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On July 14, 2014, Whiting Petroleum Corporation made the following presentation available on its website.

This Highly Strategic Combination

Creates Largest Bakken / Three Forks Producer

Drives Higher Growth

**Drives Better Metrics** 

July 2014 ENERGY + TECHNOLOGY = GROWTH

# Forward-Looking Statements

This communication contains statements that Whiting Petroleum Corporation (Whiting) and Kodiak Oil & Gas Corp. (Kodiak) believe to be forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements other than historical facts, including statements regarding the expected benefits of the proposed transaction to Whiting and Kodiak and their shareholders, the anticipated completion of the proposed transaction or the timing thereof, the expected future reserves,

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Energy + Technology = Growth

Transaction overview 3 Consideration

Whiting Petroleum Corporation ( Whiting ) to acquire Kodiak Oil & Gas Corp. ( Kodiak ) for 0.177x shares of Whiting per Kodiak share, implying \$13.90 per

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Kodiak share based on Whiting s closing price as of July 11, 2014
Transaction value,
enterprise value
& key metrics
Transaction equity value of $3.8bn, implying Equity Value / 2014E Cash Flow
multiple of 4.8x
Transaction enterprise value of $6.0bn, implying Enterprise Value / 2014E
EBITDAX
multiple
of
6.9x
and
Enterprise
Value
/
2014E
Production
multiple
of
~$149,000
Boepd
Pro forma ownership
& corporate
governance
Whiting shareholders will own ~71% and Kodiak shareholders will own ~29% of
the combined company
Whiting will add 2 Kodiak directors to its Board
Combined company will be led by current Whiting senior management team
Key conditions
& timing
Whiting shareholder approval and Kodiak securityholder approval
Customary regulatory approvals
Closing expected in Q4 2014
Based on mid-point of Kodiak public guidance
Energy + Technology =
Growth
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Strategic rationale 4 Creates leading Williston Basin operator

Combined company

become the #1 Bakken/Three **Forks** producer: over 107,000 Boepd in Q1 14 Combined 855k net acres, inventory of ~3,460 net future drilling locations, and 370 Mmboe of proved reserves in the Williston Basin Materially enhanced scale to support growth Combined company expected to have an

will

value of approximately \$17.8bn¹ and LQA

initial enterprise

EBITDAX of \$2.8bn

Combined proved reserves of 606 Mmboe, 3P reserves of 1,220 Mmboe as of 12/31/13 and Q1 14

production of 134 Mboepd (80% in Bakken/Three Forks) Stronger credit profile & financial flexibility

All-stock transaction structure is credit enhancing

Strong balance sheet, with combined company at 1.6x debt / 2014E

**EBITDAX** 

Combined company has a borrowing base of \$4.5bn with \$3.5bn of commitments Significant financial benefits to shareholders

All-stock transaction structure allows both Whiting and Kodiak shareholders to participate in substantial combined company upside

Transaction

is

expected

to

be

accretive

to

Whiting

discretionary

cash

flow

per

share,

earnings

per

share and production per share

Opportunity for

meaningful production &

operational synergies

Complementary acreage positions allows for more efficient operations

Application of Whiting technological expertise to Kodiak asset base expected to enhance recoveries and reduce costs

Maintains leading oilweighted platform

Combined

company

will

offer

leading

oil-driven

growth

profile

(88%)

liquids/84%

oil,

2014E

production)

Continue to expect consistently strong EBITDAX margins from oil focus

Combined Whiting & Kodiak enterprise values based on transaction value as of July 11, 2014 Drives higher growth

Accelerated development of Kodiak resource base to drive production and cash flow growth

Expect to increase Kodiak s rig fleet from 7 to 12 operated rigs by Q4 15 Energy + Technology =

Energy + recimology

Growth

Expected benefits to Whiting

Increases weighting of production from Bakken/TFS

80% of pro forma Q1 2014 production from Bakken/TFS

855,000 combined net acres, with an inventory of 3,460 net Williston Basin drilling locations

Addition
of
complementary
acreage
position
in
area
Whiting
knows
very
well
Significantly enhanced growth potential from accelerated development of Kodiak resource base
Expect to increase Kodiak s rig fleet from 7 to 12 operated rigs by Q4 15
Substantial present value benefit from acceleration
Materially increased scale enhances relative positioning of company vs. peers and strengthens Whiting s credit profile and financial flexibility
All-stock transaction structure is credit enhancing
Expected to be accretive in 2015 and increasingly accretive thereafter across all metrics
Discretionary cash flow per share
Earnings per share
Production per share 5
Energy + Technology =
Growth



Expected benefits to Kodiak

Kodiak shareholders will retain upside to Bakken/TFS development through  $\sim\!29\%$  ownership of the combined company

Kodiak shareholders will own shares in a significantly larger company with a more

diverse set of reserves and production, with complementary assets

Exposure to leading positions in two of the fastest-growing oil-rich plays in the US: the Bakken and the Niobrara

Significantly increases size and scale with greater access to capital for accelerated development

Kodiak shareholders will participate in the benefit of operational and cost improvements provided by the combined asset base and operations

