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SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED OCTOBER 6, 2009

**PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

(To prospectus dated October 5, 2009)

\$200,000,000

Comstock Resources, Inc.

% Senior Notes due 2017

The notes will bear interest at a rate of % per year. The notes will mature on , 2017. We will pay interest on the notes on and of each year, beginning on , 2010. We have the option to redeem all or a portion of the notes on and after , 2013 at the redemption prices specified under Description of the Notes Redemption Optional Redemption. In addition, we may redeem up to 35% of the notes before , 2012 with cash proceeds we receive from certain equity offerings. The notes will be guaranteed by each of our existing operating subsidiaries, and by each of our future restricted subsidiaries that guarantees or otherwise becomes liable with respect to our or our restricted subsidiaries other indebtedness. The notes and the guarantees will be our general unsecured senior obligations and will rank equal in right of payment with all of our other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness that is not by its terms subordinated to the notes, including our 67/8% Senior Notes due 2012. The notes will be effectively subordinated to all our existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the collateral securing such indebtedness, including our bank credit facility.

**Investing in the notes involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-10 of this prospectus supplement and page 3 of the accompanying prospectus.**

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	<b>Per Note</b>	<b>Total</b>
Public Offering Price	%	\$
Underwriting Discount	%	\$
Proceeds to Comstock Resources, Inc. (before expenses)	%	\$

Interest on the notes will accrue from \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 to the date of delivery.

The underwriters expect to deliver the notes to purchasers on or about October \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

*Joint Book-Running Managers*

**BofA Merrill Lynch**

**BMO Capital Markets**

**J.P. Morgan**

*Co-Managers*

**BBVA Securities  
KeyBanc Capital Markets  
Natixis Bleichroeder Inc.**

**Capital One Southcoast  
Mitsubishi UFJ Securities  
Scotia Capital  
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.**

**Comerica Securities  
Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc.  
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey**

October \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

The first part of this document is this prospectus supplement, which describes our business and the specific terms of this offering. The second part is the accompanying base prospectus, which we call the accompanying prospectus, and which gives more general information than this prospectus supplement, some of which may not apply to this offering. Generally, when we refer to prospectus, we are referring to both parts combined.

**IF THE INFORMATION IN THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE INFORMATION IN THE ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS, YOU SHOULD RELY ON THE INFORMATION IN THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT.**

You should read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus carefully before you invest. Both documents contain information you should consider when deciding to purchase the notes. In addition, we incorporate important business and financial information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus by reference to other documents. You should read and consider the information in the documents to which we have referred you in the section captioned *Where You Can Find More Information* in the accompanying base prospectus.

For some of the natural gas and oil industry terms used in this prospectus supplement we have provided definitions in the section captioned *Definitions* in this prospectus supplement.

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**CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

The information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference herein and our public releases, include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. These forward-looking statements are identified by use of terms such as expect, estimate, anticipate, project, plan, intend, believe, may, will, would, and similar statements, other than statements of historical or current facts, included in this prospectus, are forward-looking statements, including statements regarding:

- amount and timing of future production of oil and natural gas;
- the availability of exploration and development opportunities;
- amount, nature, and timing of capital expenditures;
- the number of anticipated wells to be drilled after the date hereof;
- our financial or operating results;
- our cash flow and anticipated liquidity;
- operating costs, including lease operating expenses, administrative costs, and other expenses;
- finding and development costs;
- our business strategy; and
- other plans and objectives for future operations.

Any or all of our forward-looking statements in this prospectus may turn out to be incorrect. They can be affected by a number of factors, including, among others:

- the risks described in Risk Factors and elsewhere in this prospectus;
- the volatility of prices and supply of, and demand for, oil and natural gas;
- the timing and success of our drilling activities;
- the numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of oil and natural gas reserves and actual future production rates and associated costs;
- our ability to successfully identify, execute, or effectively integrate future acquisitions;
- the usual hazards associated with the oil and natural gas industry, including fires, well blowouts, pipe failure, spills, explosions and other unforeseen hazards;

our ability to effectively market our oil and natural gas;

the availability of rigs, equipment, supplies, and personnel;

our ability to discover or acquire additional reserves;

our ability to satisfy future capital requirements;

changes in regulatory requirements;

general economic conditions, the status of the financial markets, and competitive conditions;

our ability to retain key members of our senior management and other key employees; and

hostilities in the Middle East and other sustained military campaigns and acts of terrorism or sabotage that impact the supply of crude oil and natural gas.

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**Table of Contents****SUMMARY**

*This summary is not complete and may not contain all of the information that may be important to you. You should read the entire prospectus supplement, accompanying prospectus and all documents incorporated by reference, including the risk factors and the financial statements and related notes, before deciding to purchase the notes. Unless otherwise indicated, or unless the context otherwise requires, all references to Comstock, we, us, and our in this prospectus supplement mean Comstock Resources, Inc. and our consolidated subsidiaries.*

**Our Business**

We are a Nevada corporation engaged in the acquisition, development, production and exploration of oil and natural gas. Our oil and gas operations are concentrated in East Texas, North Louisiana and South Texas. Our drilling program in 2009 is primarily focused on developing the Haynesville Shale formation on our acreage in North Louisiana. Our oil and natural gas properties are estimated to have proved reserves of 581.7 Bcfe with an estimated PV 10 Value of \$820.1 million as of December 31, 2008 and a standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows of \$636.3 million. Our consolidated proved oil and natural gas reserve base is 90% natural gas and 67% proved developed on a Bcfe basis as of December 31, 2008. Our common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol CRK.

Our proved reserves at December 31, 2008 and our 2008 average daily production are summarized below:

	Reserves at December 31, 2008				2008 Daily Production			
	Oil (MMBbls)	Gas (Bcf)	Total (Bcfe)	% of Total	Oil (MBbls/d)	Gas (MMcf/d)	Total (MMcfe/d)	% of Total
East Texas/North Louisiana	1.5	283.9	292.7	50.3%	0.8	80.1	85.0	51.9%
South Texas	2.1	192.5	205.1	35.3%	0.5	58.8	61.8	37.7%
Other Regions	6.1	47.2	83.9	14.4%	1.5	8.3	17.0	10.4%
Total	9.7	523.6	581.7	100.0%	2.8	147.2	163.8	100.0%

Only 2% of our proved reserves at December 31, 2008 relate to our Haynesville Shale properties, which are expected to be the principal source of our reserve and production growth in 2009 and 2010.

**Strengths**

*High Quality Properties.* Our operations are focused in two primary operating areas, the East Texas/North Louisiana and South Texas regions. We have an extensive acreage position in the emerging Haynesville Shale resource play in East Texas/North Louisiana where we have identified 86,032 gross (70,504 net to us) acres prospective for Haynesville Shale development. Our properties have an average reserve life of approximately 9.7 years and have substantial development and exploration potential.

*Successful Exploration and Development Program.* In 2008 we spent \$426.1 million on exploration and development of our oil and natural gas properties. We drilled 136 wells in 2008, 75.7 net to us, at a cost of \$291.7 million. We

spent \$116.0 million to acquire leases in the emerging Haynesville Shale play and we also spent \$18.4 million for other leasehold costs, recompletions, workovers, abandonment and production facilities. Our drilling activities in 2008 added 102.4 Bcfe to our proved reserves and contributed 17% of our 32% production growth in 2008. During the first nine months of 2009, we have drilled 38 wells (28.2 net), all of which were successful. Thirty-one of the 38 wells drilled were horizontal wells. Our drilling program this year is primarily focused on developing our Haynesville Shale properties. Through September 30, 2009, we have drilled 28 horizontal wells (20.8 net) in the Haynesville or Bossier shale in 2009, twenty-two of which are currently producing. The remaining six are in the process of being completed or awaiting pipeline connection prior to completion operations commencing. We are currently drilling six Haynesville Shale horizontal wells and participating in drilling a nonoperated Haynesville Shale horizontal well.

*Successful Acquisitions.* We have had significant growth over the years as a result of acquisitions. Since 1991, we have added 984.1 Bcfe of proved oil and natural gas reserves from 36 acquisitions at an average cost of \$1.14 per Mcfe. Our application of strict economic and reserve risk criteria have enabled us to successfully evaluate and integrate acquisitions.

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*Efficient Operator.* We operate 85% of our proved oil and natural gas reserve base as of December 31, 2008. As operator we are better able to control operating costs, the timing and plans for future development, the level of drilling and lifting costs and the marketing of production. As an operator, we receive reimbursements for overhead from other working interest owners, which reduces our general and administrative expenses.

## **Business Strategy**

*Pursue Exploration Opportunities.* We conduct exploration activities to grow our reserve base and to replace our production each year. In late 2007 we identified the potential in our largest operating region, East Texas/North Louisiana, to explore for natural gas in the Haynesville Shale formation, which was below the Cotton Valley, Hosston and Travis Peak sand formations we have been developing. We drilled eight pilot wells to evaluate the prospectivity of the Haynesville Shale. We undertook an active leasing program in 2008 to acquire additional acreage where we believed the Haynesville Shale formation would be prospective and spent \$116.0 million to increase our leasehold with Haynesville Shale potential to 86,032 gross acres (70,504 net to us). We started the commercial development of the Haynesville Shale in late 2008 and drilled two (1.1 net) successful horizontal wells. In 2009, our drilling program has focused on exploring and developing our Haynesville Shale acreage. We plan to spend approximately \$310.0 million in 2009 to drill 38 (29.5 net to us) Haynesville Shale horizontal wells.

We also have an active exploration program in our South Texas region utilizing 3-D seismic to identify prospects in the Wilcox and Vicksburg formations. In 2008, we drilled four exploratory wells (2.1 net to us), in South Texas. Three of these wells (1.7 net to us) were successful. In our South Texas region, we drilled four successful wells (2.9 net) in the first nine months of 2009, which had an average per well initial production rate of 9.5 MMcfe per day. One additional well is planned to be drilled in this region in 2009.

*Exploit Existing Reserves.* We seek to maximize the value of our oil and natural gas properties by increasing production and recoverable reserves through development drilling and active workover, recompletion and exploitation activities. We utilize advanced industry technology, including 3-D seismic data, horizontal drilling, improved logging tools, and formation stimulation techniques. During 2008, we spent approximately \$230.6 million to drill 130 development wells (72.5 net to us), all but three of which were successful. We also spent \$14.2 million for recompletion and workovers in 2008. Given lower natural gas prices in 2009, we expect to focus primarily on developing our Haynesville Shale properties which provide us higher economic returns than some of our conventional development projects.

*Acquire High Quality Properties at Attractive Costs.* We have a successful track record of increasing our oil and natural gas reserves through opportunistic acquisitions. Since 1991, we have added 984.1 Bcfe of proved oil and natural gas reserves from 36 acquisitions at a total cost of \$1.1 billion, or \$1.14 per Mcfe. The acquisitions were made at an average of 67% of their PV 10 Value in the year the respective acquisition was completed. We also evaluate our existing properties and consider divesting of non-strategic assets when market conditions are favorable. We did not acquire any producing oil and gas properties in 2008 due to high acquisition prices; however, we did complete several divestitures of non-strategic assets. In evaluating acquisitions, we apply strict economic and reserve risk criteria. We target properties in our core operating areas with established production and low operating costs that also have potential opportunities to increase production and reserves through exploration and exploitation activities.

*Maintain Flexible Capital Expenditure Budget.* The timing of most of our capital expenditures is discretionary because we have not made any significant long-term capital expenditure commitments except for contracted drilling services. We operate most of the drilling projects in which we participate. Consequently, we have a significant degree of flexibility to adjust the level of such expenditures according to market conditions. We anticipate spending a total amount of approximately \$360.0 million in 2009 on our development and exploration projects. We intend to primarily use operating cash flow and borrowings under our bank credit facility to fund our development and exploration

expenditures in 2009. We may also make additional property acquisitions in 2009 that would require additional sources of funding. Such sources may include borrowings under our bank credit facility or sales of our equity or debt securities.

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*The summary below describes the principal terms of the notes. Certain of the terms and conditions described below are subject to important limitations and exceptions. The Description of the Notes section of this prospectus supplement contains a more detailed description of the terms and conditions of the notes.*

Issuer	Comstock Resources, Inc.
Notes Offered	\$200,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of senior notes due 2017.
Maturity Date	, 2017
Interest Rate and Payment Dates	% per annum payable on and of each year, commencing on , 2010.
Ranking	The notes will rank equally with all our existing and future unsecured senior indebtedness. The notes will be effectively subordinated to all of our secured indebtedness, including indebtedness under our bank credit facility, to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness, and to all liabilities of our subsidiaries that are not subsidiary guarantors. As of September 30, 2009, after giving effect to this offering and the use of proceeds therefrom, we would have had no secured indebtedness outstanding and approximately \$550.0 million of additional indebtedness would have been available for borrowing under our bank credit facility.
Optional Redemption	<p>We may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at any time on or after , 2013 at the redemption prices described under Description of the Notes Redemption, plus accrued interest, if any, to the date of redemption.</p> <p>In addition, before , 2012 we may redeem up to 35% of the notes at the redemption price listed in Description of the Notes Redemption with the net proceeds of certain equity offerings. However, we may only make such redemptions if at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of notes initially issued under the indenture remain outstanding immediately after such redemption.</p>
Change of Control	If we experience a Change of Control (as defined under Description of the Notes Certain Definitions ), we must offer to purchase the notes at 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes, plus accrued interest, if any, to the date of purchase.
Guarantees	The payment of principal and interest on the notes will be unconditionally guaranteed on a senior basis jointly and severally by each of our existing operating subsidiaries, and by each of our future restricted subsidiaries that guarantees or otherwise becomes liable with respect to our or our restricted subsidiaries other indebtedness. Such guarantees will rank equally with all other unsecured senior indebtedness of these subsidiary

guarantors.

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Certain Covenants	<p>The indenture governing the notes will contain certain covenants that, among other things, restrict our ability and the ability of certain of our subsidiaries to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>incur or guarantee additional indebtedness or issue disqualified capital stock;</li><li>pay dividends or make distributions in respect of capital stock;</li><li>repurchase or redeem capital stock;</li><li>make certain investments and other restricted payments;</li><li>create liens;</li><li>enter into transactions with affiliates;</li><li>engage in sale-leaseback transactions;</li><li>sell assets;</li><li>issue or sell preferred stock of certain subsidiaries; and</li><li>engage in mergers or consolidations.</li></ul> <p>These covenants are subject to important exceptions and qualifications described under <a href="#">Description of the Notes</a> <a href="#">Certain Covenants</a>.</p>
Covenant Suspension	<p>At any time when the notes are rated investment grade by both Moody's Investor Services and Standard &amp; Poor's Rating Services and no default or event of default has occurred and is continuing under the indenture, we and our subsidiaries will not be subject to many of the foregoing covenants. See <a href="#">Description of the Notes</a> <a href="#">Covenant Suspension</a>.</p>
Trading	<p>The notes will not be registered on any national securities exchange.</p>
Original Issue Discount	<p>The notes may be issued with original issue discount for United States federal income tax purposes. Any such original issue discount will accrue from the issue date of the notes and will be included as interest income periodically in a U.S. holder's gross income for United States federal income tax purposes in advance of receipt of the cash payments to which such income is attributable. See <a href="#">Certain United States Federal Income Tax Considerations</a>.</p>
Use of Proceeds	<p>The net proceeds from this offering, after deducting underwriting discounts and estimated expenses of the offering, will be approximately \$195.5 million. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to repay borrowings under our bank credit facility and for general corporate</p>

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Conflicts of Interest

As described in Use of Proceeds, a portion of the net proceeds from this offering will be used to repay borrowings under our bank credit facility. Because we expect that more than 5% of the proceeds of this offering may be received by certain of the underwriters in this offering or their affiliates that are lenders under our bank credit facility, this offering is being conducted in compliance with NASD Rule 2720, as administered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. has agreed to act as the qualified independent underwriter with respect to this offering and has performed due diligence investigations and participated in the preparation of this prospectus supplement. Please see Underwriting.

Risk Factors

Investing in the notes involves a high degree of risk that you should carefully evaluate before deciding to purchase the notes. Please read sections captioned Risk Factors beginning on page S-10 of this prospectus supplement and page 3 of the accompanying prospectus, including all sections discussing risks and uncertainties in the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein.

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The following tables present a summary of our historical financial data as of and for the periods indicated. The financial results are not necessarily indicative of our future operations or future financial results. The consolidated financial information for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2009 are unaudited. In the opinion of management, such information contains all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring accruals, necessary for a fair presentation of the results of such periods. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for the full fiscal year. The data presented below should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, as well as our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2009 and June 30, 2009 and our Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 22, 2009, each of which is incorporated by reference herein. During 2008, we divested our interests in our offshore operations, which were conducted through our subsidiary Bois d'Arc Energy, Inc. Accordingly, we have adjusted the presentation of selected financial data to reflect the offshore operations on a discontinued basis.

**Statement of Operations Data**

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>			<b>Six Months Ended</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>June 30,</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<i>(In thousands, except per share data)</i>				
Revenues:					
Oil and gas sales	\$ 257,218	\$ 331,613	\$ 563,749	\$ 299,743	\$ 133,226
Gain on sale of assets			26,560	21,204	
Total revenues	257,218	331,613	590,309	320,947	133,226
Operating expenses:					
Oil and gas operating(1)	53,903	64,791	86,730	44,564	34,444
Exploration	1,424	7,039	5,032	2,238	144
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	75,278	125,349	182,179	85,927	98,068
Impairment of oil and gas properties	8,812	482	922		
General and administrative, net	20,395	27,813	32,266	13,086	18,870
Total operating expenses	159,812	225,474	307,129	145,815	151,526
Income (loss) from operations	97,406	106,139	283,180	175,132	(18,300)
Other income (expenses)					
Interest income	682	877	1,537	366	32
Other income	184	144	119	58	92
Interest expense	(20,733)	(32,293)	(25,336)	(18,497)	(5,063)
Marketable securities impairment(2)			(162,672)		
Gain from derivatives	10,716				
Total other income (expense)	(9,151)	(31,272)	(186,352)	(18,073)	(4,939)
	88,255	74,867	96,828	157,059	(23,239)

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Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes					
Provision for income taxes	(34,190)	(29,223)	(38,611)	(57,229)	6,107
Income (loss) from continuing operations	54,065	45,644	58,217	99,830	(17,132)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations(3)	16,600	23,257	193,745	23,892	
Net income (loss)	\$ 70,665	\$ 68,901	\$ 251,962	\$ 123,722	\$ (17,132)

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	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>			<b>Six Months Ended</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>June 30,</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<i>(In thousands, except per share data)</i>				
Basic net income (loss) per share					
Continuing operations	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.03	\$ 1.27	\$ 2.19	\$ (0.38)
Discontinued operations	0.38	0.52	4.23	0.52	
	\$ 1.63	\$ 1.55	\$ 5.50	\$ 2.71	\$ (0.38)
Diluted net income (loss) per share(4):					
Continuing operations	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.01	\$ 1.26	\$ 2.17	\$ (0.38)
Discontinued operations	0.38	0.52	4.20	0.52	
	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.53	\$ 5.46	\$ 2.69	\$ (0.38)
Weighted average shares outstanding:					
Basic	42,220	43,415	44,524	44,296	44,971
Diluted	43,252	44,080	44,813	44,677	44,971

- (1) Includes lease operating costs and production and ad valorem taxes.
- (2) Unrealized loss before income taxes representing impairment on shares of common stock of Stone Energy Corporation.
- (3) Includes gain of \$158.1 million, net of income taxes of \$85.3 million, from the sale of our offshore operations in 2008.
- (4) Basic and diluted earnings per share for the six months ended June 30, 2009 are the same due to the net loss.

**Balance Sheet Data**

	<b>As of December 31,</b>			<b>As of June 30,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,228	\$ 5,565	\$ 6,281	\$ 8,709	\$ 3,970
Property and equipment, net	917,854	1,310,559	1,444,715	1,276,184	1,521,578
Net assets of discontinued operations	913,478	981,682		1,031,982	
Total assets	1,878,125	2,354,387	1,577,890	2,409,695	1,629,267
Total debt	355,000	680,000	210,000	495,000	315,000
Stockholders' equity	902,912	1,039,085	1,062,085	1,203,479	1,045,182

**Cash Flow Data**

	Year Ended December 31,			Six Months Ended	
	2006	2007	2008	2008	2009
	<i>(In thousands)</i>				
Cash flows provided by operating activities from continuing operations	\$ 186,169	\$ 201,539	\$ 450,533	\$ 200,730	\$ 69,445
Cash flows used for investing activities from continuing operations	(281,505)	(531,493)	(289,194)	(29,480)	(179,125)
Cash flows provided by (used for) financing activities from continuing operations	132,882	334,357	(452,883)	(168,106)	107,369
Cash flows provided by (used for) discontinued operations	(36,407)	(66)	292,260		

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The following table sets forth certain of our summary operating data for the periods indicated:

	Year Ended December 31,			Six Months Ended	
	2006	2007	2008	June 30, 2008	2009
<b>Net Production Data</b>					
Natural gas (MMcf)	30,271	39,231	53,867	26,812	26,901
Oil (MBbls)	921	1,008	1,009	511	421
Natural gas equivalent (MMcfe)	35,797	45,282	59,923	29,878	29,425
<b>Average Sales Price</b>					
Oil (\$/Bbl)	\$ 55.32	\$ 60.96	\$ 87.15	\$ 93.92	\$ 41.95
Natural gas (\$/Mcf)	\$ 6.81	\$ 6.89	\$ 8.92	\$ 9.56	\$ 3.81
Natural gas including hedging (\$/Mcf)	\$ 6.81	\$ 6.89	\$ 8.83	\$ 9.39	\$ 4.30
Average equivalent price (\$/Mcf)	\$ 7.19	\$ 7.32	\$ 9.49	\$ 10.19	\$ 4.08
Average equivalent price including hedging (\$/Mcf)	\$ 7.19	\$ 7.32	\$ 9.41	\$ 10.03	\$ 4.53
<b>Expenses (\$ per Mcfe)</b>					
Oil and gas operating(1)	\$ 1.51	\$ 1.43	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.49	\$ 1.17
Depreciation, depletion and amortization(2)	\$ 2.10	\$ 2.76	\$ 3.03	\$ 2.87	\$ 3.32

(1) Includes lease operating costs and production and ad valorem taxes.

(2) Represents depreciation, depletion and amortization of oil and gas properties only.

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The following table summarizes the estimates of our net proved oil and natural gas reserves as of the dates indicated and the present value attributable to these reserves at such dates based on reserve reports prepared by Lee Keeling and Associates, Inc. For additional information relating to our oil and natural gas reserves, see Risk Factors. Our reserve estimates depend on many assumptions that may turn out to be inaccurate. Any material inaccuracies in our reserve estimates or underlying assumptions will materially affect the quantities and present value of our reserves contained herein and Business and Properties Oil and Natural Gas Reserves, contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 and the Supplemental Oil and Gas Information in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 22, 2009, each of which is incorporated by reference herein.

	<b>As of December 31,</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>PROVED RESERVES(1)</b>			
Natural Gas (MMcf)	435,508	587,718	523,643
Oil (Mbbbls)	11,984	10,510	9,668
Total (MMcfe)	507,413	650,775	581,653
PV 10 Value of Proved Reserves (000 \$)(2)	\$ 981,281	\$ 1,577,807	\$ 820,110
<b>PROVED DEVELOPED RESERVES(1)</b>			
Natural Gas (MMcf)	241,243	370,339	354,934
Oil (Mbbbls)	7,912	7,449	5,446
Total (MMcfe)	288,715	415,032	387,612

(1) Includes only reserves attributable to our continuing onshore oil and gas operations.

(2) The PV 10 Value represents the discounted future net cash flows attributable to our proved oil and gas reserves before income tax, discounted at 10%. Although it is a non-GAAP measure, we believe that the presentation of the PV 10 Value is relevant and useful to our investors because it presents the discounted future net cash flows attributable to our proved reserves prior to taking into account corporate future income taxes and our current tax structure. We use this measure when assessing the potential return on investment related to our oil and gas properties. The standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows represents the present value of future cash flows attributable to our proved oil and natural gas reserves after income tax, discounted at 10%.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*In deciding whether to purchase the notes, you should carefully consider the risks described below and in the Risk Factors section on page 3 of the accompanying prospectus, any of which could cause our operating results and financial condition to be materially adversely affected, as well as other information and data included in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein.*

**Risks Related to This Offering**

***Our substantial indebtedness could limit our flexibility, adversely affect our financial health and prevent us from making payments on the notes.***

We have, and after this offering will continue to have, a substantial amount of indebtedness. As of September 30, 2009, after giving effect to this offering and the use of proceeds therefrom, we and the subsidiary guarantors would have had \$375.0 million in principal amount of senior indebtedness outstanding, none of which would be secured, and approximately \$550.0 million of secured indebtedness would have been available for borrowing under our bank credit facility. The notes will be effectively subordinated to all of our secured indebtedness, including indebtedness under our bank credit facility, to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness.

Our substantial indebtedness could have important consequences to you. For example, it could:

make it difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to the notes;

make us more vulnerable to general adverse economic and industry conditions;

require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our indebtedness, thereby reducing the availability of our cash flow for operations and other purposes;

limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate; and

place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to competitors that may have proportionately less indebtedness.

In addition, our ability to make scheduled payments or to refinance our obligations depends on our successful financial and operating performance. We cannot assure you that our operating performance will generate sufficient cash flow or that our capital resources will be sufficient for payment of our indebtedness obligations in the future. Our financial and operating performance, cash flow and capital resources depend upon prevailing economic conditions and certain financial, business and other factors, many of which are beyond our control.

If our cash flow and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to sell material assets or operations, obtain additional capital or restructure our debt. In the event that we are required to dispose of material assets or operations or restructure our debt to meet our debt service and other obligations, we cannot assure you as to the terms of any such transaction or how quickly any such transaction could be completed, if at all.



We may incur substantial additional indebtedness in the future. Our incurrence of additional indebtedness would intensify the risks described above.

***The instruments governing our indebtedness will contain various covenants limiting the discretion of our management in operating our business.***

The indenture governing the notes, the indenture governing our 67/8% senior notes due 2012 and our bank credit facility contain various restrictive covenants that limit our management's discretion in operating our business. In particular, these agreements will limit our ability to, among other things:

incur additional indebtedness, guarantee obligations or issue disqualified capital stock;

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pay dividends or distributions on our capital stock or redeem, repurchase or retire our capital stock;

make investments or other restricted payments;

grant liens on assets;

enter into transactions with stockholders or affiliates;

engage in sale-leaseback transactions;

sell assets;

issue or sell preferred stock of certain subsidiaries; and

merge or consolidate.

In addition, our bank credit facility also requires us to maintain a minimum current ratio and a minimum tangible net worth.

If we fail to comply with the restrictions in the indenture governing the notes, the indenture governing our 67/8% senior notes due 2012, our bank credit facility or any other subsequent financing agreements, a default may allow the creditors, if the agreements so provide, to accelerate the related indebtedness as well as any other indebtedness to which a cross-acceleration or cross-default provision applies. If that occurs, we may not be able to make all of the required payments or borrow sufficient funds to refinance such debt. Even if new financing were available at that time, it may not be on terms acceptable to us. In addition, lenders may be able to terminate any commitments they had made to make available further funds.

***Any failure to meet our debt obligations could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.***

If our cash flow and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt obligations, we may be forced to sell assets, seek additional equity or debt capital or restructure our debt. In addition, any failure to make scheduled payments of interest and principal on our outstanding indebtedness would likely result in a reduction of our credit rating, which could harm our ability to incur additional indebtedness on acceptable terms to us, if at all. Our cash flow and capital resources may be insufficient for payment of interest on and principal of our debt in the future, including payments on the notes, and any such alternative measures may be unsuccessful or may not permit us to meet scheduled debt service obligations, which could cause us to default on our obligations and impair our liquidity.

***We may be unable to purchase your notes upon a change of control.***

Upon the occurrence of a change of control, as defined in the indenture governing the notes, we will be required to offer to purchase your notes. We may not have sufficient financial resources to purchase all of the notes that holders tender to us upon a change of control offer, or might be prohibited from doing so under our bank credit facility or our other indebtedness. The occurrence of a change of control also could constitute an event of default under our bank credit facility or our other indebtedness. See Description of the Notes Certain Covenants Change of Control.

***The notes and the guarantees are effectively subordinated to all of our and our subsidiary guarantors' secured indebtedness and all indebtedness of our non-guarantor subsidiaries.***

The notes will not be secured. The borrowings under our bank credit facility are secured by liens on all of our and our subsidiary guarantors' assets. If we or any of these subsidiary guarantors declare bankruptcy, liquidate or dissolve, or if payment under the bank credit facility or any of our other secured indebtedness is accelerated, our secured lenders would be entitled to exercise the remedies available to a secured lender under applicable law and will have a claim on those assets before the holders of the notes. As a result, the notes are effectively subordinated to our and our subsidiaries' secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing that indebtedness, and the holders of the notes would in all likelihood recover ratably less than the lenders of our and our subsidiaries' secured indebtedness in the event of our bankruptcy, liquidation or

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dissolution. As of September 30, 2009, after giving effect to this offering and the use of proceeds therefrom, we and the subsidiary guarantors would have had no secured indebtedness outstanding to which the notes and the subsidiary guarantees would have been effectively subordinated, and approximately \$550.0 million of additional secured indebtedness would have been available for borrowing under our bank credit facility.

In addition, the notes will be structurally subordinated to all of the liabilities of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes. In the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or dissolution of any of the non-guarantor subsidiaries, holders of their indebtedness, their trade creditors and holders of their preferred equity will generally be entitled to payment on their claims from assets of those subsidiaries before any assets are made available for distribution to us.

