



**Corporate Update  
January 2004**



*Forest Oil Corporation*

# FOREST OIL PROFILE

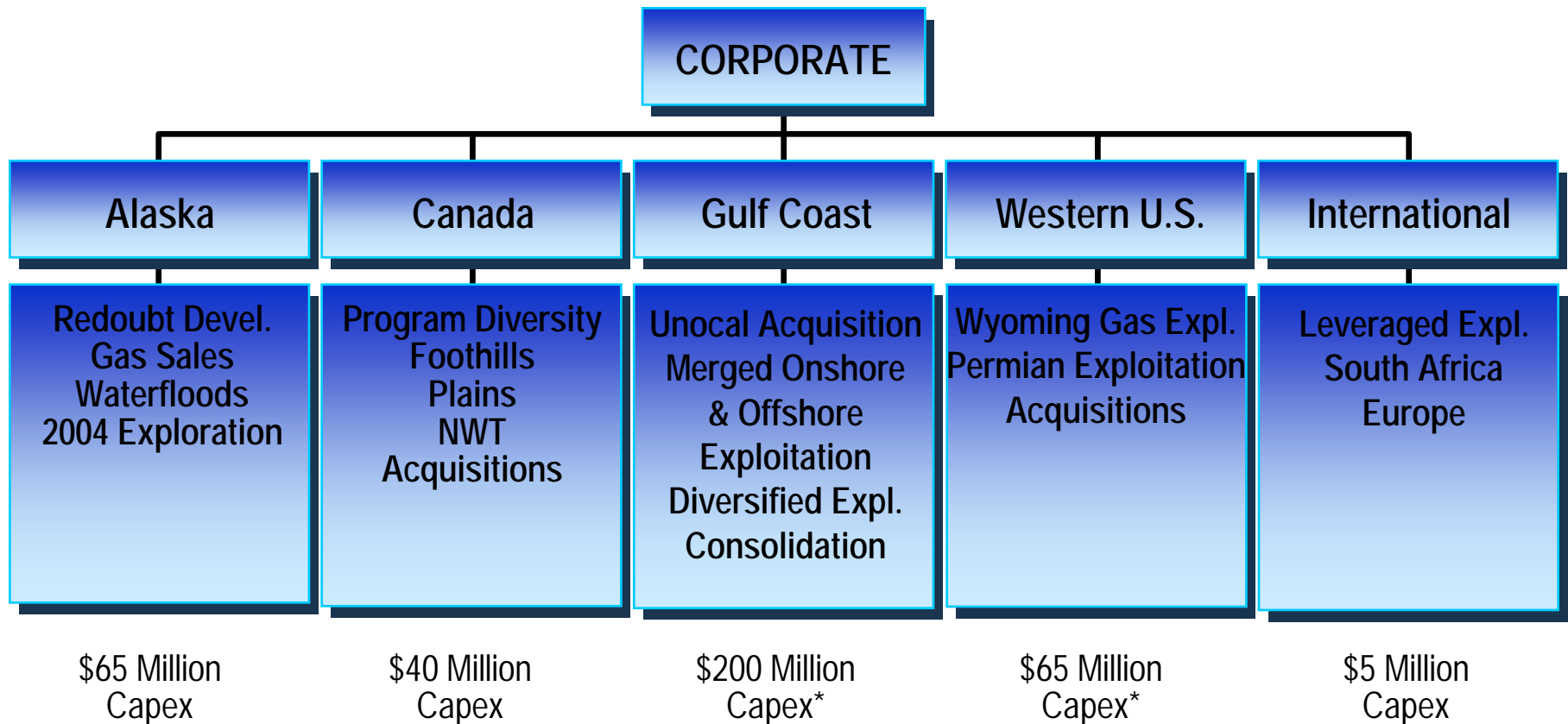
Market Capitalization *(as of 1/14/04)* \$1.5 Billion

Enterprise Value \$2.4 Billion

Headquartered Denver, Colorado

Business Units Gulf Coast, Western U.S.,  
Alaska, Canada and International

# BUSINESS UNIT ORGANIZATION



*\*2003 Capex per current guidance (does not include Unocal, \$211 mm estimated, or New Permian, \$103 mm estimated, acquisitions)*

# THE “4-POINT” GAME PLAN

1. Continued reduction in costs
  - Achieving higher margins is equivalent to drilling “no cost” wells
2. Lower exposure to frontier exploration
  - Shift investment emphasis toward low-risk exploitation and development component
3. Implement acquisitions as an integral part of our investment program
  - Acquisitions will compete for capital with drilling
4. Maintain strong balance sheet
  - Prudent capital structure and financial flexibility are critical to act quickly and optimize investment returns

