gas which would require us to pay royalties to the MMS if the thresholds were exceeded by the current year average of NYMEX prices. The MMS has notified us the exclusion of the provisions occurred in error in the lease issuance process and was not the MMS's intention. Congress is considering various bills to address this issue and if a bill were to pass to amend the leases to provide thresholds for crude oil and natural gas prices the reserves for Entrada could be subject to royalties. However, the MMS stated in their correspondence to us they will continue to honor the terms of the leases as issued unless notified otherwise. This correspondence applies only to our 20% working interest in the Entrada field.

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You should not assume that the present value of future net cash flows from our proved reserves referred to in this report is the current market value of our estimated oil and gas reserves. In accordance with SEC requirements, we generally base the estimated discounted future net cash flows from our proved reserves on prices and costs on the date of the estimate. Actual future prices and costs may differ materially from those used in the present value estimate. The discounted present value of our oil and gas reserves is prepared in accordance with guidelines established by the SEC. A purchaser of reserves would use numerous other factors to value the reserves. The discounted present value of reserves, therefore, does not necessarily represent the fair market value of those reserves.

On December 31, 2006, approximately 57% of the discounted present value of our estimated net proved reserves were proved undeveloped. Proved undeveloped reserves represented 54% of total proved reserves. Most of these proved undeveloped reserves were attributable to our deepwater properties. Development of these properties is subject to additional risks as described above.

**Information about reserves constitutes forward-looking information. See Forward-Looking Statements for information regarding forward-looking information.**

**Unless we are able to replace reserves which we have produced, our cash flows and production will decrease over time.** Our future success depends upon our ability to find, develop and acquire oil and gas reserves that are economically recoverable. As is generally the case for Gulf properties, our producing properties usually have high initial production rates, followed by a steep decline in production. As a result, we must continually locate and develop or acquire new oil and gas reserves to replace those being depleted by production. We must do this even during periods of low oil and gas prices when it is difficult to raise the capital necessary to finance these activities and during periods of high operating costs when it is expensive to contract for drilling rigs and other equipment and personnel necessary to explore for oil and gas. Without successful exploration or acquisition activities, our reserves, production and revenues will decline rapidly. We cannot assure you that we will be able to find and develop or acquire additional reserves at an acceptable cost.

Also, because of the aggregate short life of our reserves, our return on the investment we make in our oil and gas wells and the value of our oil and gas wells will depend significantly on prices prevailing during relatively short production periods.

**A significant part of the value of our production and reserves is concentrated in a small number of offshore properties, and any production problems or inaccuracies in reserve estimates related to those properties would adversely impact our business.** During 2006, approximately 80% of our daily production came from eight of our properties in the Gulf of Mexico. Moreover, one property accounted for 40% of our production during this period. In addition, at December 31, 2006, most of our proved reserves were located in three fields in the Gulf of Mexico, with approximately 72% of our total net proved reserves attributable to these properties. If mechanical problems, storms or other events curtailed a substantial portion of this production or if the actual reserves associated with any one of these producing properties are less than our estimated reserves, our results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.

**Our focus on exploration projects increases the risks inherent in our oil and gas activities.** Our business strategy focuses on replacing reserves through exploration, where the risks are greater than in acquisitions and development drilling. Although we have been successful in exploration in the past, we cannot assure you that we will continue to increase reserves through exploration or at an acceptable cost. Additionally, we are often uncertain as to the future costs and timing of drilling, completing and



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producing wells. Our drilling operations may be curtailed, delayed or canceled as a result of a variety of factors, including:

unexpected drilling conditions;

pressure or inequalities in formations;

equipment failures or accidents;

adverse weather conditions;

compliance with governmental requirements; and

shortages or delays in the availability of drilling rigs and the delivery of equipment.

**We do not operate all of our properties and have limited influence over the operations of some of these properties, particularly our deepwater properties.** Our lack of control could result in the following:

the operator may initiate exploration or development at a faster or slower pace than we prefer;

the operator may propose to drill more wells or build more facilities on a project than we have funds for or that we deem appropriate, which may mean that we are unable to participate in the project or share in the revenues generated by the project even though we paid our share of exploration costs; and

if an operator refuses to initiate a project, we may be unable to pursue the project.

Any of these events could materially reduce the value of our non-operated properties.

**Our deepwater operations have special operational risks that may negatively affect the value of those assets.**

Drilling operations in the deepwater area are by their nature more difficult and costly than drilling operations in shallow water. Deepwater drilling operations require the application of more advanced drilling technologies involving a higher risk of technological failure and usually have significantly higher drilling costs than shallow water drilling operations. Deepwater wells are completed using sub-sea completion techniques that require substantial time and the use of advanced remote installation equipment. These operations involve a high risk of mechanical difficulties and equipment failures that could result in significant cost overruns.

In deepwater, the time required to commence production following a discovery is much longer than in shallow water and on-shore. Deepwater discoveries require the construction of expensive production facilities and pipelines prior to production. We cannot estimate the costs and timing of the construction of these facilities with certainty, and the accuracy of our estimates will be affected by a number of factors beyond our control, including the following:

decisions made by the operators of our deepwater wells;

the availability of materials necessary to construct the facilities;

the proximity of our discoveries to pipelines; and

the price of oil and natural gas.

Delays and cost overruns in the commencement of production will affect the value of our deepwater prospects and the discounted present value of reserves attributable to those prospects.

**Competitive industry conditions may negatively affect our ability to conduct operations.** We operate in the highly competitive areas of oil and gas exploration, development and production. We compete for the purchase of leases in the Gulf of Mexico from the U. S. government and from other oil and gas

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companies. These leases include exploration prospects as well as properties with proved reserves. Factors that affect our ability to compete in the marketplace include:

our access to the capital necessary to drill wells and acquire properties;

our ability to acquire and analyze seismic, geological and other information relating to a property;

our ability to retain the personnel necessary to properly evaluate seismic and other information relating to a property;

the location of, and our ability to access, platforms, pipelines and other facilities used to produce and transport oil and gas production;

the standards we establish for the minimum projected return on an investment of our capital; and

the availability of alternate fuel sources.

Our competitors include major integrated oil companies, substantial independent energy companies, and affiliates of major interstate and intrastate pipelines and national and local gas gatherers, many of which possess greater financial, technological and other resources than we do.

**Our competitors may use superior technology, which we may be unable to afford or which would require costly investment by us in order to compete.** Our industry is subject to rapid and significant advancements in technology, including the introduction of new products and services using new technologies. As our competitors use or develop new technologies, we may be placed at a competitive disadvantage, and competitive pressures may force us to implement new technologies at a substantial cost. In addition, our competitors may have greater financial, technical and personnel resources that allow them to enjoy technological advantages and may in the future allow them to implement new technologies before we can. We cannot be certain that we will be able to implement technologies on a timely basis or at a cost that is acceptable to us. One or more of the technologies that we currently use or that we may implement in the future may become obsolete, and we may be adversely affected. For example, marine seismic acquisition technology has been characterized by rapid technological advancements in recent years, and further significant technological developments could substantially impair our 3-D seismic data's value.