***Federal and state statutes allow courts, under specific circumstances, to void the guarantees and require noteholders to return payments received from the guarantors.***

Creditors of any business are protected by fraudulent conveyance laws which differ among various jurisdictions, and these laws may apply to the issuance of the guarantees by our subsidiary guarantors. The guarantee may be voided by a court, or subordinated to the claims of other creditors, if, among other things:

the indebtedness evidenced by the guarantees was incurred by a subsidiary guarantor with actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud any present or future creditor of such subsidiary guarantor; or

our subsidiary guarantors did not receive fair consideration or reasonably equivalent value for issuing the guarantees, and the applicable subsidiary guarantors:

(1) were insolvent, or were rendered insolvent by reason of issuing the applicable guarantee,

(2) were engaged or about to engage in a business or transaction for which the remaining assets of the applicable subsidiary guarantor constituted unreasonably small capital, or

(3) intended to incur, or believed that we or they would incur, indebtedness beyond our or their ability to pay as they matured.

In addition, any payment by such subsidiary guarantor pursuant to any guarantee could be voided and required to be returned to such subsidiary guarantor, or to a fund for the benefit of creditors of such subsidiary guarantor.

The measures of insolvency for purposes of these fraudulent transfer laws will vary depending upon the law applied in any proceeding to determine whether a fraudulent transfer has occurred. Generally, however, a subsidiary guarantor would be considered insolvent if:

the sum of such subsidiary guarantor's debts, including contingent liabilities, were greater than the fair saleable value of all of such subsidiary guarantor's assets;

the present fair saleable value of such subsidiary guarantor's assets were less than the amount that would be required to pay such subsidiary guarantor's probable liability on existing debts, including contingent liabilities, as they become absolute and mature; or

any subsidiary guarantor could not pay debts as they become due.

Based upon financial and other information, we believe that the guarantees are being incurred for proper purposes and in good faith and that each subsidiary guarantor is solvent and will continue to be solvent after this offering is

completed, will have sufficient capital for carrying on its business after such issuance and will be able to pay its indebtedness as they mature. We cannot assure you, however, that a court reviewing these matters would agree with us. A legal challenge to a guarantee on fraudulent conveyance grounds may focus on the benefits, if any, realized by us or the subsidiary guarantors as a result of our issuance of the guarantees.

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***Receipt of payment on the notes, as well as the enforcement of remedies under the subsidiary guarantees, may be limited in bankruptcy or in equity***

An investment in the notes, as in any type of security, involves insolvency and bankruptcy considerations that investors should carefully consider. If we or any of our subsidiary guarantors become a debtor subject to insolvency proceedings under the bankruptcy code, it is likely to result in delays in the payment of the notes and in the exercise of enforcement remedies under the notes or the subsidiary guarantees. Provisions under the bankruptcy code or general principles of equity that could result in the impairment of your rights include the automatic stay, avoidance of preferential transfers by a trustee or a debtor-in-possession, substantive consolidation, limitations of collectability of unmatured interest or attorneys' fees and forced restructuring of the notes.

If a bankruptcy court substantively consolidated us and our subsidiaries, the assets of each entity would be subject to the claims of creditors of all entities. This would expose you not only to the usual impairments arising from bankruptcy, but also to potential dilution of the amount ultimately recoverable because of the larger creditor base. Furthermore, forced restructuring of the notes could occur through the "cram-down" provision of the bankruptcy code. Under this provision, the notes could be restructured over your obligations as to their general terms, primarily interest rate and maturity.

***Your ability to resell the notes may be limited by a number of factors and the prices for the notes may be volatile.***

The notes will be a new class of securities for which there currently is no established market, and we cannot assure you that any active or liquid trading market for these notes will develop. We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes on any securities exchange or on any automated dealer quotation system. Although we have been informed by the underwriters that they currently intend to make a market in the notes, they are not obligated to do so and any market-making may be discontinued at any time without notice. See "Underwriting." If a market for the notes were to develop, the notes could trade at prices that may be higher or lower than reflected by their initial offering price, depending on many factors, including among other things:

changes in the overall market for non-investment grade securities;

changes in our financial performance or prospects;

the prospects for companies in our industry generally;

the number of holders of the notes;

the interest of securities dealers in making a market for the notes; and

prevailing interest rates.

In addition, the market for non-investment grade indebtedness has been historically subject to disruptions that have caused substantial volatility in the prices of securities similar to the notes offered hereby. The market for the notes, if any, may be subject to similar disruptions. Any such disruption could adversely affect the value of your notes.

***A ratings agency downgrade could lead to increased borrowing costs and credit stress.***

If one or more rating agencies that rate the notes either assigns the notes a rating lower than the rating expected by the investors, or reduces its rating in the future, the market price of the notes, if any, would be adversely affected. In addition, if any of our other outstanding debt that is rated is downgraded, raising capital will become more difficult for

us, borrowing costs under our bank credit facility and other future borrowings may increase and the market price of the notes, if any, may decrease.

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***If the notes receive an investment grade rating, many of the covenants in the indenture governing the notes will be suspended, thereby reducing some of your protections in the indenture.***

If at any time the notes receive investment grade ratings from both Standard & Poor's Rating Services and Moody's Investor Services, subject to certain additional conditions, many of the covenants in the indenture governing the notes, applicable to us and our restricted subsidiaries, including the limitations on indebtedness and disqualified capital stock and restricted payments, will be suspended. While these covenants will be reinstated if we fail to maintain investment grade ratings on the notes or in the event of a continuing default or event of default thereunder, during the suspension period noteholders will not have the protection of these covenants and we will have greater flexibility to incur indebtedness and make restricted payments.

***The notes may be issued with original issue discount, or OID, which you will be required to accrue into income before you receive cash attributable to the OID.***

The notes may be issued with original issue discount for United States federal income tax purposes. Any such original issue discount will accrue from the issue date of the notes and will be included as interest income periodically in a U.S. holder's gross income for United States federal income tax purposes in advance of receipt of the cash payments to which such income is attributable. See Certain United States Federal Income Tax Considerations.

## **Risks Related to Our Business**

***A substantial or extended decline in oil and natural gas prices may adversely affect our business, financial condition, cash flow, liquidity or results of operations and our ability to meet our capital expenditure obligations and financial commitments and to implement our business strategy.***

Our business is heavily dependent upon the prices of, and demand for, oil and natural gas. Historically, the prices for oil and natural gas have been volatile and are likely to remain volatile in the future. The prices we receive for our oil and natural gas production and the level of such production will be subject to wide fluctuations and depend on numerous factors beyond our control, including the following:

the domestic and foreign supply of oil and natural gas;

weather conditions;

the price and quantity of imports of crude oil and natural gas;

political conditions and events in other oil-producing and natural gas-producing countries, including embargoes, hostilities in the Middle East and other sustained military campaigns, and acts of terrorism or sabotage;

the actions of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, or OPEC;

domestic government regulation, legislation and policies;

the level of global oil and natural gas inventories;

technological advances affecting energy consumption;

the price and availability of alternative fuels; and



overall economic conditions.

If the decline in the price of crude oil or natural gas that started in 2008 continues during 2009, the lower prices will adversely affect:

our revenues, profitability and cash flow from operations;

the value of our proved oil and natural gas reserves;

the economic viability of certain of our drilling prospects;

our borrowing capacity; and

our ability to obtain additional capital.

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We have entered into certain natural gas price hedging arrangements on certain of our anticipated sales in 2009. In the future we may enter into additional hedging arrangements in order to reduce our exposure to price risks. Such arrangements would limit our ability to benefit from increases in oil and natural gas prices.

***The current recession could have a material adverse impact on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.***

The oil and gas industry is cyclical and tends to reflect general economic conditions. The United States and other countries are in a recession which could last through 2009 and beyond, and the capital markets are experiencing significant volatility. The recession is expected to have an adverse impact on demand and pricing for crude oil and natural gas. Oil and natural gas prices declined in late 2008 and have continued to decline into 2009. Our operating cash flows and profitability will be significantly affected by declining oil and natural gas prices. Continued declines in oil and natural gas prices may also impact the value of our oil and gas reserves, which could result in future impairment charges to reduce the carrying value of our oil and gas properties and our marketable securities. Our future access to capital could be limited due to tightening credit markets and volatile capital markets. If our access to capital is limited, development of our assets may be delayed or limited, and we may not be able to execute our growth strategy.

***Our future production and revenues depend on our ability to replace our reserves.***

Our future production and revenues depend upon our ability to find, develop or acquire additional oil and natural gas reserves that are economically recoverable. Our proved reserves will generally decline as reserves are depleted, except to the extent that we conduct successful exploration or development activities or acquire properties containing proved reserves, or both. To increase reserves and production, we must continue our acquisition and drilling activities. We cannot assure you, however, that our acquisition and drilling activities will result in significant additional reserves or that we will have continuing success drilling productive wells at low finding and development costs. Furthermore, while our revenues may increase if prevailing oil and natural gas prices increase significantly, our finding costs for additional reserves could also increase.

***Prospects that we decide to drill may not yield oil or natural gas in commercially viable quantities or quantities sufficient to meet our targeted rate of return.***

A prospect is a property in which we own an interest or have operating rights and that has what our geoscientists believe, based on available seismic and geological information, to be an indication of potential oil or natural gas. Our prospects are in various stages of evaluation, ranging from a prospect that is ready to be drilled to a prospect that will require substantial additional evaluation and interpretation. There is no way to predict in advance of drilling and testing whether any particular prospect will yield oil or natural gas in sufficient quantities to recover drilling or completion costs or to be economically viable. The use of seismic data and other technologies and the study of producing fields in the same area will not enable us to know conclusively prior to drilling whether oil or natural gas will be present or, if present, whether oil or natural gas will be present in commercial quantities. The analysis that we perform using data from other wells, more fully explored prospects and/or producing fields may not be useful in predicting the characteristics and potential reserves associated with our drilling prospects. If we drill additional unsuccessful wells, our drilling success rate may decline and we may not achieve our targeted rate of return.

***We plan to pursue acquisitions as part of our growth strategy and there are risks in connection with acquisitions.***

Our growth has been attributable in part to acquisitions of producing properties and companies. We expect to continue to evaluate and, where appropriate, pursue acquisition opportunities on terms we consider favorable. However, we

cannot assure you that suitable acquisition candidates will be identified in the future, or that we will be able to finance such acquisitions on favorable terms. In addition, we compete against other companies for acquisitions, and we cannot assure you that we will successfully acquire any material property

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interests. Further, we cannot assure you that future acquisitions by us will be integrated successfully into our operations or will increase our profits.

The successful acquisition of producing properties requires an assessment of numerous factors beyond our control, including, without limitation:

- recoverable reserves;
- exploration potential;
- future oil and natural gas prices;
- operating costs; and
- potential environmental and other liabilities.

In connection with such an assessment, we perform a review of the subject properties that we believe to be generally consistent with industry practices. The resulting assessments are inexact and their accuracy uncertain, and such a review may not reveal all existing or potential problems, nor will it necessarily permit us to become sufficiently familiar with the properties to fully assess their merits and deficiencies. Inspections may not always be performed on every well, and structural and environmental problems are not necessarily observable even when an inspection is made.

Additionally, significant acquisitions can change the nature of our operations and business depending upon the character of the acquired properties, which may be substantially different in operating and geologic characteristics or geographic location than our existing properties. While our current operations are focused in the East Texas/North Louisiana and South Texas regions, we may pursue acquisitions or properties located in other geographic areas.

***The unavailability or high cost of drilling rigs, equipment, supplies or qualified personnel and oilfield services could adversely affect our ability to execute our exploration and development plans on a timely basis and within our budget.***

Our industry has experienced a shortage of drilling rigs, equipment, supplies and qualified personnel in recent years as the result of higher demand for these services. Costs and delivery times of rigs, equipment and supplies have been substantially greater than they were several years ago. In addition, demand for, and wage rates of, qualified drilling rig crews have escalated due to the higher activity levels. Shortages of drilling rigs, equipment or supplies or qualified personnel in the areas in which we operate could delay or restrict our exploration and development operations, which in turn could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations because of our concentration in those areas.

***Our business involves many uncertainties and operating risks that can prevent us from realizing profits and can cause substantial losses.***

Our future success will depend on the success of our exploration and development activities. Exploration activities involve numerous risks, including the risk that no commercially productive natural gas or oil reserves will be discovered. In addition, these activities may be unsuccessful for many reasons, including weather, cost overruns, equipment shortages and mechanical difficulties. Moreover, the successful drilling of a natural gas or oil well does not ensure we will realize a profit on our investment. A variety of factors, both geological and market-related, can cause a well to become uneconomical or only marginally economical. In addition to their costs, unsuccessful wells can hurt

our efforts to replace production and reserves.

Our business involves a variety of operating risks, including:

unusual or unexpected geological formations;

fires;

explosions;

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blow-outs and surface cratering;

uncontrollable flows of natural gas, oil and formation water;

natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tropical storms and other adverse weather conditions;

pipe, cement, or pipeline failures;

casing collapses;

mechanical difficulties, such as lost or stuck oil field drilling and service tools;

abnormally pressured formations; and

environmental hazards, such as natural gas leaks, oil spills, pipeline ruptures and discharges of toxic gases.

If we experience any of these problems, well bores, gathering systems and processing facilities could be affected, which could adversely affect our ability to conduct operations.

We could also incur substantial losses as a result of:

injury or loss of life;

severe damage to and destruction of property, natural resources and equipment;

pollution and other environmental damage;

clean-up responsibilities;

regulatory investigation and penalties;

suspension of our operations; and

repairs to resume operations.

***We operate in a highly competitive industry, and our failure to remain competitive with our competitors, many of which have greater resources than we do, could adversely affect our results of operations.***

The oil and natural gas industry is highly competitive in the search for and development and acquisition of reserves. Our competitors for the acquisition, development and exploration of oil and natural gas properties and capital to finance such activities, include companies that have greater financial and personnel resources than we do. These resources could allow those competitors to price their products and services more aggressively than we can, which could hurt our profitability. Moreover, our ability to acquire additional properties and to discover reserves in the future will be dependent upon our ability to evaluate and select suitable properties and to close transactions in a highly competitive environment.

***Our competitors may use superior technology that we may be unable to afford or which would require costly investment by us in order to compete.***

If 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 advances 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. All of these factors may inhibit our ability to acquire additional prospects and compete successfully in the future.

***Substantial exploration and development activities could require significant outside capital, which could dilute the value of our common shares and restrict our activities. Also, we may not be able to obtain***

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***needed capital or financing on satisfactory terms, which could lead to a limitation of our future business opportunities and a decline in our oil and natural gas reserves.***

We expect to expend substantial capital in the acquisition of, exploration for and development of oil and natural gas reserves. In order to finance these activities, we may need to alter or increase our capitalization substantially through the issuance of debt or equity securities, the sale of non-strategic assets or other means. The issuance of additional equity securities could have a dilutive effect on the value of our common shares, and may not be possible on terms acceptable to us given the current volatility in the financial markets. The issuance of additional debt would require that a portion of our cash flow from operations be used for the payment of interest on our debt, thereby reducing our ability to use our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, dividends and general corporate requirements, which could place us at a competitive disadvantage relative to other competitors. Additionally, if our revenues decrease as a result of lower oil or natural gas prices, operating difficulties or declines in reserves, our ability to obtain the capital necessary to undertake or complete future exploration and development programs and to pursue other opportunities may be limited, which could result in a curtailment of our operations relating to exploration and development of our prospects, which in turn could result in a decline in our oil and natural gas reserves.

***If oil and natural gas prices remain low or continue to decrease, we may be required to write-down the carrying values and/or the estimates of total reserves of our oil and natural gas properties, which would constitute a non-cash charge to earnings and adversely affect our results of operations.***

Accounting rules applicable to us require that we review periodically the carrying value of our oil and natural gas properties for possible impairment. Based on specific market factors and circumstances at the time of prospective impairment reviews and the continuing evaluation of development plans, production data, economics and other factors, we may be required to write down the carrying value of our oil and natural gas properties. A write-down constitutes a non-cash charge to earnings. We may incur non-cash charges in the future, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in the period taken. We may also reduce our estimates of the reserves that may be economically recovered, which could have the effect of reducing the total value of our reserves. Such a reduction in carrying value could impact our borrowing ability and may result in accelerating the repayment date of any outstanding debt.

***Our reserve estimates depend on many assumptions that may turn out to be inaccurate. Any material inaccuracies in our reserve estimates or underlying assumptions will materially affect the quantities and present value of our reserves.***

Reserve engineering is a subjective process of estimating the recovery from underground accumulations of oil and natural gas that cannot be precisely measured. The accuracy of any reserve estimate depends on the quality of available data, production history and engineering and geological interpretation and judgment. Because all reserve estimates are to some degree imprecise, the quantities of oil and natural gas that are ultimately recovered, production and operating costs, the amount and timing of future development expenditures and future oil and natural gas prices may all differ materially from those assumed in these estimates. The information regarding present value of the future net cash flows attributable to our proved oil and natural gas reserves is only estimated and should not be construed as the current market value of the oil and natural gas reserves attributable to our properties. Thus, such information includes revisions of certain reserve estimates attributable to proved properties included in the preceding year's estimates. Such revisions reflect additional information from subsequent activities, production history of the properties involved and any adjustments in the projected economic life of such properties resulting from changes in product prices. Any future downward revisions could adversely affect our financial condition, our borrowing ability, our future prospects and the value of our common stock.



As of December 31, 2008, 33% of our total proved reserves are undeveloped and 14% are developed non-producing. These reserves may not ultimately be developed or produced. Furthermore, not all of our undeveloped or developed non-producing reserves may be ultimately produced at the time periods we have planned, at the costs we have budgeted, or at all. As a result, we may not find commercially viable quantities of oil and natural gas, which in turn may result in a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

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***If we are unsuccessful at marketing our oil and gas at commercially acceptable prices, our profitability will decline.***

Our ability to market oil and gas at commercially acceptable prices depends on, among other factors, the following:

the availability and capacity of gathering systems and pipelines;

federal and state regulation of production and transportation;

changes in supply and demand; and

general economic conditions.

Our inability to respond appropriately to changes in these factors could negatively effect our profitability.

***Market conditions or operational impediments may hinder our access to oil and natural gas markets or delay our production.***

Market conditions or the unavailability of satisfactory oil and natural gas transportation arrangements may hinder our access to oil and natural gas markets or delay our production. The availability of a ready market for our oil and natural gas production depends on a number of factors, including the demand for and supply of oil and natural gas and the proximity of reserves to pipelines and processing facilities. Our ability to market our production depends in a substantial part on the availability and capacity of gathering systems, pipelines and processing facilities, in some cases owned and operated by third parties. Our failure to obtain such services on acceptable terms could materially harm our business. We may be required to shut in wells for a lack of a market or because of the inadequacy or unavailability of pipelines or gathering system capacity. If that were to occur, then we would be unable to realize revenue from those wells until arrangements were made to deliver our production to market.

***We depend on our key personnel and the loss of any of these individuals could have a material adverse effect on our operations.***

We believe that the success of our business strategy and our ability to operate profitably depend on the continued employment of M. Jay Allison, our President and Chief Executive Officer, and a limited number of other senior management personnel. Loss of the services of Mr. Allison or any of those other individuals could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

***Our insurance coverage may not be sufficient or may not be available to cover some liabilities or losses that we may incur.***

If we suffer a significant accident or other loss, our insurance coverage will be net of our deductibles and may not be sufficient to pay the full current market value or current replacement value of our lost investment, which could result in a material adverse impact on our operations and financial condition. Our insurance does not protect us against all operational risks. We do not carry business interruption insurance. For some risks, we may not obtain insurance if we believe the cost of available insurance is excessive relative to the risks presented. Because third party drilling contractors are used to drill our wells, we may not realize the full benefit of workers' compensation laws in dealing with their employees. In addition, some risks, including pollution and environmental risks, generally are not fully insurable.

***We are subject to extensive governmental laws and regulations that may adversely affect the cost, manner or feasibility of doing business.***

Our operations and facilities are subject to extensive federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the exploration for, and the development, production and transportation of, oil and natural gas, and operating safety. Future laws or regulations, any adverse changes in the interpretation of existing laws and regulations or our failure to comply with existing legal requirements may harm our business, results of

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operations and financial condition. We may be required to make large and unanticipated capital expenditures to comply with governmental laws and regulations, such as:

- lease permit restrictions;
- drilling bonds and other financial responsibility requirements, such as plug and abandonment bonds;
- spacing of wells;
- unitization and pooling of properties;
- safety precautions;
- regulatory requirements; and
- taxation.

Under these laws and regulations, we could be liable for:

- personal injuries;
- property and natural resource damages;
- well reclamation costs; and
- governmental sanctions, such as fines and penalties.

Our operations could be significantly delayed or curtailed and our cost of operations could significantly increase as a result of regulatory requirements or restrictions. We are unable to predict the ultimate cost of compliance with these requirements or their effect on our operations.

***Our operations may incur substantial liabilities to comply with environmental laws and regulations.***

Our oil and natural gas operations are subject to stringent federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the release or disposal of materials into the environment and otherwise relating to environmental protection. These laws and regulations:

- require the acquisition of a permit before drilling commences;
- restrict the types, quantities and concentration of substances that can be released into the environment in connection with drilling and production activities;
- limit or prohibit drilling activities on certain lands lying within wilderness, wetlands and other protected areas; and
- impose substantial liabilities for pollution resulting from our operations.

Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may result in:

the assessment of administrative, civil and criminal penalties;

the incurrence of investigatory or remedial obligations; and

the imposition of injunctive relief.

Changes in environmental laws and regulations occur frequently, and any changes that result in more stringent or costly waste handling, storage, transport, disposal or cleanup requirements could require us to make significant expenditures to reach and maintain compliance and may otherwise have a material adverse effect on our industry in general and on our own results of operations, competitive position or financial condition. Under these environmental laws and regulations, we could be held strictly liable for the removal or remediation of previously released materials or property contamination regardless of whether we were responsible for the release or contamination or if our operations met previous standards in the industry at the time they were performed.

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***Provisions of our articles of incorporation, bylaws and Nevada law will make it more difficult to effect a change in control of us, which could adversely affect the price of our common stock.***

Nevada corporate law and our articles of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that could delay, defer or prevent a change in control of us. These provisions include:

allowing for authorized but unissued shares of common and preferred stock;

a classified board of directors;

requiring special stockholder meetings to be called only by our chairman of the board, our chief executive officer, a majority of the board or the holders of at least 10% of our outstanding stock entitled to vote at a special meeting;

requiring removal of directors by a supermajority stockholder vote;

prohibiting cumulative voting in the election of directors; and

Nevada control share laws that may limit voting rights in shares representing a controlling interest in us.

We have in place a stockholders' rights plan. The provisions of the stockholders' rights plan and the above provisions could make an acquisition of us by means of a tender offer or proxy contest or removal of our incumbent directors more difficult. As a result, these provisions could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us, even if doing so would benefit our stockholders, which may limit the price that investors are willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock.

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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds from this offering, after deducting underwriting discounts and estimated expenses of the offering, will be approximately \$195.5 million. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to repay borrowings under our bank credit facility and for general corporate purposes.

As of September 30, 2009, the borrowing base under our bank credit facility was \$550.0 million and the total outstanding principal balance under the bank credit facility was \$165.0 million at a weighted average interest rate of 2.25%. The bank credit facility matures on May 1, 2011.

The underwriters may, from time to time, engage in transactions with and perform services for us and our affiliates in the ordinary course of their business. In addition, because we expect that more than 5% of the proceeds of this offering may be received by certain of the underwriters in this offering or their affiliates that are lenders under our bank credit facility, this offering is being conducted in compliance with NASD Rule 2720, as administered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. As a result of this conflict of interest, SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. has agreed to act as the qualified independent underwriter with respect to this offering. See Underwriting Conflicts of Interest.

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The following table sets forth our consolidated capitalization as of June 30, 2009 (1) on a historical basis and (2) on an adjusted basis to reflect this notes offering and the application of the estimated net proceeds therefrom as described under Use of Proceeds. This information should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and our management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations incorporated by reference herein.

	<b>As of June 30, 2009</b>	
	<b>Historical</b>	<b>As Adjusted</b>
	(\$ in thousands)	
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	\$ 3,970	\$ 59,470
<b>Total long-term debt:</b>		
Revolving Bank Credit Facility(1)	\$ 140,000	
67/8% Senior Notes due 2012	175,000	175,000
% Senior Notes due 2017 offered hereby(2)		200,000
Total long-term debt	315,000	375,000
<b>Stockholders' Equity:</b>		
Common Stock	23,310	23,310
Additional Paid-in Capital	425,648	425,648
Retained Earnings	596,774	596,774
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	(550)	(550)
Total stockholders' equity	1,045,182	1,045,182
Total capitalization	\$ 1,360,182	\$ 1,420,182

(1) Does not reflect borrowings incurred since June 30, 2009.

(2) Reflects the issuance of \$200.0 million principal amount of the notes offered hereby.



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**DESCRIPTION OF OTHER INDEBTEDNESS**

As of September 30, 2009, the borrowing base under our bank credit facility was \$550.0 million and the total outstanding principal balance under the bank credit facility was \$165.0 million at a weighted average interest rate of 2.25%. Our bank credit facility matures on May 1, 2011.

Indebtedness under our bank credit facility is secured by substantially all of our and our subsidiaries' assets. It is subject to borrowing base availability, which is redetermined semiannually based on estimates of the future net cash flows of our oil and natural gas properties. The borrowing base is affected by the performance of our properties and changes in oil and natural gas prices. The determination of the borrowing base is at the sole discretion of the administrative agent and the bank group. Borrowings under the credit facility bear interest, based on the utilization of the borrowing base, at our option at either (1) LIBOR plus 2% to 2.75% or (2) the base rate (which is the higher of the administrative agent's prime rate, the federal funds rate plus 0.5% or 30 day LIBOR plus 1.5%) plus 0.5% to 1.25%. We pay a commitment fee of 0.5% on the unused borrowing base. The credit facility contains covenants that, among other things, restrict the payment of cash dividends in excess of \$40.0 million, limit the amount of consolidated debt that we may incur and limit our ability to make certain loans and investments. Financial covenants include the maintenance of a current ratio and maintenance of tangible net worth.

In addition, we have \$175.0 million of senior notes outstanding which mature on March 1, 2012. These senior notes bear interest at 67/8% which is payable semiannually on each March 1 and September 1. They are our unsecured obligations and are guaranteed by all of our subsidiaries. The subsidiary guarantors are 100% owned and all of the guarantees are full and unconditional and joint and several. As of December 31, 2008, we also had no assets or operations that are independent of our subsidiaries.

**Table of Contents****DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES**

The notes will be issued pursuant to an indenture, as supplemented, to be dated as of the closing date of this offering (the Indenture) by and among Comstock, as issuer, the Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the Trustee). The terms of the notes include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. The notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders of notes are referred to the Indenture and the Trust Indenture Act for a statement thereof. A copy of the Indenture is available upon request from Comstock. The statements under this caption relating to the notes and the Indenture are summaries and do not purport to be complete, and where reference is made to particular provisions of the Indenture, such provisions, including the definitions of certain terms, are qualified in their entirety by such reference. The definitions of certain terms used in the following summary are set forth below under Certain Definitions. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined below under Certain Definitions or elsewhere in this prospectus have the meanings given to them in the Indenture. In this section, the words Comstock, we, us, or our refer only to Comstock Resources, Inc. and not to any of its subsidiaries.

**General**

\$200.0 million in aggregate principal amount of the notes will be issued on the closing date of this offering. Subject to compliance with the covenant described in Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock, Comstock may issue an unlimited amount of additional debt securities under the Indenture from time to time after this offering. Comstock may create and issue additional debt securities with the same terms as the notes so that such additional debt securities would form a single series with the notes, and would be treated as such for all purposes of the Indenture, including, without limitation, waivers, amendments, redemptions and offers to purchase. The notes will mature on , 2017. The notes will bear interest at % from , 2009, or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid, payable semi-annually in cash on and of each year, commencing , 2010, to the Persons in whose name the notes are registered in the note register at the close of business on or next preceding such interest payment date. Interest is computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

Principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the notes will be payable at the office or agency of Comstock in New York City maintained for such purpose, and the notes may be surrendered for transfer or exchange at the corporate trust office of the Trustee. In addition, in the event the notes do not remain in book-entry form, interest may be paid, at the option of Comstock, by check mailed to the Holders of the notes at their respective addresses as shown on the note register, subject to the right of any Holder of notes in the principal amount of \$500,000 or more to request payment by wire transfer. No service charge will be made for any transfer, exchange or redemption of the notes, but Comstock may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be payable in connection therewith. The notes will be issued only in registered form, without coupons, in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The obligations of Comstock under the notes will be jointly and severally guaranteed by the Subsidiary Guarantors. See Subsidiary Guarantees of Notes.

**Redemption*****Optional Redemption***

The notes will be redeemable at the option of Comstock, in whole or in part, at any time on or after \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, upon not less than 30 or more than 60 days' notice, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth below, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on an

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interest payment date that is on or prior to the date of redemption), if redeemed during the 12-month period beginning on \_\_\_\_\_ of the years indicated below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Redemption Price</b>
2013	%
2014	%
2015 and thereafter	100.00%

In the event that less than all of the notes are to be redeemed, the particular notes to be redeemed shall be selected not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date of redemption by the Trustee, from the outstanding notes not previously called for redemption, pro rata, by lot or by any other method the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate, although no note of \$2,000 or less will be redeemed in part.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 Comstock may, at any time or from time to time, redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of notes originally issued at a redemption price of \_\_\_\_\_% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date that is on or prior to the date of redemption), with the Net Cash Proceeds of one or more Public Equity Offerings, provided that at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of notes originally issued remains outstanding immediately after such redemption (excluding notes held by Comstock and its Subsidiaries) and that such redemption occurs within 60 days following the closing of any such Public Equity Offering.