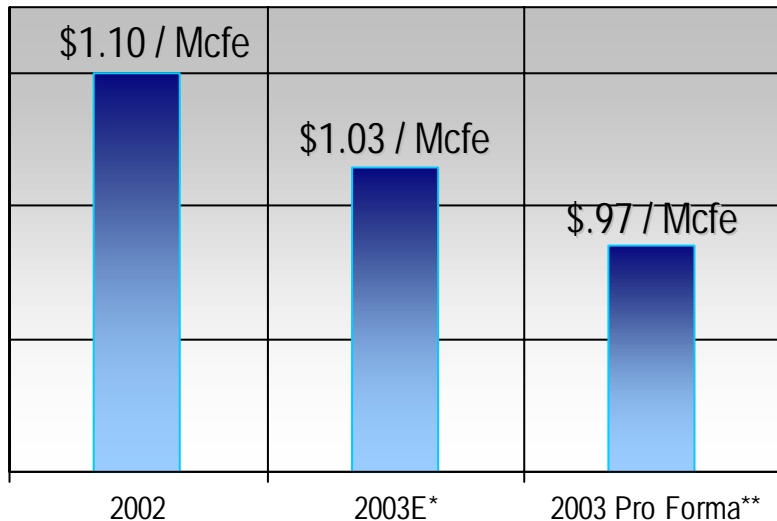
# 1. COST DISCIPLINE

## *Create a Culture of Cost Discipline*

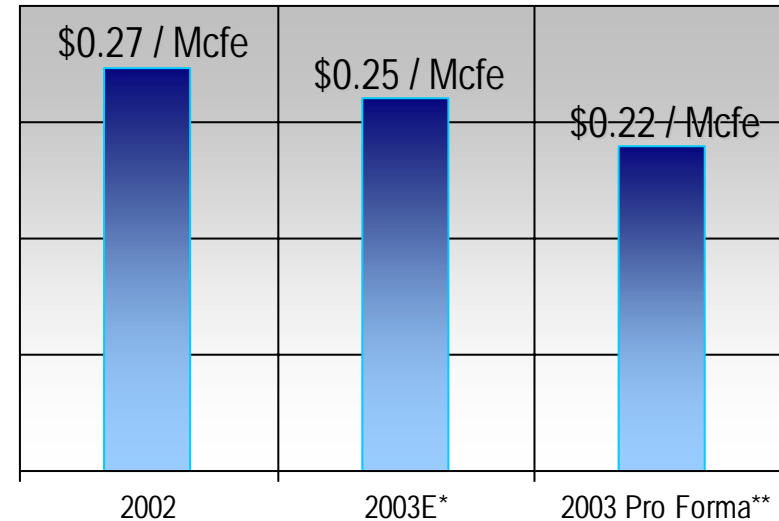
- Maintain absolute lease operating expenses achieved in 2003
- Capex budget adherence and improved drilling efficiencies
- Reduce general and administrative expenses by greater than 5%
- Reduce interest expense through fixed/floating % and debt reduction

# 1. COST DISCIPLINE - 2003 Cost Momentum

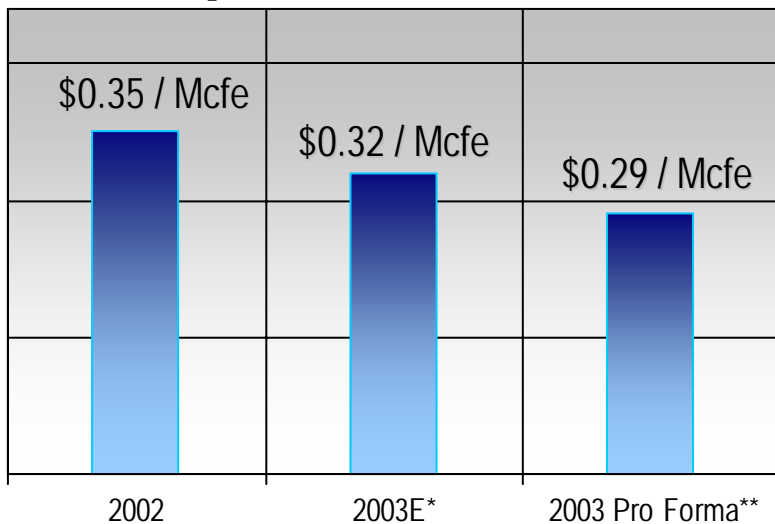
*Lease Operating Expense*



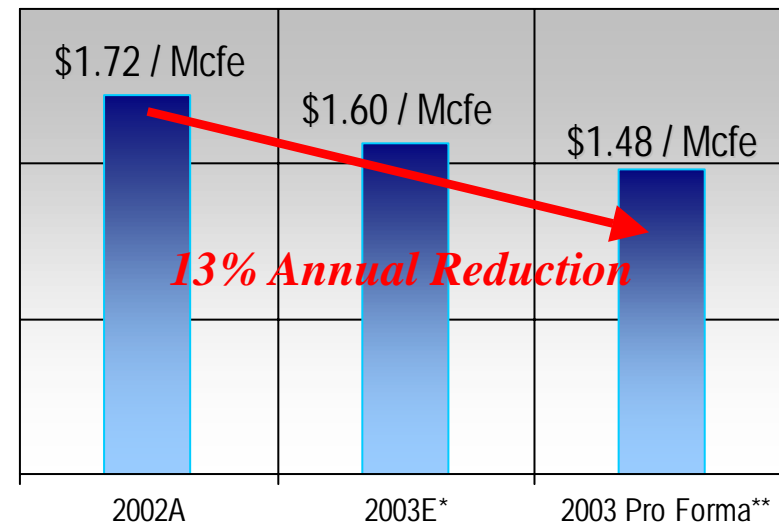
*General and Administrative Expense*



*Interest Expense*



*Total Cash Costs*



\* Current Guidance ; \*\* Post-Unocal Acquisition

## 2. EXPLORATION EXPOSURE

### *Lower Exposure to Frontier Exploration*

- Allocate 5 - 10% of invested capital to frontier exploration compared with historical 20%
- Fewer frontier areas
- Reinvest capital in “traditional areas”
- Evaluate significant acreage position to explore alternative monetization strategies or trades
- Leverage frontier exploration plays to bring value forward and lower downside cost risk (*\$45 mm in 2003*)

