

CABOT OIL & GAS CORP  
Form 10-Q  
April 30, 2010  
[Table of Contents](#)

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

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

**For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2010**

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

**Commission file number 1-10447**

**CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

Edgar Filing: CABOT OIL & GAS CORP - Form 10-Q

**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**04-3072771**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

**Three Memorial City Plaza**

**840 Gessner Road, Suite 1400, Houston, Texas 77024**

(Address of principal executive offices including ZIP code)

**(281) 589-4600**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

As of April 27, 2010, there were 103,910,058 shares of Common Stock, Par Value \$.10 Per Share, outstanding.

**Table of Contents**

**CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION**

**INDEX TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

	<b>Page</b>
Part I. Financial Information	
Item 1. Financial Statements	
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2010 and 2009</u>	3
<u>Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet at March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009</u>	4
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2010 and 2009</u>	5
<u>Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements</u>	6
<u>Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Review of Interim Financial Information</u>	20
Item 2. <u>Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u>	21
Item 3. <u>Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk</u>	30
Item 4. <u>Controls and Procedures</u>	33
Part II. Other Information	
Item 1A. <u>Risk Factors</u>	33
Item 2. <u>Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds</u>	33
Item 6. <u>Exhibits</u>	33
<u>Signatures</u>	35

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

(In thousands, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended	
	2010	2009
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>		
Natural Gas Production	\$ 166,081	\$ 184,522
Brokered Natural Gas	24,873	33,381
Crude Oil and Condensate	19,982	14,242
Other	1,620	1,794
	<b>212,556</b>	233,939
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Brokered Natural Gas Cost	21,268	29,749
Direct Operations - Field and Pipeline	22,983	25,479
Exploration	8,426	6,466
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	58,275	55,785
Impairment of Unproved Properties	15,223	9,307
General and Administrative	15,746	17,065
Taxes Other Than Income	10,805	12,898
	<b>152,726</b>	156,749
Gain on Sale of Assets	759	12,707
<b>INCOME FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>60,589</b>	89,897
Interest Expense, Net	14,912	14,226
<b>Income Before Income Taxes</b>	<b>45,677</b>	75,671
Income Tax Expense	16,981	28,091
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 28,696</b>	\$ 47,580
Basic Earnings Per Share	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.46
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.46
Weighted-Average Common Shares Outstanding	103,794	103,521
Diluted Common Shares (Note 5)	104,978	104,111
Dividends per Common Share	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.03

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

**Table of Contents****CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Unaudited)**

<b>(In thousands, except share amounts)</b>	<b>March 31, 2010</b>	<b>December 31, 2009</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 28,505	\$ 40,158
Accounts Receivable, Net (Note 3)	93,551	80,362
Income Taxes Receivable	14,019	8,909
Inventories (Note 3)	17,671	27,990
Current Derivative Contracts (Note 7)	133,418	114,686
Other Current Assets (Note 3)	6,733	9,397
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>293,897</b>	<b>281,502</b>
Properties and Equipment, Net (Successful Efforts Method) (Note 2)	3,470,038	3,358,199
Investment in Equity Securities (Note 2)	20,636	20,636
Other Assets (Note 3)	27,346	23,064
	<b>\$ 3,811,917</b>	<b>\$ 3,683,401</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable (Note 3)	\$ 184,019	\$ 215,588
Deferred Income Taxes	41,556	35,104
Accrued Liabilities (Note 3)	39,727	58,049
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>265,302</b>	<b>308,741</b>
Long-Term Debt (Note 4)	915,000	805,000
Deferred Income Taxes	663,579	644,801
Other Liabilities (Note 3)	113,906	112,345
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,957,787</b>	<b>1,870,887</b>
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 6)		
Stockholders' Equity		
Common Stock:		
Authorized 240,000,000 Shares of \$0.10 Par Value in 2010 and 2009 Issued 104,112,258 Shares and 103,856,447 Shares in 2010 and 2009, respectively	10,411	10,386
Additional Paid-in Capital	706,028	705,569
Retained Earnings	1,083,056	1,057,472
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Note 9)	57,984	42,436
Less Treasury Stock, at Cost:		
202,200 Shares in 2010 and 2009, respectively	(3,349)	(3,349)
<b>Total Stockholders' Equity</b>	<b>1,854,130</b>	<b>1,812,514</b>
	<b>\$ 3,811,917</b>	<b>\$ 3,683,401</b>

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



**Table of Contents****CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)**

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net Income	\$ 28,696	\$ 47,580
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	58,275	55,785
Impairment of Unproved Properties	15,223	9,307
Deferred Income Tax Expense	15,716	26,349
Gain on Sale of Assets	(759)	(12,707)
Exploration Expense	8,426	6,466
Unrealized Loss/(Gain) on Derivatives	587	(941)
Stock-Based Compensation Expense and Other	5,278	6,200
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
Accounts Receivable, Net	(13,189)	33,869
Income Taxes Receivable	(5,110)	526
Inventories	10,319	18,059
Other Current Assets	2,664	2,201
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	(12,913)	(45,489)
Income Taxes Payable		2,238
Other Assets and Liabilities	2,884	3,091
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>116,097</b>	<b>152,534</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Capital Expenditures	(226,977)	(171,029)
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	803	15,063
Exploration Expense	(8,426)	(6,466)
<b>Net Cash Used in Investing Activities</b>	<b>(234,600)</b>	<b>(162,432)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Borrowings from Debt	110,000	50,000
Repayments of Debt		(40,000)
Dividends Paid	(3,112)	(3,103)
Other	(38)	149
<b>Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities</b>	<b>106,850</b>	<b>7,046</b>
<b>Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>(11,653)</b>	<b>(2,852)</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period	40,158	28,101
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 28,505</b>	<b>\$ 25,249</b>

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

---

**Table of Contents**

**CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION**

**NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)**

**1. FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION**

During interim periods, Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (the Company) follows the same accounting policies used in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (Form 10-K) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to the consolidated financial statements and information presented in the Form 10-K. In management's opinion, the accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements contain all material adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair statement. The results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the expected results for the entire year.

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior year statements to conform to the current year presentation. These reclassifications have no impact on net income, the condensed consolidated balance sheet, or the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows.

In 2009, the Company restructured its operations by combining the Rocky Mountain and Appalachian areas to form the North Region and by combining the Anadarko Basin with its Texas and Louisiana areas to form the South Region. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to reflect this reorganization. Additionally, the Company exited Canada through the sale of its reserves. Prior to the third quarter of 2009, the Company presented the geographic areas as East, Gulf Coast, West and Canada.

With respect to the unaudited financial information of the Company as of March 31, 2010 and for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP reported that they have applied limited procedures in accordance with professional standards for a review of such information. However, their separate report dated April 30, 2010 appearing herein states that they did not audit and they do not express an opinion on that unaudited financial information. Accordingly, the degree of reliance on their report on such information should be restricted in light of the limited nature of the review procedures applied. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is not subject to the liability provisions of Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933 for their report on the unaudited financial information because that report is not a report or a part of the registration statement prepared or certified by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Act.

***Recently Adopted Accounting Standards***

In February 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2010-09, Subsequent Events, which amends Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 855 to eliminate the requirement to disclose the date through which management has evaluated subsequent events in the financial statements. ASU No. 2010-09 was effective upon issuance and its adoption had no impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Effective January 1, 2010, the Company partially adopted the provisions of FASB ASU No. 2010-06, Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements, which amends ASC 820-10-50 to require new disclosures concerning (1) transfers into and out of Levels 1 and 2 of the fair value measurement hierarchy, and (2) activity in Level 3 measurements. In addition, ASU No. 2010-06 clarifies certain existing disclosure requirements regarding the level of disaggregation and inputs and valuation techniques and makes conforming amendments to the guidance on employers' disclosures about postretirement benefit plans assets. The requirements to disclose separately purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements in the Level 3 reconciliation are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010 (and for interim periods within such years). Accordingly, the Company will apply the disclosure requirements relative to the Level 3 reconciliation in the first quarter of 2011. There was no impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows as a result of the partial adoption of ASU No. 2010-06. For further information, please refer to Note 8.



Table of Contents

## CABOT OIL &amp; GAS CORPORATION

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

**2. PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT, NET**

Properties and equipment, net are comprised of the following:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
Unproved Oil and Gas Properties	\$ 483,813	\$ 423,373
Proved Oil and Gas Properties	4,222,500	4,118,005
Gathering and Pipeline Systems	300,958	294,755
Land, Building and Other Equipment	80,231	77,474
	<b>5,087,502</b>	4,913,607
Accumulated Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	<b>(1,617,464)</b>	(1,555,408)
	<b>\$ 3,470,038</b>	\$ 3,358,199

At March 31, 2010, the Company did not have any projects that had exploratory well costs that were capitalized for a period of greater than one year after drilling.