Transaction expected to be tax-free to Kodiak s US shareholders 6

Energy + Technology =

Growth

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Leading Williston Basin operator
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Source: Company presentations, filings and press releases
1
As of December 31, 2013
2
Rigs currently drilling on July 13, 2014 per NDIC
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As of July 13, 2014, Whiting had two additional rigs moving and Kodiak had one additional rig moving, for a combined operated 21 rigs in the Williston Basin
Acreage Overview (855,000 net acres)
Rigs drilling in the Williston Basin
(as of 7/13/14)
2,3
Q1'14 Bakken / Three Forks Net Production
(Mboepd)
Energy + Technology =
Growth

Larger location inventory with significant opportunity to accelerate Williston Basin drilling program 8
Pro Forma Williston Basin Drilling Locations (Net) 3,460

Potential Williston Basin

net drilling locations increase by 158% 1,339

Includes 2,639 Whiting and Kodiak locations at 12/31/2013, plus an additional 821 combined Whiting and Kodiak identified lenergy + Technology =

Growth

Continued production and reserve growth with oildriven focus and strong margins 9 Reserves (Mmboe) Production (Mboepd) YE 2013 88% liquids / 80% oil

2014E 88% liquids / 84% oil Energy + Technology = Growth

Driving value from complementary acreage positions Central and Eastern Williston Basin 10

Combined 855,000 net acres in the core of Williston Basin

Footprint in the sweet-spot of the Central and Eastern Williston Basin is strategically positioned to accelerate development of the combined acreage position

Ability to drive production, reserve growth and operational efficiency across the position

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Growth

Value creation via application of Whiting expertise and financial strength 11

Reduction in Kodiak s completed well costs

~ \$700,000 per well

Present value acceleration

Expect to increase Kodiak s rig fleet from 7 to 12 operated rigs by Q4 15

By Q4 15, combined 26 operated rigs, largest fleet in the Basin

Completion efficiency

New technologies and improved techniques

Operational efficiency

Economies of scale to drive reduced LOE

Infrastructure

Marketing scale

Midstream expertise Energy + Technology = Growth

Accelerated development plan to drive net asset
value accretion
12
Kodiak Standalone
Kodiak Pro Forma
Expect to increase Kodiak operated rig fleet from 7 to 12 rigs by Q4 15 driving substantial present value benefit

Energy + Technology = Growth

Enhances size and scale relative to oil-weighted peers

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Enterprise

Value

(\$bn)

LQA

EBITDAX

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($bn)
Reserves
(Mmboe)
Source: Company filings, equity research, Bloomberg, FactSet as of July 11, 2014

Combined Whiting & Kodiak enterprise values based on transaction value as of July 11, 2014

Please see appendix for reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures

Based on mid-point of Whiting and Kodiak public guidance, and Bloomberg Consensus estimates for peers 2014E

Production
(Mboepd)
Energy + Technology =
Growth

liquids

liquids

liquids
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2

Substantial production and reserves, with increased Bakken/TFS weighting 14
Production (as of 3/31/14)
439 Mmboe
89% liquids
606 Mmboe

88% liquids Whiting Pro forma 167 Mmboe 83% liquids Kodiak Proved Reserves (as of 12/31/13) Northern Rockies production for Whiting includes 2.4 Mboepd of production outside of the Bakken/Three Forks 100 Mboepd 88% liquids 134 Mboepd 88% liquids 34 Mboepd 87% liquids Energy + Technology = Growth Northern Rockies Central Rockies North Ward Estes Permian Mid-Con / Gulf Coast Northern Rockies Central Rockies North Ward Estes Permian

Mid-Con / Gulf Coast

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Strong combined balance sheet
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Pro Forma Capitalization at 3/31/14 ($mm)
1
Assumes cash on balance sheet as of 3/31/2014
2
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Reflects \$700mm of revolver drawings at Kodiak as of 3/31/2014 and \$58mm of anticipated transaction expenses

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3
As of 3/31/2014
As of 12/31/2013
Based on transaction value as of July 11,2014
Please see appendix for reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures
2014E EBITDAX based on Wall Street consensus estimates
Energy + Technology =
Growth
Cash1
$422
RC Borrowings<sup>2</sup>
$758
Whiting notes
6.500% sr nts due 2018
350
5.000% sr nts due 2019
1,100
5.750% sr nts due 2021
Unamortized premium on Whiting's 2021 notes
4
Kodiak notes
8.125% sr nts due 2019
800
Unamortized premium on Kodiak's 2019 notes
5
5.500% sr nts due 2021
350
5.500% sr nts due 2022
400
Total debt
$4,966
Market
capitalization
5
$13,262
Total capitalization
$18,228
Net capitalization (excludes cash)
$17,806
Q1 14
annualized
EBITDAX
3,6
$2,802
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Proved

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reserves
(Mmboe)
4
606
Proved developed reserves (Mmboe)
330
Debt
Q1 14
annualized
EBITDAX
1.8x
Debt
2014E
EBITDAX
1.6x
Debt / Total capitalization
27%
Debt / Proved reserves (Mmboe)<sup>2</sup>
$8.20
Debt / Proved developed reserves (Mmboe)<sup>2</sup>
$15.07
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Significant pro forma liquidity 16
Total Liquidity ($mm) $3,164
$1,606
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Reflects \$3,500mm of commitments minus \$700mm of revolver drawings at Kodiak as of 3/31/2014 and \$58mm of anticipated

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Energy + Technology =
Growth
$406
$422
$1,200
$2,742
$0
$500
$1,000
$1,500
$2,000
$2,500
$3,000
$3,500
Whiting at 3/31/14
Pro forma
Revolver availability
Cash
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Strategic rationale 17 Creates leading Williston