## 2. EXPLORATION EXPOSURE

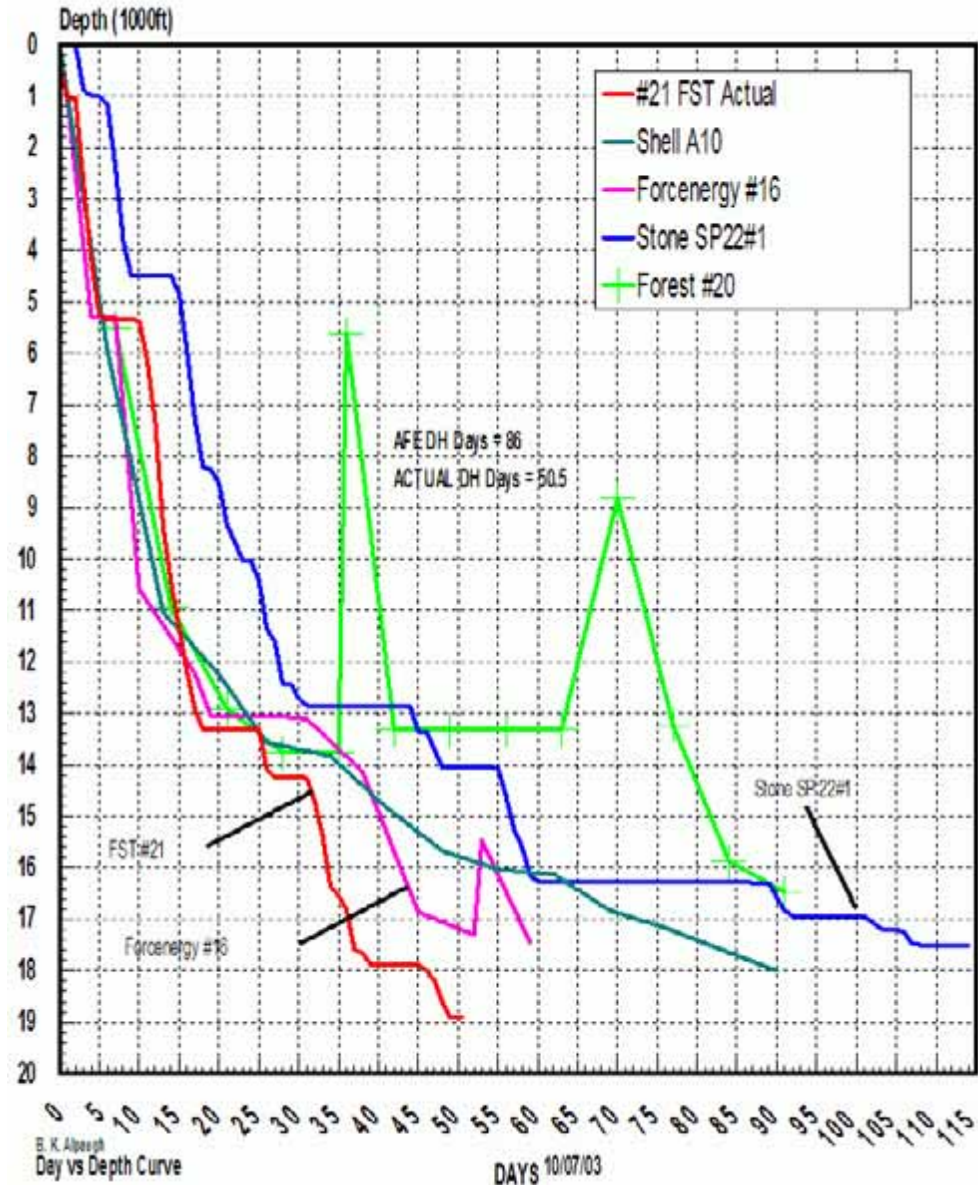
### *Return to Traditional Areas*

- Reallocated capex to most successful areas
- Gulf Coast region had free cash flow of \$67 mm in 2002 and \$142 mm in first nine months of 2003
- Recent drilling success at EI 284, VR 102, HI 53, and South Texas
- Deep shelf success at ST 72 (2,000 Bbls/d), WC 111 drilled in 4Q/03
- Acquired development opportunities in Gulf Coast and Permian

## 2. EXPLORATION EXPOSURE – South Timbalier Area

### *Deep Shelf Performance*

- Forest WI 75% (*Partner promoted*)
- Lowest cost well in area:
  - ST 72 #21 drilled for \$6.4 mm
  - Previous well drilled for \$11.8 mm
- 90 days from spud to initial sales
- Produced 2,000 Bbls/d and 1.4 MMcf/d at 5,500 psi