***Offers to Purchase***

As described below, (i) upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, Comstock will be obligated to make an offer to purchase all of the notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase and (ii) upon certain sales or other dispositions of assets, Comstock may be obligated to make offers to purchase the notes with a portion of the Net Available Cash of such sales or other dispositions at a purchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase. See \_\_\_\_\_ Certain Covenants \_\_\_\_\_ Change of Control \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Limitation on Asset Sales.

**Sinking Fund**

There will be no sinking fund payments for the notes.

**Ranking**

The Indebtedness evidenced by the notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees will be unsecured and will rank pari passu in right of payment with all Senior Indebtedness of Comstock and the Subsidiary Guarantors, as the case may be, and senior in right of payment to all subordinated Indebtedness of Comstock and the Subsidiary Guarantors, as the case may be. The notes, however, will be effectively subordinated to secured Indebtedness of Comstock and its Subsidiaries to the extent of the value of the assets securing such Indebtedness, including Indebtedness under the Bank Credit Facility, which is secured by a lien on substantially all of the assets of Comstock (including assets of the Subsidiary Guarantors).

As of September 30, 2009, and prior to this offering, Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries had \$340.0 million in principal amount of Senior Indebtedness outstanding, including \$165.0 million of secured Indebtedness under the Bank Credit Facility and \$175.0 million of 67/8% Senior Notes due 2012. Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries had no subordinated Indebtedness outstanding as of such date. Upon completion of this offering and the application of the net proceeds therefrom, as described under Use of Proceeds, Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries will have \$375.0 million in principal amount of Senior Indebtedness outstanding, none of which will be secured Indebtedness. Subject to certain limitations, Comstock and its Subsidiaries may incur additional Indebtedness in the future.

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A substantial portion of Comstock's operations is conducted through its Subsidiaries. Claims of creditors of such Subsidiaries that are not Subsidiary Guarantors, including trade creditors and creditors holding Indebtedness or guarantees issued by such Subsidiaries, and claims of preferred stockholders of such Subsidiaries will have priority with respect to the assets and earnings of such Subsidiaries over the claims of Comstock's creditors, including Holders of the notes. Accordingly, the notes will be effectively subordinated to creditors (including trade creditors) and preferred stockholders, if any, of Comstock's Subsidiaries that are not Subsidiary Guarantors.

Although the Indenture limits the incurrence of Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock of the Restricted Subsidiaries and the issuance or sale of Preferred Stock of the Restricted Subsidiaries, such limitations are subject to a number of significant qualifications. In addition, the Indenture does not impose any limitations on the incurrence by the Restricted Subsidiaries of liabilities that are not considered Indebtedness, Disqualified Capital Stock or Preferred Stock under the Indenture. Please read Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock and Limitation on Liens. Moreover, the Indenture does not impose any limitation on the incurrence by any Unrestricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness or Disqualified Capital Stock, or the issuance or sale of Preferred Stock of any Unrestricted Subsidiary.

### **Subsidiary Guarantees of Notes**

Each Subsidiary Guarantor will unconditionally guarantee, jointly and severally, to each Holder and the Trustee, the full and prompt performance of Comstock's obligations under the Indenture and the notes, including the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the notes pursuant to its Subsidiary Guarantee. The initial Subsidiary Guarantors are currently all of Comstock's operating subsidiaries. In addition to the initial Subsidiary Guarantors, Comstock is obligated under the Indenture to cause each Restricted Subsidiary that guarantees the payment of, assumes or in any other manner becomes liable (whether directly or indirectly) with respect to any Indebtedness of Comstock or any other Restricted Subsidiary of Comstock, including, without limitation, Indebtedness under the Bank Credit Facility, to execute and deliver a supplement to the Indenture pursuant to which such Restricted Subsidiary will guarantee the payment of the notes on the same terms and conditions as the Subsidiary Guarantees by the initial Subsidiary Guarantors. Please read Certain Covenants Limitation on Guarantees by Restricted Subsidiaries.

The obligations of each Subsidiary Guarantor will be limited to the maximum amount as will result in the obligations of such Subsidiary Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under applicable law. Each Subsidiary Guarantor that makes a payment or distribution under a Subsidiary Guarantee shall be entitled to a contribution from each other Subsidiary Guarantor in a pro rata amount based on the Adjusted Net Assets of each Subsidiary Guarantor.

Each Subsidiary Guarantor may consolidate with or merge into or sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its properties and assets to Comstock or another Subsidiary Guarantor without limitation, except to the extent any such transaction is subject to the Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets covenant of the Indenture. Each Subsidiary Guarantor may consolidate with or merge into or sell all or substantially all of its properties and assets to a Person other than Comstock or another Subsidiary Guarantor (whether or not affiliated with the Subsidiary Guarantor), provided that (i) if the surviving Person is not the Subsidiary Guarantor, the surviving Person agrees to assume such Subsidiary Guarantor's Subsidiary Guarantee and all its obligations pursuant to the Indenture (except to the extent the following paragraph would result in the release of such Subsidiary Guarantee) and (ii) such transaction does not (a) violate any of the covenants described below under Certain Covenants or (b) result in a Default or Event of Default immediately thereafter that is continuing.

Upon the sale or other disposition (by merger or otherwise) of a Subsidiary Guarantor (or all or substantially all of its properties and assets) to a Person other than Comstock or another Subsidiary Guarantor and pursuant to a transaction that is otherwise in compliance with the Indenture (including as described in the foregoing paragraph), such

Subsidiary Guarantor shall be deemed released from its Subsidiary Guarantee and the related obligations set forth in the Indenture; provided, however, that any such release shall occur only to the extent that all obligations of such Subsidiary Guarantor under all of its guarantees of, and under all of its

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pledges of assets or other security interests which secure, other Indebtedness of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary shall also be released upon such sale or other disposition.

In addition, in the event that any Subsidiary Guarantor ceases to guarantee payment of, or in any other manner to remain liable (whether directly or indirectly) with respect to any and all other Indebtedness of Comstock or any other Restricted Subsidiary of Comstock, including, without limitation, Indebtedness under the Bank Credit Facility, such Subsidiary Guarantor shall also be released from its Subsidiary Guarantee and the related obligations set forth in the Indenture for so long as it remains not liable with respect to all such other Indebtedness.

Each Subsidiary Guarantor that is designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in accordance with the Indenture shall be released from its Subsidiary Guarantee and related obligations set forth in the Indenture for so long as it remains an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

## **Covenant Suspension**

During any period that the notes have a rating equal to or higher than BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P and Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody's (Investment Grade Ratings) and no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, Comstock and the Restricted Subsidiaries will not be subject to the following covenants (collectively, the Suspended Covenants):

Limitation on Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock

Limitation on Restricted Payments

Limitation on Transactions with Affiliates

Limitation on Asset Sales

clause (iii) of Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets

In the event that Comstock and the Restricted Subsidiaries are not subject to the Suspended Covenants for any period of time as a result of the preceding paragraph and either S&P or Moody's subsequently withdraws its rating or downgrades its rating of the notes below the applicable Investment Grade Rating, or a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing, then Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries will thereafter again be subject to the Suspended Covenants, and compliance with the Suspended Covenants with respect to Restricted Payments made after the time of such withdrawal, downgrade, Default or Event of Default will be calculated in accordance with the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Restricted Payments as though such covenant had been in effect during the entire period of time from the date of the Indenture.

During any period when the Suspended Covenants are suspended, the Board of Directors of Comstock may not designate any of Comstock's Subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries pursuant to the Indenture.

## **Certain Covenants**

### ***Limitation on Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock***

Comstock will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or in any manner become directly or indirectly liable for the payment of (collectively, incur) any Indebtedness (including any Acquired Indebtedness), except for Permitted Indebtedness, and Comstock will not, and will not permit any of its



Restricted Subsidiaries to, issue any Disqualified Capital Stock (except for the issuance by Comstock of Disqualified Capital Stock (A) which is redeemable at Comstock's option in cash or Qualified Capital Stock and (B) the dividends on which are payable at Comstock's option in cash or Qualified Capital Stock); provided however, that Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries that are Subsidiary Guarantors may incur Indebtedness or issue shares of Disqualified Capital Stock if (i) at the time of such event and after giving effect thereto on a pro forma basis the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the four full quarters immediately preceding such event, taken as one period, would have been equal to or greater than 2.5 to 1.0 and (ii) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred

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and be continuing at the time such additional Indebtedness is incurred or such Disqualified Capital Stock is issued or would occur as a consequence of the incurrence of the additional Indebtedness or the issuance of the Disqualified Capital Stock.

For purposes of determining compliance with this covenant, in the event that an item of Indebtedness meets the criteria of one or more of the categories of Permitted Indebtedness described in clauses (i) through (xi) of such definition or is entitled to be incurred (whether incurred under the Bank Credit Facility or otherwise) pursuant to the proviso of the foregoing sentence, Comstock may, in its sole discretion, classify such item of Indebtedness in any manner that complies with this covenant and such item of Indebtedness will be treated as having been incurred pursuant to only one of such clauses of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness or the proviso of the foregoing sentence and an item of Indebtedness may be divided and classified in more than one of the types of Indebtedness permitted hereunder.

***Limitation on Restricted Payments***

Comstock will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly:

- (i) declare or pay any dividend on, or make any other distribution to holders of, any shares of Capital Stock of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than dividends or distributions payable solely in shares of Qualified Capital Stock of Comstock or in options, warrants or other rights to purchase Qualified Capital Stock of Comstock);
- (ii) purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire for value any Capital Stock of Comstock or any Affiliate thereof (other than any Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of Comstock) or any options, warrants or other rights to acquire such Capital Stock (other than the purchase, redemption, acquisition or retirement of any Disqualified Capital Stock of Comstock solely in shares of Qualified Capital Stock of Comstock);
- (iii) make any principal payment on or repurchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value, prior to any scheduled principal payment, scheduled sinking fund payment or maturity, any Subordinated Indebtedness (excluding any intercompany Indebtedness between or among Comstock and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries), except in any case out of the net cash proceeds of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness; or
- (iv) make any Restricted Investment;

(such payments or other actions described in clauses (i) through (iv) being collectively referred to as Restricted Payments ), unless at the time of and after giving effect to the proposed Restricted Payment (the amount of any such Restricted Payment, if other than cash, shall be the amount determined by the Board of Directors of Comstock, whose determination shall be conclusive and evidenced by a Board Resolution):

- (1) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing;
- (2) Comstock could incur \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness (other than Permitted Indebtedness) in accordance with the Limitation on Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock covenant; and
- (3) the aggregate amount of all Restricted Payments declared or made after the Existing Notes Issue Date shall not exceed the sum (without duplication) of the following:
  - (A) 50% of the Consolidated Net Income of Comstock accrued on a cumulative basis during the period beginning on the first day of the month in which the Existing Notes Issue Date occurred and ending on the last day of Comstock's last fiscal quarter ending prior to the date of such proposed Restricted Payment (or, if such Consolidated Net Income

is a loss, minus 100% of such loss); plus

(B) the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds, or the Fair Market Value of assets and property other than cash, received after the Existing Notes Issue Date by Comstock from the issuance or sale (other than to any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) of shares of Qualified

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Capital Stock of Comstock or any options, warrants or rights to purchase such shares of Qualified Capital Stock of Comstock; plus

(C) the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds, or the Fair Market Value of assets and property other than cash, received after the Existing Notes Issue Date by Comstock (other than from any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) upon the exercise of any options, warrants or rights to purchase shares of Qualified Capital Stock of Comstock; plus

(D) the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds received after the Existing Notes Issue Date by Comstock from the issuance or sale (other than to any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) of Indebtedness or shares of Disqualified Capital Stock that have been converted into or exchanged for Qualified Capital Stock of Comstock, together with the aggregate cash received by Comstock at the time of such conversion or exchange; plus

(E) to the extent not otherwise included in Consolidated Net Income, the net reduction in Investments in Unrestricted Subsidiaries resulting from dividends, repayments of loans or advances, or other transfers of assets, in each case to Comstock or a Restricted Subsidiary after the Existing Notes Issue Date from any Unrestricted Subsidiary or from the redesignation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary (valued in each case as provided in the definition of Investment ), not to exceed in the case of any Unrestricted Subsidiary the total amount of Investments (other than Permitted Investments) in such Unrestricted Subsidiary made by Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries in such Unrestricted Subsidiary after the date of the Indenture.

Notwithstanding the preceding provisions, Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries may take the following actions so long as (in the case of clauses (iii), (iv), (v) and (vii) below) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing:

(i) the payment of any dividend on any Capital Stock of Comstock within 60 days after the date of declaration thereof, if at such declaration date such declaration complied with the provisions of the preceding paragraph (and such payment shall be deemed to have been paid on such date of declaration for purposes of any calculation required by the provisions of the preceding paragraph);

(ii) the payment of any dividend payable from a Restricted Subsidiary to Comstock or any other Restricted Subsidiary of Comstock;

(iii) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement of any shares of any class of Capital Stock of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary, in exchange for, or out of the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds from, a substantially concurrent issuance and sale (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary) of shares of Qualified Capital Stock of Comstock;

(iv) the purchase, redemption, repayment, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement for value of any Subordinated Indebtedness in exchange for, or out of the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds from, a substantially concurrent issuance and sale (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary) of shares of Qualified Capital Stock of Comstock;

(v) the purchase, redemption, repayment, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement for value of Subordinated Indebtedness (other than Disqualified Capital Stock) in exchange for, or out of the aggregate net cash proceeds of, a substantially concurrent incurrence (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary) of Subordinated Indebtedness of Comstock so long as (A) the principal amount of such new Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount (or, if such Subordinated Indebtedness being refinanced provides for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration thereof, such lesser amount as of the date of determination) of the Subordinated Indebtedness being so purchased, redeemed, repaid, defeased, acquired or retired, plus the amount of any premium required to be paid in connection with such refinancing pursuant to the terms of the Indebtedness

refinanced or the amount of any premium reasonably determined by Comstock as necessary to accomplish such refinancing, plus the amount of expenses of Comstock incurred in connection with such refinancing, (B) such new

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Indebtedness is subordinated to the notes at least to the same extent as such Subordinated Indebtedness so purchased, redeemed, repaid, defeased, acquired or retired, and (C) such new Indebtedness has an Average Life to Stated Maturity that is longer than the Average Life to Stated Maturity of the notes and such new Indebtedness has a Stated Maturity for its final scheduled principal payment that is at least 91 days later than the Stated Maturity for the final scheduled principal payment of the notes;

(vi) loans made to officers, directors or employees of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary approved by the Board of Directors in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1.0 million outstanding at any one time, the proceeds of which are used solely (A) to purchase common stock of Comstock in connection with a restricted stock or employee stock purchase plan, or to exercise stock options received pursuant to an employee or director stock option plan or other incentive plan, in a principal amount not to exceed the exercise price of such stock options, or (B) to refinance loans, together with accrued interest thereon, made pursuant to item (A) of this clause (vi); and

(vii) other Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$10.0 million.

The actions described in clauses (i), (iii), (iv) and (vi) above shall be Restricted Payments that shall be permitted to be made in accordance with the preceding paragraph but shall reduce the amount that would otherwise be available for Restricted Payments under clause (3) of the second preceding paragraph (provided that any dividend paid pursuant to clause (i) above shall reduce the amount that would otherwise be available under clause (3) of the second preceding paragraph when declared, but not also when subsequently paid pursuant to such clause (i)), and the actions described in clauses (ii), (v) and (vii) above shall be permitted to be taken in accordance with this paragraph and shall not reduce the amount that would otherwise be available for Restricted Payments under clause (3) of the second preceding paragraph.

### ***Limitation on Issuances and Sales of Preferred Stock of Restricted Subsidiaries***

Comstock (i) will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to issue or sell any Preferred Stock to any Person other than Comstock or one of its Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries and (ii) will not permit any Person other than Comstock or one of its Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries to own any Preferred Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary, except, in each case, for (a) the Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary owned by a Person at the time such Restricted Subsidiary became a Restricted Subsidiary, or (b) a sale of Preferred Stock in connection with the sale of all the Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary owned by Comstock or its Subsidiaries effected in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture described under Limitation on Asset Sales.

### ***Limitation on Transactions with Affiliates***

Comstock will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, enter into or suffer to exist any transaction or series of related transactions (including, without limitation, the sale, purchase, exchange or lease of assets or property or the rendering of any services) with, or for the benefit of, any Affiliate of Comstock (other than Comstock or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary), unless (a) such transaction or series of related transactions is on terms that are no less favorable to Comstock or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, than those that would be available in a comparable arm's length transaction with unrelated third parties, (b) with respect to any one transaction or series of related transactions involving aggregate payments in excess of \$5.0 million, Comstock delivers an Officers Certificate to the Trustee certifying that such transaction or series of transactions complies with clause (a) above and that such transaction or series of transactions has been approved by a majority of the Disinterested Directors of Comstock, and (c) with respect to any one transaction or series of related transactions involving aggregate payments in excess of \$20.0 million, the Officers Certificate referred to in clause (b) above also certifies that Comstock has obtained a written opinion from an independent nationally recognized investment banking firm or appraisal firm specializing or having a specialty in the type and subject matter of the transaction or series of related

transactions at issue, which opinion shall be to the effect set forth in clause (a) above or shall state

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that such transaction or series of related transactions is fair from a financial point of view to Comstock or such Restricted Subsidiary; provided, however, that the foregoing restriction shall not apply to:

- (i) loans or advances to officers, directors and employees of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary made in the ordinary course of business in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1.0 million outstanding at any one time;
- (ii) indemnities of officers, directors, employees and other agents of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary permitted by corporate charter or other organizational document, bylaw or statutory provisions;
- (iii) the payment of reasonable and customary fees to directors of Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries who are not employees of Comstock or any Affiliate;
- (iv) Comstock's employee compensation and other benefit arrangements;
- (v) transactions exclusively between or among Comstock and any of the Restricted Subsidiaries or exclusively between or among such Restricted Subsidiaries, provided such transactions are not otherwise prohibited by the Indenture; and
- (vi) any Restricted Payment permitted to be paid pursuant to the terms of the Indenture described under *Limitation on Restricted Payments*.

### ***Limitation on Liens***

Comstock will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume, affirm or suffer to exist or become effective any Lien of any kind, except for Permitted Liens, upon any of their respective property or assets, whether now owned or acquired after the date of the Indenture, or any income, profits or proceeds therefrom, or assign or convey any right to receive income thereon, unless (a) in the case of any Lien securing Subordinated Indebtedness, the notes are secured by a lien on such property, assets or proceeds that is senior in priority to such Lien and (b) in the case of any other Lien, the notes are directly secured equally and ratably with the obligation or liability secured by such Lien. The incurrence of additional secured Indebtedness by Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries is subject to further limitations on the incurrence of Indebtedness as described under *Limitation on Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock*.

### ***Limitation on Asset Sales***

Comstock will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, consummate any Asset Sale unless (i) Comstock or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, receives consideration at the time of such Asset Sale at least equal to the Fair Market Value of the assets and property subject to such Asset Sale and (ii) all of the consideration paid to Comstock or such Restricted Subsidiary in connection with such Asset Sale is in the form of cash, Cash Equivalents, Liquid Securities, Exchanged Properties or the assumption by the purchaser of liabilities of Comstock (other than liabilities of Comstock that are by their terms subordinated to the notes) or liabilities of any Subsidiary Guarantor that made such Asset Sale (other than liabilities of a Subsidiary Guarantor that are by their terms subordinated to such Subsidiary Guarantor's Subsidiary Guarantee), in each case as a result of which Comstock and its remaining Restricted Subsidiaries are no longer liable for such liabilities ( *Permitted Consideration* ); provided, however, that Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall be permitted to receive assets and property other than *Permitted Consideration*, so long as the aggregate Fair Market Value of all such assets and property other than *Permitted Consideration* received from Asset Sales since the Closing Date and held by Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary at any one time shall not exceed 10% of Adjusted Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.



The Net Available Cash from Asset Sales by Comstock or a Restricted Subsidiary may be applied by Comstock or such Restricted Subsidiary, to the extent Comstock or such Restricted Subsidiary elects (or is required by the terms of any Senior Indebtedness of Comstock or a Restricted Subsidiary), to

repay Indebtedness of Comstock under the Bank Credit Facility;

reinvest in Additional Assets (including by means of an Investment in Additional Assets by a Restricted Subsidiary with Net Available Cash received by Comstock or another Restricted Subsidiary); or

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purchase notes or purchase both notes and one or more series or issues of other Senior Indebtedness on a pro rata basis (excluding notes and Senior Indebtedness owned by Comstock or an Affiliate of Comstock).

Any Net Available Cash from an Asset Sale not applied in accordance with the preceding paragraph within 365 days from the date of such Asset Sale shall constitute Excess Proceeds. When the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$10.0 million, Comstock will be required to make an offer (the Prepayment Offer) to all Holders of notes and all Holders of other Indebtedness that is *pari passu* with the notes containing provisions similar to those set forth in the Indenture with respect to offers to purchase or redeem with the proceeds of sales of assets to purchase the maximum principal amount of notes and such other *pari passu* Indebtedness that may be purchased out of the Excess Proceeds. The offer price in any Prepayment Offer will be equal to 100% of principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the Purchase Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date that is on or prior to the Purchase Date), and will be payable in cash. If the aggregate principal amount of notes tendered by Holders thereof exceeds the amount of available Excess Proceeds allocated for repurchases of notes pursuant to the Prepayment Offer for notes, then such Excess Proceeds will be allocated pro rata according to the principal amount of the notes tendered and the Trustee will select the notes to be purchased in accordance with the Indenture. To the extent that any portion of the amount of Excess Proceeds remains after compliance with the second sentence of this paragraph and provided that all Holders of notes have been given the opportunity to tender their notes for purchase as described in the following paragraph in accordance with the Indenture, Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries may use such remaining amount for purposes permitted by the Indenture and the amount of Excess Proceeds will be reset to zero.

Within 30 days after the 365th day following the date of an Asset Sale, Comstock shall, if it is obligated to make an offer to purchase the notes pursuant to the preceding paragraph, send a written Prepayment Offer notice, by first-class mail, to the Holders of the notes (the Prepayment Offer Notice), accompanied by such information regarding Comstock and its Subsidiaries as Comstock believes will enable such Holders of the notes to make an informed decision with respect to the Prepayment Offer. The Prepayment Offer Notice will state, among other things:

that Comstock is offering to purchase notes pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture;

that any note (or any portion thereof) accepted for payment (and duly paid on the Purchase Date) pursuant to the Prepayment Offer shall cease to accrue interest on the Purchase Date;

that any notes (or portions thereof) not properly tendered will continue to accrue interest;

the purchase price and purchase date, which shall be, subject to any contrary requirements of applicable law, no less than 30 days nor more than 60 days after the date the Prepayment Offer Notice is mailed (the Purchase Date);

the aggregate principal amount of notes to be purchased;

a description of the procedure which Holders of notes must follow in order to tender their notes and the procedures that Holders of notes must follow in order to withdraw an election to tender their notes for payment; and

all other instructions and materials necessary to enable Holders to tender notes pursuant to the Prepayment Offer.

Comstock will comply, to the extent applicable, with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws or regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the purchase of notes as described above. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions relating to the Prepayment Offer, Comstock will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations described above by virtue thereof.

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***Limitation on Guarantees by Restricted Subsidiaries***

Comstock will not cause or permit any Restricted Subsidiary to guarantee, assume or in any other manner become liable (whether directly or indirectly) with respect to any Indebtedness of Comstock or any other Restricted Subsidiary unless such Restricted Subsidiary simultaneously executes and delivers a supplemental indenture to the Indenture providing for a Subsidiary Guarantee of the notes on the same terms as the guarantee of such Indebtedness, except that

(i) such Subsidiary Guarantee need not be secured unless required pursuant to Limitation on Liens, and

(ii) if such Indebtedness is by its terms expressly subordinated to the notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees, any such guarantee, assumption or other liability of such Restricted Subsidiary with respect to such Indebtedness shall be subordinated to such Restricted Subsidiary's Subsidiary Guarantee at least to the same extent as such Subordinated Indebtedness is subordinated to the notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees, provided, however, that this clause (ii) will not be applicable to any guarantee of any Restricted Subsidiary that (a) existed at the time such Person became a Subsidiary of Comstock and (b) was not incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person becoming a Subsidiary of Comstock.

***Limitation on Dividends and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Restricted Subsidiaries***

Comstock will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, create or suffer to exist or allow to become effective any consensual encumbrance or restriction of any kind on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary:

to pay dividends, in cash or otherwise, or make any other distributions on its Capital Stock, or make payments on any Indebtedness owed, to Comstock or any other Restricted Subsidiary;

to make loans or advances to Comstock or any other Restricted Subsidiary; or

to transfer any of its property or assets to Comstock or any other Restricted Subsidiary

(any such restrictions being collectively referred to herein as a Payment Restriction ), except for such encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of: (i) customary provisions restricting subletting or assignment of any lease governing a leasehold interest of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary, or customary restrictions in licenses relating to the property covered thereby and entered into in the ordinary course of business; (ii) any instrument governing Indebtedness of a Person acquired by Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary at the time of such acquisition, which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any other Person, other than the Person, or the property or assets of the Person, so acquired, provided that such indebtedness was not incurred in anticipation of such acquisition; (iii) any instrument governing Indebtedness or Disqualified Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor, provided that (x) such Indebtedness or Disqualified Capital Stock is permitted under the covenant described in Limitation on Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock and (y) the terms and conditions of any Payment Restrictions thereunder are not materially more restrictive than the Payment Restrictions contained in the Bank Credit Facility and the Indenture as in effect on the date of the Indenture; (iv) the Bank Credit Facility as in effect on the date of the Indenture or any agreement that amends, modifies, supplements, restates, extends, renews, refinances or replaces the Bank Credit Facility, provided that the terms and conditions of any Payment Restrictions thereunder are not materially more restrictive than the Payment Restrictions contained in the Bank Credit Facility as in effect on the date of the Indenture; (v) the Indenture, the notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees; or (vi) the indenture governing Comstock's existing 67/8% Senior Notes due 2012, such Senior Notes and any subsidiary guarantees thereof, in each case as in effect on the date of the Indenture.

***Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions***

Comstock will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, enter into any Sale/ Leaseback Transaction unless (i) Comstock or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, would be able

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to incur Indebtedness in an amount equal to the Attributable Indebtedness with respect to such Sale/ Leaseback Transaction or (ii) Comstock or such Restricted Subsidiary receives proceeds from such Sale/ Leaseback Transaction at least equal to the fair market value thereof (as determined in good faith by Comstock's Board of Directors, whose determination in good faith, evidenced by a resolution of such Board, shall be conclusive) and such proceeds are applied in the same manner and to the same extent as Net Available Cash and Excess Proceeds from an Asset Sale.

### ***Change of Control***

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, Comstock shall be obligated to make an offer to purchase all of the then outstanding notes (a Change of Control Offer), and shall purchase, on a Business Day (the Change of Control Purchase Date) not more than 60 nor less than 30 days following such Change of Control, all of the then outstanding notes validly tendered pursuant to such Change of Control Offer, at a purchase price (the Change of Control Purchase Price) equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest to the Change of Control Purchase Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date that is on or prior to the Change of Control Purchase Date). The Change of Control Offer is required to remain open for at least 20 Business Days and until the close of business on the fifth Business Day prior to the Change of Control Purchase Date.

In order to effect a Change of Control Offer, Comstock shall, not later than the 30th day after the occurrence of a Change of Control, give to the Trustee and each Holder a notice of the Change of Control Offer, which notice shall govern the terms of the Change of Control Offer and shall state, among other things, the procedures that Holders must follow to accept the Change of Control Offer.

The Bank Credit Facility contains, and any future credit agreements or other agreements relating to Senior Indebtedness or other obligations of Comstock may contain, prohibitions or restrictions on Comstock's ability to effect a Change of Control Offer. In the event a Change of Control occurs at a time when such prohibitions or restrictions are in effect, Comstock could seek the consent of its lenders to the repurchase of notes or could attempt to refinance the borrowings or renegotiate the agreements that contain such prohibitions. If Comstock does not obtain such a consent or repay such borrowings or change such agreements, Comstock will be effectively prohibited from repurchasing notes. Failure by Comstock to purchase the notes when required would result in an Event of Default. See Events of Default. There can be no assurance that Comstock would have adequate resources to repay or refinance all Indebtedness and other obligations owing under the Bank Credit Facility and such other agreements and to fund the purchase of the notes upon a Change of Control.

Comstock will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if another Person makes the Change of Control Offer at the same purchase price, at the same times and otherwise in substantial compliance with the requirements applicable to a Change of Control Offer to be made by Comstock and purchases all notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer.

The definition of Change of Control includes a phrase relating to the disposition of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. Although there is a developing body of case law interpreting the phrase substantially all, there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, the ability of a Holder of the notes to require Comstock to purchase such notes as a result of a disposition of less than all of the properties and assets of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to another Person may be uncertain.

Comstock intends to comply with Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder, if applicable, in the event that a Change of Control occurs and Comstock is required to purchase notes as described above. The existence of a Holder's right to require, subject to certain conditions, Comstock to repurchase its

notes upon a Change of Control may deter a third party from acquiring Comstock in a transaction that constitutes, or results in, a Change of Control.