The Company recognized a \$12.7 million gain on sale of assets in the first quarter of 2009 primarily related to the sale of the Thornwood properties in the North region. Cash proceeds of \$11.4 million were received from the sale of the Thornwood properties.

In April 2009, the Company sold substantially all of its Canadian properties to a private Canadian company. Total consideration received from the sale was \$84.4 million, consisting of \$64.3 million in cash and \$20.1 million in common stock of the Canadian company (included on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as Investment in Equity Securities at March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009). The common stock investment is being accounted for using the cost method. The total net book value of the Canadian properties sold was \$95.0 million.

**Table of Contents****CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION****NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)****3. ADDITIONAL BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION**

Certain balance sheet amounts are comprised of the following:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
<b>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, NET</b>		
Trade Accounts	\$ 86,432	\$ 78,656
Joint Interest Accounts	9,131	3,564
Other	1,606	1,756
	<b>97,169</b>	<b>83,976</b>
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	<b>(3,618)</b>	<b>(3,614)</b>
	<b>\$ 93,551</b>	<b>\$ 80,362</b>
<b>INVENTORIES</b>		
Natural Gas in Storage	\$ 5,723	\$ 14,434
Tubular Goods and Well Equipment	11,253	14,420
Pipeline Imbalances	695	(864)
	<b>\$ 17,671</b>	<b>\$ 27,990</b>
<b>OTHER CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Drilling Advances	\$ 2,647	\$ 3,417
Prepaid Balances	4,086	5,980
	<b>\$ 6,733</b>	<b>\$ 9,397</b>
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Rabbi Trust Deferred Compensation Plan	\$ 10,316	\$ 10,031
Deferred Charges for Credit Agreements	10,554	11,621
Derivative Contracts	5,056	
Other	1,420	1,412
	<b>\$ 27,346</b>	<b>\$ 23,064</b>
<b>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>		
Trade Accounts	\$ 18,454	\$ 17,434
Natural Gas Purchases	4,385	3,558
Royalty and Other Owners	47,544	40,080
Capital Costs	99,487	141,122
Taxes Other Than Income	3,475	4,267
Drilling Advances	962	864
Wellhead Gas Imbalances	5,126	4,140
Other	4,586	4,123

Edgar Filing: CABOT OIL & GAS CORP - Form 10-Q

	<b>\$ 184,019</b>	\$ 215,588
<b>ACCRUED LIABILITIES</b>		
Employee Benefits	<b>\$ 4,085</b>	\$ 11,222
Current Liability for Pension Benefits	<b>488</b>	488
Current Liability for Postretirement Benefits	<b>981</b>	981
Taxes Other Than Income	<b>19,301</b>	22,780
Interest Payable	<b>12,478</b>	20,205
Derivative Contracts	<b>401</b>	425
Other	<b>1,993</b>	1,948
	<b>\$ 39,727</b>	\$ 58,049
<b>OTHER LIABILITIES</b>		
Accrued Pension Cost	<b>\$ 40,114</b>	\$ 40,511
Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pension	<b>16,290</b>	14,324
Rabbi Trust Deferred Compensation Plan	<b>17,840</b>	19,087
Accrued Plugging and Abandonment Liability	<b>30,278</b>	29,676
Derivative Contracts	<b>2,541</b>	1,954
Other	<b>6,843</b>	6,793
	<b>\$ 113,906</b>	\$ 112,345

**Table of Contents****CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION****NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)****4. LONG-TERM DEBT**

The Company's debt consisted of the following:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>		
7.33% Weighted-Average Fixed Rate Notes	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000
6.51% Weighted-Average Fixed Rate Notes	425,000	425,000
9.78% Notes	67,000	67,000
Credit Facility	253,000	143,000
	<b>\$ 915,000</b>	<b>\$ 805,000</b>

In April 2009, the Company entered into a new revolving credit facility and terminated its prior credit facility. The credit facility provides for an available credit line of \$500 million and contains an accordion feature allowing the Company to increase the available credit line to \$600 million, if any one or more of the existing banks or new banks agree to provide such increased commitment amount. The credit facility also provides for the issuance of letters of credit, which would reduce the Company's borrowing capacity. The term of the facility expires in April 2012.

At March 31, 2010, the Company had \$253 million of borrowings outstanding under its revolving credit facility at a weighted-average interest rate of 3.8% and \$247 million available for future borrowings. In addition, the Company had letters of credit outstanding at March 31, 2010 of \$1.0 million.

The Company believes it is in compliance in all material respects with its debt covenants.

**5. EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE**

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

The following is a calculation of basic and diluted weighted-average shares outstanding for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009
Weighted-Average Shares - Basic	103,794,072	103,520,914
Dilution Effect of Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights and Stock Awards at End of Period	1,183,853	589,791
<b>Weighted-Average Shares - Diluted</b>	<b>104,977,925</b>	<b>104,110,705</b>

Edgar Filing: CABOT OIL & GAS CORP - Form 10-Q

Weighted-Average Stock Awards and Shares

Excluded from Diluted Earnings per Share due to the Anti-Dilutive Effect	<b>286,792</b>	933,426
--	----------------	---------

---

**Table of Contents**

**CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION**

**NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)**

**6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

*Contingencies*

The Company is a defendant in various legal proceedings arising in the normal course of its business. All known liabilities are accrued based on management's best estimate of the potential loss. While the outcome and impact of such legal proceedings on the Company cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes that the resolution of these proceedings through settlement or adverse judgment will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's condensed consolidated financial position or cash flow. Operating results, however, could be significantly impacted in the reporting periods in which such matters are resolved.

*Commitment and Contingency Reserves*

When deemed necessary, the Company establishes reserves for certain legal proceedings. The establishment of a reserve involves an estimation process that includes the advice of legal counsel and subjective judgment of management. While management believes these reserves to be adequate, it is reasonably possible that the Company could incur approximately \$1.0 million of additional loss with respect to those matters in which reserves have been established. Future changes in the facts and circumstances could result in the actual liability exceeding the estimated ranges of loss and amounts accrued.

*Environmental Matters*

On November 4, 2009, the Company and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP) entered into a single settlement agreement (Consent Order) covering a number of separate, unrelated environmental issues occurring in 2008 and 2009, including releases of drilling mud and other substances, record keeping violations at various wells and alleged natural gas contamination of 13 water wells in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. The Company paid an aggregate \$120,000 civil penalty with respect to all the matters covered by the Consent Order, which were consolidated at the request of the PaDEP.

On April 15, 2010, the Company and PaDEP reached agreement on modifications to the Consent Order (Modified Consent Order). In the Modified Consent Order, PaDEP and the Company agreed that the Company will provide a permanent source of potable water to 14 households, most of which the Company has already been supplying with water. The Company agreed to plug and abandon three vertical wells in close proximity to two of the households and to bring into compliance a fourth well in the nine square mile area of concern in Susquehanna County. The Company agreed to complete these actions prior to any new well drilling permits being issued for drilling in Pennsylvania, and prior to initiating hydraulic fracturing of seven wells already drilled in the area of concern. The Company also agreed to postpone drilling of new wells in the area of concern for one year. In addition, the Company agreed to take certain other actions if requested by PaDEP, which could include the plugging and abandonment of up to eleven additional wells. In the event the PaDEP requires the Company to plug and abandon all eleven additional wells in the area of concern, the decrease in production would have a minimal impact on the Company's overall production.

The Company paid \$240,000 and agreed to pay an additional \$30,000 per month going forward until all obligations under the Modified Consent Order are satisfied, which is expected by November 2010. The Company is vigorously pursuing compliance with the Modified Consent Order; however, there are no assurances that the PaDEP will not require additional actions.

*Firm Gas Transportation Agreements*

The Company has incurred, and will incur over the next several years, demand charges on firm gas transportation agreements. These agreements provide firm transportation capacity rights on pipeline systems primarily in the North Region. The remaining terms on these agreements range from less than one year to approximately 20 years and require the Company to pay transportation demand charges regardless of the amount of pipeline capacity utilized by the Company. If the Company does not utilize the capacity, it can release it to others, thus reducing its potential liability. The agreements that the Company previously had in place on pipeline systems in Canada were transferred in April 2009 to the buyer in connection with the sale of the Company's Canadian properties (discussed in Note 2).



**Table of Contents****CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION****NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)**

During the first quarter of 2010, the Company entered into several new firm gas transportation arrangements with third party pipelines to transport approximately 250 Mmcf/day in the North Region. The new agreements are expected to commence in the third and fourth quarters of 2011 and have terms of five to twelve years from the respective commencement dates. As of March 31, 2010, future obligations under firm gas transportation agreements, including the new agreements, were \$226.2 million. As previously disclosed in the Form 10-K, obligations under firm gas transportation agreements in effect at December 31, 2009 were \$80.4 million. For further information on these future obligations, please refer to Note 7 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Form 10-K.

