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LEUCADIA NATIONAL CORPORATION CLARIFIES ITS PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE  
PLAINS RESOURCES INC.

CONFERENCE CALL SCHEDULED FOR 2:00 P.M. EDT TODAY

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, MARCH 8, 2004 - Leucadia National Corporation (LUK - NYSE and PCX) announced that in response to questions from shareholders regarding its revised proposal to acquire Plains Resources Inc. (PLX - NYSE), it is clarifying the interest payable on the Notes described in the proposal letter submitted to Plains Resources.

Interest on a Note shall be paid on a quarterly basis in an amount equal to the quarterly distributions received on one Plains All American Pipeline L.P. unit plus \$0.03. If at the end of a year, the aggregate quarterly interest payments made on a Note are less than \$1.00, the issuer of the Notes shall make an interest payment sufficient to increase the minimal annual interest received that year to \$1.00 per Note.

Representatives of Leucadia and Pershing Square, L.P. will host a conference call today, Monday, March 8, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. EDT to respond to additional questions from shareholders regarding the terms of Leucadia's proposal to acquire Plains Resources.

Callers can access the call by dialing toll free (800) 299-8538. Callers calling from outside the United States should dial (617) 786-2902. The meeting title, "Plains Resources - Leucadia National Corporation Conference Call," and participant passcode, 24546151, will be required to access the call. The following term sheet summarizes the material provisions of the notes:

TERMS OF NOTES

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Issuer: PLX, the surviving company in the merger.  
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Structure: The Notes will be issued pursuant a merger of a  
----- subsidiary of a newly created company with and  
into PLX, with PLX being the surviving company in  
the merger.  
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Securities Offered: The Notes will be issued under an indenture. 12.4  
----- million Notes will be issued in the merger.  
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Face Amount: The face amount of each Note will be the greater  
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of (i) \$34.00 or (ii) the fair market value of one MLP Unit on the day prior to the consummation of the merger plus \$0.25 per Note.  
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Maturity:-----  
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The Notes will mature 20 years after issuance. At maturity, the issuer will owe the face amount plus, the amount, if any, by which the fair market value of one MLP Unit as of the maturity date exceeds the face amount. At maturity, the issuer may satisfy its obligations by (i) paying in cash or (ii) exchanging MLP Units for outstanding Notes at the then market price of the MLP Units or (iii) or any combination of (i) and (ii).  
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Registration  
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and Listing:-----  
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The Notes will be registered securities and are expected to be listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange (or another national securities exchange or market).  
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Interest:-----  
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Interest shall be paid on a quarterly basis in an amount equal to the quarterly distributions received on one MLP Unit plus \$0.03. If at the end of the year, the aggregate quarterly interest payments made on the Notes are less than \$1.00, the issuer shall pay interest equal to the difference.  
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Interest Date  
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and Interest Payments:-----  
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Interest payments on the Notes shall be payable quarterly in cash in arrears.  
In the event that the Issuer does not have sufficient cash on hand to make an interest payment, the Issuer shall have the ability to defer interest payments at any time and from time to time for up to 60 consecutive months.  
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Repurchase of Notes:-----  
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The Buyer or one of its designees shall commence a tender offer thirty to sixty days following the issuance of the Notes to purchase up to 3.125 million units at \$32.00 per unit. The tender offer will be subject to customary terms and conditions.  
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Redemption:-----  
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The Notes will not be redeemable prior to their maturity.  
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Security:-----  
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The Notes will be secured by a number of MLP Units equal to the number of Notes outstanding.  
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Covenants:-----  
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The Notes will contain a covenant requiring quarterly interest payments (without any right to defer) if the MLP Units make a quarterly distribution. In addition, the Notes will contain customary covenants, including without limitation, covenants relating to (1) payment of interest, (2) provision of reports, (3) restrictions on incurrence of additional indebtedness, (4) restrictions on transactions with affiliates, (5) restrictions on payment of dividends, (6) restrictions on asset sales, and (7) restrictions on liens.

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Amendments:

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Customary provisions permitting amendments to the indenture with the consent of a majority of the principal amount of units outstanding, provided, that without the consent of each holder of notes, an amendment or waiver may not: (1) reduce the principal amount of notes whose holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver; (2) reduce the principal of or change the fixed maturity of any note; (3) reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of interest; (4) waive a default or event of default in the payment of principal or premium, or interest on the notes (except a rescission of acceleration and a waiver of a payment default that resulted in such acceleration); (5) make any note payable in money other than as stated in the notes; (6) make any change in the provisions relating to the waiver of past defaults or the rights of holders to receive payments of principal, premium or interest; or (7) make a change in the foregoing amendment and waiver section.  
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Governing Law:

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The indenture and the Notes will be governed by New York law.  
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This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Any offer will only be made through a prospectus, which is part of a registration statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Plains Resources shareholders are urged to carefully read the registration statement and the prospectus included therein, and the proxy statement and other documents relating to an offer, when they become available because these documents will contain important information relating to the offer. You may obtain a free copy of these documents after they have been filed with the SEC, and other documents filed by Leucadia with the SEC, at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Once a registration statement, as well as any documents incorporated by reference therein and a proxy statement have been filed with the SEC, you will also be able to inspect and copy these documents at the public reference room maintained by the SEC at 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20549. YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY READ THE PROSPECTUS AND THE PROXY STATEMENT WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BEFORE MAKING A DECISION CONCERNING AN OFFER.

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