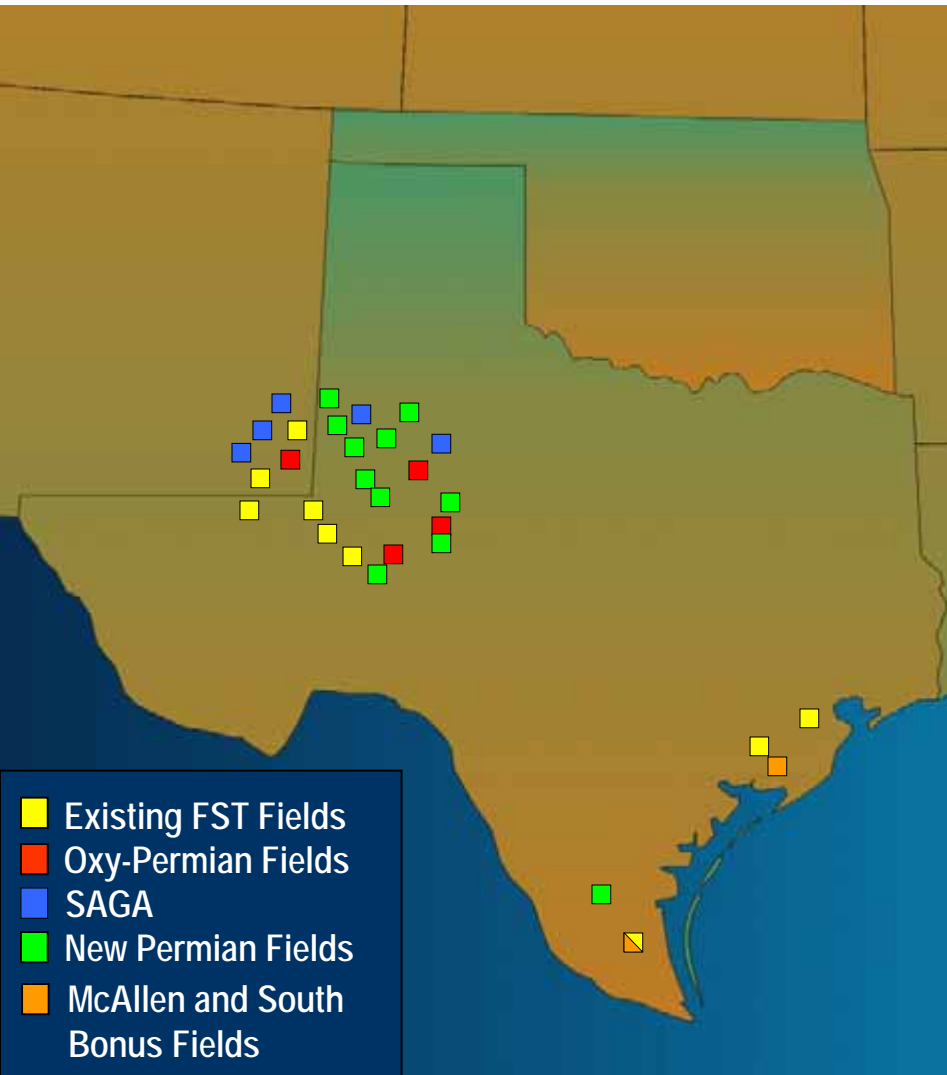


### 3. ACQUISITION PROGRAM

- Focus a portion of our capital on acquisitions
- Acquisition opportunities to compete for capital with drilling activities
- Acquisition strategy:
  - “B-2 Stealth” asset program
  - “One-Off” asset acquisition
  - Large packages