**Drilling Rig Commitments**

In the Form 10-K, the Company disclosed that it had total commitments during 2010 of \$6.4 million on two drilling rigs in the South Region that are under contracts with initial terms of greater than one year. As of March 31, 2010, outstanding commitments for drilling rigs for the remainder of 2010 total \$2.4 million.

**7. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGING ACTIVITIES**

The Company periodically enters into derivative commodity instruments to hedge its exposure to price fluctuations on natural gas and crude oil production. The Company's credit agreement restricts the ability of the Company to enter into commodity hedges other than to hedge or mitigate risks to which the Company has actual or projected exposure or as permitted under the Company's risk management policies and not subjecting the Company to material speculative risks. All of the Company's derivatives are used for risk management purposes and are not held for trading purposes. As of March 31, 2010, the Company had 21 derivative contracts open: 13 natural gas price swap arrangements, six natural gas basis swaps and two crude oil price swap arrangements. During the first three months of 2010, the Company entered into three new derivative contracts covering anticipated crude oil production for 2010 and natural gas production for 2011.

As of March 31, 2010, the Company had the following outstanding commodity derivatives:

<b>Commodity and Derivative Type</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Contract Price</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Contract Period</b>
<b>Derivatives designated as Hedging Instruments</b>			
Natural Gas Swap	\$ 9.30 per Mcf	27,015 Mmcf	April - December 2010
Natural Gas Swap	\$ 6.83 per Mcf	6,432 Mmcf	January - December 2011
Crude Oil Swap	\$ 104.25 per Bbl	550 Mbbl	April - December 2010
<b>Derivatives not designated as Hedging Instruments</b>			
Natural Gas Basis Swap	\$ (0.27) per Mcf	16,123 Mmcf	January - December 2012

The change in the fair value of derivatives designated as hedges that is effective is recorded to Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in Stockholders' Equity in the Balance Sheet. The ineffective portion of the change in the fair value of derivatives designated as hedges, and the change in fair value of derivatives not designated as hedges, are recorded currently in earnings as a component of Natural Gas Production and Crude Oil and Condensate Revenue, as appropriate.



**Table of Contents****CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION****NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)**

The following schedules reflect the fair values of derivative instruments on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements:

*Effect of derivative instruments on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet*

Type of Contract (In thousands)	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value Asset (Liability)	
		March 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
<b>Derivatives designated as hedging instruments</b>			
Natural Gas Commodity Contracts	Current Derivative Contracts	\$ 122,441	\$ 99,151
Natural Gas Commodity Contracts	Accrued Liabilities	\$	\$ (425)
Natural Gas Commodity Contracts	Other Assets	5,056	
Crude Oil Commodity Contracts	Current Derivative Contracts	10,977	15,535
Crude Oil Commodity Contracts	Accrued Liabilities	(401)	
		<b>\$ 138,073</b>	<b>\$ 114,261</b>
<b>Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments</b>			
Natural Gas Commodity Basis Contracts	Other Liabilities	\$ (2,541)	\$ (1,954)
		<b>\$ 135,532</b>	<b>\$ 112,307</b>

At March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, unrealized gains of \$138.1 million (\$86.6 million, net of tax) and \$114.3 million (\$71.9 million, net of tax), respectively, were recorded in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income. For the derivative contracts that were not designated as hedging instruments, a \$0.6 million unrealized loss and a \$0.9 million unrealized gain, were recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations as a component of Natural Gas Production Revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2009, respectively.

*Effect of derivative instruments on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations*

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2010			
	Amount of Gain Recognized in OCI on Derivative (Effective Portion)	Location of Gain Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income (Effective Portion)	Amount of Gain Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income (Effective Portion)	Location of Gain Recognized in Income on Derivative (Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)
<b>Derivatives designated as Hedging Instruments</b>				
Natural Gas Commodity Contracts	\$ 127,497	Natural Gas Production Revenues	\$ 28,441	
Crude Oil Commodity Contracts	10,576	Crude Oil and Condensate Revenues	4,583	
	<b>\$ 138,073</b>		<b>\$ 33,024</b>	

Three Months Ended March 31, 2009

Edgar Filing: CABOT OIL & GAS CORP - Form 10-Q

(In thousands)	Amount of Gain Recognized in OCI on Derivative (Effective Portion)	Location of Gain Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income (Effective Portion)	Amount of Gain Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income (Effective Portion)	Location of Gain Recognized in Income on Derivative (Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)
<b>Derivatives designated as Hedging Instruments</b>				
Natural Gas Commodity Contracts	\$ 360,634	Natural Gas Production Revenues	\$ 81,710	
Crude Oil Commodity Contracts	43,611	Crude Oil and Condensate Revenues	7,384	
	\$ 404,245		\$ 89,094	

**Table of Contents****CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION****NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)**

(In thousands)	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative	Three Months Ended March 31,	
		2010	2009
<b>Derivatives not designated as Hedging Instruments</b>			
Natural Gas Commodity Basis Contracts	Natural Gas Production Revenues	\$ (587)	\$ 941
Based upon estimates at March 31, 2010, the Company expects to reclassify \$83.7 million in after-tax income associated with its commodity hedges from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income to the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations over the next 12 months.			

***Additional Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities***

The use of derivative instruments involves the risk that the counterparties will be unable to meet their obligation under the agreement. The Company enters into derivative contracts with multiple counterparties in order to limit its exposure to individual counterparties. The Company also has netting arrangements with all of its counterparties that allow it to offset payables against receivables from separate derivative contracts with that counterparty.

The counterparties to the Company's derivative instruments are also lenders under its credit facility. The Company's credit facility and derivative instruments contain certain cross default and acceleration provisions that may require immediate payment of its derivative liability in certain situations.

**8. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Effective January 1, 2009, the Company applied the authoritative guidance that applies to non-financial assets and liabilities required to be measured and recorded at fair value. The Company previously adopted the guidance as it relates to financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis effective January 1, 2008.

This guidance established a formal framework for measuring fair values of assets and liabilities in financial statements that are already required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) to be measured at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price). The transaction is based on a hypothetical transaction in the principal or most advantageous market considered from the perspective of the market participant that holds the asset or owes the liability.

The Company utilizes market data or assumptions that market participants who are independent, knowledgeable and willing and able to transact would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk and the risks inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. These inputs can be readily observable, market corroborated or generally unobservable. The Company attempts to utilize valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The Company is able to classify fair value balances based on the observability of those inputs. A formal fair value hierarchy was established based on the inputs used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 measurements and the lowest priority to level 3 measurements, and accordingly, Level 1 measurements should be used whenever possible.

The Company has classified its assets and liabilities into these levels depending upon the data relied on to determine the fair values. For further information regarding the fair value hierarchy, refer to Note 11 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Form 10-K.

***Non-Financial Assets and Liabilities***

The Company discloses or recognizes its non-financial assets and liabilities, such as asset retirement obligations and impairments of long-lived assets, at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. As none of the Company's non-financial assets and liabilities were impaired as of March 31, 2010 and 2009 and no other fair value measurements were required to be recognized on a non-recurring basis, additional disclosures were not provided.



**Table of Contents****CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION****NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)****Financial Assets and Liabilities**

Our financial assets and liabilities are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The following fair value hierarchy table presents information about the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2010:

(In thousands)	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Balance as of March 31, 2010
<b>Assets</b>				
Rabbi Trust Deferred Compensation Plan	\$ 10,316	\$	\$	\$ 10,316
Derivative Contracts			138,073	138,073
Total Assets	\$ 10,316	\$	\$ 138,073	\$ 148,389
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Rabbi Trust Deferred Compensation Plan	\$ 17,840	\$	\$	\$ 17,840
Derivative Contracts			2,541	2,541
Total Liabilities	\$ 17,840	\$	\$ 2,541	\$ 20,381

The Company's investments associated with its Rabbi Trust Deferred Compensation Plan consist of mutual funds and deferred shares of the Company's common stock that are publicly traded and for which market prices are readily available.

The derivative contracts were measured based on quotes from the Company's counterparties. Such quotes have been derived using valuation models that consider various inputs including current market and contractual prices for the underlying instruments, quoted forward prices for natural gas and crude oil, volatility factors and interest rates, such as a LIBOR curve for a similar length of time as the derivative contract term as applicable. These estimates are compared to multiple quotes obtained from counterparties for reasonableness. The Company measured the nonperformance risk of its counterparties by reviewing credit default swap spreads for the various financial institutions in which it has derivative transactions. The resulting reduction to the net receivable derivative contract position was \$0.2 million. In times where the Company has net derivative contract liabilities, the nonperformance risk of the Company is evaluated using a market credit spread provided by the Company's bank.