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### ***Reports***

Comstock (and the Subsidiary Guarantors, if applicable) will file with the Commission, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and regulations, to the extent such filings are accepted by the Commission and whether or not Comstock has a class of securities registered under the Exchange Act, the annual reports, quarterly reports and other documents that Comstock would be required to file if it were subject to Section 13 or 15 of the Exchange Act. Comstock (and the Subsidiary Guarantors, if applicable) will also be required (a) to file with the Trustee (with exhibits), and provide to each Holder of notes (without exhibits), without cost to such Holder, copies of such reports and documents within 15 days after the date on which Comstock (and the Subsidiary Guarantors, if applicable) file such reports and documents with the Commission or the date on which Comstock (and the Subsidiary Guarantors, if applicable) would be required to file such reports and documents if Comstock (and the Subsidiary Guarantors, if applicable) were so required and (b) if filing such reports and documents with the Commission is not accepted by the Commission or is prohibited under the Exchange Act, to furnish to the Trustee, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and regulations, such reports and documents and to supply at its cost copies of such reports and documents (including any exhibits thereto) to any Holder of notes promptly upon written request. Comstock is obligated to make available, upon request, to any Holder of notes the information required by Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act, during any period in which Comstock is not subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

If Comstock has designated any of its Subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries, then, to the extent material, the quarterly and annual financial information required by the preceding paragraph will include a reasonably detailed presentation, either on the face of the financial statements or in the footnotes thereto, and in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, of the financial condition and results of operations of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries separate from the financial condition and results of operations of the Unrestricted Subsidiaries of Comstock.

### ***Future Designation of Restricted and Unrestricted Subsidiaries***

The foregoing covenants (including calculation of financial ratios and the determination of limitations on the incurrence of Indebtedness and Liens) may be affected by the designation by Comstock of any existing or future Subsidiary of Comstock as an Unrestricted Subsidiary. The definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary" set forth under the caption "Certain Definitions" describes the circumstances under which a Subsidiary of Comstock may be designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary by the Board of Directors of Comstock.

### ***Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets***

Comstock will not, in any single transaction or series of related transactions, merge or consolidate with or into any other Person, or sell, assign, convey, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis to any Person or group of Affiliated Persons, and Comstock will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to enter into any such transaction or series of related transactions if such transaction or series of transactions, in the aggregate, would result in the sale, assignment, conveyance, transfer, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis to any other Person or group of Affiliated Persons, unless at the time and after giving effect thereto:

(i) either (a) if the transaction is a merger or consolidation, Comstock shall be the surviving Person of such merger or consolidation, or (b) the Person (if other than Comstock) formed by such consolidation or into which Comstock is merged or to which the properties and assets of Comstock or its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, are sold, assigned, conveyed, transferred, leased or otherwise disposed of (any such surviving Person or transferee Person being



the Surviving Entity ) shall be a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, any state thereof or the District of Columbia and shall, in either case, expressly assume by a supplemental indenture to the Indenture executed and delivered to the Trustee, in form satisfactory to the Trustee,

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all the obligations of Comstock under the notes and the Indenture, and, in each case, the Indenture shall remain in full force and effect;

(ii) immediately after giving effect to such transaction or series of related transactions on a pro forma basis (and treating any Indebtedness not previously an obligation of Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries which becomes an obligation of Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with or as a result of such transaction as having been incurred at the time of such transaction), no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing;

(iii) except in the case of the consolidation or merger of any Restricted Subsidiary with or into Comstock or another Restricted Subsidiary, immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such transaction or transactions on a pro forma basis (assuming that the transaction or transactions occurred on the first day of the period of four fiscal quarters ending immediately prior to the consummation of such transaction or transactions, with the appropriate adjustments with respect to the transaction or transactions being included in such pro forma calculation), Comstock (or the Surviving Entity if Comstock is not the continuing obligor under the Indenture) could incur \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness (other than Permitted Indebtedness) pursuant to the Limitation on Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock covenant;

(iv) if Comstock is not the continuing obligor under the Indenture, then each Subsidiary Guarantor, unless it is the Surviving Entity, shall have by supplemental indenture to the Indenture confirmed that its Subsidiary Guarantee of the notes shall apply to the Surviving Entity's obligations under the Indenture and the notes;

(v) if any of the properties or assets of Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries would upon such transaction or series of related transactions become subject to any Lien (other than a Permitted Lien), the creation and imposition of such Lien shall have been in compliance with the Limitation on Liens covenant; and

(vi) Comstock (or the Surviving Entity if Comstock is not the continuing obligor under the Indenture) shall have delivered to the Trustee, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, (a) an Officers Certificate stating that such consolidation, merger, transfer, lease or other disposition and any supplemental indenture in respect thereto comply with the requirements under the Indenture and (b) an Opinion of Counsel stating that the requirements of clause (i) of this paragraph have been satisfied.

Upon any consolidation or merger or any sale, assignment, lease, conveyance, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with the foregoing, in which Comstock is not the continuing corporation, the Surviving Entity shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, Comstock under the Indenture with the same effect as if the Surviving Entity had been named as Comstock therein, and thereafter Comstock, except in the case of a lease, will be discharged from all obligations and covenants under the Indenture and the notes and may be liquidated and dissolved.

## **Events of Default**

The following are Events of Default under the Indenture:

(i) default in the payment of the principal of or premium, if any, on any of the notes, whether such payment is due at Stated Maturity, upon redemption, upon repurchase pursuant to a Change of Control Offer or a Prepayment Offer, upon acceleration or otherwise;

(ii) default in the payment of any installment of interest on any of the notes, when due, and the continuance of such default for a period of 30 days;

(iii) default in the performance or breach of the provisions of the Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets section of the Indenture, the failure to make or consummate a Change of Control Offer in accordance with the provisions of the Change of Control covenant or the failure to make or

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consummate a Prepayment Offer in accordance with the provisions of the Limitation on Asset Sales covenant;

(iv) Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor shall fail to comply with the provisions described under Certain Covenants Reports for a period of 90 days after written notice of such failure stating that it is a notice of default under the Indenture shall have been given (x) to Comstock by the Trustee or (y) to Comstock and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding);

(v) Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor shall fail to perform or observe any other term, covenant or agreement contained in the notes, any Subsidiary Guarantee or the Indenture (other than a default specified in (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) above) for a period of 60 days after written notice of such failure stating that it is a notice of default under the Indenture shall have been given (x) to Comstock by the Trustee or (y) to Comstock and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding);

(vi) the occurrence and continuation beyond any applicable grace period of any default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Indebtedness of Comstock (other than the notes) or any Subsidiary Guarantor or any other Restricted Subsidiary for money borrowed when due, or any other default resulting in acceleration of any Indebtedness of Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor or any other Restricted Subsidiary for money borrowed, provided that the aggregate principal amount of such Indebtedness, together with the aggregate principal amount of any other such Indebtedness under which there has been a payment default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, shall exceed \$50.0 million and provided, further, that if any such default is cured or waived or any such acceleration rescinded, or such Indebtedness is repaid, within a period of 10 days from the continuation of such default beyond the applicable grace period or the occurrence of such acceleration, as the case may be, such Event of Default under the Indenture and any consequential acceleration of the notes shall be automatically rescinded, so long as such rescission does not conflict with any judgment or decree;

(vii) any Subsidiary Guarantee shall for any reason cease to be, or be asserted by Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor, as applicable, not to be in full force and effect (except pursuant to the release of any such Subsidiary Guarantee in accordance with the Indenture);

(viii) failure by Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor or any other Restricted Subsidiary to pay final judgments or orders rendered against Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor or any other Restricted Subsidiary aggregating in excess of \$50.0 million (net of any amounts covered by insurance with a reputable and creditworthy insurance company that has not disclaimed liability) and either (A) commencement by any creditor of an enforcement proceeding upon such judgment (other than a judgment that is stayed by reason of a pending appeal or otherwise) or (B) the occurrence of a 60-day period during which a stay of such judgment or order, by reason of pending appeal or otherwise, was not in effect;

(ix) the entry of a decree or order by a court having jurisdiction in the premises (A) for relief in respect of Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor or any other Restricted Subsidiary in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or (B) adjudging Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor or any other Restricted Subsidiary bankrupt or insolvent, or approving a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor or any other Restricted Subsidiary under any applicable federal or state law, or appointing under any such law a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor or any other Restricted Subsidiary or of a substantial part of its consolidated assets, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs, and the continuance of any such decree or order for relief or any such other decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days; or



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(x) the commencement by Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor or any other Restricted Subsidiary of a voluntary case or proceeding under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or any other case or proceeding to be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor or any other Restricted Subsidiary to the entry of a decree or order for relief in respect thereof in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or to the commencement of any bankruptcy or insolvency case or proceeding against it, or the filing by Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor or any other Restricted Subsidiary of a petition or consent seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or state law, or the consent by it under any such law to the filing of any such petition or to the appointment of or taking possession by a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee or sequestrator (or other similar official) of Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor or any other Restricted Subsidiary or of any substantial part of its consolidated assets, or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of creditors under any such law, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due or taking of corporate action by Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor or any other Restricted Subsidiary in furtherance of any such action.

If an Event of Default (other than as specified in clause (ix) or (x) above) shall occur and be continuing, the Trustee, by written notice to Comstock, or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding, by written notice to the Trustee and Comstock, may, and the Trustee upon the request of the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding shall, declare the principal of, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest on all of the notes due and payable immediately, upon which declaration all amounts payable in respect of the notes shall be immediately due and payable. If an Event of Default specified in clause (ix) or (x) above occurs and is continuing, then the principal of, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest on all of the notes shall become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration, notice or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holder of notes.

After a declaration of acceleration under the Indenture, but before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the Trustee, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes, by written notice to Comstock, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration if (a) Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor has paid or deposited with the Trustee a sum sufficient to pay (i) all sums paid or advanced by the Trustee under the Indenture and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, (ii) all overdue interest on all notes, (iii) the principal of and premium, if any, on any notes which have become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and interest thereon at the rate borne by the notes, and (iv) to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, interest upon overdue interest and overdue principal at the rate borne by the notes (without duplication of any amount paid or deposited pursuant to clause (ii) or (iii)); (b) the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction; and (c) all Events of Default, other than the non-payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the notes that has become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived.

No Holder will have any right to institute any proceeding with respect to the Indenture or any remedy thereunder, unless such Holder has notified the Trustee of a continuing Event of Default and the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes have made written request, and offered such reasonable indemnity as the Trustee may require, to the Trustee to institute such proceeding as Trustee under the notes and the Indenture, the Trustee has failed to institute such proceeding within 60 days after receipt of such notice and the Trustee, within such 60-day period, has not received directions inconsistent with such written request by Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes. Such limitations will not apply, however, to a suit instituted by the Holder of a note for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on such note on or after the respective due dates expressed in such note.

During the existence of an Event of Default, the Trustee will be required to exercise such rights and powers vested in it under the Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise thereof as a

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prudent person would exercise under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs. Subject to the provisions of the Indenture relating to the duties of the Trustee in case an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, the Trustee will not be under any obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee such reasonable security or indemnity as it may require. Subject to certain provisions concerning the rights of the Trustee, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee under the Indenture.

If a Default or an Event of Default occurs and is continuing and is known to the Trustee, the Trustee shall mail to each Holder notice of the Default or Event of Default within 60 days after the occurrence thereof. Except in the case of a Default or an Event of Default in payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any notes, the Trustee may withhold the notice to the Holders of the notes if the Trustee determines in good faith that withholding the notice is in the interest of the Holders of the notes.

Comstock will be required to furnish to the Trustee annual statements as to the performance by Comstock of its obligations under the Indenture and as to any default in such performance. Comstock is also required to notify the Trustee within 10 days of any Default or Event of Default.

## **Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance of Indenture**

Comstock may, at its option and at any time, terminate the obligations of Comstock and the Subsidiary Guarantors with respect to the outstanding notes (such action being a legal defeasance). Such legal defeasance means that Comstock and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by the outstanding notes and to have been discharged from all their other obligations with respect to the notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees, except for, among other things:

the rights of Holders of outstanding notes to receive payment in respect of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such notes when such payments are due;

Comstock's obligations to replace any temporary notes, register the transfer or exchange of any notes, replace mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen notes and maintain an office or agency for payments in respect of the notes;

the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee; and

the defeasance provisions of the Indenture.

In addition, Comstock may, at its option and at any time, elect to terminate the obligations of Comstock and each Subsidiary Guarantor with respect to certain covenants that are set forth in the Indenture, some of which are described under "Certain Covenants" above, and any omission to comply with such obligations shall not constitute a Default or an Event of Default with respect to the notes (such action being a covenant defeasance).

In order to exercise either legal defeasance or covenant defeasance:

Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor must irrevocably deposit with the Trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders of the notes, cash in United States dollars, U.S. Government Obligations (as defined in the Indenture), or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, to pay the principal of,



premium, if any, and interest on the outstanding notes to redemption or maturity;

Comstock shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the Holders of the outstanding notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such legal defeasance or covenant defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such legal defeasance or covenant defeasance had not occurred (in the

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case of legal defeasance, such opinion must refer to and be based upon a published ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or a change in applicable federal income tax laws);

no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit or insofar as clauses (viii) and (ix) under the first paragraph of Events of Default are concerned, at any time during the period ending on the 91st day after the date of deposit;

such legal defeasance or covenant defeasance shall not cause the Trustee to have a conflicting interest under the Indenture or the Trust Indenture Act with respect to any securities of Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor;

such legal defeasance or covenant defeasance shall not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any material agreement or instrument to which Comstock or any Subsidiary Guarantor is a party or by which it is bound; and

Comstock shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officers Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel satisfactory to the Trustee, which, taken together, state that all conditions precedent under the Indenture to either legal defeasance or covenant defeasance, as the case may be, have been complied with.

## **Satisfaction and Discharge**

The Indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect (except as to surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of the notes, as expressly provided for in the Indenture) as to all outstanding notes when:

either (i) all the notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (except lost, stolen, mutilated or destroyed notes which have been replaced or paid and notes for whose payment money or certain United States government obligations have theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by Comstock and thereafter repaid to Comstock or discharged from such trust) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation or (ii) all notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable or will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the serving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of Comstock, and Comstock has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee funds in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire Indebtedness on the notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the notes to the date of deposit (in the case of notes which have become due and payable) or to the Stated Maturity or Redemption Date, as the case may be, together with instructions from Comstock irrevocably directing the Trustee to apply such funds to the payment thereof at maturity or redemption, as the case may be;

Comstock has paid all other sums payable under the Indenture by Comstock; and

Comstock has delivered to the Trustee an Officers Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel which, taken together, state that all conditions precedent under the Indenture relating to the satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture have been complied with.

## **Amendments and Waivers**

From time to time, Comstock, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may, without the consent of the Holders of the notes, amend or supplement the Indenture or the notes for certain specified purposes, including, among other things, curing ambiguities, defects or inconsistencies, qualifying, or maintaining the qualification of, the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act, adding or releasing any Subsidiary Guarantor pursuant to the terms of the Indenture, or making any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any Holder of notes. Other amendments and modifications of the Indenture or the notes may be made by

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Comstock, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes; provided, however, that no such modification or amendment may, without the consent of the Holder of each outstanding note affected thereby:

change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or any installment of interest on, any note;

reduce the principal amount of, premium, if any, or interest on any note;

change the coin or currency of payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any note;

impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to any note;

reduce the above-stated percentage of aggregate principal amount of outstanding notes necessary to modify or amend the Indenture;

reduce the percentage of aggregate principal amount of outstanding notes necessary for waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Indenture or for waiver of certain defaults;

modify any provisions of the Indenture relating to the modification and amendment of the Indenture or the waiver of past defaults or covenants, except as otherwise specified;

modify any provisions of the Indenture relating to the Subsidiary Guarantees in a manner adverse to the Holders; or

amend, change or modify the obligation of Comstock to make and consummate a Change of Control Offer in the event of a Change of Control or make and consummate a Prepayment Offer with respect to any Asset Sale or modify any of the provisions or definitions with respect thereto.

The Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes may, on behalf of the Holders of all notes, waive any past default under the Indenture, except a default in the payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the notes, or in respect of a covenant or provision which under the Indenture cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each note outstanding.

## **The Trustee**

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. serves as trustee under the Indenture. The Indenture (including provisions of the Trust Indenture Act incorporated by reference therein) contains limitations on the rights of the Trustee thereunder, should it become a creditor of Comstock, to obtain payment of claims in certain cases or to realize on certain property received by it in respect of any such claims, as security or otherwise. The Indenture permits the Trustee to engage in other transactions; provided, however, if it acquires any conflicting interest (as defined in the Trust Indenture Act), it must eliminate such conflict or resign.

## **Governing Law**

The Indenture, the notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees are governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

## **Certain Definitions**

*Acquired Indebtedness* means Indebtedness of a Person (i) existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or (ii) assumed in connection with acquisitions of properties or assets from such Person (other than any Indebtedness incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary or such acquisition). Acquired Indebtedness shall be deemed to be incurred on the date

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the acquired Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or the date of the related acquisition of properties or assets from such Person.

*Additional Assets* means (i) any assets or property (other than cash, Cash Equivalents or securities) used in the Oil and Gas Business or any business ancillary thereto, (ii) Investments in any other Person engaged in the Oil and Gas Business or any business ancillary thereto (including the acquisition from third parties of Capital Stock of such Person) as a result of which such other Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary, (iii) the acquisition from third parties of Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary or (iv) Investments pursuant to clause (v) of the definition of Permitted Investments.

*Adjusted Consolidated Net Tangible Assets* means (without duplication), as of the date of determination, the remainder of:

(i) the sum of:

(a) discounted future net revenues from proved oil and gas reserves of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries calculated in accordance with Commission guidelines before any state, federal or foreign income taxes, as estimated by Comstock and confirmed by a nationally recognized firm of independent petroleum engineers in a reserve report prepared as of the end of Comstock's most recently completed fiscal year for which audited financial statements are available, as increased by, as of the date of determination, the estimated discounted future net revenues from:

(1) estimated proved oil and gas reserves acquired since such year-end, which reserves were not reflected in such year-end reserve report, and

(2) estimated oil and gas reserves attributable to upward revisions of estimates of proved oil and gas reserves since such year-end due to exploration, development or exploitation activities, in each case calculated in accordance with Commission guidelines (utilizing the prices utilized in such year-end reserve report),

and decreased by, as of the date of determination, the estimated discounted future net revenues from:

(3) estimated proved oil and gas reserves produced or disposed of since such year-end, and

(4) estimated oil and gas reserves attributable to downward revisions of estimates of proved oil and gas reserves since such year-end due to changes in geological conditions or other factors which would, in accordance with standard industry practice, cause such revisions, in each case calculated in accordance with Commission guidelines (utilizing the prices utilized in such year-end reserve report);

provided that, in the case of each of the determinations made pursuant to clauses (1) through (4), such increases and decreases shall be as estimated by Comstock's petroleum engineers, unless there is a Material Change as a result of such acquisitions, dispositions or revisions, in which event the discounted future net revenues utilized for purposes of this clause (i)(a) shall be confirmed in writing by a nationally recognized firm of independent petroleum engineers;

(b) the capitalized costs that are attributable to oil and gas properties of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries to which no proved oil and gas reserves are attributable, based on Comstock's books and records as of a date no earlier than the date of Comstock's latest annual or quarterly financial statements;

(c) the Net Working Capital on a date no earlier than the date of Comstock's latest annual or quarterly financial statements; and

(d) the greater of (1) the net book value on a date no earlier than the date of Comstock's latest annual or quarterly financial statements and (2) the appraised value, as

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estimated by independent appraisers, of other tangible assets (including, without duplication, Investments in unconsolidated Restricted Subsidiaries) of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries, as of the date no earlier than the date of Comstock's latest audited financial statements, minus

(ii) the sum of:

(a) minority interests;

(b) any net gas balancing liabilities of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries reflected in Comstock's latest audited financial statements;

(c) to the extent included in (i)(a) above, the discounted future net revenues, calculated in accordance with Commission guidelines (utilizing the prices utilized in Comstock's year-end reserve report), attributable to reserves which are required to be delivered to third parties to fully satisfy the obligations of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to Volumetric Production Payments (determined, if applicable, using the schedules specified with respect thereto); and

(d) the discounted future net revenues, calculated in accordance with Commission guidelines, attributable to reserves subject to Dollar-Denominated Production Payments which, based on the estimates of production and price assumptions included in determining the discounted future net revenues specified in (i)(a) above, would be necessary to fully satisfy the payment obligations of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to Dollar-Denominated Production Payments (determined, if applicable, using the schedules specified with respect thereto).

*Adjusted Net Assets* of a Subsidiary Guarantor at any date shall mean the amount by which the fair value of the properties and assets of such Subsidiary Guarantor exceeds the total amount of liabilities, including, without limitation, contingent liabilities (after giving effect to all other fixed and contingent liabilities incurred or assumed on such date), but excluding liabilities under its Subsidiary Guarantee, of such Subsidiary Guarantor at such date.

*Affiliate* means, with respect to any specified Person, any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For the purposes of this definition, control, when used with respect to any Person, means the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms controlling and controlled have meanings correlative to the foregoing. For purposes of this definition, beneficial ownership of 10% or more of the voting common equity (on a fully diluted basis) or options or warrants to purchase such equity (but only if exercisable at the date of determination or within 60 days thereof) of a Person shall be deemed to constitute control of such Person.

*Asset Sale* means any sale, issuance, conveyance, transfer, lease or other disposition to any Person other than Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (including, without limitation, by means of a merger or consolidation) (collectively, for purposes of this definition, a transfer), directly or indirectly, in one or a series of related transactions, of (i) any Capital Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) all or substantially all of the properties and assets of any division or line of business of Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or (iii) any other properties or assets of Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries other than (a) a transfer of cash, Cash Equivalents, hydrocarbons or other mineral products in the ordinary course of business or (b) any lease, abandonment, disposition, relinquishment or farm-out of any oil and gas properties in the ordinary course of business. For the purposes of this definition, the term Asset Sale also shall not include (A) any transfer of properties or assets (including Capital Stock) that is governed by, and made in accordance with, the provisions described under Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets; (B) any transfer of properties or assets to an Unrestricted Subsidiary, if permitted under the Limitation on Restricted



Payments covenant; or (C) any transfer (in a single transaction or a series of related transactions) of properties or assets (including Capital Stock) having a Fair Market Value of less than \$25.0 million.

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*Attributable Indebtedness* means, with respect to any particular lease under which any Person is at the time liable and at any date as of which the amount thereof is to be determined, the present value of the total net amount of rent required to be paid by such Person under the lease during the primary term thereof, without giving effect to any renewals at the option of the lessee, discounted from the respective due dates thereof to such date at the rate of interest per annum implicit in the terms of the lease. As used in the preceding sentence, the net amount of rent under any lease for any such period shall mean the sum of rental and other payments required to be paid with respect to such period by the lessee thereunder excluding any amounts required to be paid by such lessee on account of maintenance and repairs, insurance, taxes, assessments, water rates or similar charges. In the case of any lease which is terminable by the lessee upon payment of a penalty, such net amount of rent shall also include the amount of such penalty, but no rent shall be considered as required to be paid under such lease subsequent to the first date upon which it may be so terminated.

*Average Life* means, with respect to any Indebtedness, as at any date of determination, the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the sum of the products of (a) the number of years (and any portion thereof) from the date of determination to the date or dates of each successive scheduled principal payment (including, without limitation, any sinking fund or mandatory redemption payment requirements) of such Indebtedness multiplied by (b) the amount of each such principal payment by (ii) the sum of all such principal payments.

*Bank Credit Facility* means that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of December 15, 2006 among Comstock, as Borrower, the lenders party thereto from time to time, Bank of Montreal, as Administrative Agent and Issuing Bank, Bank of America, N.A., as Syndication Agent, and Comerica Bank, Fortis Capital Corp. and Union Bank of California, N.A., as Co-Documentation Agents, and together with all related documents executed or delivered pursuant thereto at any time (including, without limitation, all mortgages, deeds of trust, guarantees, security agreements and all other collateral and security documents), in each case as such agreements may be amended (including any amendment and restatement thereof), supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, including any agreement or agreements extending the maturity of, refinancing, replacing or otherwise restructuring (including into two or more separate credit facilities, and including increasing the amount of available borrowings thereunder provided that such increase in borrowings is within the definition of Permitted Indebtedness or is otherwise permitted under the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock ) or adding Subsidiaries as additional borrowers or guarantors thereunder and all or any portion of the Indebtedness and other Obligations under such agreement or agreements or any successor or replacement agreement or agreements, and whether by the same or any other agent(s), lender(s) or group(s) of lenders.

*Capital Stock* means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents in the equity interests (however designated) in such Person, and any rights (other than debt securities convertible into an equity interest), warrants or options exercisable for, exchangeable for or convertible into such an equity interest in such Person.

*Capitalized Lease Obligation* means any obligation to pay rent or other amounts under a lease of (or other agreement conveying the right to use) any property (whether real, personal or mixed) that is required to be classified and accounted for as a capital lease obligation under GAAP, and, for the purpose of the Indenture, the amount of such obligation at any date shall be the capitalized amount thereof at such date, determined in accordance with GAAP.

*Cash Equivalents* means:

(i) any evidence of Indebtedness with a maturity of 180 days or less issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged in support thereof);

(ii) demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit or acceptances with a maturity of 180 days or less of any financial institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System having combined capital and surplus and undivided profits of not less than \$500 million;

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(iii) commercial paper with a maturity of 180 days or less issued by a corporation that is not an Affiliate of Comstock and is organized under the laws of any state of the United States or the District of Columbia and rated at least A-1 by S&P or at least P-1 by Moody s;

(iv) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than seven days for underlying securities of the types described in clause (i) above entered into with any commercial bank meeting the specifications of clause (ii) above;

(v) overnight bank deposits and bankers acceptances at any commercial bank meeting the qualifications specified in clause (ii) above;

(vi) deposits available for withdrawal on demand with any commercial bank not meeting the qualifications specified in clause (ii) above but which is a lending bank under the Bank Credit Facility, provided all such deposits do not exceed \$5.0 million in the aggregate at any one time;

(vii) demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit with any commercial bank organized in the United States not meeting the qualifications specified in clause (ii) above, provided that such deposits and certificates support bond, letter of credit and other similar types of obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business; and

(viii) investments in money market or other mutual funds substantially all of whose assets comprise securities of the types described in clauses (i) through (v) above.

*Change of Control* means the occurrence of any event or series of events by which:

(i) any person or group (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) is or becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the total Voting Stock of Comstock;

(ii) Comstock consolidates with or merges into another Person or any Person consolidates with, or merges into, Comstock, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which the outstanding Voting Stock of Comstock is changed into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where (a) the outstanding Voting Stock of Comstock is changed into or exchanged for Voting Stock of the surviving or resulting Person that is Qualified Capital Stock and (b) the holders of the Voting Stock of Comstock immediately prior to such transaction own, directly or indirectly, not less than a majority of the Voting Stock of the surviving or resulting Person immediately after such transaction;

(iii) Comstock, either individually or in conjunction with one or more Restricted Subsidiaries, sells, assigns, conveys, transfers, leases or otherwise disposes of, or the Restricted Subsidiaries sell, assign, convey, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of, all or substantially all of the properties and assets of Comstock and such Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole (either in one transaction or a series of related transactions), including Capital Stock of the Restricted Subsidiaries, to any Person (other than Comstock or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary);

(iv) during any consecutive two-year period, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted the Board of Directors of Comstock (together with any new directors whose election by such Board of Directors or whose nomination for election by the stockholders of Comstock was approved by a vote of 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the directors then still in office who were either directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Board of Directors of Comstock then in office; or

(v) Comstock is liquidated or dissolved.

*Closing Date* means the date on which the notes are originally issued under the Indenture.

*Common Stock* of any Person means Capital Stock of such Person that does not rank prior, as to the payment of dividends or as to the distribution of assets upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of such Person, to shares of Capital Stock of any other class of such Person.

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*Consolidated Exploration Expenses* means, for any period, exploration expenses of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period as determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

*Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio* means, for any period, the ratio on a pro forma basis of (i) the sum of Consolidated Net Income, Consolidated Interest Expense, Consolidated Income Tax Expense and Consolidated Non-cash Charges each to the extent deducted in computing Consolidated Net Income, in each case, for such period, of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, all determined in accordance with GAAP, decreased (to the extent included in determining Consolidated Net Income) by the sum of (x) the amount of deferred revenues that are amortized during such period and are attributable to reserves that are subject to Volumetric Production Payments and (y) amounts recorded in accordance with GAAP as repayments of principal and interest pursuant to Dollar-Denominated Production Payments, to (ii) Consolidated Interest Expense for such period; provided, however, that (a) the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio shall be calculated on a pro forma basis assuming that (A) the Indebtedness to be incurred (and all other Indebtedness incurred after the first day of such period of four full fiscal quarters referred to in the covenant described under *Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock* through and including the date of determination), and (if applicable) the application of the net proceeds therefrom (and from any other such Indebtedness), including to refinance other Indebtedness, had been incurred on the first day of such four-quarter period and, in the case of Acquired Indebtedness, on the assumption that the related transaction (whether by means of purchase, merger or otherwise) also had occurred on such date with the appropriate adjustments with respect to such acquisition being included in such pro forma calculation and (B) any acquisition or disposition by Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary of any properties or assets outside the ordinary course of business, or any repayment of any principal amount of any Indebtedness of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary prior to the Stated Maturity thereof, in either case since the first day of such period of four full fiscal quarters through and including the date of determination, had been consummated on such first day of such four-quarter period, (b) in making such computation, the Consolidated Interest Expense attributable to interest on any Indebtedness required to be computed on a pro forma basis in accordance with the covenant described under *Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock* and (A) bearing a floating interest rate shall be computed as if the rate in effect on the date of computation had been the applicable rate for the entire period and (B) which was not outstanding during the period for which the computation is being made but which bears, at the option of Comstock, a fixed or floating rate of interest, shall be computed by applying, at the option of Comstock, either the fixed or floating rate, (c) in making such computation, the Consolidated Interest Expense attributable to interest on any Indebtedness under a revolving credit facility required to be computed on a pro forma basis in accordance with the covenant described under *Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock* shall be computed based upon the average daily balance of such Indebtedness during the applicable period, provided that such average daily balance shall be reduced by the amount of any repayment of Indebtedness under a revolving credit facility during the applicable period, which repayment permanently reduced the commitments or amounts available to be reborrowed under such facility, (d) notwithstanding clauses (b) and (c) of this provision, interest on Indebtedness determined on a fluctuating basis, to the extent such interest is covered by agreements relating to Interest Rate Protection Obligations, shall be deemed to have accrued at the rate per annum resulting after giving effect to the operation of such agreements, (e) in making such calculation, Consolidated Interest Expense shall exclude interest attributable to Dollar-Denominated Production Payments, and (f) if after the first day of the period referred to in clause (i) of this definition Comstock has permanently retired any Indebtedness out of the Net Cash Proceeds of the issuance and sale of shares of Qualified Capital Stock of Comstock within 30 days of such issuance and sale, Consolidated Interest Expense shall be calculated on a pro forma basis as if such Indebtedness had been retired on the first day of such period.