### 3. ACQUISITION PROGRAM – Strengthen Onshore Position

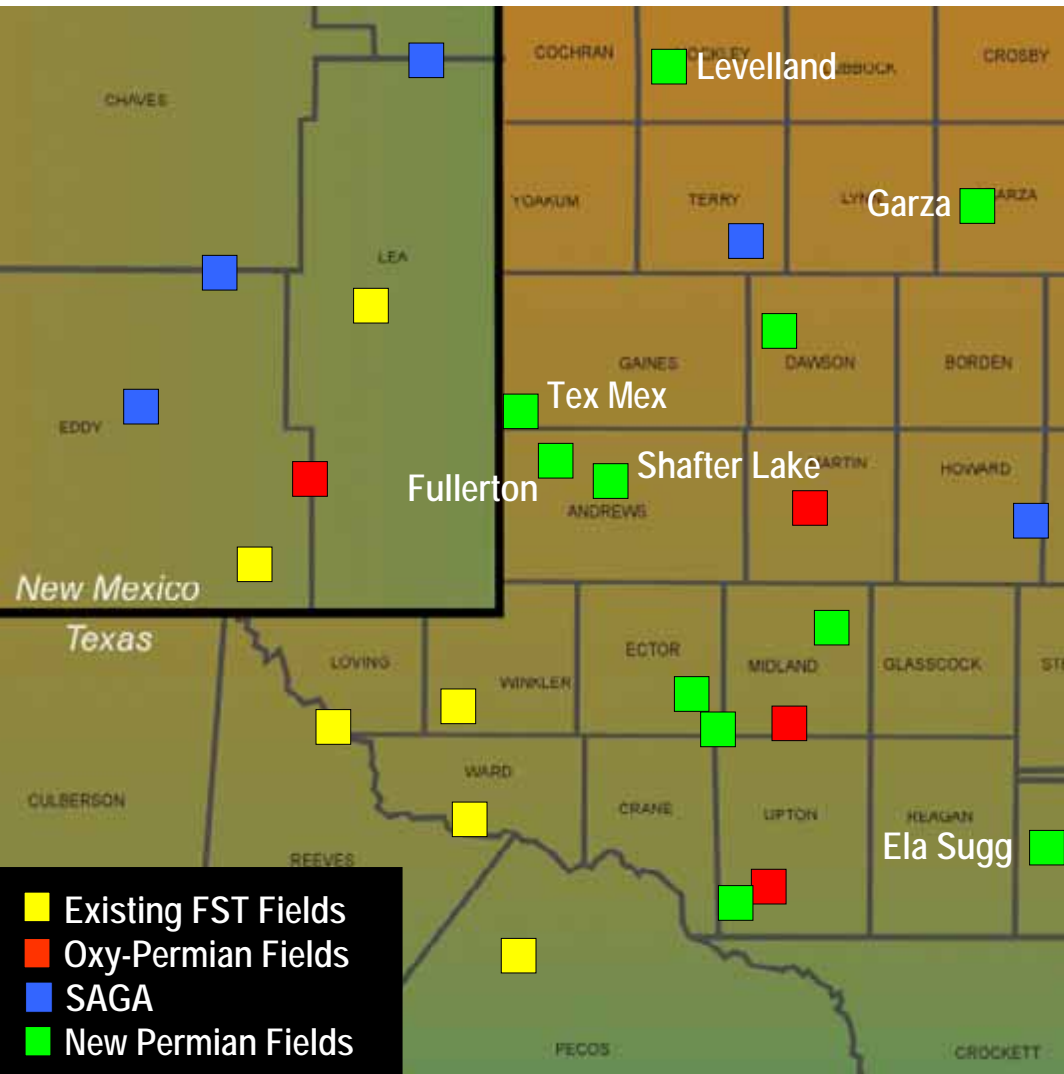
#### *Texas Overview Map*



- All 5 major acquisitions YTD have onshore component
- Increased acreage position (59,000 net undeveloped acres in South Texas)
- Took over operations on non-operated fields
- Rig activity in progress on all closed acquisitions

# 3. ACQUISITION PROGRAM – “Building Blocks” for Success

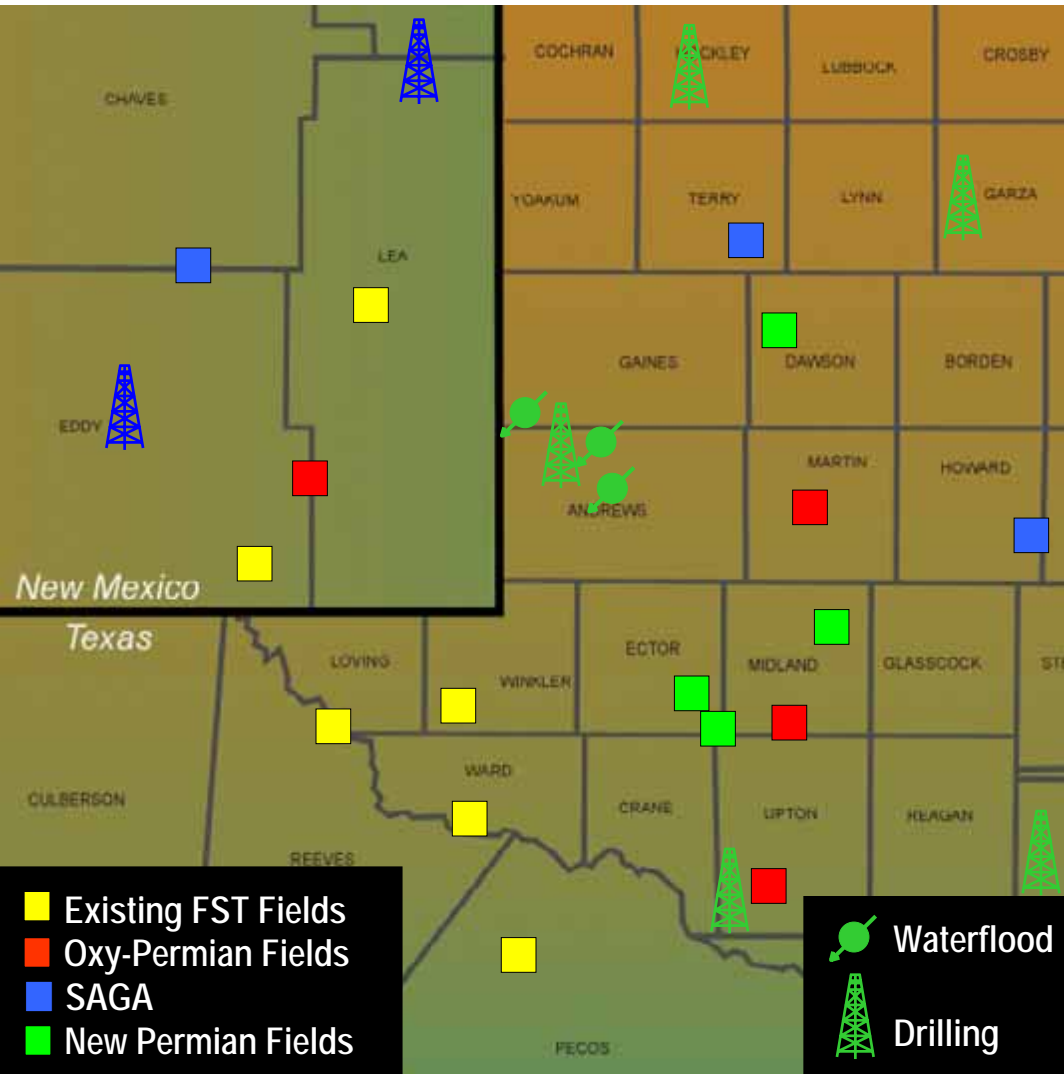
## *Permian Basin, Texas and New Mexico*