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of changes for the three month periods ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 in the fair value of financial assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 112,307	\$ 355,202
Total Gains or (Losses) (Realized or Unrealized):		
Included in Earnings <sup>(1)</sup>	32,438	90,035
Included in Other Comprehensive Income	23,811	49,043
Purchases, Issuances and Settlements	(33,024)	(89,094)

Edgar Filing: CABOT OIL & GAS CORP - Form 10-Q

Transfers In and/or Out of Level 3

<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 135,532</b>	<b>\$ 405,186</b>
---------------------------------	-------------------	-------------------

<sup>(1)</sup> *A loss of \$0.6 million and gain of \$0.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, was unrealized and included in Natural Gas Production Revenues in the Statement of Operations at March 31, 2010 and 2009.*

**Table of Contents****CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION****NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)**

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 measurements for the period ended March 31, 2010.

***Fair Value of Other Financial Instruments***

The estimated fair value of financial instruments is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged currently between willing parties. The carrying amounts reported in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate fair value due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

The fair value of long-term debt is the estimated cost to acquire the debt, including a credit spread for the difference between the issue rate and the period end market rate. The credit spread is the Company's default or repayment risk. The credit spread (premium or discount) is determined by comparing the Company's fixed-rate notes to new issuances (secured and unsecured) and secondary trades of similar size and credit statistics for both public and private debt. The fair value of all of the notes, excluding the credit facility, is based on interest rates currently available to the Company. The credit facility approximates fair value because this instrument bears interest at rates based on current market rates.

The Company uses available market data and valuation methodologies to estimate the fair value of debt. The carrying amounts and fair values of long-term debt are as follows:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2010		December 31, 2009	
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
Long-Term Debt	\$ 915,000	\$ 992,517	\$ 805,000	\$ 863,559

**9. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

Comprehensive Income includes Net Income and certain items recorded directly to Stockholders' Equity and classified as Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income. The following table illustrates the calculation of Comprehensive Income for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended			
	March 31, 2010		March 31, 2009	
Net Income		\$ 28,696		\$ 47,580
Other Comprehensive Income, net of taxes				
Reclassification Adjustment for Settled Contracts, net of taxes of \$12,318 and \$33,231, respectively		(20,706)		(55,863)
Changes in Fair Value of Hedge Positions, net of taxes of \$(21,454) and \$(51,881), respectively		35,381		86,256
Defined Benefit Pension and Postretirement Plans:				
Amortization of Net Obligation at Transition, net of taxes of \$(59) and \$(59), respectively	\$ 99		\$ 99	
Amortization of Prior Service Cost, net of taxes of \$(7) and \$(67), respectively	14		113	
Amortization of Net Loss, net of taxes of \$(312) and \$(359), respectively	532	645	604	816
Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment, net of taxes of \$(133) and \$584, respectively		228		(951)

Edgar Filing: CABOT OIL & GAS CORP - Form 10-Q

Total Other Comprehensive Income	<b>15,548</b>	30,258
<b>Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>\$ 44,244</b>	<b>\$ 77,838</b>



**Table of Contents****CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION****NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)**

Changes in the components of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income, net of taxes, for the three months ended March 31, 2010 were as follows:

(In thousands)	Net Gains / (Losses) on Cash Flow Hedges	Defined Benefit Pension and Postretirement Plans	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment	Total
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 71,872	\$ (29,349)	\$ (87)	\$ 42,436
Net change in unrealized gain on cash flow hedges, net of taxes of \$(9,136)	14,675			14,675
Net change in defined benefit pension and postretirement plans, net of taxes of \$(378)		645		645
Change in foreign currency translation adjustment, net of taxes of \$133			228	228
<b>Balance at March 31, 2010</b>	<b>\$ 86,547</b>	<b>\$ (28,704)</b>	<b>\$ 141</b>	<b>\$ 57,984</b>

**10. PENSION AND OTHER POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS**

The components of net periodic benefit costs for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 were as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009
<b>Qualified and Non-Qualified Pension Plans</b>		
Current Period Service Cost	\$ 896	\$ 861
Interest Cost	994	928
Expected Return on Plan Assets	(1,039)	(671)
Amortization of Prior Service Cost	21	13
Amortization of Net Loss	591	794
<b>Net Periodic Pension Cost</b>	<b>\$ 1,463</b>	<b>\$ 1,925</b>
<b>Postretirement Benefits Other than Pension Plans</b>		
Current Period Service Cost	\$ 392	\$ 320
Interest Cost	487	398
Amortization of Prior Service Cost		167
Amortization of Net Loss	253	169
Amortization of Net Obligation at Transition	158	158
<b>Total Postretirement Benefit Cost</b>	<b>\$ 1,290</b>	<b>\$ 1,212</b>

**Employer Contributions**

## Edgar Filing: CABOT OIL & GAS CORP - Form 10-Q

The funding levels of the pension and postretirement plans are in compliance with standards set by applicable law or regulation. The Company does not have any required minimum funding obligations for its qualified pension plan in 2010. The Company previously disclosed in its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 that it expected to contribute \$0.5 million to its non-qualified pension plan and \$1.0 million to the postretirement benefit plan during 2010. It is anticipated that these contributions will be made prior to December 31, 2010.

### **11. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION**

Compensation expense charged against income for stock-based awards (including the supplemental employee incentive plan) during the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$3.2 million and \$5.1 million, respectively, and is included in General and Administrative Expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.

Table of Contents

## CABOT OIL &amp; GAS CORPORATION

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

As disclosed in the Form 10-K, the Company realized a \$13.8 million tax benefit during the year ended December 31, 2009 related primarily to the federal tax deduction in excess of book compensation cost for employee stock-based compensation for 2008 and, to a lesser extent, state tax deductions for 2007. For regular federal income tax purposes, the Company was in a net operating loss position in 2008. In accordance with ASC 718, the Company recognized this tax benefit only to the extent it reduced the Company's income taxes payable. As the Company carried back net operating losses concurrent with its 2008 tax return filing, the income tax benefit related to stock-based compensation was recorded in Additional Paid-in Capital in 2009. Due to the Company's net operating loss carryforward position, no income tax benefit related to stock-based compensation has been recognized for 2010 or 2009. For further information regarding Stock-Based Compensation or the Company's Incentive Plans, please refer to Note 10 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Form 10-K.

*Restricted Stock Awards*

During the first quarter of 2010, the Compensation Committee granted 6,000 restricted stock awards with a weighted-average grant date per share value of \$39.97. The fair value of restricted stock grants is based on the average of the high and low stock price on the grant date. During the first quarter of 2010, 3,000 restricted stock awards granted in prior periods vested with a weighted-average grant date per share value of \$27.84.

Compensation expense recorded for all unvested restricted stock awards for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$0.4 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. The Company used an annual forfeiture rate ranging from 0% to 7.0% based on approximately ten years of the Company's history for this type of award to various employee groups.

*Restricted Stock Units*

During the three months ended March 31, 2010, 23,340 restricted stock units were granted to non-employee directors of the Company with a grant date per share value of \$41.15. The fair value of these units is measured at the average of the high and low stock price on grant date and compensation expense is recorded immediately. These units immediately vest and are issued when the director ceases to be a director of the Company. The compensation cost, which reflects the total fair value of these units, recorded in the first quarter of 2010 and 2009 was \$1.0 and \$0.8 million, respectively.

*Stock Appreciation Rights*

During the first quarter of 2010, the Compensation Committee granted 79,550 stock appreciation rights (SARs) to employees. These awards allow the employee to receive common stock of the Company equal to the intrinsic value over the \$40.53 grant date market price that may result from the price appreciation during the contractual term of seven years. The Company calculates the fair value using a Black-Scholes model.

The assumptions used in the Black-Scholes fair value calculation for SARs are as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2010
Weighted-Average Value per Stock Appreciation Right Granted During the Period	\$ 18.96
Assumptions	
Stock Price Volatility	52.9%
Risk Free Rate of Return	2.4%
Expected Dividend Yield	0.3%
Expected Term (in years)	5.0

Compensation expense recorded during the first quarter of 2010 and 2009 for SARs was \$0.5 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. Included in these amounts were \$0.3 million and \$0.7 million in the first quarter of 2010 and 2009, respectively, related to the immediate expensing of shares granted in 2010 and 2009 to retirement-eligible employees.



---

**Table of Contents**

**CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION**

**NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)**

***Performance Share Awards***

During 2010, the Compensation Committee granted three types of performance share awards to employees for a total of 347,170 performance shares. The performance period for two of the three types of these awards commenced on January 1, 2010 and ends December 31, 2012.

Awards totaling 84,470 performance shares are earned, or not earned, based on the comparative performance of the Company's common stock measured against sixteen other companies in the Company's peer group over a three year performance period. The grant date per share value of the equity portion of this award was \$32.09. Depending on the Company's performance, employees may receive an aggregate of up to 100% of the fair market value of a share of common stock payable in common stock plus up to 100% of the fair market value of a share of common stock payable in cash.