*Consolidated Income Tax Expense* means, for any period, the provision for federal, state, local and foreign income taxes (including state franchise taxes accounted for as income taxes in accordance with GAAP) of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period as determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.



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*Consolidated Interest Expense* means, for any period, without duplication, the sum of (i) the interest expense of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period as determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, including, without limitation, (a) any amortization of debt discount, (b) the net cost under Interest Rate Protection Obligations (including any amortization of discounts), (c) the interest portion of any deferred payment obligation constituting Indebtedness, (d) all commissions, discounts and other fees and charges owed with respect to letters of credit and bankers' acceptance financing and (e) all accrued interest, in each case to the extent attributable to such period, (ii) to the extent any Indebtedness of any Person (other than Comstock or a Restricted Subsidiary) is guaranteed by Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary, the aggregate amount of interest paid (to the extent not accrued in a prior period) or accrued by such other Person during such period attributable to any such Indebtedness, in each case to the extent attributable to that period, (iii) the aggregate amount of the interest component of Capitalized Lease Obligations paid (to the extent not accrued in a prior period), accrued or scheduled to be paid or accrued by Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries during such period as determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP and (iv) the aggregate amount of dividends paid (to the extent such dividends are not accrued in a prior period and excluding dividends paid in Qualified Capital Stock) or accrued on Disqualified Capital Stock of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries, to the extent such Disqualified Capital Stock is owned by Persons other than Restricted Subsidiaries, less, to the extent included in any of clauses (i) through (iv), amortization of capitalized debt issuance costs of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries during such period.

*Consolidated Net Income* means, for any period, the consolidated net income (or loss) of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period as determined in accordance with GAAP, adjusted by excluding:

- (i) net after-tax extraordinary gains or losses (less all fees and expenses relating thereto);
- (ii) net after-tax gains or losses (less all fees and expenses relating thereto) attributable to Asset Sales;
- (iii) the net income (or net loss) of any Person (other than Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries), in which Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries has an ownership interest, except to the extent of the amount of dividends or other distributions actually paid to Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in cash by such other Person during such period (regardless of whether such cash dividends or distributions are attributable to net income (or net loss) of such Person during such period or during any prior period);
- (iv) net income (or net loss) of any Person combined with Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries on a pooling of interests basis attributable to any period prior to the date of combination;
- (v) the net income of any Restricted Subsidiary to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by that Restricted Subsidiary is not at the date of determination permitted, directly or indirectly, by operation of the terms of its charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule or governmental regulation applicable to that Restricted Subsidiary or its stockholders;
- (vi) dividends paid in Qualified Capital Stock;
- (vii) income resulting from transfers of assets received by Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary from an Unrestricted Subsidiary;
- (viii) Consolidated Exploration Expenses and any write-downs or impairments of non-current assets; and
- (ix) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles.



*Consolidated Net Worth* means, at any date, the consolidated stockholders' equity of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries less the amount of such stockholders' equity attributable to Disqualified Capital Stock or treasury stock of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries, as determined in accordance with GAAP.

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*Consolidated Non-cash Charges* means, for any period, the aggregate depreciation, depletion, amortization and exploration expense and other non-cash expenses of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries reducing Consolidated Net Income for such period, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP (excluding any such non-cash charge for which an accrual of or reserve for cash charges for any future period is required).

*Consolidated Total Indebtedness* means, with respect to Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of any date of determination, the aggregate of all Indebtedness of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of such date of determination, on a consolidated basis, determined in accordance with GAAP.

*Default* means any event, act or condition that is, or after notice or passage of time or both would become, an Event of Default.

*Disinterested Director* means, with respect to any transaction or series of transactions in respect of which the Board of Directors of Comstock is required to deliver a resolution of the Board of Directors under the Indenture, a member of the Board of Directors of Comstock who does not have any material direct or indirect financial interest (other than an interest arising solely from the beneficial ownership of Capital Stock of Comstock) in or with respect to such transaction or series of transactions.

*Disqualified Capital Stock* means any Capital Stock that, either by its terms, by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or exchangeable or by contract or otherwise, is, or upon the happening of an event or passage of time would be, required to be redeemed or repurchased prior to the final Stated Maturity of the notes or is redeemable at the option of the Holder thereof at any time prior to such final Stated Maturity, or is convertible into or exchangeable for debt securities at any time prior to such final Stated Maturity. For purposes of the covenant described under *Certain Covenants Limitation on Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock*, *Disqualified Capital Stock* shall be valued at the greater of its voluntary or involuntary maximum fixed redemption or repurchase price plus accrued and unpaid dividends. For such purposes, the maximum fixed redemption or repurchase price of any *Disqualified Capital Stock* which does not have a fixed redemption or repurchase price shall be calculated in accordance with the terms of such *Disqualified Capital Stock* as if such *Disqualified Capital Stock* were redeemed or repurchased on the date of determination, and if such price is based upon, or measured by, the fair market value of such *Disqualified Capital Stock*, such fair market value shall be determined in good faith by the board of directors of the issuer of such *Disqualified Capital Stock*; provided, however, that if such *Disqualified Capital Stock* is not at the date of determination permitted or required to be redeemed or repurchased, the maximum fixed redemption or repurchase price shall be the book value of such *Disqualified Capital Stock*.

*Dollar-Denominated Production Payments* means production payment obligations of Comstock or a Restricted Subsidiary recorded as liabilities in accordance with GAAP, together with all undertakings and obligations in connection therewith.

*Event of Default* has the meaning set forth above under the caption *Events of Default*.

*Exchanged Properties* means properties or assets used or useful in the Oil and Gas Business received by Comstock or a Restricted Subsidiary in trade or as a portion of the total consideration for other such properties or assets.

*Existing Notes Issue Date* means February 25, 2004.

*Fair Market Value* means the fair market value of property or assets (including shares of Capital Stock) as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of Comstock and evidenced by a Board Resolution, which determination shall be conclusive for purposes of the Indenture; provided, however, that unless otherwise specified herein, the Board of Directors shall be under no obligation to obtain any valuation or assessment from any investment

banker, appraiser or other third party.

*GAAP* means generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied, that are set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other

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statements by such other entity as may be approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession of the United States of America, which are applicable as of the date of the Indenture.

The term *guarantee* means, as applied to any obligation, (i) a guarantee (other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business), direct or indirect, in any manner, of any part or all of such obligation and (ii) an agreement, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, the practical effect of which is to assure in any way the payment or performance (or payment of damages in the event of non-performance) of all or any part of such obligation, including, without limiting the foregoing, the payment of amounts drawn down under letters of credit. When used as a verb, *guarantee* has a corresponding meaning.

*Holder* means a Person in whose name a note is registered in the Note Register.

*Indebtedness* means, with respect to any Person, without duplication:

(i) all liabilities of such Person, contingent or otherwise, for borrowed money or for the deferred purchase price of property or services (excluding any trade accounts payable and other accrued current liabilities incurred and reserves established in the ordinary course of business) and all liabilities of such Person incurred in connection with any agreement to purchase, redeem, exchange, convert or otherwise acquire for value any Capital Stock of such Person, or any warrants, rights or options to acquire such Capital Stock, outstanding on the date of the Indenture or thereafter, if, and to the extent, any of the foregoing would appear as a liability upon a balance sheet of such Person prepared in accordance with GAAP;

(ii) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or other similar instruments, if, and to the extent, any of the foregoing would appear as a liability upon a balance sheet of such Person prepared in accordance with GAAP;

(iii) all obligations of such Person with respect to letters of credit;

(iv) all indebtedness of such Person created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to property acquired by such Person (even if the rights and remedies of the seller or lender under such agreement in the event of default are limited to repossession or sale of such property), but excluding trade accounts payable arising and reserves established in the ordinary course of business;

(v) all Capitalized Lease Obligations of such Person;

(vi) the Attributable Indebtedness (in excess of any related Capitalized Lease Obligations) related to any Sale/Leaseback Transaction of such Person;

(vii) all Indebtedness referred to in the preceding clauses of other Persons and all dividends of other Persons, the payment of which is secured by (or for which the holder of such Indebtedness has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien upon property (including, without limitation, accounts and contract rights) owned by such Person, even though such Person has not assumed or become liable for the payment of such Indebtedness (the amount of such obligation being deemed to be the lesser of the value of such property or the amount of the obligation so secured);

(viii) all guarantees by such Person of Indebtedness referred to in this definition (including, with respect to any Production Payment, any warranties or guaranties of production or payment by such Person with respect to such Production Payment but excluding other contractual obligations of such Person with respect to such Production Payment); and

(ix) all obligations of such Person under or in respect of currency exchange contracts, oil and natural gas price hedging arrangements and Interest Rate Protection Obligations.

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Subject to clause (viii) of the first sentence of this definition, neither Dollar-Denominated Production Payments nor Volumetric Production Payments shall be deemed to be Indebtedness. In addition, Disqualified Capital Stock shall not be deemed to be Indebtedness.

*Interest Rate Protection Obligations* means the obligations of any Person pursuant to any arrangement with any other Person whereby, directly or indirectly, such Person is entitled to receive from time to time periodic payments calculated by applying either a floating or a fixed rate of interest on a stated notional amount in exchange for periodic payments made by such Person calculated by applying a fixed or a floating rate of interest on the same notional amount and shall include, without limitation, interest rate swaps, caps, floors, collars and similar agreements or arrangements designed to protect against or manage such Person's and any of its Subsidiaries exposure to fluctuations in interest rates.

*Investment* means, with respect to any Person, any direct or indirect advance, loan, guarantee of Indebtedness or other extension of credit or capital contribution by such Person to (by means of any transfer of cash or other property or assets to others or any payment for property, assets or services for the account or use of others), or any purchase or acquisition by such Person of any Capital Stock, bonds, notes, debentures or other securities (including derivatives) or evidences of Indebtedness issued by, any other Person. In addition, the Fair Market Value of the net assets of any Restricted Subsidiary at the time that such Restricted Subsidiary is designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be deemed to be an Investment made by Comstock in such Unrestricted Subsidiary at such time. Investments shall exclude (i) extensions of trade credit or other advances to customers on commercially reasonable terms in accordance with normal trade practices or otherwise in the ordinary course of business, (ii) Interest Rate Protection Obligations entered into in the ordinary course of business or as required by any Permitted Indebtedness or any Indebtedness incurred in compliance with the Limitation on Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock covenant, but only to the extent that the stated aggregate notional amounts of such Interest Rate Protection Obligations do not exceed 105% of the aggregate principal amount of such Indebtedness to which such Interest Rate Protection Obligations relate and (iii) endorsements of negotiable instruments and documents in the ordinary course of business. If Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary sells or otherwise disposes of any Capital Stock of any direct or indirect Restricted Subsidiary of Comstock such that, after giving effect to such sale or disposition, such Person is no longer a Restricted Subsidiary of Comstock, Comstock will be deemed to have made an Investment on the date of any such sale or disposition equal to the Fair Market Value of Comstock's Investments in such Restricted Subsidiary that were not sold or disposed of.

*Leverage Ratio* means with respect to Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries for any period, the ratio of (i) the Consolidated Total Indebtedness of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of the last day of such period to (ii) the sum of Consolidated Net Income, Consolidated Interest Expense, Consolidated Income Tax Expense and Consolidated Non-cash Charges each to the extent deducted in computing Consolidated Net Income, in each case, for such period, of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, all determined in accordance with GAAP, decreased (to the extent included in determining Consolidated Net Income) by the sum of (a) the amount of deferred revenues that are amortized during such period and are attributable to reserves that are subject to Volumetric Production Payments and (b) amounts recorded in accordance with GAAP as repayments of principal and interest pursuant to Dollar-Denominated Production Payments. Calculation of the Leverage Ratio on a pro forma basis shall be made in the manner specified in the definition of Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio with respect to pro forma calculations of the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio.

*Lien* means any mortgage, charge, pledge, lien (statutory or other), security interest, hypothecation, assignment for security, claim or similar type of encumbrance (including, without limitation, any agreement to give or grant any lease, conditional sale or other title retention agreement having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing) upon or with respect to any property of any kind. A Person shall be deemed to own subject to a Lien any property which such Person has acquired or holds subject to the interest of a vendor or lessor under any conditional sale agreement, capital lease or other title retention agreement.

*Liquid Securities* means securities (i) of an issuer that is not an Affiliate of Comstock, (ii) that are publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange or the Nasdaq National

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Market and (iii) as to which Comstock is not subject to any restrictions on sale or transfer (including any volume restrictions under Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any other restrictions imposed by the Securities Act) or as to which a registration statement under the Securities Act covering the resale thereof is in effect for as long as the securities are held; provided that securities meeting the requirements of clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) above shall be treated as Liquid Securities from the date of receipt thereof until and only until the earlier of (a) the date on which such securities are sold or exchanged for cash or Cash Equivalents and (b) 150 days following the date of receipt of such securities. If such securities are not sold or exchanged for cash or Cash Equivalents within 120 days of receipt thereof, for purposes of determining whether the transaction pursuant to which Comstock or a Restricted Subsidiary received the securities was in compliance with the provisions of the Indenture described under **Certain Covenants Limitation on Asset Sales**, such securities shall be deemed not to have been Liquid Securities at any time.

*Material Change* means an increase or decrease (except to the extent resulting from changes in prices) of more than 30% during a fiscal quarter in the estimated discounted future net revenues from proved oil and gas reserves of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries, calculated in accordance with clause (i)(a) of the definition of Adjusted Consolidated Net Tangible Assets; provided, however, that the following will be excluded from the calculation of Material Change: (i) any acquisitions during the quarter of oil and gas reserves with respect to which Comstock's estimate of the discounted future net revenues from proved oil and gas reserves has been confirmed by independent petroleum engineers and (ii) any dispositions of properties and assets during such quarter that were disposed of in compliance with the provisions of the Indenture described under **Certain Covenants Limitation on Asset Sales**.

*Maturity* means, with respect to any note, the date on which any principal of such note becomes due and payable as therein or in the Indenture provided, whether at the Stated Maturity with respect to such principal or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption or purchase or otherwise.

*Moody's* means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

*Net Available Cash* from an Asset Sale or Sale/ Leaseback Transaction means cash proceeds received therefrom (including (i) any cash proceeds received by way of deferred payment of principal pursuant to a note or installment receivable or otherwise, but only as and when received, and (ii) the Fair Market Value of Liquid Securities and Cash Equivalents, and excluding (a) any other consideration received in the form of assumption by the acquiring Person of Indebtedness or other obligations relating to the assets or property that is the subject of such Asset Sale or Sale/ Leaseback Transaction and (b) except to the extent subsequently converted to cash, Cash Equivalents or Liquid Securities within 240 days after such Asset Sale or Sale/ Leaseback Transaction, consideration constituting Exchanged Properties or consideration other than as identified in the immediately preceding clauses (i) and (ii)), in each case net of (a) all legal, title and recording expenses, commissions and other fees and expenses incurred, and all federal, state, foreign and local taxes required to be paid or accrued as a liability under GAAP as a consequence of such Asset Sale or Sale/Leaseback Transaction, (b) all payments made on any Indebtedness (but specifically excluding Indebtedness of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries assumed in connection with or in anticipation of such Asset Sale or Sale/ Leaseback Transaction) which is secured by any assets subject to such Asset Sale or Sale/ Leaseback Transaction, in accordance with the terms of any Lien upon such assets, or which must by its terms, or in order to obtain a necessary consent to such Asset Sale or Sale/ Leaseback Transaction or by applicable law, be repaid out of the proceeds from such Asset Sale or Sale/ Leaseback Transaction, provided that such payments are made in a manner that results in the permanent reduction in the balance of such Indebtedness and, if applicable, a permanent reduction in any outstanding commitment for future incurrences of Indebtedness thereunder, (c) all distributions and other payments required to be made to minority interest holders in Subsidiaries or joint ventures as a result of such Asset Sale or Sale/ Leaseback Transaction and (d) the deduction of appropriate amounts to be provided by the seller as a reserve, in accordance with GAAP, against any liabilities associated with the assets disposed of in such Asset Sale or Sale/ Leaseback Transaction and retained by Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary after such Asset Sale or Sale/ Leaseback Transaction; provided, however, that if any consideration for an Asset Sale or Sale/ Leaseback Transaction (which would otherwise



constitute Net Available Cash) is required to be held in escrow pending determination of whether a

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purchase price adjustment will be made, such consideration (or any portion thereof) shall become Net Available Cash only at such time as it is released to such Person or its Restricted Subsidiaries from escrow.

*Net Cash Proceeds* with respect to any issuance or sale of Qualified Capital Stock or other securities, means the cash proceeds of such issuance or sale net of attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, underwriters' or placement agents' fees, discounts or commissions and brokerage, consultant and other fees and expenses actually incurred in connection with such issuance or sale and net of taxes paid or payable as a result thereof.

*Net Working Capital* means (i) all current assets of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries, less (ii) all current liabilities of Comstock and its Restricted Subsidiaries, except current liabilities included in Indebtedness, in each case as set forth in consolidated financial statements of Comstock prepared in accordance with GAAP.

*Non-Recourse Indebtedness* means Indebtedness or that portion of Indebtedness of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary incurred in connection with the acquisition by Comstock or such Restricted Subsidiary of any property or assets and as to which (i) the holders of such Indebtedness agree that they will look solely to the property or assets so acquired and securing such Indebtedness for payment on or in respect of such Indebtedness, and neither Comstock nor any Subsidiary (other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary) (a) provides credit support, including any undertaking, agreement or instrument which would constitute Indebtedness, or (b) is directly or indirectly liable for such Indebtedness, and (ii) no default with respect to such Indebtedness would permit (after notice or passage of time or both), according to the terms thereof, any holder of any Indebtedness of Comstock or a Restricted Subsidiary to declare a default on such Indebtedness or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its Stated Maturity.

*Note Register* means the register maintained by or for Comstock in which Comstock shall provide for the registration of the notes and the transfer of the notes.

*Obligations* means all obligations for principal, premium, interest, penalties, fees, indemnifications, payments with respect to any letters of credit, reimbursements, damages and other liabilities payable under the documentation governing any Indebtedness.

*Oil and Gas Business* means (i) the acquisition, exploration, development, operation and disposition of interests in oil, gas and other hydrocarbon properties, (ii) the gathering, marketing, treating, processing, storage, refining, selling and transporting of any production from such interests or properties, (iii) any business relating to or arising from exploration for or development, production, treatment, processing, storage, refining, transportation or marketing of oil, gas and other minerals and products produced in association therewith, and (iv) any activity necessary, appropriate or incidental to the activities described in the foregoing clauses (i) through (iii) of this definition.

*Permitted Indebtedness* means any of the following:

(i) Priority Credit Facility Debt, in an aggregate amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the greater of (a) the borrowing base under the Bank Credit Facility at such time less the sum of all repayments of principal of Priority Credit Facility Debt made pursuant to Certain Covenants Limitation on Asset Sales and (b) 25% of Adjusted Consolidated Net Tangible Assets; provided, however, that Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock of Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Subsidiary Guarantors shall not at any time constitute more than 50% of all Priority Credit Facility Debt otherwise permitted under this clause (i);

(ii) Indebtedness under the notes;

(iii) Indebtedness outstanding or in effect on the date of the Indenture (and not repaid or defeased with the proceeds of the offering of the notes);

(iv) obligations pursuant to Interest Rate Protection Obligations, but only to the extent such obligations do not exceed 105% of the aggregate principal amount of the Indebtedness covered by such Interest Rate Protection Obligations; obligations under currency exchange contracts entered into

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in the ordinary course of business; hedging arrangements entered into in the ordinary course of business for the purpose of protecting production, purchases and resales against fluctuations in oil or natural gas prices, and any guarantee of any of the foregoing;

(v) the Subsidiary Guarantees of the notes (and any assumption of the obligations guaranteed thereby);

(vi) Indebtedness of Comstock owing to and held by a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary and Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary owing to and held by Comstock or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary;

(vii) Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness and any guarantee thereof;

(viii) Non-Recourse Indebtedness;

(ix) in-kind obligations relating to net oil or gas balancing positions arising in the ordinary course of business;

(x) Indebtedness in respect of bid, performance or surety bonds issued for the account of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business, including guaranties and letters of credit supporting such bid, performance or surety obligations (in each case other than for an obligation for money borrowed); and

(xi) any additional Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$50.0 million at any one time outstanding and any guarantee thereof.

*Permitted Investments* means any of the following:

(i) Investments in Cash Equivalents;

(ii) Investments in property, plant and equipment used in the ordinary course of business;

(iii) Investments in Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(iv) Investments by Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in another Person, if (a) as a result of such Investment (x) such other Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or (y) such other Person is merged or consolidated with or into, or transfers or conveys all or substantially all of its properties and assets to, Comstock or a Restricted Subsidiary and (b) such other Person is primarily engaged in the Oil and Gas Business;

(v) entry into operating agreements, joint ventures, partnership agreements, working interests, royalty interests, mineral leases, processing agreements, farm-out agreements, contracts for the sale, transportation or exchange of oil and natural gas, unitization agreements, pooling arrangements, area of mutual interest agreements or other similar or customary agreements, transactions, properties, interests or arrangements, and Investments and expenditures in connection therewith or pursuant thereto, in each case made or entered into in the ordinary course of the Oil and Gas Business;

(vi) entry into any hedging arrangements in the ordinary course of business for the purpose of protecting Comstock's or any Restricted Subsidiary's production, purchases and resales against fluctuations in oil or natural gas prices;

(vii) entry into any currency exchange contract in the ordinary course of business;

(viii) Investments in stock, obligations or securities received in settlement of debts owing to Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary as a result of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings or upon the foreclosure, perfection or

enforcement of any Lien in favor of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary, in each case as to debt owing to Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary that arose in the ordinary course of business of Comstock or any such Restricted Subsidiary;

(ix) guarantees of Indebtedness permitted under the Limitation on Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock covenant; and

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(x) other Investments, in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any one time outstanding the greater of (a) \$20.0 million and (b) 5% of Adjusted Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

*Permitted Liens* means the following types of Liens:

(i) Liens securing Indebtedness of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary that constitutes Priority Credit Facility Debt permitted pursuant to clause (i) of the definition of *Permitted Indebtedness* ;

(ii) Liens existing as of the date of the Indenture (excluding Liens securing Indebtedness of Comstock under the Bank Credit Facility);

(iii) Liens securing the notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees;

(iv) Liens in favor of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary;

(v) Liens for taxes, assessments and governmental charges or claims either (a) not delinquent or (b) contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and as to which Comstock or its Restricted Subsidiaries shall have set aside on its books such reserves as may be required pursuant to GAAP;

(vi) statutory Liens of landlords and Liens of carriers, warehousemen, mechanics, suppliers, materialmen, repairmen and other Liens imposed by law incurred in the ordinary course of business for sums not delinquent or being contested in good faith, if such reserve or other appropriate provision, if any, as shall be required by GAAP shall have been made in respect thereof;

(vii) Liens incurred or deposits made in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other types of social security, or to secure the payment or performance of tenders, statutory or regulatory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, bids, government contracts and leases, performance and return of money bonds and other similar obligations (exclusive of obligations for the payment of borrowed money but including lessee or operator obligations under statutes, governmental regulations or instruments related to the ownership, exploration and production of oil, gas and minerals on state, Federal or foreign lands or waters);

(viii) judgment and attachment Liens not giving rise to an Event of Default so long as any appropriate legal proceedings which may have been duly initiated for the review of such judgment shall not have been finally terminated or the period within which such proceeding may be initiated shall not have expired;

(ix) easements, rights-of-way, restrictions and other similar charges or encumbrances not interfering in any material respect with the ordinary conduct of the business of Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(x) any interest or title of a lessor under any capitalized lease or operating lease;

(xi) purchase money Liens; provided, however, that (a) the related purchase money Indebtedness shall not be secured by any property or assets of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary other than the property or assets so acquired (including, without limitation, those acquired indirectly through the acquisition of stock or other ownership interests) and any proceeds therefrom, (b) the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness secured by such Liens it otherwise permitted to be incurred under the Indenture and does not exceed the cost of the property or assets so acquired and (c) the Liens securing such Indebtedness shall be created within 90 days of such acquisition;

(xii) Liens securing obligations under hedging agreements that Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary enters into in the ordinary course of business for the purpose of protecting its production, purchases and resales against fluctuations

in oil or natural gas prices;

(xiii) Liens upon specific items of inventory or other goods of any Person securing such Person's obligations in respect of bankers' acceptances issued or created for the account of such Person to facilitate the purchase, shipment or storage of such inventory or other goods;

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- (xiv) Liens securing reimbursement obligations with respect to commercial letters of credit which encumber documents and other property or assets relating to such letters of credit and products and proceeds thereof;
- (xv) Liens encumbering property or assets under construction arising from progress or partial payments by a customer of Comstock or its Restricted Subsidiaries relating to such property or assets;
- (xvi) Liens encumbering deposits made to secure obligations arising from statutory, regulatory, contractual or warranty requirements of Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, including rights of offset and set-off;
- (xvii) Liens securing Interest Rate Protection Obligations which Interest Rate Protection Obligations relate to Indebtedness that is secured by Liens otherwise permitted under the Indenture;
- (xviii) Liens (other than Liens securing Indebtedness) on, or related to, properties or assets to secure all or part of the costs incurred in the ordinary course of business for the exploration, drilling, development or operation thereof;
- (xix) Liens on pipeline or pipeline facilities which arise by operation of law;
- (xx) Liens arising under operating agreements, joint venture agreements, partnership agreements, oil and gas leases, farm-out agreements, division orders, contracts for the sale, transportation or exchange of oil and natural gas, unitization and pooling declarations and agreements, area of mutual interest agreements and other agreements which are customary in the Oil and Gas Business;
- (xxi) Liens reserved in oil and gas mineral leases for bonus or rental payments or for compliance with the terms of such leases;
- (xxii) Liens constituting survey exceptions, encumbrances, easements, or reservations of, or rights to others for, rights-of-way, zoning or other restrictions as to the use of real properties, and minor defects of title which, in the case of any of the foregoing, were not incurred or created to secure the payment of borrowed money or the deferred purchase price of property, assets or services, and in the aggregate do not materially adversely affect the value of properties and assets of Comstock and the Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or materially impair the use of such properties and assets for the purposes for which such properties and assets are held by Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (xxiii) Liens securing Non-Recourse Indebtedness; provided, however, that the related Non- Recourse Indebtedness shall not be secured by any property or assets of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary other than the property and assets acquired (including, without limitation, those acquired indirectly through the acquisition of stock or other ownership interests) by Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary with the proceeds of such Non-Recourse Indebtedness;
- (xxiv) Liens on property existing at the time of acquisition thereof by Comstock or any Subsidiary of Comstock and Liens on property or assets of a Subsidiary existing at the time it became a Subsidiary, provided that such Liens were in existence prior to the contemplation of the acquisition and do not extend to any assets other than the acquired property; and
- (xxv) Liens resulting from the deposit of funds or evidences of Indebtedness in trust for the purpose of defeasing Indebtedness of Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries so long as such deposit and such defeasance are permitted under the covenant described under **Certain Covenants** **Limitation on Restricted Payments** .
- Notwithstanding anything in clauses (i) through (xxv) of this definition, the term **Permitted Liens** does not include any Liens resulting from the creation, incurrence, issuance, assumption or guarantee of any **Production Payments** other



than Production Payments that are created, incurred, issued, assumed or guaranteed in connection with the financing of, and within 30 days after, the acquisition of the properties or assets that are subject thereto.

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*Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness* means Indebtedness of Comstock or a Restricted Subsidiary, the net proceeds of which are used to renew, extend, refinance, refund or repurchase (including, without limitation, pursuant to a Change of Control Offer or Prepayment Offer) outstanding Indebtedness of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary, provided that (i) if the Indebtedness (including the notes) being renewed, extended, refinanced, refunded or repurchased is *pari passu* with or subordinated in right of payment to either the notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees, then such Indebtedness is *pari passu* with or subordinated in right of payment to the notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees, as the case may be, at least to the same extent as the Indebtedness being renewed, extended, refinanced, refunded or repurchased, (ii) such Indebtedness has a Stated Maturity for its final scheduled principal payment that is no earlier than the Stated Maturity for the final scheduled principal payment of the Indebtedness being renewed, extended, refinanced, refunded or repurchased and (iii) such Indebtedness has an Average Life at the time such Indebtedness is incurred that is equal to or greater than the Average Life of the Indebtedness being renewed, extended, refinanced, refunded or repurchased; provided, further, that such Indebtedness is in an aggregate principal amount (or, if such Indebtedness is issued at a price less than the principal amount thereof, the aggregate amount of gross proceeds therefrom is) not in excess of the aggregate principal amount then outstanding of the Indebtedness being renewed, extended, refinanced, refunded or repurchased (or if the Indebtedness being renewed, extended, refinanced, refunded or repurchased was issued at a price less than the principal amount thereof, then not in excess of the amount of liability in respect thereof determined in accordance with GAAP) plus the amount of any premium required to be paid in connection with such renewal, extension or refinancing, refunding or repurchase pursuant to the terms of the Indebtedness being renewed, extended, refinanced, refunded or repurchased or the amount of any premium reasonably determined by Comstock as necessary to accomplish such renewal, extension, refinancing, refunding or repurchase, plus the amount of reasonable fees and expenses incurred by Comstock or such Restricted Subsidiary in connection therewith.