- Increased capex activity in Apollo and Vermejo
- Acquired 4 fields from Oxy Permian
  - Increased production by 10%
  - Reduced costs by 20%
- Tookover operation of 7 non-operated fields
  - High cost non-operated fields
  - Waterfloods
- Acquired 102 Bcfe in New Permian acquisition
- Record production for Western Business Unit

# 3. ACQUISITION PROGRAM – New Permian Acquisition

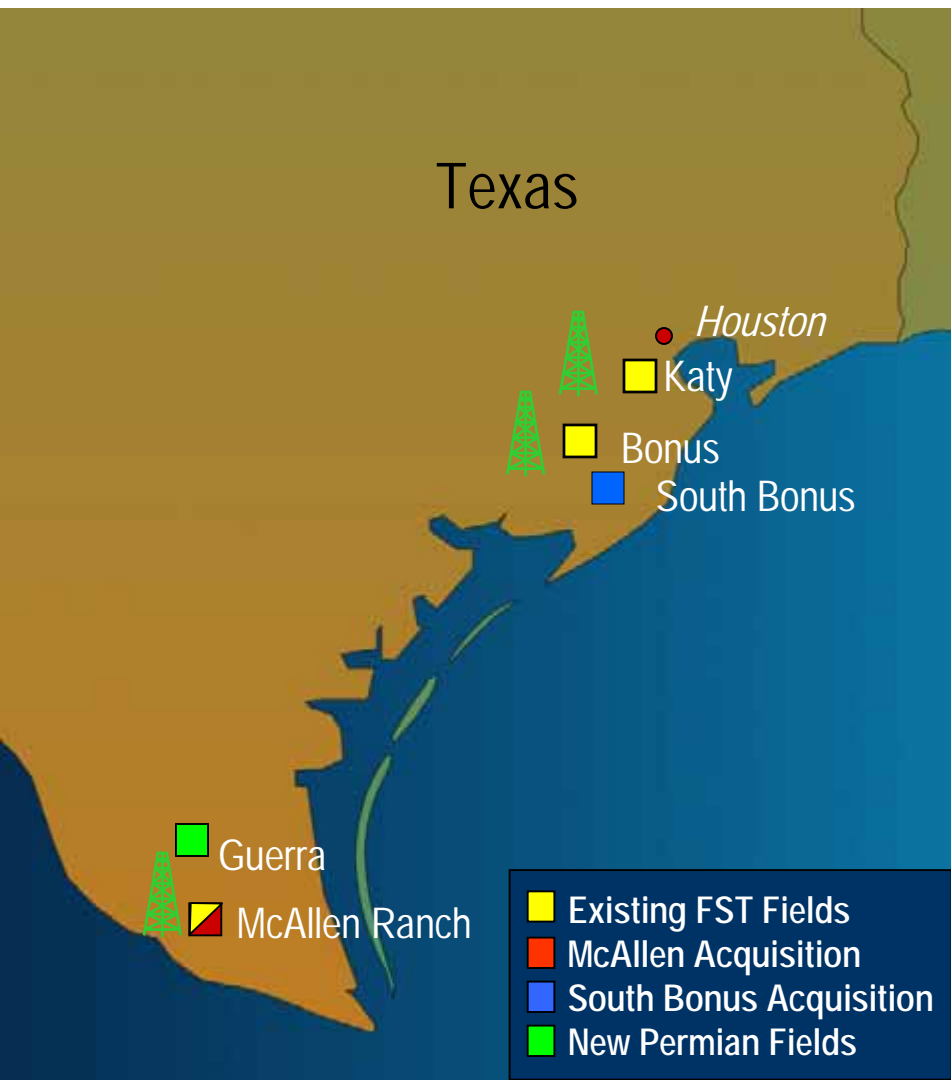
## *Exploitation Opportunities*



- Cash consideration \$103 mm for 102 Bcfe (\$1.00/Mcfe)  
25 MMcfe/d production (includes South Texas)
- Geographically concentrated
- 76% operated / 70% oil
- 85% proved developed
- 3 waterfloods planned
- Development drilling in 7 fields
- Retained upside:
  - Cost savings
  - Exploitation
  - Deep drilling
  - Marketing

### 3. ACQUISITION PROGRAM – More “Building Blocks” for Success

#### *Gulf Coast – South Texas*



- Increased activity at Katy, Bonus and McAllen Ranch
- Acquired 3-D seismic at Bonus and Katy
- Acquired S. Bonus production and 46,000 undeveloped acres
- Purchased partner WI% in McAllen Ranch plus acreage
- Acquired Wilcox fields in new Permian acquisition
- Drilling activity in 3 fields