**We may not be able to replace our reserves or generate cash flows if we are unable to raise capital. We will be required to make substantial capital expenditures to develop our existing reserves, and to discover new oil and gas reserves.** Historically, we have financed these expenditures primarily with cash from operations, proceeds from bank borrowings and proceeds from the sale of debt and equity securities. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources for a discussion of our capital budget. We cannot assure you that we will be able to raise capital in the future. We also make offers to acquire oil and gas properties in the ordinary course of our business. If these offers are accepted, our capital needs may increase substantially.

We expect to continue using our senior secured credit facility to borrow funds to supplement our available cash. The amount we may borrow under our senior secured credit facility may not exceed a borrowing base determined by the lenders under such facility based on their projections of our future production, production costs, taxes, commodity prices and any other factors deemed relevant by our lenders. We cannot control the assumptions the lenders use to calculate our borrowing base. The lenders may, without our consent, adjust the borrowing base semiannually or in situations where we purchase or sell assets or issue debt securities. If our borrowings under the senior secured credit facility exceed the borrowing base,

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the lenders may require that we repay the excess. If this were to occur, we might have to sell assets or seek financing from other sources. Sales of assets could further reduce the amount of our borrowing base. We cannot assure you that we would be successful in selling assets or arranging substitute financing. If we were not able to repay borrowings under our senior secured credit facility to reduce the outstanding amount to less than the borrowing base, we would be in default under our senior secured credit facility. For a description of our senior secured credit facility and its principal terms and conditions, see Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources and Note 7 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Our decision to drill a prospect is subject to a number of factors, and we may decide to alter our drilling schedule or not drill at all.** A prospect is a property on which we have identified what our geoscientists believe, based on available seismic and geological information, to be indications of hydrocarbons. Our prospects are in various stages of evaluation, ranging from a prospect which is ready to drill to a prospect which will require substantial additional seismic data processing and interpretation. Whether we ultimately drill a prospect may depend on the following factors:

receipt of additional seismic data or the reprocessing of existing data;

material changes in oil or gas prices;

the costs and availability of drilling rigs;

the success or failure of wells drilled in similar formations or which would use the same production facilities;

availability and cost of capital;

changes in the estimates of the costs to drill or complete wells;

our ability to attract other industry partners to acquire a portion of the working interest to reduce exposure to costs and drilling risks; and

decisions of our joint working interest owners.

We will continue to gather data about our prospects and it is possible that additional information may cause us to alter our drilling schedule or determine that a prospect should not be pursued at all. You should understand that our plans regarding our prospects are subject to change.

**Weather, unexpected subsurface conditions, and other unforeseen operating hazards may adversely impact our ability to conduct business.** There are many operating hazards in exploring for and producing oil and gas, including:

our drilling operations may encounter unexpected formations or pressures, which could cause damage to equipment or personal injury;

we may experience equipment failures which curtail or stop production;

we could experience blowouts or other damages to the productive formations that may require a well to be re-drilled or other corrective action to be taken; and

because of these or other events, we could experience environmental hazards, including oil spills, gas leaks, and ruptures.

In the event of any of the foregoing, we may be subject to interrupted production or substantial environmental liability due to injury to or loss of life, damage to or destruction of property, natural resources and equipment, pollution and other environmental damage, investigation and remediation requirements. Moreover, a substantial portion of our operations are offshore and are subject to a variety of risks peculiar to the marine environment such as capsizing, collisions, hurricanes and other adverse



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weather conditions. These conditions can cause substantial damage to facilities and interrupt production. Offshore operations are also subject to more extensive governmental regulation.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to maintain adequate insurance at rates we consider reasonable to cover our possible losses from operating hazards. The occurrence of a significant event not fully insured or indemnified against could materially and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

**We may not have production to offset hedges; by hedging, we may not benefit from price increases.** Part of our business strategy is to reduce our exposure to the volatility of oil and gas prices by hedging a portion of our production. In a typical hedge transaction, we will have the right to receive from the other parties to the hedge the excess of the fixed price specified in the hedge over a floating price based on a market index, multiplied by the quantity hedged. If the floating price exceeds the fixed price, we are required to pay the other parties this difference multiplied by the quantity hedged. We are required to pay the difference between the floating price and the fixed price when the floating price exceeds the fixed price regardless of whether we have sufficient production to cover the quantities specified in the hedge. Significant reductions in production at times when the floating price exceeds the fixed price could require us to make payments under the hedge agreements even though such payments are not offset by sales of production. Hedging will also prevent us from receiving the full advantage of increases in oil or gas prices above the fixed amount specified in the hedge. We also enter into price collars to reduce the risk of changes in oil and gas prices. Under a collar, no payments are due by either party so long as the market price is above a floor set in the collar and below a ceiling. If the price falls below the floor, the counter-party to the collar pays the difference to us and if the price is above the ceiling, we pay the counter-party the difference. Another type of hedging contract we have entered into is a put contract. Under a put, if the price falls below the set floor price, the counter-party to the contract pays the difference to us. See **Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risks** for a discussion of our hedging practices.

**Compliance with environmental and other government regulations could be costly and could negatively impact production.** Our operations are subject to numerous laws and regulations governing the operation and maintenance of our facilities and the discharge of materials into the environment or otherwise relating to environmental protection. For a discussion of the material regulations applicable to us, see **Regulations** . These laws and regulations may:

- require that we acquire permits before commencing drilling;

- restrict the substances that can be released into the environment in connection with drilling and production activities;

- limit or prohibit drilling activities on protected areas such as wetlands or wilderness areas; and

- require measures to remediate or mitigate pollution and environmental impacts from current and former operations, such as cleaning up spills or dismantling abandoned production facilities.

Under these laws and regulations, we could be liable for personal injury and clean-up costs and other environmental and property damages, as well as administrative, civil and criminal penalties. We maintain limited insurance coverage for sudden and accidental environmental damages. We do not believe that insurance coverage for environmental damages that occur over time is available at a reasonable cost. Also, we do not believe that insurance coverage for the full potential liability that could be caused by sudden and accidental environmental damages is available at a reasonable cost. Accordingly, we may be subject to liability or we may be required to cease production from properties in the event of environmental damages.

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**Factors beyond our control affect our ability to market production and our financial results.** The ability to market oil and gas from our wells depends upon numerous factors beyond our control. These factors include:

the extent of domestic production and imports of oil and gas;

the proximity of the gas production to gas pipelines;

the availability of pipeline capacity;

the demand for oil and gas by utilities and other end users;

the availability of alternative fuel sources;

the effects of inclement weather;

state and federal regulation of oil and gas marketing; and

federal regulation of gas sold or transported in interstate commerce.

Because of these factors, we may be unable to market all of the oil or gas we produce. In addition, we may be unable to obtain favorable prices for the oil and gas we produce.