Awards totaling 180,180 performance shares are earned, or not earned, based on the Company's internal performance metrics rather than performance compared to a peer group. The grant date per share value of this award was \$40.53. These awards represent the right to receive up to 100% of the award in shares of common stock. The actual number of shares issued at the end of the performance period will be determined based on the Company's performance against three performance criteria set by the Company's Compensation Committee. An employee will earn one-third of the award granted for each internal performance metric that the Company meets at the end of the performance period. These performance criteria measure the Company's average production, average finding costs and average reserve replacement over three years. Based on the Company's probability assessment at March 31, 2010, it is considered probable that these three criteria will be met.

The third type of performance share award, totaling 82,520 performance shares, with a grant date per share value of \$40.53, has a three-year graded performance period, one-third of the shares are issued on each anniversary date following the date of grant, provided that the Company has \$100 million or more of operating cash flow for the year preceding the performance period. If the Company does not have \$100 million or more of operating cash flow for the year preceding a performance period, then the portion of the performance shares that would have been issued on that date will be forfeited. As of March 31, 2010, it is considered probable that this performance metric will be met.

For all performance share awards granted to employees in 2010, an annual forfeiture rate ranging from 0% to 7% has been assumed based on the Company's history for this type of award to various employee groups.

For awards that are based on the internal metrics of the Company (performance condition), fair value is measured based on the average of the high and low stock price of the Company on the grant date and expense is amortized over the three year period. To determine the fair value for awards that are based on the Company's comparative performance against a peer group (market condition), the equity and liability components are bifurcated. On the grant date, the equity component was valued using a Monte Carlo binomial model and is amortized on a straight-line basis over three years. The liability component is valued at each reporting period by using a Monte Carlo binomial model.

The four primary inputs for the Monte Carlo model are the risk-free rate, volatility of returns, correlation in movement of total shareholder return and the expected dividend. An interpolated risk-free rate was generated from the Federal Reserve website for constant maturity treasuries for two and three year bonds (as of the reporting date) set equal to the remaining duration of the performance period. Volatility was set equal to the annualized daily volatility for the remaining duration of the performance period ending on the reporting date. Correlation in movement of total shareholder return was determined based on a correlation matrix that was created which identifies total shareholder return correlations for each pair of companies in the peer group, including the Company. The paired returns in the correlation matrix ranged from approximately 59% to approximately 84% for the Company and its peer group. The expected dividend is calculated using the total Company annual dividends expected to be paid (\$0.12 per share) divided by the March 31, 2010 closing price of the Company's stock (\$36.80 per share). Based on these inputs discussed above, a ranking was projected identifying the Company's rank relative to the peer group for each award period.

**Table of Contents**

The following assumptions were used as of March 31, 2010 for the Monte Carlo model to value the liability components of the peer group measured performance share awards. The equity portion of the award was valued on the date of grant using the Monte Carlo model and this portion was not marked to market.

	<b>March 31, 2010</b>
Risk Free Rate of Return	<b>0.32% -1.33%</b>
Stock Price Volatility	<b>39.74% - 62.81%</b>
Expected Dividend Yield	<b>0.33%</b>

The Monte Carlo value per share for the liability component for all outstanding market condition performance share awards ranged from \$7.66 to \$10.26 at March 31, 2010. The long-term liability for market condition performance share awards, included in Other Liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, at March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 was \$0.7 million and \$1.1 million, respectively. The short-term liability, included in Accrued Liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, at March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, for market condition performance share awards was \$0.7 million and \$2.4 million, respectively.

During the first quarter of 2010, 363,284 performance shares were issued. As discussed in Note 10 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Form 10-K, the performance period ended on December 31, 2009 for two types of performance awards granted in 2007. A total of 92,400 shares measured based on the Company's performance against a peer group (valued at \$2.8 million) were issued in addition to cash of \$1.3 million. A total of 150,100 shares measured based on internal performance metrics of the Company (valued at \$5.3 million) were also issued. During the first quarter of 2010, 120,784 shares were issued (valued at \$3.8 million), which represents one-third of the three-year graded performance share awards granted in 2009, 2008 and 2007 with a grant date per share value of \$22.63, \$48.48 and \$35.22, respectively. These awards met the performance criteria that the Company had \$100 million or more of operating cash flow for the awards granted in 2009 and positive operating income for awards granted in 2008 and 2007.

As of March 31, 2010, 225,800 shares of the Company's common stock representing issued stock in association with past performance share awards were deferred into the Rabbi Trust Deferred Compensation Plan. For the first quarter of 2010, a decrease to the rabbi trust deferred compensation liability of \$1.2 million was recognized, primarily representing the decrease in the closing price of all shares from December 31, 2009 to March 31, 2010. This decrease in stock-based compensation expense was included in General and Administrative expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.

Total compensation cost recognized for both the equity and liability components of all performance share awards as well as expense related to the shares deferred into the rabbi trust during the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$1.2 million and \$3.1 million, respectively.

**Table of Contents**

**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of

Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation:

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation and its subsidiaries (the Company) as of March 31, 2010, the related condensed consolidated statements of operations and of cash flows for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2010 and 2009. These interim financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2009, and the related consolidated statements of operations, of cash flows of stockholders' equity and of comprehensive income, for the year then ended (not presented herein), and in our report dated February 26, 2010, which included an explanatory paragraph related to changes in the manner of accounting for fair value measurements, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet information as of December 31, 2009, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Houston, Texas  
April 30, 2010

**Table of Contents****ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

The following review of operations for the three month periods ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 should be read in conjunction with our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the Notes included in this Form 10-Q and with the Consolidated Financial Statements, Notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis included in the Cabot Oil & Gas Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (Form 10-K).

In 2009, we restructured our operations by combining the Rocky Mountain and Appalachian areas to form the North Region and by combining the Anadarko Basin with its Texas and Louisiana areas to form the South Region. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to reflect this reorganization. Additionally, we exited Canada through the sale of our reserves. Prior to the third quarter of 2009, we presented the geographic areas as East, Gulf Coast, West and Canada.

***Overview***

On an equivalent basis, our production for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 increased by 4% compared to the quarter ended March 31, 2009. For the quarter ended March 31, 2010, we produced 26.7 Bcfe compared to production of 25.6 Bcfe for the quarter ended March 31, 2009. Natural gas production was 25.4 Bcf and oil production was 205 Mbbls for the first quarter of 2010. Natural gas production increased by 4% when compared to the first quarter of 2009, which had production of 24.5 Bcf. This increase was primarily a result of increased production in the North Region associated with the drilling program in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. Partially offsetting the production increase in the North Region were decreases in production in Canada due to the sale of our Canadian properties in April 2009, as well as lower production in the South Region due to normal production declines, delays in completion, and a shift from gas to oil projects. Oil production increased by 9%, from 189 Mbbls in the first quarter of 2009 to 205 Mbbls produced in the first quarter of 2010. This was primarily the result of increased production in the South Region, partially offset by a decrease in production in Canada due to the sale of our Canadian properties in April 2009.

Our average realized natural gas price for the first quarter of 2010 was \$6.56 per Mcf, 13% lower than the \$7.51 per Mcf price realized in the first quarter of 2009. Our average realized crude oil price for the first quarter of 2010 was \$97.40 per Bbl, 29% higher than the \$75.25 per Bbl price realized in the first quarter of 2009. These realized prices include realized gains and losses resulting from commodity derivatives. For information about the impact of these derivatives on realized prices, refer to Results of Operations below. Commodity prices are determined by many factors that are outside of our control. Historically, commodity prices have been volatile, and we expect them to remain volatile. Commodity prices are affected by changes in market supply and demand, which are impacted by overall economic activity, weather, pipeline capacity constraints, inventory storage levels, basis differentials and other factors. As a result, we cannot accurately predict future natural gas, NGL and crude oil prices and, therefore, we cannot determine with any degree of certainty what effect increases or decreases will have on our future revenues, capital program or production volumes.

Operating revenues for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 decreased by \$21.4 million, or 9%, from the quarter ended March 31, 2009 as the lower realized natural gas prices noted above more than offset the higher equivalent production. Natural gas production revenues decreased by \$18.4 million, or 10%, for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 as compared to the quarter ended March 31, 2009 due to the decrease in realized natural gas prices, partially offset by the increase in natural gas production. Crude oil and condensate revenues increased by \$5.7 million, or 40%, for the first quarter of 2010 as compared to the first quarter of 2009, due to increases in realized crude oil prices and crude oil production. Brokered natural gas revenues decreased by \$8.5 million, or 25%, due to a decrease in sales price, partially offset by an increase in brokered volumes.

In addition to production volumes and commodity prices, finding and developing sufficient amounts of crude oil and natural gas reserves at economical costs are critical to our long-term success. For 2010, we expect to spend approximately \$648 million in capital and exploration expenditures. We believe our cash on hand, operating cash flow in 2010 and borrowings from our credit facility will be sufficient to fund our budgeted capital and exploration spending. We will continue to assess the natural gas and crude oil price environment and our liquidity position and may increase or decrease our capital and exploration expenditures accordingly. For the quarter ended March 31, 2010, we invested approximately \$193.8 million in our exploration and development efforts.