## 3. ACQUISITION PROGRAM – Unocal Rationale

### 1. Bolt-on acquisition in most profitable core area

- Increases Gulf Coast reserves by 24% and production by 27%
- Business Unit will be 6th largest shelf producer and 3rd largest shelf acreage holder
- Adds lower risk recompletion and development drilling inventory
- Undeveloped acreage and exploration inventory increases prospecting base (deep shelf JV)

### 2. Strategic fit within current game plan

- Plays to our strength
- Lowers company-wide cash costs per unit
- “Kick-off” of acquisition/exploitation investment strategy

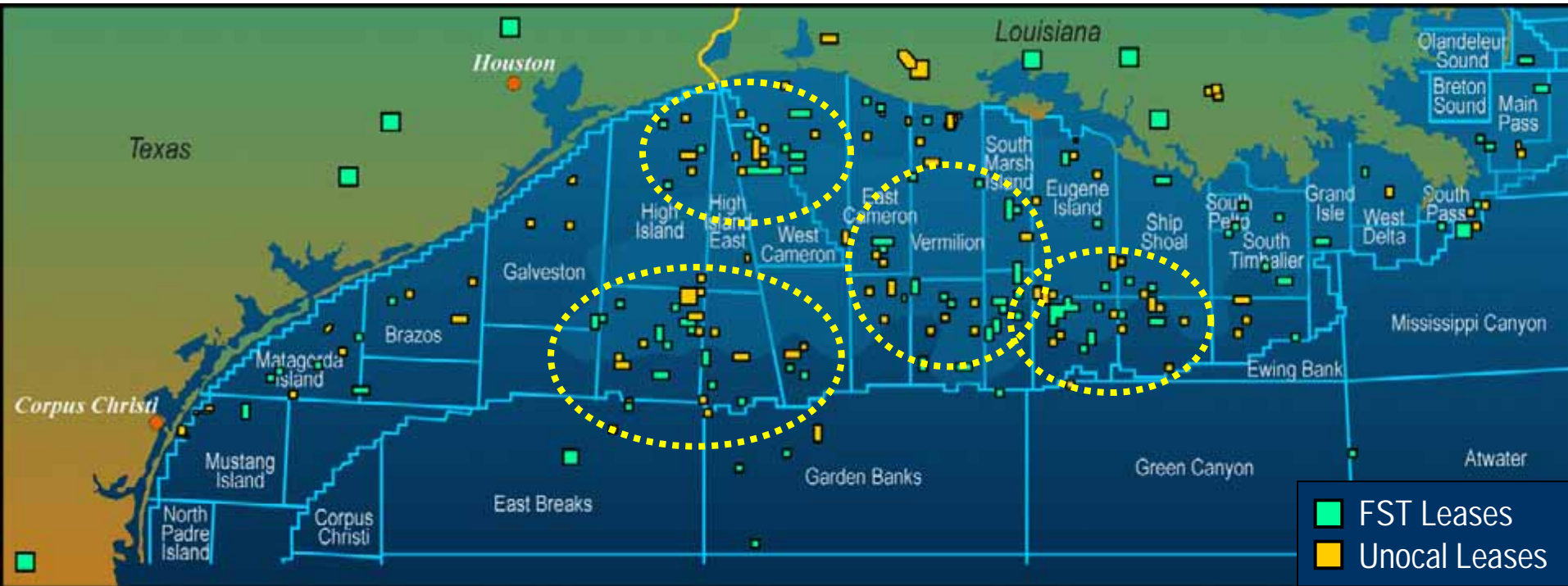
### 3. Accretive on key financial metrics

### 3. ACQUISITION PROGRAM – Unocal Transaction

- Estimated purchase price at October 31, 2003 closing of \$211 mm
- Estimated proved reserves of 138 Bcfe (72% Natural Gas); production of 66 MMcfe/d; 70% operated
- Downside price risk mitigated by hedges through 2005
- Payout estimated at less than three years with over 40% of acquired proved reserves remaining
- Geographically concentrated (9 fields = 54% of reserves)
- Includes 159,000 developed acres; 93,000 undeveloped acres; various pipelines and gas plants

### 3. ACQUISITION PROGRAM

## *FST / Unocal Combined Properties on GOM Shelf*



- Establishes dominant position on the Gulf of Mexico Shelf
- Significant efficiencies in operations and costs expected
- Behind pipe and shallow drilling opportunities in South Louisiana and GOM
- Deep shelf exploration

### 3. ACQUISITION PROGRAM - Results

	Purchase Price (mm)	Production (MMcfe/d)	Trans. Reserves (Bcfe)	Amount Per Mcf/Res.	Net Acreage	Undevel. Acreage	Other Assets	Reserve Amount Per Mcfe
South Bonus	\$ 5.8	2	5	\$1.16	50,000	46,000	9.2	n/a
McAllen	12.3	5	12	1.03	15,000	13,000	2.6	\$0.81
Oxy-Permian	33.2	9	32	1.04	26,000	-	-	1.04
Unocal	211.0	66	138	1.53	252,000	93,000	15.9	1.41
New Permian	103.0	25	102	1.00	32,000	5,000	-	1.00
Others	5.7	3	21	.27	-	-	-	.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$371.0</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>\$1.19</b>	<b>375,000</b>	<b>157,000</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>\$1.10</b>