**If oil and gas prices decrease, we may be required to take writedowns of the carrying value of our oil and gas properties.** We may be required to writedown the carrying value of our oil and gas properties when oil and gas prices are low or if we have substantial downward adjustments to our estimated net proved reserves, increases in our estimates of development costs or deterioration in our exploration results. Under the full-cost method which we use to account for our oil and gas properties, the net capitalized costs of our oil and gas properties may not exceed the present value, discounted at 10%, of future net cash flows from estimated net proved reserves, using period end oil and gas prices or prices as of the date of our auditor's report, plus the lower of cost or fair market value of our unproved properties. If net capitalized costs of our oil and gas properties exceed this limit, we must charge the amount of the excess to earnings. This type of charge will not affect our cash flows, but will reduce the book value of our stockholders' equity. We review the carrying value of our properties quarterly, based on prices in effect as of the end of each quarter or at the time of reporting our results. Once incurred, a writedown of oil and gas properties is not reversible at a later date, even if prices increase.

**There are inherent limitations in all control systems, and misstatements due to error or fraud that could seriously harm our business may occur and not be detected.** Our management, including our Chief Executive and Financial Officers, do not expect that our internal controls and disclosure controls will prevent all possible error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. In addition, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints and the benefit of controls must be relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, an evaluation of controls can only provide reasonable assurance that all material control issues and instances of fraud, if any, in our company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Further, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons or by collusion of two or more persons. The design of any system of controls is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any

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design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Because of inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. A failure of our controls and procedures to detect error or fraud could seriously harm our business and results of operations.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

In this report, we have made many forward-looking statements. We cannot assure you that the plans, intentions or expectations upon which our forward-looking statements are based will occur. Our forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including those discussed elsewhere in this report. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding:

our oil and gas reserve quantities, and the discounted present value of these reserves;

the amount and nature of our capital expenditures;

drilling of wells;

the timing and amount of future production and operating costs;

business strategies and plans of management; and

prospect development and property acquisitions.

Some of the risks, which could affect our future results and could cause results to differ materially from those expressed in our forward-looking statements, include:

general economic conditions;

the volatility of oil and natural gas prices;

the uncertainty of estimates of oil and natural gas reserves;

the impact of competition;

the availability and cost of seismic, drilling and other equipment;

operating hazards inherent in the exploration for and production of oil and natural gas;

difficulties encountered during the exploration for and production of oil and natural gas;

difficulties encountered in delivering oil and natural gas to commercial markets;

changes in customer demand and producers' supply;

the uncertainty of our ability to attract capital;

compliance with, or the effect of changes in, the extensive governmental regulations regarding the oil and natural gas business;

actions of operators of our oil and gas properties; and

weather conditions.

The information contained in this report, including the information set forth under the heading "Risk Factors," identifies additional factors that could affect our operating results and performance. We urge you to carefully consider these

factors and the other cautionary statements in this report. Our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and we have no obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

**Corporate Offices**

Our headquarters are located in Natchez, Mississippi, in approximately 51,500 square feet of owned space. We also maintain a business office in Houston, Texas, and own or lease field offices in the area of the major fields in which we operate properties or have a significant interest. Replacement of any of our leased offices would not result in material expenditures by us as alternative locations to our leased space are anticipated to be readily available.



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**Employees**

We had 86 employees as of December 31, 2006, none of whom are currently represented by a union. We believe that we have good relations with our employees. We employ six petroleum engineers and eight petroleum geoscientists.

**Regulations**

**General.** The oil and gas industry is subject to regulation at the federal, state and local level, and some of the laws, rules and regulations that govern our operations carry substantial penalties for non-compliance. This regulatory burden increases our cost of doing business and, consequently, affects our profitability.

**Exploration and Production.** Our operations are subject to federal, state and local regulations that include requirements for permits to drill and to conduct other operations and for provision of financial assurances (such as bonds) covering drilling and well operations. Other activities subject to regulation are:

the location of wells,

the method of drilling and completing wells,

the rate of production,

the surface use and restoration of properties upon which wells are drilled,

the plugging and abandoning of wells,

the disposal of fluids used or other wastes obtained in connection with operations,

the marketing, transportation and reporting of production, and

the valuation and payment of royalties.

For instance, our OCS leases in federal waters are administered by the Minerals Management Service, or MMS, and require compliance with detailed MMS regulations and orders. Lessees must obtain MMS approval for exploration plans and exploitation and production plans prior to the commencement of such operations. The MMS has promulgated regulations requiring offshore production facilities located on the OCS to meet stringent engineering and construction specifications. The MMS also has regulations restricting the flaring or venting of natural gas, and prohibiting the flaring of liquid hydrocarbons and oil without prior authorization. MMS policies concerning the volume of production that a lessee must have to maintain an offshore lease beyond its primary term also are applicable to Callon. Similarly, the MMS has promulgated other regulations governing the plugging and abandonment of wells located offshore and the installation and removal of all production facilities. To cover the various obligations of lessees on the OCS, the MMS generally requires that lessees have substantial net worth or post bonds or other acceptable assurances that such obligations will be met. The cost of these bonds or other surety can be substantial, and there is no assurance that bonds or other surety can be obtained in all cases. Under some circumstances, the MMS may require any of our operations on federal leases to be suspended or terminated. Any such suspension or termination could materially adversely affect our financial conditions and results of operations.

Our sales of oil and natural gas are affected by the availability, terms and cost of pipeline transportation. The price and terms for access to pipeline transportation remain subject to extensive federal regulation. If

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these regulations change, we could face higher transmission costs for our production and, possibly, reduced access to transmission capacity.

We do not currently anticipate that compliance with existing laws and regulations governing exploration and production will have a significantly adverse effect upon our capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position. Various proposals and proceedings that might affect the petroleum industry are pending before Congress, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC, various state legislatures, and the courts. The industry historically has been heavily regulated and we can offer you no assurance that the less stringent regulatory approach recently pursued by the FERC and Congress will continue nor can we predict what effect such proposals or proceedings may have on our operations.

**Environmental Regulation.** Various federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the discharge of contaminants into the environment, the generation, storage, transportation and disposal of wastes, and the protection of public health, natural resources, wildlife and the environment affect our exploration, development and production operations, including processing facilities. We must take into account the cost of complying with environmental regulations in planning, designing, drilling, constructing, operating and abandoning wells. In most instances, the regulatory requirements relate to the handling and disposal of drilling and production waste products, water and air pollution control procedures, and the remediation of petroleum-product contamination. In addition, our operations may require us to obtain permits for, among other things,

air emissions,

discharges into surface waters, and

the construction and operations of underground injection wells or surface pits to dispose of produced saltwater and other nonhazardous oilfield wastes.