**Table of Contents**

During the first quarter of 2010, we drilled 24 gross wells (20 development, two exploratory and two extension wells) with a success rate of 96% compared to 49 gross wells (46 development, two exploratory and one extension wells) with a success rate of 96% for the comparable period of the prior year. For the full year of 2010, we plan to drill approximately 141 gross (129 net) wells.

We remain focused on our strategies of pursuing lower risk drilling opportunities that provide more predictable results on our accumulated acreage position. Additionally, we intend to maintain spending discipline and manage our balance sheet in an effort to ensure sufficient liquidity, including cash resources and available credit. We believe these strategies are appropriate for our portfolio of projects and the current industry environment and will continue to add shareholder value over the long-term.

In April 2009, we sold our Canadian properties to a private Canadian company (see Note 2 of the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further details). In addition, we also entered into a new revolving credit facility in April 2009 and terminated our prior credit facility.

The preceding paragraphs, discussing our strategic pursuits and goals, contain forward-looking information. Please read [Forward-Looking Information](#) for further details.

**Financial Condition***Capital Resources and Liquidity*

Our primary sources of cash for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 were funds generated from the sale of natural gas and crude oil production, realized derivative contracts and borrowings under our credit facility. These cash flows were primarily used to fund our development and exploratory expenditures, in addition to payment of dividends. See below for additional discussion and analysis of cash flow.

We generate cash from the sale of natural gas and crude oil. Operating cash flow fluctuations are substantially driven by commodity prices and changes in our production volumes. Prices for crude oil and natural gas have historically been volatile, including seasonal influences characterized by peak demand and higher prices in the winter heating season; however, the impact of other risks and uncertainties, as described in our Form 10-K and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, have also influenced prices throughout the recent years. Commodity prices continue to experience increased volatility due to adverse market conditions in the economy. In addition, fluctuations in cash flow may result in an increase or decrease in our capital and exploration expenditures. See [Results of Operations](#) for a review of the impact of prices and volumes on sales.

Our working capital is also substantially influenced by variables discussed above. From time to time, our working capital will reflect a surplus, while at other times it will reflect a deficit. This fluctuation is not unusual. We believe we have adequate credit availability and liquidity to meet our working capital requirements.

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2010	2009
Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 116,097	\$ 152,534
Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities	(234,600)	(162,432)
Cash Flows Provided by Financing Activities	106,850	7,046
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ (11,653)	\$ (2,852)

**Operating Activities.** Key components impacting net operating cash flows are commodity prices, production volumes and operating costs. Net cash provided by operating activities in the first quarter of 2010 decreased by \$36.4 million over the first quarter of 2009. This decrease was mainly due to lower natural gas prices offset by higher crude oil prices and equivalent production. Average realized natural gas prices decreased by 13% for the first quarter of 2010 compared to the first quarter of 2009, while average realized crude oil prices increased by 29% compared to the same period. Equivalent production volumes increased by 4% for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 compared to the quarter ended March 31, 2009 as a result of higher natural gas and crude oil production. See [Results of Operations](#) for



**Table of Contents**

additional information relative to commodity price and production movements. We are unable to predict future commodity prices and, as a result, cannot provide any assurance about future levels of net cash provided by operating activities. Realized prices may decline during 2010.

As of March 31, 2010, we have natural gas price swaps covering 27.0 Bcf of our 2010 natural gas production at an average price of \$9.30 per Mcf and natural gas price swaps covering 6.4 Bcf of our 2011 natural gas production at an average price of \$6.83 per Mcf. Accordingly, based on our current hedge position, we will be more subject to the effects of natural gas price volatility in 2010 than we were in 2009. In addition, given the current market for derivatives, if we were to hedge all our 2010 production, we would expect our realized prices to be lower than our 2009 realized prices.

**Investing Activities.** The primary uses of cash in investing activities were capital spending and exploration expenses. We established the budget for these amounts based on our current estimate of future commodity prices and cash flows. Due to the volatility of commodity prices and new opportunities which may arise, our capital expenditures may be periodically adjusted during any given year. Cash flows used in investing activities increased by \$72.2 million from the first quarter of 2010 compared to the first quarter of 2009. The increase primarily was due to an increase of \$57.9 million in exploration and capital expenditures offset by lower proceeds from sale of assets.

**Financing Activities.** Cash flows provided by financing activities increased by \$99.8 million from the first quarter of 2009 to the first quarter of 2010. This was primarily due to an increase in borrowings under our credit facility in the first quarter of 2010.

At March 31, 2010, we had \$253 million of borrowings outstanding under our unsecured credit facility at a weighted-average interest rate of 3.8%. In April 2009, we entered into a new revolving credit facility and terminated our prior credit facility. The credit facility provides for an available credit line of \$500 million and contains an accordion feature allowing us to increase the available credit line to \$600 million, if any one or more of the existing banks or new banks agree to provide such increased commitment amount. The available credit line is subject to adjustment on the basis of the present value of estimated future net cash flows from proved oil and gas reserves (as determined by the banks based on our reserve reports and engineering reports) and certain other assets and the outstanding principal balance of our senior notes. We strive to manage our debt at a level below the available credit line in order to maintain excess borrowing capacity. Our revolving credit facility includes a covenant limiting our total debt. Management believes that, with internally generated cash, existing cash and availability under our revolving credit facility, we have the capacity to finance our spending plans and maintain our strong financial position. At the same time, we continue to closely monitor the capital markets.

**Capitalization**

Information about our capitalization is as follows:

(Dollars in millions)	March 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
Debt <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 915.0	\$ 805.0
Stockholders Equity	1,854.1	1,812.5
<b>Total Capitalization</b>	<b>\$ 2,769.1</b>	<b>\$ 2,617.5</b>
Debt to Capitalization	33%	31%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 28.5	\$ 40.2

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes \$253 million and \$143 million of borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility at March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

**Table of Contents**

During the quarter ended March 31, 2010, we paid dividends of \$3.1 million (\$0.03 per share) on our common stock. A regular dividend has been declared for each quarter since we became a public company in 1990.

*Capital and Exploration Expenditures*

On an annual basis, we generally fund most of our capital and exploration activities, excluding any significant oil and gas property acquisitions, with cash generated from operations and, when necessary, our revolving credit facility. We budget these capital expenditures based on our projected cash flows for the year.

The following table presents major components of capital and exploration expenditures for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 and 2009:

(in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009
Capital Expenditures		
Drilling and Facilities <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 128.4	\$ 113.5
Leasehold Acquisitions	48.1	3.7
Pipeline and Gathering	6.0	2.9
Other	2.9	1.4
	185.4	121.5
Exploration Expense	8.4	6.5
Total	\$ 193.8	\$ 128.0

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Canadian currency translation effects of \$(2.1) million in 2009. There was no impact from Canadian currency translation in 2010.

For the full year of 2010, we plan to drill approximately 141 gross (129 net) wells. This 2010 drilling program includes approximately \$648 million in total capital and exploration expenditures. See the Overview discussion for additional information regarding the current year drilling program. We will continue to assess the natural gas and crude oil price environment and our liquidity position and may increase or decrease the capital and exploration expenditures accordingly.

*Contractual Obligations*

At March 31, 2010, we were obligated to make future payments under drilling rig commitments and firm gas transportation agreements. For further information, please refer to Firm Gas Transportation Agreements and Drilling Rig Commitments under Note 6 in the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Note 7 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Form 10-K.

*Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates*

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon condensed consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted and adopted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. See our Form 10-K for further discussion of our critical accounting policies.

*Recently Adopted Accounting Standards*

In February 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2010-09, Subsequent Events, which amends Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 855 to eliminate the requirement to disclose the date through which management has evaluated subsequent events in the financial statements. ASU No. 2010-09 was effective upon issuance and its adoption had no

impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**Table of Contents**

Effective January 1, 2010, we partially adopted the provisions of FASB ASU No. 2010-06, Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements, which amends ASC 820-10-50 to require new disclosures concerning (1) transfers into and out of Levels 1 and 2 of the fair value measurement hierarchy, and (2) activity in Level 3 measurements. In addition, ASU No. 2010-06 clarifies certain existing disclosure requirements regarding the level of disaggregation and inputs and valuation techniques and makes conforming amendments to the guidance on employers' disclosures about postretirement benefit plans assets. The requirements to disclose separately purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements in the Level 3 reconciliation are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010 (and for interim periods within such years). The principal impact was to require the expansion of our disclosure regarding our derivative instruments. Accordingly, we will apply the disclosure requirements relative to the Level 3 reconciliation in the first quarter of 2011. There was no impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows as a result of the partial adoption of ASU No. 2010-06. For further information, please refer to Note 8 in the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

***Results of Operations***

*First Quarter of 2010 and 2009 Compared*

We reported net income in the first quarter of 2010 of \$28.7 million, or \$0.28 per share. For the first quarter of 2009, we reported net income of \$47.6 million, or \$0.46 per share. Net income decreased in the first quarter of 2010 by \$18.9 million, primarily due to a decrease in operating revenues and gain on sale of assets. Operating revenues decreased by \$21.4 million, largely due to decreases in natural gas production revenues and brokered natural gas revenues. Operating expenses decreased by \$4.0 million between periods due primarily to decreases in brokered natural gas costs, direct operations expense, general and administrative expenses, including stock-based compensation and taxes other than income, partially offset by increased depreciation, depletion and amortization, impairment of unproved properties and exploration expenses.