*Person* means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

*Preferred Stock* means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated) of such Person's preferred or preference stock, whether now outstanding or issued after the date of the Indenture, including, without limitation, all classes and series of preferred or preference stock of such Person.

*Priority Credit Facility Debt* means, collectively, (i) Indebtedness of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary (including, without limitation, Indebtedness under the Bank Credit Facility) secured by Liens not otherwise permitted under any of clauses (ii) through (xxv), inclusive, of the definition of Permitted Liens, and (ii) other Indebtedness or Disqualified Capital Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor. For purposes of clause (i) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, Priority Credit Facility Debt shall be calculated, at any time of determination, (a) in the case of Indebtedness under the Bank Credit Facility or Indebtedness under any other instrument or agreement, with reference to the aggregate principal amount outstanding thereunder at such time, excluding all interest, fees and other Obligations under such facility, instrument or agreement, and (b) in the case of Disqualified Capital Stock, in the manner specified in the definition of Disqualified Capital Stock.

*Production Payments* means, collectively, Dollar-Denominated Production Payments and Volumetric Production Payments.

*Public Equity Offering* means an offer and sale of Common Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of Comstock for cash pursuant to a registration statement that has been declared effective by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act (other than a registration statement on Form S-8 or otherwise relating to equity securities issuable under any employee benefit plan of Comstock).

*Qualified Capital Stock* of any Person means any and all Capital Stock of such Person other than Disqualified Capital Stock.

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*Restricted Investment* means (without duplication) (i) the designation of a Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in the manner described in the definition of Unrestricted Subsidiary and (ii) any Investment other than a Permitted Investment.

*Restricted Subsidiary* means any Subsidiary of Comstock, whether existing on or after the date of the Indenture, unless such Subsidiary of Comstock is an Unrestricted Subsidiary or is designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to the terms of the Indenture.

*S&P* means Standard and Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

*Sale/Leaseback Transaction* means, with respect to Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, any arrangement with any Person providing for the leasing by Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of any principal property, whereby such property has been or is to be sold or transferred by Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to such Person.

*Senior Indebtedness* means any Indebtedness of Comstock or a Restricted Subsidiary (whether outstanding on the date hereof or hereinafter incurred), unless such Indebtedness is Subordinated Indebtedness.

*Stated Maturity* means, when used with respect to any Indebtedness or any installment of interest thereon, the date specified in the instrument evidencing or governing such Indebtedness as the fixed date on which the principal of such Indebtedness or such installment of interest is due and payable.

*Subordinated Indebtedness* means Indebtedness of Comstock or a Subsidiary Guarantor which is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees, as the case may be.

*Subsidiary* means, with respect to any Person, (i) a corporation a majority of whose Voting Stock is at the time owned, directly or indirectly, by such Person, by one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or by such Person and one or more Subsidiaries of such Person, or (ii) any other Person (other than a corporation), including, without limitation, a joint venture, in which such Person, one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or such Person and one or more Subsidiaries of such Person have, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination thereof, at least majority ownership interest entitled to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof (or other Person performing similar functions).

*Subsidiary Guarantee* means any guarantee of the notes by any Subsidiary Guarantor in accordance with the provisions described under Subsidiary Guarantees of Notes and Certain Covenants Limitation on Guarantees by Restricted Subsidiaries.

*Subsidiary Guarantor* means (i) Comstock Oil & Gas, LP, (ii) Comstock Oil & Gas Louisiana, LLC, (iii) Comstock Oil & Gas GP, LLC, (iv) Comstock Oil & Gas Investments, LLC, (v) Comstock Oil & Gas Holdings, Inc., (vi) each of Comstock's other Restricted Subsidiaries, if any, executing a supplemental indenture in which such Subsidiary agrees to be bound by the terms of the Indenture and (vii) any Person that becomes a successor guarantor of the notes in compliance with the provisions described under Subsidiary Guarantees of Notes and Certain Covenants Limitation on Guarantees by Restricted Subsidiaries.

*Unrestricted Subsidiary* means (i) any Subsidiary of Comstock that at the time of determination will be designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary by the Board of Directors of Comstock as provided below and (ii) any Subsidiary of an Unrestricted Subsidiary. The Board of Directors of Comstock may designate any Subsidiary of Comstock as an Unrestricted Subsidiary so long as (a) neither Comstock nor any Restricted Subsidiary is directly or indirectly liable

pursuant to the terms of any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary; (b) no default with respect to any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary would permit (upon notice, lapse of time or otherwise) any holder of any other Indebtedness of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary to declare a default on such other Indebtedness or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its Stated Maturity; (c) such designation as an Unrestricted Subsidiary would be permitted under the Limitation on Restricted Payments covenant; and (d) such designation shall not result in the creation or imposition of any Lien on any of the properties or assets of Comstock or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than any Permitted Lien or any Lien the creation or imposition of which shall have been in compliance with the Limitation on Liens covenant); provided, however, that with respect to clause (a), Comstock or a Restricted Subsidiary may

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be liable for Indebtedness of an Unrestricted Subsidiary if (1) such liability constituted a Permitted Investment or a Restricted Payment permitted by the Limitation on Restricted Payments covenant, in each case at the time of incurrence, or (2) the liability would be a Permitted Investment at the time of designation of such Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary. Any such designation by the Board of Directors of Comstock shall be evidenced to the Trustee by filing a Board Resolution with the Trustee giving effect to such designation. If at any time any Unrestricted Subsidiary would fail to meet the foregoing requirements as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, it shall thereafter cease to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary for purposes of the Indenture and any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary shall be deemed to be Incurred as of such date. The Board of Directors of Comstock may designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary if, immediately after giving effect to such designation on a pro forma basis, (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (ii) Comstock could incur \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness (not including the incurrence of Permitted Indebtedness) under the Limitation on Indebtedness and Disqualified Capital Stock covenant and (iii) if any of the properties and assets of Comstock or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries would upon such designation become subject to any Lien (other than a Permitted Lien), the creation or imposition of such Lien shall have been in compliance with the Limitation on Liens covenant.

*Volumetric Production Payments* means production payment obligations of Comstock or a Restricted Subsidiary recorded as deferred revenue in accordance with GAAP, together with all undertakings and obligations in connection therewith.

*Voting Stock* means any class or classes of Capital Stock pursuant to which the holders thereof have the general voting power under ordinary circumstances to elect at least a majority of the board of directors, managers or trustees of any Person (irrespective of whether or not, at the time, stock of any other class or classes shall have, or might have, voting power by reason of the happening of any contingency).

*Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary* means any Restricted Subsidiary of Comstock to the extent (i) all of the Capital Stock or other ownership interests in such Restricted Subsidiary, other than directors qualifying shares mandated by applicable law, is owned directly or indirectly by Comstock or (ii) such Restricted Subsidiary does substantially all of its business in one or more foreign jurisdictions and is required by the applicable laws and regulations of any such foreign jurisdiction to be partially owned by the government of such foreign jurisdiction or individual or corporate citizens of such foreign jurisdiction in order for such Restricted Subsidiary to transact business in such foreign jurisdiction, provided that Comstock, directly or indirectly, owns the remaining Capital Stock or ownership interest in such Restricted Subsidiary and, by contract or otherwise, controls the management and business of such Restricted Subsidiary and derives the economic benefits of ownership of such Restricted Subsidiary to substantially the same extent as if such Subsidiary were a wholly owned subsidiary.

**Book-Entry Settlement and Clearance**

We have obtained the information in this section concerning The Depository Trust Company, or DTC, and its book-entry system and procedures from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy of this information.

The notes initially will be represented by one or more fully registered global notes. Each global note will be deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC or any successor thereto and registered in the name of Cede & Co., DTC's nominee.

You may hold your interests in the global notes in the United States through DTC, either as a participant in such system or indirectly through organizations which are participants in such system. So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the global securities representing the notes, DTC or such nominee will be considered the sole owner and holder of the notes for all purposes of the notes and the Indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in the notes will not be entitled to have the notes registered in their names, will not receive or be

entitled to receive physical delivery of the notes in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders of the notes under the Indenture, including for purposes of receiving any reports that we or the Trustee deliver pursuant to the Indenture. Accordingly, each person owning a beneficial interest in a note must rely on the procedures of DTC or its nominee and, if

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such person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which such person owns its interest, in order to exercise any rights of a Holder of notes. Unless and until we issue the notes in fully certificated form under the limited circumstances described below under the heading **Certificated Notes** :

you will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of a certificate representing your interest in the notes;

all references in this prospectus supplement or in the accompanying prospectus to actions by Holders will refer to actions taken by DTC upon instructions from its direct participants; and

all references in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus to payments and notices to Holders will refer to payments and notices to DTC or Cede & Co., as the registered holder of the notes, for distribution to you in accordance with DTC procedures.

*The Depository Trust Company.* DTC will act as securities depository for the notes. The notes will be issued as fully registered notes registered in the name of Cede & Co. DTC is:

a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law;

a banking organization under the New York Banking Law;

a member of the Federal Reserve System;

a clearing corporation under the New York Uniform Commercial Code; and

a clearing agency registered under the provision of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

DTC holds securities that its direct participants deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among direct participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in direct participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates.

Direct participants of DTC include securities brokers and dealers (including underwriters), banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is owned by a number of its direct participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the NYSE Amex LLC and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. Indirect participants of DTC, such as securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies, can also access the DTC system if they maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant.

If you are not a direct participant or an indirect participant and you wish to purchase, sell or otherwise transfer ownership of, or other interests in, the notes, you must do so through a direct participant or an indirect participant. DTC agrees with and represents to DTC participants that it will administer its book-entry system in accordance with its rules and by-laws and requirements of law. The Securities and Exchange Commission has on file a set of the rules applicable to DTC and its direct participants.

Purchases of the notes under DTC's system must be made by or through direct participants, which will receive a credit for the notes on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each beneficial owner is in turn to be recorded on the records of direct participants and indirect participants. Beneficial owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but beneficial owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction,



as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participants through which such beneficial owners entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive physical delivery of certificates representing their ownership interests in the notes, except as provided below in Certificated Notes.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all notes deposited with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's nominee, Cede & Co. The deposit of notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. has no effect on beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the notes. DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts such notes are credited, which

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may or may not be the beneficial owners. The participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants and by direct and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

*Book-Entry Format.* Under the book-entry format, the Trustee will pay interest or principal payments to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. DTC will forward the payment to the direct participants, who will then forward the payment to the indirect participants or to you as the beneficial owner. You may experience some delay in receiving your payments under this system.

DTC is required to make book-entry transfers on behalf of its direct participants and is required to receive and transmit payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the notes. Any direct participant or indirect participant with which you have an account is similarly required to make book-entry transfers and to receive and transmit payments with respect to notes on your behalf. We and the Trustee have no responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

The Trustee will not recognize you as a Holder under the Indenture for the notes, and you can only exercise the rights of a Holder indirectly through DTC and its direct participants. DTC has advised us that it will only take action regarding a note if one or more of the direct participants to whom the note is credited direct DTC to take such action. DTC can only act on behalf of its direct participants. Your ability to pledge notes to indirect participants, and to take other actions, may be limited because you will not possess a physical certificate that represents your notes.

*Certificated Notes.* Unless and until they are exchanged, in whole or in part, for notes in definitive form in accordance with the terms of the notes, the notes may not be transferred except as a whole by DTC to a nominee of DTC, as a whole by a nominee of DTC to DTC or another nominee of DTC, or as a whole by DTC or nominee of DTC to a successor of DTC or a nominee of such successor.

We will issue notes to you or your nominees, in fully certificated registered form, rather than to DTC or its nominees, only if:

we advise the Trustee in writing that DTC is no longer willing or able to discharge its responsibilities properly or that DTC is no longer a registered clearing agency under the Securities Exchange Act, and we are unable to locate a qualified successor within 90 days;

an event of default has occurred and is continuing under the Indenture; or

we, at our option, elect to terminate use of the book-entry system through DTC.

If any of the three above events occurs, DTC is required to notify all direct participants that notes in fully certificated registered form are available through DTC. DTC will then surrender the global note representing the notes along with instructions for re-registration. The Trustee will re-issue the notes in full certificated registered form and will recognize the registered holders of the certificated notes as Holders under the Indenture.

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**CERTAIN UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

The following is a summary of certain material United States federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the notes offered hereby, but does not purport to be a complete analysis of all potential tax considerations relating to the notes. The federal income tax considerations set forth below are based upon provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), applicable Treasury Regulations, judicial authority, and current administrative rulings and pronouncements of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) currently in effect. There can be no assurance that the IRS will not take a contrary view, and no ruling from the IRS has been, or will be, sought on the issues discussed in this summary. Legislative, judicial, or administrative changes or interpretations may be forthcoming that could alter or modify the statements and conclusions set forth herein. Any such changes or interpretations may or may not be retroactive and could affect the tax consequences discussed below.

The summary does not address all potential federal tax considerations, such as estate and gift tax considerations, that may be relevant to particular holders of notes and does not address foreign, state, local or other tax consequences. This summary does not address the federal income tax consequences to taxpayers who may be subject to special tax treatment, including, without limitation:

- holders subject to the alternative minimum tax;
- banks, insurance companies, or other financial institutions;
- regulated investment companies;
- small business investment companies;
- dealers in securities or currencies;
- broker-dealers;
- traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for their securities holdings;
- holders whose functional currency is not the United States dollar;
- tax-exempt organizations;
- partnerships or other entities classified as partnerships for United States federal income tax purposes;
- persons that hold the notes in a tax-deferred or tax-advantaged account; or
- persons that hold the notes as part of a position in a straddle, or as part of a hedging, conversion, or other integrated investment transaction.

This summary is limited to holders that hold the notes as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code.

**THIS SUMMARY OF MATERIAL UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS IS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY AND IS NOT TAX ADVICE. YOU ARE URGED TO CONSULT YOUR TAX ADVISOR WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS WITH RESPECT TO YOUR PARTICULAR SITUATION AS WELL AS ANY TAX CONSEQUENCES ARISING UNDER THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL ESTATE OR GIFT TAX RULES OR UNDER THE LAWS OF ANY STATE, LOCAL, FOREIGN OR OTHER TAXING JURISDICTION OR UNDER ANY APPLICABLE TAX TREATY AS IT RELATES TO YOUR PURCHASE, HOLDING AND DISPOSITION OF THE NOTES.**

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**Consequences to United States Holders**

***United States Holders***

The discussion in this section will apply to you if you are a United States holder of a note. A United States holder is a beneficial owner of the notes who or which is:

an individual who is a citizen or resident, as defined in Section 701(b) of the Code, of the United States;

a corporation, including any entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia;

an estate if its income is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source; or

a trust if (a) a United States court can exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all of its substantial decisions, or (b) such trust was in existence and was treated as a United States holder on August 20, 1996, and has in effect a valid election to be treated as a domestic trust for United States federal income tax purposes.

***Interest and Original Issue Discount***

If you are a United States holder, qualified stated interest on a note will be taxable to you as ordinary income at the time it accrues or is received in accordance with your method of accounting for United States federal income tax purposes. The stated interest payments on a note will be qualified stated interest. If you are a United States holder who uses the accrual method of accounting for United States federal income tax purposes, stated interest on a note will be taxable to you as ordinary income at the time it accrues. If you are a United States holder who uses the cash method of accounting for United States federal income tax purposes, stated interest on a note will be taxable to you as ordinary income at the time it is actually or constructively received.

The notes may be issued with original issue discount (OID) for United States federal income tax purposes. The amount of OID on a note will generally equal the excess of the principal amount of a note over its issue price. The issue price of a note will equal the first price at which a substantial amount of notes are sold for money, excluding sales to underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers. If the amount of OID is less than 0.25% of the principal amount multiplied by the number of full years from the issue date of the note to the maturity date of the note, then the note will be treated under a de minimis rule as having zero OID.

If, under the rules described in the preceding paragraph, you are treating as acquiring a note with OID, you will be required to include in taxable income for any particular taxable year the daily portion of such OID that accrues on the note for each day during the taxable year on which you hold the note, whether you are on the accrual method of accounting or the cash method of accounting for United States federal income tax purposes. Thus, you will be required to include OID in income in advance of your receipt of the cash to which such OID is attributable. The daily portion is determined under the constant yield method by allocating to each day of the accrual period (generally, the period between interest payments or compounding dates) a pro rata portion of the OID allocable to such accrual period. The amount of OID that will accrue during an accrual period is (i) the product of the adjusted issue price of the note at the beginning of the accrual period multiplied by the yield to maturity of the note, less (ii) the amount of any qualified stated interest allocable to such accrual period. The adjusted issue price of a note at the beginning of an accrual period will equal its issue price, increased by the aggregate amount of OID that has accrued on the note in all

prior accrual periods, and decreased by any payments made on the note during all prior accrual periods other than qualified stated interest.

We have the option to repurchase the notes under certain circumstances at a premium to the issue price. See Description of the Notes Redemption . Under special rules governing this type of option,

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because the exercise of the option would increase the yield on the notes, we will be deemed not to exercise the option, and the possibility of this redemption premium will not affect the amount of income recognized by you in advance of your receipt of any such redemption premium.

Upon a change of control, we may be obligated to repurchase the notes at a premium. See Description of the Notes Certain Covenants Change of Control. Under applicable Treasury Regulations, the possibility that any such excess payments will be made will not affect the amount of interest income you recognize if there is only a remote chance as of the date the notes are issued that such payments will be made. We believe the likelihood that we will be obligated to make any such payments is remote. Therefore, we do not intend to treat the potential payment of a premium pursuant to the change of control provisions as part of the yield to maturity of any notes. Our determination that this payment is remote is binding on you unless you disclose your contrary position in the manner required by applicable Treasury Regulations. Our determination is not binding on the IRS, and if the IRS successfully challenges this determination, you could be required to treat any gain recognized on the sale or disposition of a note as ordinary income and the timing and amount of income inclusions could be different from the consequences discussed herein.

***Market Discount***

If you are a United States holder who purchases a note after the date of its original issue for an amount that is less than its adjusted issue price, the amount of the difference will be treated as market discount for United States federal income tax purposes, unless the difference is less than a specified *de minimis* amount. Under the market discount rules of the Code, you would be required to treat any partial principal payment on (or, if there is OID with respect to the note, any payment that does not constitute qualified stated interest on), or any gain realized on the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of, a note as ordinary income to the extent of the market discount which has accrued, and has not previously been included by you in income, as of the time of such payment or disposition. For these purposes, any market discount will be considered to accrue ratably during the period from the date of acquisition to the maturity date of the note, unless you elect to accrue on the basis of a constant yield method.

In lieu of the treatment above, a holder may elect to include market discount in income currently as it accrues (on either a ratable or constant yield method). Generally, the currently included market discount is treated as ordinary interest income. This election to include market discount in income currently, once made, applies to all market discount obligations acquired on or after the first taxable year to which the election applies and may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS.

***Acquisition Premium and Amortizable Bond Premium***

If you are United States holder who purchases a note after the date of its original issue for an amount in excess of the note's adjusted issue price but less than or equal to the sum of all amounts payable on the note after the purchase date, other than payments of qualified stated interest, you will be considered to have purchased the note with acquisition premium. Under the acquisition premium rules, the amount of OID that you must include in gross income with respect to the note for any taxable year will be reduced by the portion of acquisition premium properly allocable to that year.

If you are United States holder that purchases a note after the date of its original issue for an amount in excess of the sum of all amounts payable on the note after the purchase date, other than payments of qualified stated interest, you will be considered to have purchase the note with amortizable bond premium equal to such excess and generally will not be required to include any OID in income. In such a case, you may elect, in accordance with applicable provisions under the Code, to amortize the bond premium over the remaining term of the note on a constant yield method and to offset qualified stated interest otherwise required to be included in income in respect of the note during any taxable year by the amortized amount of the bond premium for the taxable year. As described above, we have the option to repurchase the notes under certain circumstances at a premium to the issue price. See Description of the Notes

Redemption . The amount of amortizable bond premium must be calculated based on the amount payable at the applicable option date, but only if use of the option date (in lieu of the stated maturity date) results in a smaller amortizable bond

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premium for the period ending on the option date. If you elect to amortize bond premium, you must reduce your basis in the note by the amount of the premium used to offset qualified state interest income as set forth above. The election to amortize bond premium on a constant yield method, once made, applies to all debt obligations held or subsequently acquired by you on or after the first day of the first taxable year for which the election is made and may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS.

### ***Election to Treat All Interest as OID***

If you are a United States holder, you may elect to include in gross income all interest that accrues on a note, including any stated interest, OID, market discount, and de minimis market discount, as adjusted by amortizable bond premium and acquisition premium, by using the constant yield method described above under the heading Interest and Original Issue Discount . This election for a note with amortizable bond premium will result in a deemed election to amortize bond premium for all taxable debt obligations held or subsequently acquired by you on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which the election applies and may be revoked only with the consent of the IRS. Similarly, this election for a note with market discount will result in a deemed election to accrue market discount in income currently for the note and for all other debt instruments acquired by you with market discount on or after the first day of the taxable year to which the election first applies, and may be revoked only with the consent of the IRS. Your tax basis in a note will be increased by each accrual of the amounts treated as OID under the constant yield election described in this paragraph.

### ***Sale, Exchange or Retirement of the Notes***

If you are a United States holder, you generally will recognize taxable gain or loss upon the sale, exchange, retirement at maturity or other disposition of a note in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of cash plus the fair market value of all property received on such disposition (except to the extent such cash or property is attributable to accrued interest, which is taxable as ordinary income) and your adjusted tax basis in the note. In general, your adjusted tax basis in a note will be equal the price paid for the note increased by the amounts of any market discount and OID previously included in income by you and reduced by any amortized bond premium deducted, and by any principal payments received by you. In general, gain or loss recognized on the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of a note will be capital gain or loss, except to the extent of any accrued market discount which you have not previously included in income, and will generally be long-term capital gain or loss if at the time of sale, exchange or retirement the note has been held for more than one year.

### ***Information Reporting and Back-Up Withholding***

You may be subject to back-up withholding (currently at a rate of twenty-eight percent (28%)) with respect to certain reportable payments, including interest payments, OID and, under certain circumstances, principal payments on the notes and payments of the proceeds of the sale of notes, if you, among other things

fail to provide us or our payment agent with an IRS Form W-9 or substitute Form W-9 which is signed under penalties of perjury, and in which you furnish a social security number or other taxpayer identification number, within a reasonable time after the request for such Form W-9;

furnish an incorrect taxpayer identification number; or

fail to report interest properly.

Any amount withheld from a payment to you under the back-up withholding rules is creditable against your income tax liability. Back-up withholding does not apply, however, if you properly establish your eligibility for an exemption

from back-up withholding. We will report to you and to the IRS the amount of any reportable payments for each calendar year and the amount of tax withheld, if any, with respect to the reportable payments.

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**Consequences to Non-United States Holders**

***Non-United States Holders***

The discussion in this section will apply to you if you are a Non-United States holder of a note. Except in the case of an entity taxed as a partnership, a Non-United States holder is any person other than a United States holder as defined in Consequences to United States Holders above. If a partnership (including for this purpose any entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) is a beneficial owner of the notes, the United States federal income tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. A holder of the notes that is a partnership and partners in such partnership should consult their own tax advisors about the United States federal income tax treatment of acquiring, holding and disposing of the notes.

***Interest Income***

If you are a Non-United States Holder, interest paid or accrued on a note and OID will not be subject to United States federal income tax or withholding tax if the interest is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States by you (and attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by you, if a tax treaty applies) and each of the following conditions are met:

you do not actually or constructively own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our voting stock;

you are not a controlled foreign corporation that is related to us through stock ownership;

you are not a bank whose receipt of interest on a note is described in Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code; and

(A) you certify, under penalties of perjury, that you are not a United States person (which certification may be made on IRS Form W-8BEN or substitute form) and provide us with your name and address or  
(B) you are a securities clearing organization, bank, or other financial institution that holds customers securities in the ordinary course of its trade or business and you certify, under penalties of perjury, you have received the certification and information described in (A) above from the Non-United States holder and you furnish us with a copy thereof.

Payments of interest and OID that do not meet the above requirements will be subject to a United States federal income tax of 30% (or such lower rate provided by an applicable income tax treaty if the Non-United States holder establishes that it qualifies to receive benefits of such treaty), collected by means of withholding.

If you are a Non-United States holder engaged in a trade or business in the United States, and if interest (including market discount and OID) on the note (or gain realized on its sale, exchange or other disposition) is effectively connected with the conduct of such trade or business (and, if a tax treaty applies, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by you in the United States), you will generally be subject to United States income tax on such effectively connected income in the same manner as if you were a United States holder. In addition, if you are a foreign corporation, you may be subject to a 30% branch profits tax (unless reduced or eliminated by an applicable treaty) on your effectively connected earnings and profits for the taxable year, subject to certain adjustments. You will generally be exempt from withholding tax if you provide to the withholding agent a properly executed IRS Form W-8ECI to claim an exemption from withholding tax. To the extent that interest income (including OID) with respect to a note is not exempt from United States withholding tax as described above, a Non-United States holder

may still be able to eliminate or reduce such taxes under an applicable income tax treaty.

***Gain on Disposition***

If you are a Non-U.S. Holder, you will generally not be subject to United States federal income tax on gain recognized on a sale, redemption or other disposition of a note (except to the extent the disposition proceeds represent accrued interest and the exemption described above with respect to interest is not applicable)

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and the interest is not exempt from United States federal income taxation under an applicable treaty) unless (i) the gain is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States by you (and is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained in the United States, if a tax treaty applies), (ii) you are a nonresident alien individual who is present in the United States for 183 or more days during the taxable year and certain other conditions are met, or (iii) you are subject to tax pursuant to the provisions of the Code applicable to certain United States expatriates.

***Information Reporting and Backup Withholding***

Payments of interest to Non-United States holders with respect to which either the requisite certification, as described above, has been received (or for which an exemption has otherwise been established) generally will not be subject to either information reporting or back-up withholding. This exemption does not apply if we or our payment agent has actual knowledge that you are a United States person or that the conditions of any such exemption are not in fact satisfied. In addition, information reporting may still apply to payments of interest (on Form 1042-S) even if certification is provided and the interest is exempt from the 30% United States federal withholding tax.

Neither information reporting nor backup withholding generally will apply to a payment of the proceeds of a disposition of the notes which is effected by or through the foreign office of a foreign broker so long as the foreign broker does not have certain types of specified relationships to the United States. Information reporting and/or backup withholding generally will apply to a payment of the proceeds of a disposition of the notes which is effected by or through a United States office of any broker, through a foreign office of a United States broker, or through a foreign broker with certain types of specified relationships to the United States, unless the broker can reliably associate the payment with a Form W-8BEN or other documentation that establishes that the person is the foreign beneficial owner of the payment. Back-up withholding is not an additional tax. Any amount withheld from a payment to you under the back-up withholding rules is creditable against your actual U.S. federal income tax liability, and a refund may be obtained of any amounts withheld in excess of your actual U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that you file the appropriate forms and/or returns with the IRS.

**Table of Contents****UNDERWRITING**

Subject to the terms and conditions stated in the underwriting agreement between us, on the one hand, and Banc of America Securities LLC as representative of the underwriters named below, on the other hand, each of the underwriters has severally agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell to each such underwriter, the aggregate principal amount of notes set forth opposite such underwriter's name below.

<b>Underwriter</b>	<b>Principal Amount of Notes</b>
Banc of America Securities LLC.	\$
BMO Capital Markets Corp.	
J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.	
BBVA Securities Inc.	
Capital One Southcoast, Inc.	
Comerica Securities, Inc.	
KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc.	
Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.	
Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc.	
Natixis Bleichroeder Inc.	
Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.	
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.	
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.	
Total	\$ 200,000,000

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the notes included in this offering are subject to approval of legal matters by counsel and to other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to purchase all the notes if they purchase any of the notes.

The underwriters propose to offer some of the notes directly to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement. The underwriters do not intend to offer the notes at a price that represents a concession or allowance to other brokers or dealers. After the initial offering of the notes to the public, the underwriters may change the public offering price.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make because of any of those liabilities.

**New Issue of Notes**

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. We have been advised by the underwriters that they intend to make a market in the notes, but the underwriters are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market making at any time without notice. We can give no assurance as to the liquidity of, or the trading market for, the notes.

**Commissions and Discounts**

The following table shows the underwriting discounts and commissions that the Company is to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering.

	<b>Paid by Company</b>	
Per Note		%
Total	\$	

We estimate that our total expenses for this offering (excluding underwriting expenses) will be approximately \$0.5 million.

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### **No Sales of Similar Securities**

We have agreed that we will not, for a period of 60 days after the date of this prospectus supplement, without first obtaining the prior written consent of Banc of America Securities LLC, directly or indirectly, sell, offer, contract or grant any option to sell, pledge, transfer or otherwise dispose of, any debt securities or securities exchangeable for or convertible into debt securities, except for the notes sold to the underwriters pursuant to the underwriting agreement.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

Because we expect that more than 5% of the net proceeds of this offering may be received by certain of the underwriters in this offering or their affiliates that are lenders under our bank credit facility, this offering is being conducted in accordance with the applicable requirements of NASD Rule 2720, as administered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. regarding the underwriting of securities of a company with a member that has a conflict of interest within the meaning of those rules. SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. ( SunTrust ) has agreed to act as the qualified independent underwriter with respect to this offering and has performed due diligence investigations and participated in the preparation of this prospectus supplement. We have agreed to indemnify SunTrust in its capacity as qualified independent underwriter against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933.