In the event of an unauthorized discharge, emission or activity, we may be liable for penalties, costs and damages and we could be required to cleanup or mitigate the environmental impacts of unauthorized discharges. Under state and federal laws, we could be required to remove or remediate previously disposed wastes and remediate contamination, including contamination in surface water, soil or groundwater, caused by disposal of that waste. We could be responsible for wastes disposed of or released by us or prior owners or operators at properties owned or leased by us or at locations where wastes have been taken for disposal. We could also be required to suspend or cease operations in contaminated areas, or to perform remedial well plugging operations or cleanups to prevent future contamination. The Environmental Protection Agency and various state agencies have limited the disposal options for hazardous and nonhazardous wastes. The owner and operator of a site, and persons that treated, disposed of or arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances found at a site, may be liable, without regard to fault or the legality of the original conduct, for the release of a hazardous substance into the environment. The Environmental Protection Agency, state environmental agencies and, in some cases, third parties are authorized to take actions in response to threats to human health or the environment and to seek to recover from responsible classes of persons the costs of such action. Furthermore, certain wastes generated by our oil and natural gas operations that are currently exempt from treatment as hazardous wastes may in the future be designated as hazardous wastes and, therefore, be subject to considerably more rigorous and costly operating and disposal requirements.

Federal and state occupational safety and health laws require us to organize information about hazardous materials used, released or produced in our operations. Certain portions of this information must be

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provided to employees, state and local governmental authorities and local citizens. We are also subject to the requirements and reporting set forth in federal workplace standards.

We have made and will continue to make expenditures to comply with environmental regulations and requirements. These are necessary business costs in the oil and gas industry. Although we are not fully insured against all environmental risks, we maintain insurance coverage which we believe is customary in the industry. Moreover, it is possible that other developments, such as stricter and more comprehensive environmental laws and regulations, as well as claims for damages to property or persons resulting from company operations, could result in substantial costs and liabilities, including civil and criminal penalties, to Callon. We believe we are in compliance with existing environmental regulations, and that, absent the occurrence of an extraordinary event the effect of which cannot be predicted, any noncompliance will not have a material adverse effect on our operations or earnings.

**Commitments and Contingencies**

The Company's activities are subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations governing environmental quality and pollution control. Although no assurances can be made, the Company believes that, absent the occurrence of an extraordinary event, compliance with existing federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations governing the release of materials into the environment or otherwise relating to the protection of the environment will not have a material effect upon the capital expenditures, earnings or the competitive position of the Company with respect to its existing assets and operations. The Company cannot predict what effect additional regulation or legislation, enforcement policies thereunder, and claims for damages to property, employees, other persons, and the environment resulting from the Company's operations could have on its activities.

**Property Summary**

We are engaged in the exploration, development, acquisition and production of oil and gas properties. Our properties are concentrated offshore in the Gulf of Mexico and onshore, primarily, in Louisiana and Alabama. We have historically increased our reserves and production by focusing primarily on low to moderate risk exploration and acquisition opportunities in the Gulf of Mexico shelf area. In 1998, we expanded our area of exploration to include the Gulf of Mexico deepwater area. As of December 31, 2006, our estimated net proved reserves totaled 145.6 Bcfe and included 13.3 million barrels of oil ( MMBbl ) and 66.0 billion cubic feet of natural gas ( Bcf ), with a pre-tax present value, discounted at 10%, of the estimated future net revenues based on constant prices in effect at year-end of \$534.7 million. Oil constitutes approximately 55% on an equivalent basis of our total estimated proved reserves and approximately 46% of our total estimated proved reserves are proved developed reserves.

Our Medusa (Mississippi Canyon Blocks 538/582) and Habanero (Garden Banks Block 341) discoveries began production in the fourth quarter of 2003. A detailed discussion of each of these properties is provided in the

Significant Properties section of this report. These two deepwater discoveries were responsible for 50% of our total production during 2006.

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The following table shows discounted cash flows and estimated net proved oil and gas reserves by major field and for all other properties combined at December 31, 2006.

	Operator	Estimated Net Proved Reserves			Pre-tax
		Oil (MBbls)	Gas (MMcf)	Total (MMcfe)	Discounted Present Value (\$000) (a)(b)(c)
<b>Gulf of Mexico Deepwater:</b>					
Garden Banks Block 738/782/826/827					
Entrada	BP	3,824	19,059	42,003	\$ 134,977
Mississippi Canyon 538/582					
Medusa	Murphy	6,030	4,139	40,319	156,542
Garden Banks Block 341					
Habanero	Shell	2,582	6,252	21,747	121,909
<b>Gulf of Mexico Shelf and Onshore:</b>					
High Island Blocks 165/130	Hydro GOM	48	9,594	9,880	37,687
West Cameron 3/LA	Callon	100	3,393	3,992	17,919
High Island Block A-540	Walter Oil & Gas Corp.	104	3,063	3,686	16,514
West Cameron Block 295	Hydro GOM/Cimarex	12	4,679	4,751	15,990
North Padre Island Block 913	Callon		1,874	1,878	7,834
East Cameron Block 109	Energy Partners LTD	48	1,592	1,879	7,515
Other	Various	517	12,392	15,493	17,856
<b>Total Net Proved Reserves</b>		<b>13,265</b>	<b>66,037</b>	<b>145,628</b>	<b>\$ 534,743</b>

(a) Represents the present value of future net cash flows before deduction of federal income taxes, discounted at 10%, attributable to estimated net proved reserves as of December 31, 2006, as set

forth in the  
Company's  
reserve reports  
prepared by its  
independent  
petroleum  
reserve  
engineers,  
Huddleston &  
Co., Inc. of  
Houston, Texas.

- (b) Includes a reduction for estimated plugging and abandonment costs that is reflected as a liability on our balance sheet at December 31, 2006, in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations ( SFAS 143 ). See the Oil and Gas Reserve table for the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flow.
- (c) We use the financial measure present value of estimated future net revenues from proved reserves,

excluding  
income taxes.  
This is a  
non-GAAP  
financial  
measure. We  
believe that  
present value of  
estimated future  
net revenues  
from proved  
reserves,  
excluding  
income taxes,  
while not a  
financial  
measure in  
accordance with  
generally  
accepted  
accounting  
principles, is an  
important  
financial  
measure used by  
investors and  
independent oil  
and gas  
producers for  
evaluating the  
relative value of  
oil and natural  
gas properties  
and acquisitions  
because the tax  
characteristics  
of comparable  
companies can  
differ  
materially. The  
total  
standardized  
measure for our  
proved reserves  
as of  
December 31,  
2006 was  
\$470.8 million.  
The  
standardized  
measure gives

effect to income taxes, and is calculated in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 69,

Disclosures About Oil and Gas Producing Activities. The standardized measure of our estimated net proved reserves of \$470.8 million equals the present value of our estimated future net revenue from proved reserves, excluding income taxes, of \$534.7 million, less discounted estimated future income taxes relating to such future net revenues of \$63.9 million.