**Table of Contents***Natural Gas Production Revenues*

Our average total company realized natural gas production sales price, including the realized impact of derivative instruments, was \$6.56 per Mcf for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 compared to \$7.51 per Mcf for the comparable period of the prior year. These prices include the realized impact of derivative instrument settlements, which increased the price by \$1.12 per Mcf in 2010 and by \$3.34 per Mcf in 2009. The following table excludes the unrealized loss from the change in fair value of our basis swaps of \$0.6 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 and the unrealized gain from the change in derivative fair value of \$0.9 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2009, which have been included within Natural Gas Production Revenues in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Variance	
	2010	2009	Amount	Percent
<b>Natural Gas Production (Mmcf)</b>				
North	<b>14,386</b>	10,734	3,652	34%
South	<b>11,006</b>	13,117	(2,111)	(16)%
Canada		604	(604)	(100)%
<b>Total Company</b>	<b>25,392</b>	24,455	937	4%
<b>Natural Gas Production Sales Price (\$/Mcf)</b>				
North	<b>\$ 5.59</b>	\$ 7.19	\$ (1.60)	(22)%
South	<b>\$ 7.84</b>	\$ 7.95	\$ (0.11)	(1)%
Canada	<b>\$</b>	\$ 3.51	\$ (3.51)	(100)%
<b>Total Company</b>	<b>\$ 6.56</b>	\$ 7.51	\$ (0.95)	(13)%
<b>Natural Gas Production Revenue (In thousands)</b>				
North	<b>\$ 80,393</b>	\$ 77,209	\$ 3,184	4%
South	<b>86,275</b>	104,251	(17,976)	(17)%
Canada		2,122	(2,122)	(100)%
<b>Total Company</b>	<b>\$ 166,668</b>	\$ 183,582	\$ (16,914)	(9)%
<b>Price Variance Impact on Natural Gas Production Revenue (In thousands)</b>				
North	<b>\$ (23,087)</b>			
South	<b>(1,196)</b>			
Canada				
<b>Total Company</b>	<b>\$ (24,282)</b>			
<b>Volume Variance Impact on Natural Gas Production Revenue (In thousands)</b>				
North	<b>\$ 26,269</b>			
South	<b>(16,779)</b>			
Canada	<b>(2,122)</b>			
<b>Total Company</b>	<b>\$ 7,368</b>			

The decrease in Natural Gas Production Revenue of \$16.9 million, excluding the impact of the unrealized losses discussed above, is due to primarily to the decrease in realized natural gas prices in all regions, decreased production in the South Region associated with normal production declines, delays in completions and a shift from gas to oil projects, as well as the sale of our Canadian properties in April 2009. Partially offsetting these decreases was an increase in natural gas production in the North Region associated with increased drilling in the Marcellus shale prospect.





**Table of Contents***Brokered Natural Gas Revenue and Cost*

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Variance	
	2010	2009	Amount	Percent
Sales Price (\$/Mcf)	\$ 6.23	\$ 9.08	\$ (2.85)	(31)%
Volume Brokered (Mmcf)	x 3,995	x 3,675	320	9%
<b>Brokered Natural Gas Revenues (In thousands)</b>	<b>\$ 24,873</b>	<b>\$ 33,381</b>		
Purchase Price (\$/Mcf)	\$ 5.32	\$ 8.09	\$ (2.77)	(34)%
Volume Brokered (Mmcf)	x 3,995	x 3,675	320	9%
<b>Brokered Natural Gas Cost (In thousands)</b>	<b>\$ 21,268</b>	<b>\$ 29,749</b>		
<b>Brokered Natural Gas Margin (In thousands)</b>	<b>\$ 3,605</b>	<b>\$ 3,632</b>	<b>\$ (27)</b>	<b>(1)%</b>
<i>(In thousands)</i>				
Sales Price Variance Impact on Revenue	<b>\$ (11,396)</b>			
Volume Variance Impact on Revenue	<b>2,906</b>			
	<b>\$ (8,490)</b>			
<i>(In thousands)</i>				
Purchase Price Variance Impact on Purchases	<b>\$ 11,052</b>			
Volume Variance Impact on Purchases	<b>(2,589)</b>			
	<b>\$ 8,463</b>			

The slightly decreased brokered natural gas margin is a result of a decrease in sales price that outpaced the decrease in purchase price, partially offset by an increase in volumes brokered.

**Table of Contents***Crude Oil and Condensate Revenues*

Our average total company realized crude oil sales price, including the realized impact of derivative instruments, was \$97.40 per Bbl for the first quarter of 2010 compared to \$75.25 per Bbl for the first quarter of 2009. These prices include the realized impact of derivative instrument settlements, which increased the price by \$22.36 per Bbl in 2010 and by \$39.07 per Bbl in 2009. There was no revenue impact from the unrealized change in crude oil and condensate derivative fair value for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009.

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Variance	
	2010	2009	Amount	Percent
<b>Crude Oil Production (Mbbbl)</b>				
North	22	25	(3)	(12)%
South	183	160	23	14%
Canada		4	(4)	(100)%
<b>Total Company</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Crude Oil Sales Price (\$/Bbl)</b>				
North	\$ 68.04	\$ 30.63	\$ 37.41	122%
South	\$ 100.86	\$ 83.28	\$ 17.58	21%
Canada	\$	\$ 32.01	\$ (32.01)	(100)%
<b>Total Company</b>	<b>\$ 97.40</b>	<b>\$ 75.25</b>	<b>\$ 22.15</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Crude Oil Revenue (In thousands)</b>				
North	\$ 1,514	\$ 761	\$ 753	99%
South	18,468	13,349	5,119	38%
Canada		132	(132)	(100)%
<b>Total Company</b>	<b>\$ 19,982</b>	<b>\$ 14,242</b>	<b>\$ 5,740</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Price Variance Impact on Crude Oil Revenue (In thousands)</b>				
North	\$ 844			
South	3,218			
Canada				
<b>Total Company</b>	<b>\$ 4,062</b>			
<b>Volume Variance Impact on Crude Oil Revenue (In thousands)</b>				
North	\$ (91)			
South	1,901			
Canada	(132)			
<b>Total Company</b>	<b>\$ 1,678</b>			

The \$5.7 million increase in crude oil and condensate revenues is primarily due to an increase in realized crude oil prices in all regions and an increase in crude oil production in the South Region. These increases are partially offset by lower production in the North Region and Canada.

**Table of Contents***Impact of Derivative Instruments on Operating Revenues*

The following table reflects the realized impact of cash settlements and the net unrealized change in fair value of derivative instruments:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2010		2009	
	Realized	Unrealized	Realized	Unrealized
<b>Operating Revenues Increase / (Decrease) to Revenue</b>				
<b>Cash Flow Hedges</b>				
Natural Gas Production	\$ 28,441	\$	\$ 81,710	\$
Crude Oil	4,583		7,384	
<b>Total Cash Flow Hedges</b>	<b>33,024</b>		<b>89,094</b>	
<b>Other Derivative Financial Instruments</b>				
Natural Gas Basis Swaps		(587)		941
<b>Total Other Derivative Financial Instruments</b>		<b>(587)</b>		<b>941</b>
<b>Total Cash Flow Hedges and Other Derivative Financial Instruments</b>	<b>\$ 33,024</b>	<b>\$ (587)</b>	<b>\$ 89,094</b>	<b>\$ 941</b>

We are exposed to market risk on derivative instruments to the extent of changes in market prices of natural gas and crude oil. However, the market risk exposure on these derivative contracts is generally offset by the gain or loss recognized upon the ultimate sale of the commodity. Although notional contract amounts are used to express the volume of natural gas price agreements, the amounts that can be subject to credit risk in the event of non-performance by third parties are substantially smaller. We do not anticipate any material impact on our financial results due to non-performance by third parties. Our primary derivative contract counterparties are Bank of Montreal, BNP Paribas, JPMorgan Chase, Key Bank, Bank of America and Morgan Stanley.

*Operating Expenses*

Total costs and expenses from operations decreased by \$4.0 million in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the same period of 2009. The primary reasons for this fluctuation are as follows:

Brokered Natural Gas Cost decreased by \$8.5 million from the first quarter of 2009 compared to the first quarter of 2010. See the preceding table titled Brokered Natural Gas Revenue and Cost for further analysis.