### **Short Positions**

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell notes in the open market. These transactions may include over-allotment, syndicate covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Over-allotment involves syndicate sales of notes in excess of the aggregate principal amount of notes to be purchased by the underwriters in this offering, which creates a syndicate short position. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the notes in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases of notes made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the notes while this offering is in progress.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when an underwriter, in covering syndicate short positions or making stabilization purchases, repurchases notes originally sold by that syndicate member.

Any of these activities may have the effect of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the notes. They may also cause the price of the notes to be higher than the price that otherwise would exist in the open market in the absence of these transactions. The underwriters may conduct these transactions in the over-the-counter market or otherwise. If the underwriters commence any of these transactions, they may discontinue them at any time.

### **Other Relationships**

The underwriters and certain of their affiliates have provided and may in the future provide financial advisory, investment banking and commercial and private banking services in the ordinary course of business to us, one or more of our directors or officers and/or one or more of our affiliates, for which they receive customary fees and expense reimbursement. Affiliates of each of the underwriters listed in the table above are lenders and/or agents under our revolving credit facility and as such are entitled to be repaid with the net proceeds of the offering that are used to repay the revolving credit facility.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in the EEA**



In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State), with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date) an offer of the notes to the public may not be made in that Relevant Member State prior to the publication of a

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prospectus in relation to the notes which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of the notes to the public in that Relevant Member State at any time:

- (a) to legal entities which are authorized or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorized or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;
- (b) to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year, (2) a total balance sheet of more than 43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than 50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;
- (c) to fewer than 100 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospective Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the manager for any such offer; or
- (d) in any other circumstances which do not require the publication by the issuer of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of notes to the public in relation to any notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

No prospectus (including any amendment, supplement or replacement thereto) has been prepared in connection with the offering of the notes that has been approved by the Autorité des marchés financiers or by the competent authority of another State that is a contracting party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and notified to the Autorité des marchés financiers; no notes have been offered or sold and will be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, to the public in France except to permitted investors ( Permitted Investors ) consisting of persons licensed to provide the investment service of portfolio management for the account of third parties, qualified investors (investisseurs qualifiés) acting for their own account and/or investors belonging to a limited circle of investors (cercle restreint d investisseurs) acting for their own account, with qualified investors and limited circle of investors having the meaning ascribed to them in Articles L. 411-2, D. 411-1, D. 411-2, D. 734-1, D. 744-1, D. 754-1 and D. 764-1 of the French Code Monétaire et Financier and applicable regulations thereunder; none of this prospectus supplement or any other materials related to the offering or information contained therein relating to the notes has been released, issued or distributed to the public in France except to Permitted Investors; and the direct or indirect resale to the public in France of any notes acquired by any Permitted Investors may be made only as provided by Articles L. 411-1, L. 411-2, L. 412-1 and L. 621-8 to L. 621-8-3 of the French Code Monétaire et Financier and applicable regulations thereunder.

Each manager acknowledges and agrees that:

- (i) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell the notes other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or as agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the FSMA ) by the issuer;

(ii) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the issuer or the guarantors; and

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(iii) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

This document is only being distributed to and is only directed at (i) persons who are outside the United Kingdom or (ii) to investment professionals falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the Order) or (iii) high net worth entities, and other persons to whom it may lawfully be communicated, falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as relevant persons). The notes are only available to, and any invitation, offer or agreement to subscribe, purchase or otherwise acquire such notes will be engaged in only with, relevant persons. Any person who is not a relevant person should not act or rely on this document or any of its contents.

The offering of the notes has not been cleared by the Italian Securities Exchange Commission (Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa, the CONSOB) pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, has represented and agreed that the notes may not and will not be offered, sold or delivered, nor may or will copies of the prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or any other documents relating to the notes be distributed in Italy, except (i) to professional investors (operatori qualificati), as defined in Article 31, second paragraph, of CONSOB Regulation No. 11522 of July 1, 1998, as amended, (the Regulation No. 11522) or (ii) in other circumstances which are exempted from the rules on solicitation of investments pursuant to Article 100 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of February 24, 1998 (the Financial Service Act) and Article 33, first paragraph, of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of May 14, 1999, as amended.

Any offer, sale or delivery of the notes or distribution of copies of the prospectus supplement or any other document relating to the prospectus supplement in Italy may and will be effected in accordance with all Italian securities, tax, exchange control and other applicable laws and regulations, and, in particular, will be: (i) made by an investment firm, bank or financial intermediary permitted to conduct such activities in Italy in accordance with the Financial Services Act, Legislative Decree No. 385 of September 1, 1993, as amended (the Italian Banking Law), Regulation No. 11522, and any other applicable laws and regulations; (ii) in compliance with Article 129 of the Italian Banking Law and the implementing guidelines of the Bank of Italy; and (iii) in compliance with any other applicable notification requirement or limitation which may be imposed by CONSOB or the Bank of Italy.

Any investor purchasing the notes in the offering is solely responsible for ensuring that any offer or resale of the notes it purchased in the offering occurs in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the information contained therein are intended only for the use of its recipient and, unless in circumstances which are exempted from the rules on solicitation of investments pursuant to Article 100 of the Financial Service Act and Article 33, first paragraph, of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of May 14, 1999, as amended, is not to be distributed, for any reason, to any third party resident or located in Italy. No person resident or located in Italy other than the original recipients of this document may rely on it or its content.

Italy has only partially implemented the Prospectus Directive, the provisions under the heading European Economic Area above shall apply with respect to Italy only to the extent that the relevant provisions of the Prospectus Directive have already been implemented in Italy.

Insofar as the requirements above are based on laws which are superseded at any time pursuant to the implementation of the Prospectus Directive, such requirements shall be replaced by the applicable requirements under the Prospectus Directive.

## **Notice to Prospective Investors in Switzerland**

This document, as well as any other material relating to the notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement, do not constitute an issue prospectus pursuant to Article 652a of the Swiss Code of Obligations. The notes will not be listed on the SWX Swiss Exchange and, therefore, the documents relating to the notes, including, but not limited to, this document, do not claim to comply with the disclosure standards of the listing rules of SWX Swiss Exchange and corresponding prospectus schemes

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annexed to the listing rules of the SWX Swiss Exchange. The notes are being offered in Switzerland by way of a private placement, *i.e.* to a small number of selected investors only, without any public offer and only to investors who do not purchase the notes with the intention to distribute them to the public. The investors will be individually approached by us from time to time. This document, as well as any other material relating to the notes, is personal and confidential and do not constitute an offer to any other person. This document may only be used by those investors to whom it has been handed out in connection with the offering described herein and may neither directly nor indirectly be distributed or made available to other persons without our express consent. It may not be used in connection with any other offer and shall in particular not be copied and/or distributed to the public in (or from) Switzerland.

**Notice to Prospective Investors in the Dubai International Financial Centre**

This document relates to an exempt offer in accordance with the Offered Securities Rules of the Dubai Financial Services Authority. This document is intended for distribution only to persons of a type specified in those rules. It must not be delivered to, or relied on by, any other person. The Dubai Financial Services Authority has no responsibility for reviewing or verifying any documents in connection with exempt offers. The Dubai Financial Services Authority has not approved this document nor taken steps to verify the information set out in it, and has no responsibility for it. The notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement may be illiquid and/or subject to restrictions on their resale. Prospective purchasers of the notes offered should conduct their own due diligence on the notes. If you do not understand the contents of this document you should consult an authorised financial adviser.

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**LEGAL MATTERS**

Certain legal matters, including the validity of the notes offered hereby, will be passed upon for us by Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP, Dallas, Texas. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriters by Baker Botts L.L.P., Dallas, Texas.

**EXPERTS**

Our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2007 and 2008 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2008 appearing in our Current Report (Form 8-K) dated September 22, 2009, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008 included in our Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2008, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008 are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

With respect to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information of Comstock Resources, Inc. for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2009 and March 31, 2008, and the quarterly periods ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, incorporated by reference in this prospectus, Ernst & Young LLP reported that they have applied limited procedures in accordance with professional standards for a review of such information. However, their separate reports dated May 5, 2009 and August 4, 2009, included in Comstock Resources, Inc.'s reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2009 and June 30, 2009, respectively, and incorporated by reference herein, states that they did not audit and they do not express an opinion on that interim financial information. Accordingly, the degree of reliance on their reports on such information should be restricted in light of the limited nature of the review procedures applied. Ernst & Young LLP is not subject to the liability provisions of Section 11 of the Securities Act for their report on the unaudited interim financial information because that report is not a report or a part of a registration statement prepared or certified by Ernst & Young LLP within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Securities Act.

Certain estimates of our oil and natural gas reserves and related information incorporated by reference in this prospectus have been derived from engineering reports prepared by Lee Keeling & Associates as of December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, and all such information has been so included on the authority of such firm as an expert regarding the matters contained in its reports.

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**DEFINITIONS**

*The following are abbreviations and definitions of terms commonly used in the oil and gas industry and this prospectus supplement. Natural gas equivalents and crude oil equivalents are determined using the ratio of six Mcf to one barrel.*

*Bbl* means a barrel of U.S. 42 gallons of oil.

*Bcf* means one billion cubic feet of natural gas.

*Bcfe* means one billion cubic feet of natural gas equivalent.

*Completion* means the installation of permanent equipment for the production of oil or gas.

*Condensate* means a hydrocarbon mixture that becomes liquid and separates from natural gas when the gas is produced and is similar to crude oil.

*Development well* means a well drilled within the proved area of an oil or gas reservoir to the depth of a stratigraphic horizon known to be productive.

*Exploratory well* means a well drilled to find and produce oil or natural gas reserves not classified as proved, to find a new productive reservoir in a field previously found to be productive of oil or natural gas in another reservoir or to extend a known reservoir.

*Gross* when used with respect to acres or wells, production or reserves refers to the total acres or wells in which we or another specified person has a working interest.

*MBbls* means one thousand barrels of oil.

*MBbls/d* means one thousand barrels of oil per day.

*Mcf* means one thousand cubic feet of natural gas.

*Mcfe* means one thousand cubic feet of natural gas equivalent.

*MMBbls* means one million barrels of oil.

*MMcf* means one million cubic feet of natural gas.

*MMcf/d* means one million cubic feet of natural gas per day.

*MMcfe/d* means one million cubic feet of natural gas equivalent per day.

*MMcfe* means one million cubic feet of natural gas equivalent.

*Net* when used with respect to acres or wells, refers to gross acres of wells multiplied, in each case, by the percentage working interest owned by us.



*Net production* means production we own less royalties and production due others.

*Oil* means crude oil or condensate.

*Operator* means the individual or company responsible for the exploration, development, and production of an oil or gas well or lease.

*PV 10 Value* means the present value of estimated future revenues to be generated from the production of proved reserves calculated in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission guidelines, net of estimated production and future development costs, using prices and costs as of the date of estimation without future escalation, without giving effect to non-property related expenses such as general and administrative expenses, debt service, future income tax expense and depreciation, depletion and amortization, and discounted using an annual discount rate of 10%. This amount is the same as the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows related to proved oil and natural gas reserves except that it is determined without deducting future income taxes. Although PV 10 Value is not a financial measure calculated in accordance with GAAP, management believes that the presentation of PV 10 Value is relevant and useful to our investors because it presents the discounted future net cash flows attributable to our proved reserves prior to taking into account corporate future income taxes and our current tax structure. We use this measure when assessing the potential return on investment related to our oil and gas properties. Because many

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factors that are unique to any given company affect the amount of estimated future income taxes, the use of a pre-tax measure is helpful to investors when comparing companies in our industry.

*Proved developed reserves* means reserves that can be expected to be recovered through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods. Additional oil and gas expected to be obtained through the application of fluid injection or other improved recovery techniques for supplementing the natural forces and mechanisms of primary recovery will be included as proved developed reserves only after testing by a pilot project or after the operation of an installed program has confirmed through production response that increased recovery will be achieved.

*Proved developed non-producing* means reserves (i) expected to be recovered from zones capable of producing but which are shut-in because no market outlet exists at the present time or whose date of connection to a pipeline is uncertain or (ii) currently behind the pipe in existing wells, which are considered proved by virtue of successful testing or production of offsetting wells.

*Proved developed producing* means reserves expected to be recovered from currently producing zones under continuation of present operating methods. This category may also include recently completed shut-in gas wells scheduled for connection to a pipeline in the near future.

*Proved reserves* means the estimated quantities of crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids which geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions, i.e., prices and costs as of the date the estimate is made. Prices include consideration of changes in existing prices provided only by contractual arrangements, but not on escalations based upon future conditions.

*Proved undeveloped reserves* means reserves that are expected to be recovered from new wells on undrilled acreage, or from existing wells where a relatively major expenditure is required for recompletion. Reserves on undrilled acreage shall be limited to those drilling units offsetting productive units that are reasonably certain of production when drilled. Proved reserves for other undrilled units can be claimed only where it can be demonstrated with certainty that there is continuity of production from the existing productive formation. Under no circumstances are estimates for proved undeveloped reserves attributable to any acreage for which an application of fluid injection or other improved recovery technique is contemplated, unless such techniques have been proved effective by actual tests in the area and in the same reservoir.

*Recompletion* means the completion for production of an existing well bore in another formation from which the well has been previously completed.

*Reserve life* means the calculation derived by dividing year-end reserves by total production in that year.

*Royalty* means an interest in an oil and gas lease that gives the owner of the interest the right to receive a portion of the production from the leased acreage (or of the proceeds of the sale thereof), but generally does not require the owner to pay any portion of the costs of drilling or operating the wells on the leased acreage. Royalties may be either landowner's royalties, which are reserved by the owner of the leased acreage at the time the lease is granted, or overriding royalties, which are usually reserved by an owner of the leasehold in connection with a transfer to a subsequent owner.

*3-D seismic* means an advanced technology method of detecting accumulations of hydrocarbons identified by the collection and measurement of the intensity and timing of sound waves transmitted into the earth as they reflect back to the surface.

*Working interest* means an interest in an oil and gas lease that gives the owner of the interest the right to drill for and produce oil and gas on the leased acreage and requires the owner to pay a share of the costs of drilling and production operations. The share of production to which a working interest owner is entitled will always be smaller than the share of costs that the working interest owner is required to bear, with the balance of the production accruing to the owners of royalties. For example, the owner of a 100% working interest in a lease burdened only by a landowner's royalty of 12.5% would be required to pay 100% of the costs of a well but would be entitled to retain 87.5% of the production.

*Workover* means operations on a producing well to restore or increase production.

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**PROSPECTUS**

**COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC.  
COMMON STOCK  
PREFERRED STOCK  
DEBT SECURITIES  
WARRANTS  
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GUARANTEES OF DEBT SECURITIES**

We may offer and sell from time to time, in one or more offerings:

shares of common stock;

shares of preferred stock;

debt securities;

warrants; and/or

units consisting of combinations of any of the foregoing.

Our debt securities may be guaranteed by Comstock Oil & Gas, LP, Comstock Oil & Gas-Louisiana, LLC, Comstock Oil & Gas GP, LLC, Comstock Oil & Gas Investments, LLC, or Comstock Oil & Gas Holdings, Inc., each a wholly-owned subsidiary of Comstock Resources, Inc.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of these securities. Each time we will offer and sell them, we will provide their specific terms in a supplement to this prospectus. Such prospectus supplement may add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, as well as all documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, carefully before you invest in our securities. This prospectus may not be used to offer and sell securities, unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

We may offer the securities directly, through agents designated from time to time, or to or through underwriters or dealers. If any agents or underwriters are involved in the sale of any of the securities, their names, and any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between or among them, will be set forth, or will be calculable from the information set forth, in the applicable prospectus supplement. For more information on this topic, please see Plan of Distribution.

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CRK.

**Investing in securities offered by this prospectus involves a high degree of risk. Please see the Risk Factors sections beginning on page 3 of this prospectus, in the applicable prospectus supplement, and in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The date of this prospectus is October 5, 2009

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, utilizing what is commonly referred to as a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer to sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering and the securities offered by us in that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and a prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information provided in the prospectus supplement. This prospectus does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement. The registration statement filed with the SEC includes exhibits that provide more details about the matters discussed in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus, the related exhibits filed with the SEC, and any prospectus supplement, together with the additional information described below under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information**.

**You should rely only on the information contained, or incorporated by reference, in this prospectus and in any accompanying prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer of the securities covered by this prospectus in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, and any other document incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of the respective document. Our business, financial condition, results of operations, and prospects may have changed since those dates.**

**Under no circumstances should the delivery of this prospectus to you create any implication that the information contained in this prospectus is correct as of any time after the date of this prospectus.**

Unless otherwise indicated, or unless the context otherwise requires, all references in this prospectus to **Comstock**, **we**, **us**, and **our** mean Comstock Resources, Inc. and our consolidated subsidiaries. In this prospectus, we sometimes refer to the shares of common stock, shares of preferred stock, debt securities, warrants, and units consisting of combinations of any of the foregoing collectively as the **securities**.

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**CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

The information contained in this prospectus includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ). These forward-looking statements are identified by use of terms such as expect, estimate, anticipate, project, plan, intend, believe, may, will, would, and similar statements, other than statements of historical or current facts, included in this prospectus, are forward-looking statements, including statements regarding:

amount and timing of future production of oil and natural gas;

the availability of exploration and development opportunities;

amount, nature, and timing of capital expenditures;

the number of anticipated wells to be drilled after the date hereof;

our financial or operating results;

our cash flow and anticipated liquidity;

operating costs, including lease operating expenses, administrative costs, and other expenses;

finding and development costs;

our business strategy; and

other plans and objectives for future operations.

Any or all of our forward-looking statements in this prospectus may turn out to be incorrect. They can be affected by a number of factors, including, among others:

the risks described in Risk Factors and elsewhere in this prospectus and in any accompanying prospectus supplement;

the volatility of prices and supply of, and demand for, oil and natural gas;

the timing and success of our drilling activities;

the numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of oil and natural gas reserves and actual future production rates and associated costs;

our ability to successfully identify, execute, or effectively integrate future acquisitions;

the usual hazards associated with the oil and natural gas industry, including fires, well blowouts, pipe failure, spills, explosions and other unforeseen hazards;

our ability to effectively market our oil and natural gas;

the availability of rigs, equipment, supplies, and personnel;

our ability to discover or acquire additional reserves;

our ability to satisfy future capital requirements;

changes in regulatory requirements;

general economic conditions, the status of the financial markets, and competitive conditions;

our ability to retain key members of our senior management and other key employees; and

hostilities in the Middle East and other sustained military campaigns and acts of terrorism or sabotage that impact the supply of crude oil and natural gas.

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**COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC.**

We originally incorporated as a Delaware corporation in 1919 under the name *Comstock Tunnel and Drainage Company* for the primary purpose of conducting gold and silver mining operations in and around the Comstock Lode in Nevada. In 1983, we reincorporated under the laws of the State of Nevada. In November 1987, we changed our name to *Comstock Resources, Inc.*

Today, our common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CRK, and we are engaged in the acquisition, development, production, and exploration of oil and natural gas. Our executive offices are located at 5300 Town and Country Boulevard, Suite 500, Frisco, Texas 75034, and our telephone number is (972) 668-8800.

In August 2008, we divested of our interests in our offshore oil and gas properties through the sale of our stake in Bois d Arc Energy, Inc. and, accordingly, the information contained herein pertains solely to our continuing onshore oil and gas operations. Such operations are concentrated in the East Texas/North Louisiana and South Texas regions.

**RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before deciding to purchase any of our securities, you should carefully consider the discussion of risks and uncertainties:

under the heading Risk Factors contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year that ended December 31, 2008, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus;

under this heading or similar headings, such as Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk, in our subsequently filed quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and annual reports on Form 10-K; and

in any other place in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement as well as in any document that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

See the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information in this prospectus. The risks and uncertainties we discuss in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus are those we currently believe may materially affect Comstock. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us, or that we currently believe are immaterial, also may materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise specified in an accompanying prospectus supplement, we expect to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered by this prospectus:

to refinance certain existing indebtedness;

to finance acquisitions and the development and exploration of our properties; and

for general corporate purposes.

We may invest funds not required immediately for these purposes in marketable securities and short-term investments. The precise amount and timing of the application of these proceeds will depend upon our funding requirements and the availability and cost of other funds.

**Table of Contents****RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table sets forth our ratios of earnings to fixed charges on a consolidated basis for the periods shown. You should read these ratios in connection with our consolidated financial statements, including the notes to those statements, incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

	Years Ended December 31,					Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2008	2009
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	3.7x	5.8x	5.2x	3.3x	4.4x	9.5x	

The ratios were computed by dividing earnings by fixed charges. Earnings consist of income from continuing operations before income taxes, interest expense, and that portion of non-capitalized rental expense deemed to be the equivalent of interest, while fixed charges consists of interest expense, capitalized interest expense, preferred stock dividends, and that portion of non-capitalized rental expense deemed to be the equivalent of interest. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, earnings were inadequate to cover fixed charges. The coverage deficiency was \$26.2 million. See the Computation of Earnings to Fixed Charges Ratio that is filed as Exhibit 12.1 to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

**DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK**

Our authorized capital stock consists of 75,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.50 per share and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$10.00 par value per share. At October 5, 2009 we had 46,621,445 shares of common stock and no shares of preferred stock issued and outstanding. At that date, we also had options and warrants outstanding to purchase 453,620 shares of our common stock.

The following is a summary of the key terms and provisions of our equity securities. You should refer to the applicable provisions of our restated articles of incorporation, bylaws, the general corporate law of Nevada, and the documents we have incorporated by reference for a complete statement of the terms and rights of our capital stock.

**Common Stock**

*Voting Rights.* Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote per share. Subject to the rights, if any, of the holders of any series of preferred stock pursuant to applicable law or the provision of the certificate of designation creating that series, all voting rights are vested in the holders of shares of common stock. Holders of shares of common stock have no right to cumulate votes in the election of directors, thus, the holders of a majority of the shares of common stock can elect all of the members of the board of directors standing for election.

*Dividends.* Dividends may be paid to the holders of common stock when, as, and if declared by the board of directors out of funds legally available for their payment, subject to the rights of the holders of preferred stock, if any. We have never declared a cash dividend on our common stock and intend to continue our policy of using retained earnings for expansion of our business.

*Rights upon Liquidation.* In the event of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, or winding up, the holders of common stock will be entitled to share equally, in proportion to the number of shares of common stock held by them, in any of our assets available for distribution after the payment in full of all debts and distributions and after the holders of all series of outstanding preferred stock, if any, have received their liquidation preferences in full.

*Non-Assessable.* All outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and non-assessable. Any additional common stock we offer and issue under this prospectus, and any related prospectus supplement, will also be fully paid and non-assessable.

*No Preemptive Rights.* Holders of common stock are not entitled to preemptive purchase rights in future offerings of our common stock. Although our restated articles of incorporation do not specifically deny preemptive

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rights, pursuant to the general corporate law of Nevada, our stockholders do not have preemptive rights with respect to shares that are registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act and our common stock is so registered.

*Listing.* Our outstanding shares of common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ) under the symbol CRK. Any additional common stock we issue will also be listed on the NYSE and any other exchange on which our common stock will then be traded.

### **Preferred Stock**

Our board of directors can, without approval of our stockholders, issue one or more series of preferred stock and determine the number of shares of each series and the rights, preferences, and limitations of each series. The following description of the terms of the preferred stock sets forth certain general terms and provisions of our authorized preferred stock. If we offer preferred stock, a more specific description will be filed with the SEC, and the designations and rights of such preferred stock will be described in a prospectus supplement, including the following terms:

the series, the number of shares offered, and the liquidation value of the preferred stock;

the price at which the preferred stock will be issued;

the dividend rate, the dates on which the dividends will be payable, and other terms relating to the payment of dividends on the preferred stock;

the liquidation preference of the preferred stock;

the voting rights of the preferred stock;

whether the preferred stock is redeemable, or subject to a sinking fund, and the terms of any such redemption or sinking fund;

whether the preferred stock is convertible, or exchangeable for any other securities, and the terms of any such conversion or exchange; and

any additional rights, preferences, qualifications, limitations, and restrictions of the preferred stock.

The description of the terms of the preferred stock that will be set forth in an applicable prospectus supplement will not be complete and will be subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the certificate of designation relating to the applicable series of preferred stock. The registration statement, of which this prospectus forms a part, will include the certificate of designation as an exhibit or incorporate it by reference.

Undesignated preferred stock may enable our board of directors to render more difficult or to discourage an attempt to obtain control of us by means of a tender offer, proxy contest, merger, or otherwise and to thereby protect the continuity of our management. The issuance of shares of preferred stock may adversely affect the rights of the holders of our common stock. For example, any preferred stock issued may:

rank prior to our common stock as to dividend rights, liquidation preference, or both;

have full or limited voting rights; and

be convertible into shares of common stock.

As a result, the issuance of shares of preferred stock may:

discourage bids for our common stock; or

otherwise adversely affect the market price of our common stock or any then existing preferred stock.

Any preferred stock will, when issued, be fully paid and non-assessable.



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### **Stockholders Rights Plan**

On December 8, 2000, our board of directors adopted Comstock's Stockholders Rights Plan and we declared a dividend distribution of one preferred stock purchase right for each outstanding share of our common stock. Each purchase right entitles the registered holder to purchase from us one one-hundredth of a share of our series A junior participating preferred stock, \$10.00 par value per share, at an exercise price of \$50.00 per one one-hundredth of a share of preferred stock, subject to adjustment. The description and terms of the purchase rights are set forth in a rights agreement between us and American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, as rights agent.

The purchase rights are initially evidenced by the common stock certificates as no separate purchase rights certificates have been distributed. The purchase rights separate from our common stock and a distribution date will occur at the close of business on the earliest of:

the tenth business day following a public announcement that a person or group of affiliated or associated persons ( Acquiring Person ) has acquired, or obtained the right to acquire, beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the outstanding shares of our common stock ( Stock Acquisition Date );

the tenth business day (or such later date as may be determined by action of our board of directors) following the commencement of a tender offer or exchange offer that would result in a person or group beneficially owning 20% or more of the outstanding shares of our common stock; or

the tenth business day after (i) our board of directors determined that any individual, firm, corporation, partnership, or other entity (alone or together with its affiliates and associates; collectively, an Adverse Person, if so determined and declared according to the following procedure) has become the beneficial owner of at least 10% of the shares of our common stock then outstanding, and (ii) a majority of our continuing directors who are not our officers, after reasonable inquiry and investigation (including consulting with such Adverse Person as such directors shall deem appropriate), determined that:

- (a) such amount of beneficial ownership of our common stock is substantial; and
- (b) such beneficial ownership by the Adverse Person is intended to cause (I) Comstock to repurchase the common stock beneficially owned by the Adverse Person; or (II) pressure on Comstock to take action, or enter into a transaction, intended to provide the Adverse Person with short-term financial gain, and that the best long-term interests of Comstock and Comstock's stockholders would not be served by taking such action, or entering into such transaction or series of transactions, at that time; or (III) or is reasonably likely to cause, a material adverse impact on Comstock.

The purchase rights are not exercisable until the distribution date outlined above and will expire at the close of business on December 18, 2010, unless earlier redeemed by us. If (i) a person becomes the beneficial owner of 20% or more of the then outstanding shares of our common stock (except (a) pursuant to certain offers for all outstanding shares of common stock approved by at least a majority of the continuing directors who are not our officers, or (b) solely due to a reduction in the number of shares of our common stock outstanding as a result of the repurchase of shares of common stock by us), or (ii) our board of directors determines that a person is an Adverse Person, each holder of a purchase right will thereafter have the right to receive, upon exercise, common stock (or, in certain circumstances, cash, property, or our other securities) having a value equal to two times the exercise price of the purchase right. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, following the occurrence of either of the events set forth in this paragraph, all purchase rights that are, or (under certain circumstances specified in the rights agreement) were, beneficially owned by any Acquiring Person or Adverse Person will be null and void.

If at any time following the Stock Acquisition Date, (i) we are acquired in a merger or other business combination transaction in which we are not the surviving corporation, or in which we are the surviving corporation, but our common stock is changed or exchanged (other than a merger which follows an offer for all outstanding shares of common stock approved by at least a majority of the continuing directors who are not our officers), or (ii) more than

50% of our assets, cash flow or earning power is sold or transferred, each holder of a purchase right (except purchase rights which previously have been voided as set forth above) shall thereafter have the right to receive, upon exercise, common stock of the acquiring company, having a value equal to two times the exercise price of the purchase right.

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At any time after the earlier to occur of (i) an Acquiring Person becoming such, or (ii) the date on which our board of directors declares an Adverse Person to be such, our board of directors may cause us to exchange the purchase rights (other than purchase rights owned by the Adverse Person or Acquiring Person, as the case may be, which will have become null and void), in whole or in part, at an exchange ratio of one share of common stock per purchase right (subject to adjustment). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no such exchange may be effected at any time after any person becomes the beneficial owner of 50% or more of our outstanding common stock.

The rights plan has certain anti-takeover effects including making it prohibitively expensive for a corporate raider to try to control or take us over unilaterally without negotiation with our board of directors. Although intended to preserve the best long-term value for our stockholders, the rights plan may make it more difficult for stockholders to benefit from certain transactions which are opposed by the continuing directors who are not our officers.

**Anti-Takeover Provisions**

In addition to the rights plan, our restated articles of incorporation and bylaws and the general corporate law of Nevada include certain provisions which may have the effect of delaying or deterring a change in control or in our management or encouraging persons considering unsolicited tender offers or other unilateral takeover proposals to negotiate with our board of directors rather than pursue non-negotiated takeover attempts. These provisions include a classified board of directors, authorized blank check preferred stock, restrictions on business combinations, and the availability of authorized but unissued common stock. Please see Preferred Stock above.