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**Gulf of Mexico Deepwater**

**Entrada, Garden Banks Blocks 738/782/826/827**

The Entrada discovery is located in approximately 4,500 feet of water in the Gulf of Mexico. Two wells and seven sidetracks have been drilled to date. The Entrada Area is characterized by a northwest plunging salt ridge with multiple stacked amplitudes trapped against the salt and various faults. At year end 2006, we reclassified a portion of Entrada's estimated net proved reserves to probable as of December 31, 2006 due to new performance data from analogous deepwater reservoirs. Please refer to Note 15 of our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information regarding reserves. On December 31, 2006, we owned a 20% working interest in this discovery with BP Exploration and Production Company ( BP ), the operator, holding the remaining working interest.

Subsequent to December 31, 2006, on March 8, 2007, we entered into an agreement with BP to purchase BP's 80% working interest in the Entrada Field for total cash consideration of \$190 million. The purchase price includes \$150 million payable at closing and an additional \$40 million payable after the achievement of certain production milestones. The purchased interests include five federal offshore blocks at Garden Banks Blocks 738, 782, 785, 826 and 827, subject to certain depth limitations. Upon the completion of the acquisition, we will own a 100% working interest in the Entrada Field and will become operator. The acquisition is expected to close within the next 45 days and will add 150 Bcfe to our proved undeveloped reserves.

The Magnolia field is located on blocks adjacent to Entrada. The field and related production facilities are owned by Conoco/Phillips, the operator, and Devon Energy Corporation. Work has been substantially completed on a front-end engineering design study to tie-back Entrada to the Magnolia production facilities by an integrated project team consisting of a leading engineering firm and personnel from BP and Callon, along with the Magnolia owners.

Negotiations between the Magnolia facility owners and Entrada owners for a production handling agreement have been ongoing. We expect to complete these negotiations in the near future once closing of our acquisition of BP's interest in Entrada is complete. Development expenditures are expected to commence in the second half of 2007 with the ordering of long-lead items. The majority of development costs are anticipated to be incurred in 2008 and early 2009. First production is projected to commence in the first quarter of 2009.

**Medusa, Mississippi Canyon Blocks 538/582**

Our Medusa deepwater discovery was announced in September 1999, after we drilled the initial test well in 2,235 feet of water to a total depth of 16,241 feet and encountered over 120 feet of pay in two intervals. Subsequent sidetrack drilling from the wellbore was used to determine the extent of the discovery and a second well was drilled in the first quarter of 2000 to further delineate the extent of the pay intervals. We own a 15% working interest, Murphy Exploration & Production Company ( Murphy ), the operator, owns a 60% working interest and ENI Deepwater, LLC, owns the remaining 25% working interest.

In 2001 a drilling program began which included four development wells and one sidetrack. The program included production casing being set on six wells to provide initial production take-points and was completed in the first half of 2002. The construction of a floating production system, spar, at Medusa was completed during the second quarter of 2003. The A-1 well was completed and tied into the spar and commenced production in late November 2003. The remaining five wells were completed and



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commenced production in 2004. Mississippi Canyon 538 #4, North Medusa, was drilled in 2003 and was temporarily abandoned after encountering 28 feet of net pay. The well bore was re-entered in the fourth quarter of 2004, sidetracked and reached an objective depth of 9,600 feet in January 2005. The sidetrack encountered 46 feet of net pay, was completed and commenced initial production in April 2005.

During 2006 the field produced 8.2 Bcfe net to us which accounted for 40% of our total production.

Future plans include five recompletions to produce up-hole sands and two sidetracks to undrained areas of the field up-dip or fault separated from existing productions.

In December 2003, we transferred our undivided 15% working interest in the spar production facilities to Medusa Spar LLC in exchange for cash proceeds of approximately \$25 million and a 10% ownership interest in the LLC. A detailed discussion of this transaction is included in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations-Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements .

**Habanero, Garden Banks Block 341**

During February 1999, the initial test well on our Habanero deepwater discovery encountered over 200 feet of net pay in two zones. Located in 2,015 feet of water, the well was drilled to a measured depth of 21,158 feet. We own an 11.25% working interest in the well. The well is operated by Shell Deepwater Development Inc., which owns a 55% working interest, with the remaining working interest being owned by Murphy.

A field delineation program began in mid-year 2001, which included three sidetracks of the discovery well.

Production casing was set on this well through the last of the sidetracks to the Habanero 52 oil and gas sand and the Habanero 55 gas sand. Also, a development well was drilled in the summer of 2003 which provides a take-point for production from the Habanero 52 oil sand. By means of a sub-sea completion and tie back to an existing production facility in the area operated by Shell, production from the Habanero 52 oil sand commenced in late November 2003 and from the Habanero 55 gas sand in January 2004. In July 2004 the #2 well producing the Habanero 52 oil sand developed mechanical difficulties with a subsurface control valve and was shut-in resulting in a significant loss of production. Repairs were completed and production was restored in late December 2004. In addition, the #1 well producing the Habanero 55 gas sand was recompleted to the Habanero 55 oil sand in December 2004.

At the time the field was developed, there was no way to know what the drive mechanism would be, so the wells were put at a mid-dip position. It is now known the field drive mechanism is water and the wells need to be at the structural crest for maximum recovery. A sidetrack of the #1 well is planned for this summer to move that well to an up-dip position.

During 2006 Habanero produced 2.1 Bcfe net to us which accounted for 10% of our total production.

**Gulf of Mexico Shelf and Onshore Louisiana**

**High Island Blocks 165/130**

The High Island 165 #1 well was spud in the fourth quarter of 2005, reached total depth of 17,029 feet in January 2006 and logged 140 feet of net pay. The well commenced production in October 2006 and during February 2007 was producing at a gross rate of 44 million cubic feet of natural gas per day. We have two development wells in progress, the High Island Block 130 #1 and #2 wells. The #1 well is being

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completed and should commence production at a similar rate late in the first quarter of 2007. In addition to the productive sands discovered by the High Island 165 #1 well, the High Island 130 #1 well encountered two deeper productive sands. The High Island 130 #2 well is drilling and if successful should commence production in the second half of 2007. The High Island 165 #1 well produced 0.4 Bcfe net to our interest in the fourth quarter of 2006. We have a 16.7% working interest in the shallower productive zones and an 11.7% interest in the deeper discovered by the High Island 130 #1 well and the operator of the field is Hydro Gulf of Mexico, LLC.

**West Cameron 3/LA**

We drilled our Prairie Beach prospect during the first half of 2006 which is located onshore in the state waters of Cameron Parish, Louisiana. The well encountered 37 feet of net pay and began production in October 2006. During 2006, the field produced 0.3 Bcfe net to us. We operate and own a 75% working interest.

**High Island Block A-540**

The #1 well was spud in November 2005 and reached a total depth of 9,450 feet the following month after logging 32 feet of net pay in the objective section. First production commenced in late September 2006 and during 2006 the field produced 0.3 Bcfe net to us. The company owns a 60% working interest and Walter Oil and Gas is the operator.