Impairment of Unproved Properties increased \$5.9 million primarily due to increased unproved leasehold costs in Susquehanna County during 2009 and South Texas in late 2009 and early 2010.

Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization increased by \$2.5 million from the first quarter of 2009 compared to the first quarter of 2010. This is primarily due to a higher DD&A rate as a result of higher capital costs and increased natural gas production volumes.

## Edgar Filing: CABOT OIL & GAS CORP - Form 10-Q

Direct operating expense decreased by \$2.5 million from the first quarter of 2009 compared to the first quarter 2010. This decrease is due to lower outside operated properties expenses, compressor, workover, treating and disposal costs partially offset by higher personnel and labor expenses.

Taxes Other Than Income decreased by \$2.1 million in the first quarter of 2010 compared with the first quarter of 2009 due primarily to lower production taxes as a result of lower natural gas and crude oil revenues and production tax credits received in 2010 on qualifying wells.

Exploration expense increased by \$2.0 million from the first quarter of 2009 compared to the first quarter of 2010 primarily due increased geological and geophysical expenditures associated with the Susquehanna County prospect in the North Region.

---

## **Table of Contents**

General and Administrative expenses decreased by \$1.3 million from the first quarter of 2009 compared to the first quarter of 2010. This decrease is primarily due to lower stock compensation expense, partially offset by increased salaries and wages, incentive compensation, professional services and insurance.

### *Gain on Sale of Assets*

Gain on sale of assets decreased by \$11.9 million in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the first quarter of 2009 primarily due to the sale of the Thornwood properties in the North Region in 2009. There were no significant sales of assets in the first quarter of 2010.

### *Interest Expense, Net*

Interest expense, net increased by \$0.7 million in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the first quarter of 2009 primarily due to the increase in the amortization of our debt issuance costs associated with our credit facility offset by lower interest expense associated with borrowings on our credit facility. Weighted-average borrowings under our credit facility based on daily balances were approximately \$200 million during the first quarter of 2010 compared to approximately \$211 million during the first quarter of 2009. The weighted-average effective interest rate on the credit facility decreased to approximately 3.8% during the first quarter of 2010 compared to approximately 4.0% during the first quarter of 2009.

### *Income Tax Expense*

Income tax expense decreased by \$11.1 million due to a decrease in our pre-tax income. The effective tax rates for the first quarter of 2010 and 2009 were 37.2% and 37.1%, respectively.

## ***Forward-Looking Information***

The statements regarding future financial performance and results, market prices and the other statements which are not historical facts contained in this report are forward-looking statements. The words expect, project, estimate, believe, anticipate, intend, budget, plan, predict and similar expressions are also intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, market factors, market prices (including regional basis differentials) of natural gas and crude oil, results for future drilling and marketing activity, future production and costs and other factors detailed herein and in our other Securities and Exchange Commission filings. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual outcomes may vary materially from those indicated.

## **ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

### *Market Risk*

Our primary market risk is exposure to crude oil and natural gas prices. Realized prices are mainly driven by worldwide prices for crude oil and spot market prices for North American natural gas production. Commodity prices are volatile and unpredictable.

The debt and equity markets have recently experienced unfavorable conditions, which may affect our ability to access those markets. As a result of the volatility and continued uncertainty in the capital markets and our increased level of borrowings, we may experience increased costs associated with future borrowings and debt issuances. We will continue to monitor events and circumstances surrounding each of our lenders in our revolving credit facility.

### *Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activity*

Our hedging strategy is designed to reduce the risk of price volatility for our production in the natural gas and crude oil markets. A hedging committee that consists of members of senior management oversees our hedging activity. Our hedging arrangements apply to only a portion of our production and provide only partial price protection. These hedging arrangements limit the benefit to us of increases in prices, but offer protection in the event of price declines. Further, if our counterparties defaulted, this protection might be limited as we might not receive the benefits of the hedges. Please read the discussion below as well as Note 7 of the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a more detailed discussion of our hedging arrangements.



**Table of Contents**

As of March 31, 2010, we had 21 derivative contracts open: 13 natural gas price swap arrangements, six natural gas basis swaps and two crude oil price swap arrangements. During the first three months of 2010, we entered into three new derivative contracts covering anticipated crude oil production for 2010 and natural gas production for 2011.

As of March 31, 2010, we had the following outstanding commodity derivatives:

Commodity and Derivative Type	Weighted-Average Contract Price		Volume		Contract Period	Net Unrealized Gain (In thousands)
<b>Derivatives designated as Hedging Instruments</b>						
Natural Gas Swap	\$ 9.30	per Mcf	27,015	Mmcf	April -December 2010	\$ 120,791
Natural Gas Swap	\$ 6.83	per Mcf	6,432	Mmcf	January -December 2011	6,706
Crude Oil Swap	\$ 104.25	per Bbl	550	Mbbl	April - December 2010	10,576
						<b>138,073</b>
<b>Derivatives not designated as Hedging Instruments</b>						
Natural Gas Basis Swap	\$ (0.27)	per Mcf	16,123	Mmcf	January -December 2012	(2,541)
						<b>\$ 135,532</b>

The amounts set forth under the net unrealized gain column in the table above represent our total unrealized gain position at March 31, 2010 and include the impact of nonperformance risk. Nonperformance risk was primarily evaluated by reviewing credit default swap spreads for the various financial institutions in which we have derivative transactions.

From time to time, we enter into natural gas and crude oil swap agreements with counterparties to hedge price risk associated with a portion of our production. These cash flow hedges are not held for trading purposes. Under these price swaps, we receive a fixed price on a notional quantity of natural gas or crude oil in exchange for paying a variable price based on a market-based index, such as the NYMEX gas and crude oil futures.

During the first quarter of 2010, natural gas price swaps covered 8,841 Mmcf, or 35%, of our first quarter of 2010 gas production at an average price of \$3.22 per Mcf.

We had two crude oil price swaps covering 180 Mbbl, or 88%, of our first quarter of 2010 oil production at an average price of \$25.46 per Bbl.

We are exposed to market risk on these open contracts, to the extent of changes in market prices of natural gas and crude oil. However, the market risk exposure on these hedged contracts is generally offset by the gain or loss recognized upon the ultimate sale of the commodity that is hedged.

The preceding paragraphs contain forward-looking information concerning future production and projected gains and losses, which may be impacted both by production and by changes in the future market prices of energy commodities. See [Forward-Looking Information](#) for further details.

**Fair Market Value of Financial Instruments**

The estimated fair value of financial instruments is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged currently between willing parties. The carrying amounts reported in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, and accounts payable approximate fair value.

The fair value of long-term debt is the estimated cost to acquire the debt, including a credit spread for the difference between the issue rate and the period end market rate. The credit spread is our default or repayment risk. The credit spread (premium or discount) is determined by comparing our fixed-rate notes to new issues (secured and unsecured) and secondary trades of similar size and credit statistics for both public and private debt. The fair value of all of the fixed-rate notes, excluding the credit facility, is based on interest rates currently available to us. The credit facility approximates fair value because this instrument bears interest at rates based on current market rates.





---

**Table of Contents**

We use available marketing data and valuation methodologies to estimate the fair value of debt.

***Long-Term Debt***

(In thousands)	March 31, 2010		December 31, 2009	
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
Long-Term Debt	\$ 915,000	\$ 992,517	\$ 805,000	\$ 863,559

**Table of Contents**

**ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures**

As of the end of the current reported period covered by this report, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective, in all material respects, with respect to the recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, of information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act.

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the first quarter of 2010 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1A. Risk Factors**

For additional information about the risk factors facing the Company, see Item 1A of Part I of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

**ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**  
*Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities*

The Board of Directors has authorized a share repurchase program under which the Company may purchase shares of common stock in the open market or in negotiated transactions. There is no expiration date associated with the authorization. During the three months ended March 31, 2010, the Company did not repurchase any shares of common stock. All purchases executed to date have been through open market transactions. The maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under the plan as of March 31, 2010 was 4,795,300.

**ITEM 6. Exhibits**

15.1	Awareness letter of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
31.1	302 Certification - Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
31.2	302 Certification - Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
32.1	906 Certification
*101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
*101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
*101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
*101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
*101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

**Table of Contents**

\* Furnished, not filed. Users of this data submitted electronically herewith are advised pursuant to Rule 406T of Regulation S-T that this interactive data file is deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, is deemed not filed for purposes of section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and otherwise is not subject to liability under these sections.

Table of Contents

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

April 30, 2010

By: */s/* DAN O. DINGES  
**Dan O. Dinges**  
**Chairman, President and**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**(Principal Executive Officer)**

April 30, 2010

By: */s/* SCOTT C. SCHROEDER  
**Scott C. Schroeder**  
**Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer**  
**(Principal Financial Officer)**

April 30, 2010

By: */s/* TODD M. ROEMER  
**Todd M. Roemer**  
**Controller**  
**(Principal Accounting Officer)**