Our bylaws contain provisions dividing the board of directors into classes with only one class standing for election each year. A staggered board of directors makes it more difficult for stockholders to change the majority of the directors and instead promotes a continuity of existing management.

*Combinations with Interested Stockholders Statute.* Sections 78.411 to 78.444 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (N.R.S.), which apply to any Nevada corporation subject to the reporting requirements of Section 12 of the Exchange Act, including us, prohibits an interested stockholder from entering into a combination with the corporation for three years, unless certain conditions are met. A combination includes:

any merger of the corporation or a subsidiary of the corporation with an interested stockholder, or any other corporation which is or after the merger would be, an affiliate or associate of the interested stockholder;

any sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer, or other disposition in one transaction, or a series of transactions, to or with an interested stockholder of assets:

(i) having an aggregate market value equal to 5% or more of the aggregate market value of the corporation's assets;

(ii) having an aggregate market value equal to 5% or more of the aggregate market value of all outstanding shares of the corporation; or

(iii) representing 10% or more of the earning power or net income of the corporation; any issuance or transfer of shares of the corporation or its subsidiaries, to the interested stockholder, having an aggregate market value equal to 5% or more of the aggregate market value of all of the outstanding shares of the corporation;

the adoption of any plan, or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of the corporation, proposed by the interested stockholder;

certain transactions which would result in increasing the proportionate share of shares of the corporation owned by the interested stockholder;

a recapitalization of the corporation; or

the receipt by an interested stockholder, except proportionately as a stockholder, of the benefits of any loans, advances, or other financial benefits provided by the corporation.

An interested stockholder is a person who:

directly or indirectly owns 10% or more of the voting power of the outstanding voting shares of the corporation; or

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an affiliate or associate of the corporation, which at any time within three years before the date in question was the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 10% or more of the voting power of the then outstanding shares of the corporation.

A corporation to which the Combinations with Interested Stockholders Statute applies may not engage in a combination within three years after the interested stockholder acquired its shares, unless the combination or the interested stockholder's acquisition of shares was approved by the board of directors before the interested stockholder acquired the shares. If this approval is not obtained, the combination may be consummated after the three year period expires if either (i)(a) the board of directors of the corporation approved, prior to such person becoming an interested stockholder, the combination or the purchase of shares by the interested stockholder, or (b) the combination is approved by the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of voting power not beneficially owned by the interested stockholder at a meeting called no earlier than three years after the date the interested stockholder became such, or (ii) the aggregate amount of cash and the market value of consideration other than cash to be received by holders of shares of common stock and holders of any other class or series of shares meets the minimum requirements set forth in the statute, and prior to the completion of the combination, except in limited circumstances, the interested stockholder has not become the beneficial owner of additional voting shares of the corporation.

*Acquisition of Controlling Interest Statute.* In addition, Nevada's Acquisition of Controlling Interest Statute, prohibits an acquiror, under certain circumstances, from voting shares of a target corporation's stock after crossing certain threshold ownership percentages, unless the acquiror obtains the approval of the target corporation's stockholders. Sections 78.378 to 78.3793 of the N.R.S. only apply to Nevada corporations with at least 200 stockholders, including at least 100 record stockholders who are Nevada residents, that do business directly or indirectly in Nevada and whose articles of incorporation or bylaws in effect 10 days following the acquisition of a controlling interest by an acquiror do not prohibit its application.

We do not intend to do business in Nevada within the meaning of the Acquisition of Controlling Interest Statute. Therefore, we believe it is unlikely that this statute will apply to us. The statute specifies three thresholds:

at least one-fifth but less than one-third;

at least one-third but less than a majority; and

a majority or more,

of the outstanding voting power. Once an acquiror crosses one of these thresholds, shares which it acquired in the transaction taking it over the threshold (or within ninety days preceding the date thereof) become control shares which could be deprived of the right to vote until a majority of the disinterested stockholders restore that right.

A special stockholders meeting may be called at the request of the acquiror to consider the voting rights of the acquiror's shares. If the acquiror requests a special meeting and gives an undertaking to pay the expenses of said meeting, then the meeting must take place no earlier than 30 days (unless the acquiror requests that the meeting be held sooner) and no more than 50 days (unless the acquiror agrees to a later date) after the delivery by the acquiror to the corporation of an information statement which sets forth the range of voting power that the acquiror has acquired or proposes to acquire and certain other information concerning the acquiror and the proposed control share acquisition.

If no such request for a stockholders meeting is made, consideration of the voting rights of the acquiror's shares must be taken at the next special or annual stockholders meeting. If the stockholders fail to restore voting rights to the acquiror, or if the acquiror fails to timely deliver an information statement to the corporation, then the corporation may, if so provided in its articles or bylaws, call certain of the acquiror's shares for redemption at the average price paid for the control shares by the acquiror.

Our articles of incorporation and bylaws do not currently permit us to redeem an acquiror's shares under these circumstances. The Acquisition of Controlling Interest Statute also provides that in the event the stockholders restore full voting rights to a holder of control shares that owns a majority of the voting stock, then all other stockholders who do not vote in favor of restoring voting rights to the control shares may demand payment for the fair value of their shares (which is generally equal to the highest price paid by the acquiror in the transaction subjecting the acquiror to this statute).



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### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

### **DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES**

This section describes the general terms and provisions of the debt securities which may be offered by us from time to time. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the specific terms of the debt securities offered by such supplement.

We may issue debt securities either separately, or together with, or upon the conversion of, or in exchange for, other securities. The debt securities are to be either our senior obligations issued in one or more series and referred to herein as the senior debt securities, or our subordinated obligations issued in one or more series and referred to herein as the subordinated debt securities. The debt securities will be our general obligations. Each series of debt securities will be issued under an indenture agreement between us and an independent third party, usually a bank or trust company, known as a trustee, who will be legally obligated to carry out the terms of the indenture. We may issue the debt securities offered hereby under one or more indentures, as one or as separate series, as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement(s).

This summary of certain terms and provisions of the debt securities and indenture is based on the form of indenture for debt securities that we expect to enter into with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. and is filed as Exhibit 4.4 to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part; it is not complete. We expect that the indenture that we actually will enter into will be substantially in the form of such exhibit. If we refer to particular provisions of the indenture, the provisions, including definitions of certain terms, are incorporated by reference as a part of this summary. The indenture is subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the Trust Indenture Act ).

The indenture that we actually will enter into will be filed as an exhibit to documents that we will file under the Exchange Act which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You should refer to that indenture, as supplemented, for a complete statement of the terms and rights of our debt securities.

### **General**

The indenture may not limit the amount of debt securities which we may issue. We may issue debt securities up to an aggregate principal amount as we may authorize from time to time. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any debt securities being offered, including:

the title and aggregate principal amount;

the date(s) when principal is payable;

the interest rate, if any, and the method for calculating the interest rate;

the interest payment dates and the record dates for the interest payments;

the places where the principal and interest will be payable;

any mandatory or optional redemption or repurchase terms or prepayment, conversion, sinking fund or exchangeability or convertibility provisions;

whether such debt securities will be senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities and, if subordinated debt securities, the subordination provisions and the applicable definition of senior indebtedness;

additional provisions, if any, relating to the defeasance and covenant defeasance of the debt securities;

if other than denominations of \$1,000 or multiples of \$1,000, the denominations the debt securities will be issued in;

whether the debt securities will be issued in the form of global securities, as discussed below, or certificates;

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any applicable material federal tax consequences;

the dates on which premiums, if any, will be payable;

our right, if any, to defer payment of interest and the maximum length of such deferral period;

any paying agents, transfer agents, registrars, or trustees (except as provided for herein);

any listing on a securities exchange;

if convertible into common stock or preferred stock, the terms on which such debt securities are convertible;

the terms, if any, of the transfer, mortgage, pledge, or assignment as security for any series of debt securities of any properties, assets, proceeds, securities, or other collateral, including whether certain provisions of the Trust Indenture Act are applicable, and any corresponding changes to provisions of the indenture as then in effect;

restrictions on the declaration of dividends, if any;

restrictions on issuing additional debt, if any;

material limitations or qualifications on the debt securities imposed by the rights of any of our other securities, if any;

the initial offering price; and

other specific terms, including covenants and any additions or changes to the events of default provided for with respect to the debt securities.

The terms of the debt securities of any series may differ, and without the consent of the holders of the debt securities of any series, we may reopen a previous series of debt securities and issue additional debt securities of such series or establish additional terms of such series, unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement.

**Non-U.S. Currency**

If the purchase price of any debt securities is payable in a currency other than United States dollars ( U.S. dollars ) or if principal of, or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any of the debt securities is payable in any currency other than U.S. dollars, the specific terms with respect to such debt securities and such foreign currency will be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

**Original Issue Discount Securities**

Debt securities may be issued as original issue discount securities to be sold at a substantial discount below their principal amount. Original issue discount securities may include zero coupon securities that do not pay any cash interest for the entire term of the securities. In the event of an acceleration of the maturity of any original issue discount security, the amount payable to the holder thereof upon such acceleration will be determined in the manner described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Material federal income tax and other considerations applicable to original issue discount securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

**Covenants**

Under the indenture, we will be required to:

pay the principal, interest, and any premium on the debt securities when due;

maintain a place of payment;

deliver a report to the trustee at the end of each fiscal year, reviewing our obligations under the indenture; and

deposit sufficient funds with any paying agent on or before the due date for any principal, interest, or any premium.

Any additional covenants will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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### **Registration, Transfer, Payment and Paying Agent**

Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement, each series of debt securities will be issued in registered form only, without coupons, and such registered securities will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement, Comstock will pay interest on the debt securities to the persons who are their registered holders at the close of business on a certain date preceding the respective interest payment date. We will not be required to register the transfer or exchange of debt securities of any series during a period beginning 15 days before the mailing of a notice of redemption of or an offer to repurchase debt securities of that series or 15 days before an interest payment date.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders must surrender the debt securities to a Paying Agent to collect principal payments. It is expected that initially, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. will act as paying agent. We may appoint and change any paying agent, registrar or co-registrar without notice. Comstock may act as paying agent, registrar or co-registrar.

### **Ranking of Debt Securities**

The senior debt securities will be our unsubordinated obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all other unsubordinated indebtedness of ours. The subordinated debt securities will be obligations of ours and will be subordinated in right of payment to all existing and future senior indebtedness. The prospectus supplement will describe the subordination provisions and set forth the definition of senior indebtedness applicable to the subordinated debt securities, and will set forth the approximate amount of such senior indebtedness outstanding as of a recent date.

### **Subsidiary Guarantors**

One or more of our subsidiaries may fully and unconditionally guarantee any series of debt securities offered by this prospectus, as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. These subsidiaries are sometimes referred to in this prospectus as possible subsidiary guarantors. The term subsidiary guarantors with respect to a series of debt securities refers to our subsidiaries that guaranty such series of debt securities. The applicable prospectus supplement will name the subsidiary guarantors, if any, for that series of debt securities and will describe the terms of the guarantee by the subsidiary guarantors.

### **Global Securities**

The debt securities of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depository, such as the Depository Trust Company, identified in the prospectus supplement relating to such series. Global debt securities may be issued in either registered or bearer form and in either temporary or permanent form. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for individual certificates evidencing debt securities, a global debt security may not be transferred except as a whole:

by the depository to a nominee of such depository;

by a nominee of such depository to such depository or another nominee of such depository; or

by such depository, or any such nominee to a successor of such depository, or a nominee of such successor.

The specific terms of the depository arrangement with respect to a series of global debt securities and certain limitations and restrictions relating to a series of global bearer securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### **Outstanding Debt Securities**

In determining whether the holders of the requisite principal amount of outstanding debt securities have given any authorization, demand, direction, notice, consent, or waiver under the indenture, the amount of outstanding debt securities will be calculated based on the following:

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the portion of the principal amount of an original issue discount security that shall be deemed to be outstanding for such purposes shall be that portion of the principal amount thereof that could be declared to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration pursuant to the terms of such original issue discount security as of the date of such determination;

the principal amount of a debt security denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars shall be the U.S. dollar equivalent, determined on the date of original issue of such debt security, of the principal amount of such debt security; and

any debt security owned by us or any obligor on such debt security or any affiliate of us or such other obligor shall be deemed not to be outstanding.

### **Redemption and Repurchase**

The debt securities may be redeemable at our option, may be subject to mandatory redemption pursuant to a sinking fund or otherwise, or may be subject to repurchase by us at the option of the holders, in each case upon the terms, at the times and at the prices set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### **Conversion and Exchange**

The terms, if any, on which debt securities of any series are convertible into or exchangeable for common stock, preferred stock, or other debt securities will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Such terms of conversion or exchange may be either mandatory, at the option of the holders, or at our option.

### **Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets**

The indenture generally will permit a consolidation or merger between us and another corporation, if the surviving corporation meets certain limitations and conditions. Subject to those conditions, the indenture may also permit the sale by us of all or substantially all of our property and assets. If this happens, the remaining or acquiring corporation shall assume all of our responsibilities and liabilities under the indenture including the payment of all amounts due on the debt securities and performance of the covenants in the indentures.

We are only permitted to consolidate or merge with or into any other corporation or sell all or substantially all of our assets according to the terms and conditions of the indentures, as indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement. The remaining or acquiring corporation will be substituted for us in the indentures with the same effect as if it had been an original party to the indenture. Thereafter, the successor corporation may exercise our rights and powers under any indenture, in our name or in its own name.

### **Events of Default**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, an event of default, as defined in the indenture and applicable to debt securities issued under such indenture, typically will occur with respect to the debt securities of any series under the indenture upon:

default for a period to be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement in payment of any interest with respect to any debt security of such series;

default in payment of principal or any premium with respect to any debt security of such series when due upon maturity, redemption, repurchase at the option of the holder, or otherwise;

default by us in the performance, or breach, of any other covenant or warranty in the indenture, which shall not have been remedied for a period to be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement after notice to us by the applicable trustee or the holders of not less than a fixed percentage in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of all series issued under the indenture;

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency, or reorganization of Comstock or our subsidiary guarantors; or

any other event of default that may be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, including an event of default based on other debt being accelerated, known as a cross-acceleration.



No event of default with respect to any particular series of debt securities necessarily constitutes an event of default with respect to any other series of debt securities. If the trustee considers it in the interest of the holders to

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do so, the trustee under an indenture may withhold notice of the occurrence of a default with respect to the debt securities to the holders of any series outstanding, except a default in payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any.

The indenture will provide that if an event of default with respect to any series of debt securities issued thereunder shall have occurred and be continuing, either the relevant trustee or the holders of at least a fixed percentage in principal amount of the debt securities of such series then outstanding may declare the principal amount of all the debt securities of such series to be due and payable immediately. In the case of original issue discount securities, the trustee may declare as due and payable such lesser amount as may be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. However, upon certain conditions, such declaration and its consequences may be rescinded and annulled by the holders of at least a fixed percentage in principal amount of the debt securities of all series issued under the indenture.

The applicable prospectus supplement will provide the terms pursuant to which an event of default shall result in acceleration of the payment of principal of debt securities.

In the case of a default in the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any debt securities of any series, the applicable trustee, subject to certain limitations and conditions, may institute a judicial proceeding for the collection thereof.

No holder of any of the debt securities of any series will have any right to institute any proceeding with respect to the indenture or any remedy thereunder, unless the holders of at least a fixed percentage in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series:

have made written request to the trustee to institute such proceeding as trustee, and offered reasonable indemnity to the trustee;

the trustee has failed to institute such proceeding within the time period specified in the applicable prospectus supplement after receipt of such notice; and

the trustee has not within such period received directions inconsistent with such written request by holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series. Such limitations do not apply, however, to a suit instituted by a holder of a debt security for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or any accrued and unpaid interest on the debt security on or after the respective due dates expressed in the debt security.

During the existence of an event of default under an indenture, the trustee is required to exercise such rights and powers vested in it under the indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise thereof as a prudent person would exercise under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs. Subject to the provisions of the indenture relating to the duties of the trustee, if an event of default shall occur and be continuing, the trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders, unless such holders shall have offered to the trustee reasonable security or indemnity. Subject to certain provisions concerning the rights of the trustee, the holders of at least a fixed percentage in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series have the right to direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any power conferred on the trustee with respect to such series.

The indenture provides that the trustee will, within the time period specified in the applicable prospectus supplement after the occurrence of any default, give to the holders of the debt securities of such series notice of such default known to it, unless such default shall have been cured or waived; provided that the trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if it determines in good faith that the withholding of such notice is in the interest of such holders, except in the case of a default in payment of principal of or premium, if any, on any debt security of such series when due or in the case of any default in the payment of any interest on the debt securities of such series.

We will be required to furnish to the trustee annually a statement as to compliance with all conditions and covenants under the indenture.

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**Modification and Waivers**

From time to time, when authorized by resolutions of our board of directors and by the trustee, we may, without the consent of the holders of debt securities of any series, amend, waive, or supplement the indenture and the debt securities of such series for certain specified purposes, including, among other things:

to cure ambiguities, defects, or inconsistencies;

to provide for the assumption of our obligations to holders of the debt securities of such series in the case of a merger or consolidation;

to add to our events of default or our covenants or to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the holders of the debt securities of such series;

to establish the form or terms of debt securities of any series and any related coupons;

to add subsidiary guarantors with respect to the debt securities of such series;

to release any subsidiary guarantor from its obligations under its guarantee in compliance with the terms of the indenture;

to secure the debt securities of such series;

to maintain the qualification of the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act; or

to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any holder.

Other amendments and modifications of the indenture or the debt securities issued thereunder may be made by the trustee and us with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected, with each series voting as a separate class; provided that, without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security affected, no such modification or amendment may:

reduce the principal amount of, or extend the fixed maturity of the debt securities, or alter or waive any redemption, repurchase, or sinking fund provision of the debt securities;

reduce the amount of principal of any original issue discount securities that would be due and payable upon an acceleration of the maturity thereof;

change the currency in which any debt securities, or any premium or the accrued interest thereon is payable;

reduce the percentage in principal amount outstanding of debt securities of any series which must consent to an amendment, supplement, or waiver or consent to take any action under the indenture or the debt securities of such series;

impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to the debt securities;

waive a default in payment with respect to the debt securities or any subsidiary guarantee; or

reduce the rate or extend the time for payment of interest on the debt securities.

The holders of a fixed percentage in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive compliance by us with certain restrictive provisions of the relevant indenture, including any set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. The holders of a fixed percentage in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may, on behalf of the holders of that series, waive any past default under the indenture

with respect to that series and its consequences, except a default in the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any debt securities of such series, or in respect of a covenant or provision which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holders of each outstanding debt security of the series affected.

**Discharge, Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance**

When we establish a series of debt securities, we may provide that such series is subject to the defeasance and discharge provisions of the indenture. If those provisions are made applicable, we may elect either:

to terminate and be discharged from all of our obligations with respect to those debt securities subject to some limitations; or

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to be released from our obligations to comply with specified covenants relating to those debt securities, as described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

To effect that defeasance, or covenant defeasance, we must irrevocably deposit in trust with the relevant trustee an amount which, through the payment of principal and interest in accordance with their terms, will provide money sufficient to make payments on those debt securities and any mandatory sinking fund or similar payments on those debt securities. This deposit may be made in any combination of funds or government obligations. On such a defeasance, we will not be released from certain of our obligations that will be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

To establish such a trust, we must deliver to the relevant trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders of those debt securities:

will not recognize income, gain, or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the defeasance or covenant defeasance; and

will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner, and at the same times as would have been the case if the defeasance or covenant defeasance had not occurred (and, in the case of defeasance, such opinion must be based upon a published ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or a change in applicable income tax laws).

If we effect covenant defeasance with respect to any debt securities, the amount of deposit with the relevant trustee must be sufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities at the time of their stated maturity. However, those debt securities may become due and payable prior to their stated maturity, if there is an event of default with respect to a covenant from which we have not been released. In that event, the amount on deposit may not be sufficient to pay all amounts due on the debt securities at the time of the acceleration.

The applicable prospectus supplement may further describe the provisions, if any, permitting defeasance or covenant defeasance, including any modifications to the provisions described above.

**Governing Law**

The indenture and the debt securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

**The Initial Trustee**

The initial trustee named in the form of indenture for debt securities is The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.

**Regarding the Trustees**

The Trust Indenture Act contains limitations on the rights of a trustee, should it become a creditor of ours, to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, or to realize on certain property received by it in respect of any such claims as security or otherwise. Each trustee is permitted to engage in other transactions with us from time to time, provided that, if such trustee becomes subject to any conflicting interest, it must eliminate such conflict upon the occurrence of an event of default under the relevant indenture, or else resign as trustee.

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**DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS**

We may issue warrants to purchase debt or equity securities. Warrants may be issued independently or together with any other securities and may be attached to, or separate from, such securities. Each series of warrants will be issued under a separate warrant agreement to be entered into between us and a warrant agent. The terms of any warrants to be issued and a description of the material provisions of the applicable warrant agreement will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The applicable prospectus supplement will specify the following terms of any warrants in respect of which this prospectus is being delivered:

the title of such warrants;

the aggregate number of such warrants;

the price or prices at which such warrants will be issued;

any changes or adjustments to the exercise price;

the securities or other rights, including rights to receive payment in cash or securities based on the value, rate, or price of one or more specified commodities, currencies, securities, or indices, or any combination of the foregoing, purchasable upon exercise of such warrants;

the price at which, and the currency or currencies in which the securities or other rights purchasable upon exercise of, such warrants may be purchased;

the date on which the right to exercise such warrants shall commence and the date on which such right shall expire;

if applicable, the minimum or maximum amount of such warrants that may be exercised at any one time;

if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which such warrants are issued and the number of such warrants issued with each such security;

if applicable, the date on and after which such warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;

information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any;

if applicable, a discussion of any material United States federal income tax considerations; and

any other terms of such warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of such warrants.

**DESCRIPTION OF UNITS**

As specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we may issue units consisting of one or more debt securities, shares of common stock, shares of preferred stock, or warrants or any combination of such securities.

The applicable prospectus supplement will specify the following terms of any units in respect of which this prospectus is being delivered:

the terms of the units and of any of the debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, and warrants comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances the securities comprising the units may be traded separately;

a description of the terms of any unit agreement governing the units; and

a description of the provisions for the payment, settlement, transfer, or exchange of the units.

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**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We may sell the securities offered by this prospectus and applicable prospectus supplements in one or more of the following ways from time to time:

through underwriters or dealers;

through agents;

directly to purchasers, including institutional investors; or

through a combination of any such methods of sale.

Any such underwriter, dealer, or agent may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act.

The applicable prospectus supplement relating to the securities will set forth:

the offering terms, including the name or names of any underwriters, dealers, or agents;

the purchase price of the securities and the proceeds to us from such sales;

any underwriting discounts, commissions, and other items constituting compensation to underwriters, dealers, or agents;

any initial public offering price, if applicable;

any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid by underwriters or dealers to other dealers;

in the case of debt securities, the interest rate, maturity, and redemption provisions; and

any securities exchanges on which the securities may be listed.

If underwriters or dealers are used in the sale, the securities will be acquired by the underwriters or dealers for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions:

at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;

at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

The securities may be offered to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more of such firms. Unless otherwise stated in an applicable prospectus supplement, the obligations of underwriters or dealers to purchase the securities will be subject to certain customary closing conditions and the underwriters or dealers will be obligated to purchase all the securities if any of the securities are purchased. Any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid by underwriters or dealers to other dealers may be changed from time to time.

Securities may be sold directly by us, or through agents designated by us, from time to time. Any agent involved in the offer or sale of the securities in respect of which this prospectus and a prospectus supplement is delivered will be named, and any commissions payable by us to such agent will be set forth, in the prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, any such agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

If so indicated in the prospectus supplement, we will authorize underwriters, dealers, or agents to solicit offers from certain specified institutions to purchase securities from us at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the



future. Such contracts will be subject to any conditions set forth in the prospectus supplement and the prospectus supplement will set forth the commission payable for solicitation of such contracts. The underwriters and other persons soliciting such contracts will have no responsibility for the validity or performance of any such contracts.

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Underwriters, dealers, and agents may be entitled under agreements entered into with us to be indemnified by us against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution by us to payments which they may be required to make. The terms and conditions of such indemnification will be described in an applicable prospectus supplement. Underwriters, dealers, and agents may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

Each class or series of securities will be a new issue of securities with no established trading market, other than the common stock, which is listed on the NYSE. We may elect to list any other class or series of securities on any exchange, other than the common stock, but we are not obligated to do so. Any underwriters to whom securities are sold by us for public offering and sale may make a market in such securities, but such underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for any securities.

Certain persons participating in any offering of securities may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the securities offered in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act. In connection with any such offering, the underwriters or agents, as the case may be, may purchase and sell securities in the open market. These transactions may include over-allotment and stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover syndicate short positions created in connection with the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the securities; and syndicate short positions involve the sale by the underwriters or agents, as the case may be, of a greater number of securities than they are required to purchase from us, as the case may be, in the offering. The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid, whereby selling concessions allowed to syndicate members or other broker-dealers for the securities sold for their account may be reclaimed by the syndicate if such securities are repurchased by the syndicate in stabilizing or covering transactions. These activities may stabilize, maintain, or otherwise affect the market price of the securities, which may be higher than the price that might otherwise prevail in the open market, and if commenced, may be discontinued at any time. These transactions may be effected on the NYSE in the over-the-counter market or otherwise. These activities will be described in more detail in the sections entitled "Plan of Distribution" or "Underwriting" in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, as applicable, will set forth the anticipated delivery date of the securities being sold at that time.

### **LEGAL MATTERS**

Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP, Dallas, Texas, will issue an opinion for us regarding the legality of the securities offered by this prospectus and applicable prospectus supplement. If the securities are being distributed in an underwritten offering, certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriters by counsel identified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### **EXPERTS**

Our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2007 and 2008 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2008 appearing in our Current Report (Form 8-K) dated September 22, 2009, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008 included in our Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2008, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008 are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

With respect to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information of Comstock Resources, Inc. for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2009 and March 31, 2008, and the quarterly periods ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008, incorporated by reference in this prospectus, Ernst & Young LLP reported that they have applied limited procedures in accordance with professional standards for a review of such information. However, their separate reports dated May 5, 2009 and August 4, 2009, included in Comstock Resources, Inc.'s reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2009 and June 30, 2009, respectively, and incorporated by reference herein, states that they did not audit and they do not express an opinion on that interim financial information. Accordingly, the

degree of reliance on their reports on such information should be restricted in light of the limited nature of the review procedures applied. Ernst & Young LLP is not subject to the liability provisions of Section 11 of the Securities Act for their report on the unaudited interim financial information because that report is not a report or a part of a registration statement prepared or certified by Ernst & Young LLP within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Securities Act.

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Certain estimates of our oil and natural gas reserves and related information incorporated by reference in this prospectus have been derived from engineering reports prepared by Lee Keeling & Associates as of December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, and all such information has been so included on the authority of such firm as an expert regarding the matters contained in its reports.

### **WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act, and therefore we file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements, and other documents with the SEC. You may read and copy any of the reports, proxy statements, and any other information that we file at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. In addition, the SEC maintains a website at <http://www.sec.gov> that contains reports, proxies, information statements, and other information regarding registrants, including us, that file electronically with the SEC. We also maintain a website at <http://www.comstockresources.com>; however, the information contained at this website does not constitute part of this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. Reports, proxies, information statements, and other information about us may also be inspected at the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act, with respect to the securities offered in this prospectus. This prospectus is part of that registration statement and, as permitted by the SEC's rules, does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement. For further information about us and the securities that may be offered, we refer you to the registration statement and the exhibits that are filed with it. You can review and copy the registration statement and its exhibits and schedules at the addresses listed above.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus certain information we file with the SEC in other documents. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to other documents that we file with the SEC. The information may include documents filed after the date of this prospectus which update and supersede the information you read in this prospectus. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below, except to the extent information in those documents is different from the information contained in this prospectus, and all future documents filed by us with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (other than current reports furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K) until the offering of the securities described herein is terminated:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, filed with the SEC on February 25, 2009;

Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2009, filed with the SEC on May 6, 2009;

Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2009, filed with the SEC on August 4, 2009;

Our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on January 5, 2009;

Our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on February 6, 2009;

Our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on September 22, 2009; and

The description of our common stock, par value \$0.50 per share, contained in the Company's registration statement on Form 8-A (Registration Statement No. 001-03262) filed with the SEC on December 6, 1996, pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated, or deemed to be incorporated, by reference in this prospectus shall be deemed modified, superseded, or replaced for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement

contained in this prospectus or in any subsequently filed document that also is, or is deemed to be incorporated, by reference in this prospectus modifies, supersedes, or replaces such statement. Any statement so modified, superseded, or replaced shall not be deemed, except as so modified, superseded, or replaced, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

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We will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered, upon that person's written or oral request, a copy of any or all of the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus (other than exhibits to those documents, unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into those documents). Requests should be directed to:

Comstock Resources, Inc.  
Attention: Roland O. Burns, Senior Vice President  
5300 Town and Country Blvd., Suite 500  
Frisco, Texas 75034  
Telephone number: (972) 668-8800

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**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

*Joint Book-Running Managers*

**BofA Merrill Lynch  
BMO Capital Markets  
J.P. Morgan**

*Co-Managers*

**BBVA Securities  
Capital One Southcoast  
Comerica Securities  
KeyBanc Capital Markets  
Mitsubishi UFJ Securities  
Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc.  
Natixis Bleichroeder Inc.  
Scotia Capital  
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey  
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.**

**October , 2009**