**West Cameron Block 295**

During the third quarter of 2005, the #2 well reached a total depth of 15,775 feet and logged 150 feet of net pay in two zones. Each zone was encountered at the predicted depth and exceeded anticipated thickness. The #2 well commenced production in the second quarter of 2006 and encountered mechanical difficulties which were corrected. Sustained production was achieved by the third quarter of 2006. In 2006, we drilled the #4 well, an offset to the #2 well. The #4 well commenced production during December 2006 in a deeper, secondary zone. After this zone is depleted we expect to recomplete the well in the main pay zone. Callon holds a 20.5% working interest in the block and Hydro Gulf of Mexico, LLC is the operator.

A second prospect on this block was also drilled during 2005. The #3 well was drilled to a depth of 16,286 feet in December 2005 and logged 110 feet of net (94 feet true vertical depth) pay in two zones. The well was completed in a deeper secondary zone and will probably be recompleted to the main pay zone in early 2008. The well commenced production in August 2006. Callon holds a 20.5% working interest in the block and Cimarex Energy Company is the operator.

During 2006, the West Cameron 295 field produced 0.8 Bcfe net to us.

**North Padre Island Block 913**

An exploratory well was drilled to a vertical depth of 8,082 feet in the fourth quarter of 2004 and found natural gas pay in multiple intervals. The well is tied back to existing infrastructure on a nearby block. We are the operator and own a 50% working interest. First production commenced in March 2006 and during 2006 the field produced 1.5 Bcfe net to us.

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During 2006, an exploratory well was drilled to a vertical depth of 13,110 feet and encountered 54 feet of net pay. The well commenced production during the second half of 2006 and produced 0.1 Bcfe before encountering mechanical problems. Production was restored in January 2007. Callon owns a 25% working interest and Energy Partners, LTD is the operator.

**Oil and Gas Reserves**

The following table sets forth certain information about our estimated proved reserves as reported by Huddleston & Co., Inc. as of the dates set forth below.

	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Proved developed:			
Oil (Bbls)	5,159	7,323	10,292
Gas (Mcf)	36,750	30,982	33,982
Mcfe	67,704	74,921	95,735
Proved undeveloped:			
Oil (Bbls)	8,106	11,105	9,456
Gas (Mcf)	29,287	47,039	38,637
Mcfe	77,924	113,667	95,373
Total proved:			
Oil (Bbls)	13,265	18,428	19,748
Gas (Mcf)	66,037	78,021	72,619
Mcfe	145,628	188,588	191,108
Estimated pre-tax future net cash flows (a)	\$ 775,742	\$ 1,487,817	\$ 892,145
Pre-tax discounted present value (a)(b)	\$ 534,743	\$ 1,088,714	\$ 612,595
Standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows(a)(b)	\$ 470,791	\$ 837,552	\$ 515,893

(a) Includes a reduction for estimated plugging and abandonment costs that is reflected as a liability on our balance sheet at December 31, 2006, in accordance with SFAS 143.

(b) We use the financial measure present value of estimated future net revenues from proved reserves, excluding income taxes. This is a non-GAAP financial measure. We believe that present value of estimated future net revenues from proved reserves, excluding income taxes, while not a financial measure in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, is an important financial measure used by investors and independent oil and gas producers for evaluating the relative value of oil and natural gas properties and acquisitions because the tax characteristics of comparable companies can differ materially. The total standardized

measure for our proved reserves as of December 31, 2006 was \$470.8 million.

The standardized measure gives effect to income taxes, and is calculated in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 69,

Disclosures About Oil and Gas Producing Activities. The standardized measure of our estimated net proved reserves of \$470.8 million equals the present value of our estimated future net revenue from proved reserves, excluding income taxes, of \$534.7 million, less discounted estimated future income taxes relating to such future net revenues of \$63.9 million.

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Our independent reserve engineers, Huddleston & Co., Inc., prepared the estimates of the proved reserves and the future net cash flows and present value thereof attributable to such proved reserves. Reserves were estimated using oil and gas prices and production and development costs in effect on December 31 of each such year, without escalation, and were otherwise prepared in accordance with SEC regulations regarding disclosure of oil and gas reserve information.

There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of proved reserves, including many factors beyond our control or the control of the reserve engineers. Reserve engineering is a subjective process of estimating underground accumulations of oil and gas that cannot be measured in an exact manner. The accuracy of any reserve or cash flow estimate is a function of the quality of available data and of engineering and geological interpretation and judgment. Estimates by different engineers often vary, sometimes significantly. In addition, physical factors, such as the results of drilling, testing and production subsequent to the date of an estimate, as well as economic factors, such as an increase or decrease in product prices that renders production of such reserves more or less economic, may justify revision of such estimates. Accordingly, reserve estimates could be different from the quantities of oil and gas that are ultimately recovered.

We have not filed any reports with other federal agencies which contain an estimate of total proved net oil and gas reserves during our last fiscal year.

**Present Activities and Productive Wells**

The following table sets forth the wells we have drilled and completed during the periods indicated. All such wells were drilled in the continental United States primarily in federal and state waters in the Gulf of Mexico.

	Years Ended December 31,					
	2006		2005		2004	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
Development:						
Oil			1	0.15		
Gas	2	0.37			2	1.22
Non-productive						
Total	2	0.37	1	0.15	2	1.22
Exploration:						
Oil						
Gas	5	2.05	7	2.42	2	0.72
Non-productive	8	2.98	4	1.25	5	1.24
Total	13	5.03	11	3.67	7	1.96

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The following table sets forth our productive wells as of December 31, 2006:

	<b>Wells</b>	
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Oil:</b>		
Working interest	40.00	3.90
Royalty interest	193.00	3.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>233.00</b>	<b>7.05</b>
<b>Gas:</b>		
Working interest	35.00	14.40
Royalty interest	211.00	1.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>246.00</b>	<b>15.89</b>

A well is categorized as an oil well or a natural gas well based upon the ratio of oil to gas reserves on a Mcfe basis. However, some of our wells produce both oil and gas. At December 31, 2006, we had no wells with multiple completions. At December 31, 2006, 1 gross (0.033 net) exploration oil well, 1 gross (0.255 net) exploration gas well and 1 gross (0.117 net) development gas well were in progress.

**Leasehold Acreage**

The following table shows our approximate developed and undeveloped (gross and net) leasehold acreage as of December 31, 2006.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Leasehold Acreage</b>			
	<b>Developed</b>		<b>Undeveloped</b>	
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Net</b>
Louisiana	6,274	4,019	10,706	4,454
Texas	78		15,150	7,616
Other states			681	509
Federal waters	107,029	53,930	357,270	152,105
<b>Total</b>	<b>113,381</b>	<b>57,949</b>	<b>383,807</b>	<b>164,684</b>

As of December 31, 2006, we owned various royalty and overriding royalty interests in 553 net developed and 7,645 net undeveloped acres. In addition, we owned 4,071 developed and 121,929 undeveloped mineral acres.

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Our production is sold generally on month-to-month contracts at prevailing prices. The following table identifies customers to whom we sold a significant percentage of our total oil and gas production during each of the 12-month periods ended:

	<b>December 31</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Shell Trading Company	41%	34%	30%
Louis Dreyfus Energy Services	25%	16%	23%
Plains Marketing, L.P.	11%	16%	13%
Chevron Texaco Natural Gas	3%	10%	6%

Because alternative purchasers of oil and gas are readily available, we believe that the loss of any of these purchasers would not result in a material adverse effect on our ability to market future oil and gas production.

**Title to Properties**

We believe that the title to our oil and gas properties is good and defensible in accordance with standards generally accepted in the oil and gas industry, subject to such exceptions which, in our opinion, are not so material as to detract substantially from the use or value of such properties. Our properties are typically subject, in one degree or another, to one or more of the following:

royalties and other burdens and obligations, express or implied, under oil and gas leases;

overriding royalties and other burdens created by us or our predecessors in title;

a variety of contractual obligations (including, in some cases, development obligations) arising under operating agreements, farmout agreements, production sales contracts and other agreements that may affect the properties or their titles;

back-ins and reversionary interests existing under purchase agreements and leasehold assignments;

liens that arise in the normal course of operations, such as those for unpaid taxes, statutory liens securing obligations to unpaid suppliers and contractors and contractual liens under operating agreements;

pooling, unitization and communitization agreements, declarations and orders; and

easements, restrictions, rights-of-way and other matters that commonly affect property.

To the extent that such burdens and obligations affect our rights to production revenues, they have been taken into account in calculating our net revenue interests and in estimating the size and value of our reserves. We believe that the burdens and obligations affecting our properties are conventional in the industry for properties of the kind owned by us.



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**ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

We are a defendant in various legal proceedings and claims, which arise in the ordinary course of our business. We do not believe the ultimate resolution of any such actions will have a material affect on our financial position or results of operations.

**ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

There were no matters submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of 2006.

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Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CPE . The following table sets forth the high and low sale prices per share as reported for the periods indicated.

	<b>Quarter Ended</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
2005:			
	First quarter	\$18.00	\$13.22
	Second quarter	16.12	12.42
	Third quarter	21.25	14.81
	Fourth quarter	22.29	16.65
2006:			
	First quarter	\$21.25	\$17.01
	Second quarter	21.99	15.12
	Third quarter	19.96	12.54
	Fourth quarter	17.44	12.48

As of March 5, 2007 there were approximately 4,057 common stockholders of record.

We have never paid dividends on our common stock and intend to retain our cash flow from operations, net of preferred stock dividends, for the future operation and development of our business. In addition, our primary credit facility and the terms of our outstanding subordinated debt prohibit the payment of cash dividends on our common stock.

**Table of Contents****Performance Graph**

The following graph compares the yearly percentage change for the five years ended December 31, 2006, in the cumulative total shareholder return on the Company's Common Stock against the cumulative total return for the (i) Hemscoff Industry and Market Index of SIC Group 123 (the Hemscoff Group Index) consisting of independent oil and gas drilling and exploration companies and (ii) the New York Stock Exchange Market Index. The comparison of total return on an investment for each of the periods assumes that \$100 was invested on December 31, 2001 in the Company, the Hemscoff Group Index and the New York Stock Exchange Market Index, and that all dividends were reinvested.

**COMPARE 5-YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN  
AMONG CALLON PETROLEUM COMPANY  
NYSE MARKET INDEX AND HEMSCOTT GROUP INDEX  
ASSUMES \$100 INVESTED ON DEC. 31, 2001  
ASSUMES DIVIDEND REINVESTED  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 2006**

	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Callon Petroleum Company	\$100	\$49	\$151	\$211	\$258	\$219
Hemscoff Group Index	\$100	\$93	\$121	\$170	\$268	\$318
NYSE Market Index	\$100	\$82	\$106	\$119	\$129	\$152

**ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**

The following table sets forth, as of the dates and for the periods indicated, selected financial information about us. The financial information for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2006 has been derived from our audited Consolidated Financial Statements for such periods. The information should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto. The following information is not necessarily indicative of our future results.

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**CALLON PETROLEUM COMPANY**  
**SELECTED HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
<b>Statement of Operations Data:</b>					
Operating revenues:					
Oil and gas sales	\$ 182,268	\$ 141,290	\$ 119,802	\$ 73,697	\$ 61,171
Operating expenses:					
Lease operating expenses	28,881	24,377	22,308	11,301	11,030
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	65,283	44,946	47,453	28,253	27,096
General and administrative	8,591	8,085	8,758	4,713	4,705
Accretion expense	4,960	3,549	3,400	2,884	
Derivative expense	150	6,028	1,371	535	708
Total operating expenses	107,865	86,985	83,290	47,686	43,539
Income from operations	74,403	54,305	36,512	26,011	17,632
Other (income) expenses:					
Interest expense	16,480	16,660	20,137	30,614	26,140
Other (income)	(1,869)	(998)	(357)	(444)	(1,004)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt			3,004	5,573	
Gain on sale of pipeline					(2,454)
Gain on sale of Enron derivatives					(2,479)
Total other (income) expenses	14,611	15,662	22,784	35,743	20,203
Income (loss) before income taxes	59,792	38,643	13,728	(9,732)	(2,571)
Income tax expense (benefit)	20,707	13,209	(6,697)	8,432	(900)
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of Medusa Spar LLC and cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	39,085	25,434	20,425	(18,164)	(1,671)
Equity in earnings of Medusa Spar LLC, net of tax	1,475	1,342	1,076	(8)	
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of change in in accounting principle	40,560	26,776	21,501	(18,172)	(1,671)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of tax				181	
Net income (loss)	40,560	26,776	21,501	(17,991)	(1,671)

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Preferred stock dividends		318	1,272	1,277	1,277
Net income (loss) available to common shares	\$ 40,560	\$ 26,458	\$ 20,229	\$ (19,268)	\$ (2,948)

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**CALLON PETROLEUM COMPANY**  
**SELECTED HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Net income (loss) per common share:					
Basic:					
Net income (loss) available to common before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.43	\$ 1.28	\$ (1.42)	\$ (.22)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of tax				.01	
Net income (loss) available to common	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.43	\$ 1.28	\$ (1.41)	\$ (.22)
Diluted:					
Net income (loss) available to common before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.28	\$ 1.22	\$ (1.42)	\$ (.22)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of tax				.01	
Net income (loss) available to common	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.28	\$ 1.22	\$ (1.41)	\$ (.22)
Shares used in computing net income (loss) per common share:					
Basic	20,270	18,453	15,796	13,662	13,387
Diluted	21,363	20,883	17,678	13,662	13,387
<b>Balance Sheet Data (end of period):</b>					
Oil and gas properties, net	\$ 547,027	\$ 447,364	\$ 406,690	\$ 390,163	\$ 377,661
Total assets	\$ 625,527	\$ 533,776	\$ 457,523	\$ 496,032	\$ 410,613
Long-term debt, less current portion	\$ 225,521	\$ 188,813	\$ 192,351	\$ 214,885	\$ 248,269
Stockholders' equity	\$ 281,363	\$ 228,048	\$ 198,312	\$ 133,261	\$ 140,960

We follow the full-cost method of accounting for oil and gas properties. Under this method of accounting, our net capitalized costs to acquire, explore and develop oil and gas properties may not exceed the sum of (1) the estimated future net revenues from proved reserves at current prices discounted at 10% and (2) the lower of cost or market of unevaluated properties, net of tax (the full-cost ceiling amount). If these capitalized costs exceed the full-cost ceiling amount, the excess is charged to expense.

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**ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion is intended to assist in an understanding of our financial condition and results of operations. Our Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto contain detailed information that should be referred to in conjunction with the following discussion. See Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

**General**

We have been engaged in the exploration, development, acquisition and production of oil and gas properties since 1950. Our revenues, profitability and future growth and the carrying value of our oil and gas properties are substantially dependent on prevailing prices of oil and gas and our ability to find, develop and acquire additional oil and gas reserves that are economically recoverable. Our ability to maintain or increase our borrowing capacity and to obtain additional capital on attractive terms is also influenced by oil and gas prices.

Significant events relating to our financial and operating results for the year ended December 31, 2006 included the closing of our four-year amended and restated senior secured credit facility which was underwritten by Union Bank of California, N.A. The credit facility has an initial borrowing base of \$75 million, which will be reviewed and redetermined semi-annually and can be increased to a maximum of \$175 million. We expect planned 2007 capital expenditures of approximately \$125 million will be funded with cash flows from operations and supplemented, if necessary, with our senior secured credit facility, which had \$40 million available at December 31, 2006. For a more detailed discussion of outstanding debt see Note 7 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Our estimated net proved oil and gas reserves decreased at December 31, 2006 to 145.6 Bcfe. This represents a decrease of 23% from previous year-end 2005 estimated proved reserves of 188.6 Bcfe.

Prices for oil and gas are subject to large fluctuations in response to relatively minor changes in the supply of and demand for oil and gas, market uncertainty and a variety of additional factors beyond our control. These factors include weather conditions in the United States, the condition of the United States economy, the actions of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, governmental regulation, political stability in the Middle East and elsewhere, the foreign supply of crude oil and natural gas, the price of foreign imports and the availability of alternate fuel sources. Any substantial and extended decline in the price of crude oil or natural gas would have an adverse effect on our carrying value of the proved reserves, borrowing capacity, revenues, profitability and cash flows from operations. We use derivative financial instruments (see Note 8 to our Consolidated Financial Statements and Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risks ) for price protection purposes on a limited amount of our future production and do not use these instruments for trading purposes. On a Mcfe basis, natural gas represents approximately 73% of budgeted 2007 production and 45% of proved reserves at year-end 2006.

Inflation has not had a material impact on us and is not expected to have a material impact on us in the future.

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Property and Equipment.** We follow the full-cost method of accounting for oil and gas properties whereby all costs incurred in connection with the acquisition, exploration and development of oil and gas reserves, including certain overhead costs, are capitalized into the full-cost pool. The amounts we capitalize into the full-cost pool are depleted (charged against earnings) using the unit-of-production method. The full-cost

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method of accounting for our proved oil and gas properties requires that we make estimates based on assumptions as to future events that could change. These estimates are described below.

*Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization (DD&A) of Oil and Gas Properties.* We calculate depletion by using the net capitalized costs in our full-cost pool plus future development costs (combined, the depletable base) and our estimated net proved reserve quantities. Capitalized costs added to the full-cost pool include the following:

the cost of drilling and equipping productive wells, dry hole costs, acquisition costs of properties with proved reserves, delay rentals and other costs related to exploration and development of our oil and gas properties;

our payroll and general and administrative costs and costs related to fringe benefits paid to employees directly engaged in the acquisition, exploration and/or development of oil and gas properties as well as other directly identifiable general and administrative costs associated with such activities. Such capitalized costs do not include any costs related to our production of oil and gas or our general corporate overhead;

costs associated with properties that do not have proved reserves classified as unevaluated property costs and are excluded from the depletable base. These unevaluated property costs are added to the depletable base at such time as wells are completed on the properties, the properties are sold or we determine these costs have been impaired. Our determination that a property has or has not been impaired (which is discussed below) requires that we make assumptions about future events;

estimated costs to dismantle, abandon and restore properties that are capitalized to the full-cost pool when the related liabilities are incurred under SFAS 143; and

our estimates of future costs to develop proved properties are added to the full-cost pool for purposes of the DD&A computation. We use assumptions based on the latest geologic, engineering, regulatory and cost data available to us to estimate these amounts. However, the estimates we make are subjective and may change over time. Our estimates of future development costs are periodically updated as additional information becomes available.

Capitalized costs included in the full-cost pool are depleted and charged against earnings using the unit-of-production method. Under this method, we estimate the proved reserves quantities at the beginning of each accounting period. For each barrel of Mcfe produced during the period, we record a depletion charge equal to the amount included in the depletable base (net of accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization) divided by our estimated net proved reserve quantities.

Because we use estimates and assumptions to calculate proved reserves (as discussed below) and the amounts included in the full-cost pool, our depletion rates may change if the estimates and assumptions are not realized. Such changes may be material.

*Ceiling Test.* Under the full-cost accounting rules of the SEC, we review the carrying value of our proved oil and gas properties each quarter. Under these rules, capitalized costs of oil and gas properties, net of accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization and deferred income taxes, may not exceed the present value of estimated future net cash flows from proved oil and gas reserves, discounted at 10%, plus the lower of cost or fair value of unevaluated properties, net of related tax effects (the full-cost ceiling amount). These rules generally require pricing future oil and gas production at the unescalated market price for oil and gas at the end of each fiscal quarter and require a write-down if the ceiling is exceeded. However, if prices recover sufficiently subsequent to the balance sheet date before the release of the financial statements then use of the subsequent pricing is allowed and no write-down would be required if same pricing was used. Given the volatility of oil and gas prices, it is reasonably possible that our estimate of discounted future net cash flows from proved oil and gas reserves could change in the near term. If oil and gas prices decline significantly,



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even if only for a short period of time, it is possible that write-downs of oil and gas properties could occur in the future.

*Estimating Reserves and Present Values.* The estimates of quantities of proved oil and gas reserves and the discounted present value of estimated future net cash flows from such reserves at the end of each quarter are based on numerous assumptions, which are likely to change over time. These assumptions include:

the prices at which we can sell our oil and gas production in the future. Oil and gas prices are volatile, but we are required to assume that they will not change from the prices in effect at the end of the quarter. In general, higher oil and gas prices will increase quantities of proved reserves and the present value of estimated future net cash flows from such reserves, while lower prices will decrease these amounts. Because our properties have relatively short productive lives, changes in prices will affect the present value of estimated future net cash flows more than the e