- Five significant negotiated transactions in 2003 YTD
- Total F&D cost of \$1.19 on 310 Bcfe of reserves w/o allocation, \$1.10 w/ allocation
- Production per Mcfe/d acquired at \$3,363 with R/P of 8 years
- Plants, pipelines and other assets included

## 4. MAINTAIN STRONG BALANCE SHEET

### *Financial Theme*

- Maintain liquidity to allow flexibility for acquisitions
- Debt: Book capitalization target of 30-40%
- Manage debt portfolio to reduce refinancing risks and minimize cost of capital
- Access public capital markets to fund larger opportunities as appropriate
- Actively manage commodity price and interest rate risks

## 4. MAINTAIN STRONG BALANCE SHEET

### *Pro Forma Capitalization Table*

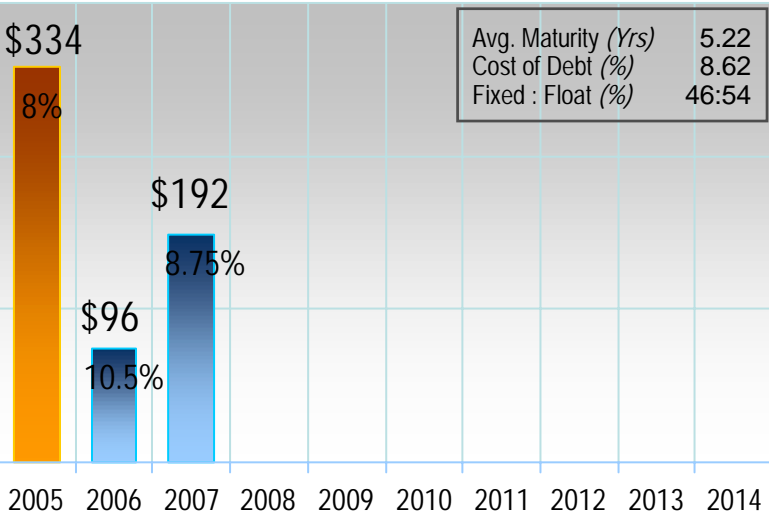
	FST Standalone*	Adjustments	Pro Forma
Senior Bank Facility ( <i>\$ mm</i> )	145	178	323 **
Senior Notes ( <i>\$ mm</i> )	575	-	575
Shareholders Equity ( <i>\$ mm</i> )	1,084	113	1,197
Total ( <i>\$ mm</i> )	1,804	291	2,095
<i>Debt to Book Cap (%)</i>	40%	61%	43%

\*FST standalone @ September 30, 2003 and estimated adjustments for Unocal and Permian acquisitions

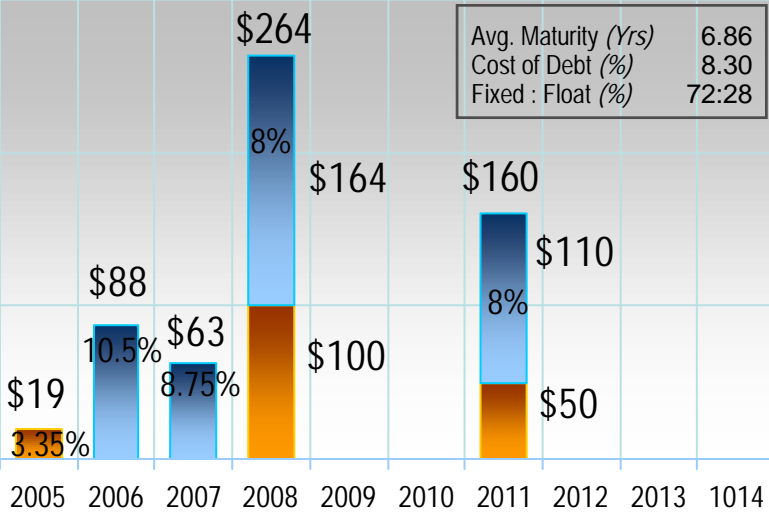
\*\* Anticipated borrowing base of \$575 million

# 4. MAINTAIN STRONG BALANCE SHEET

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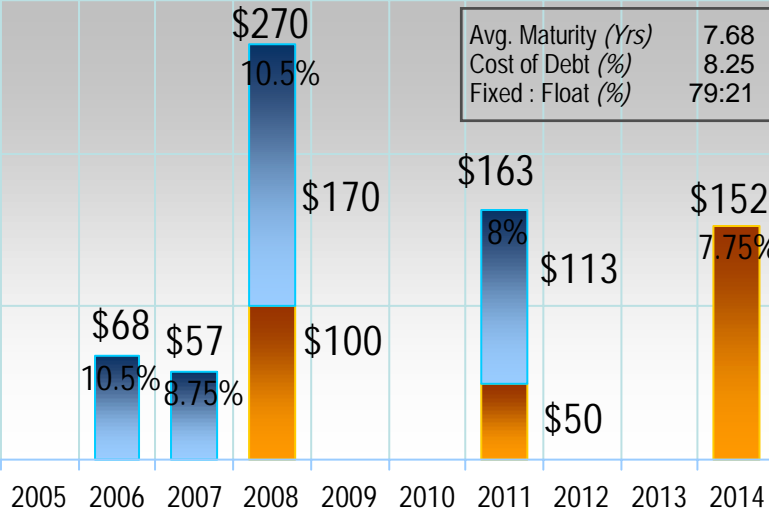


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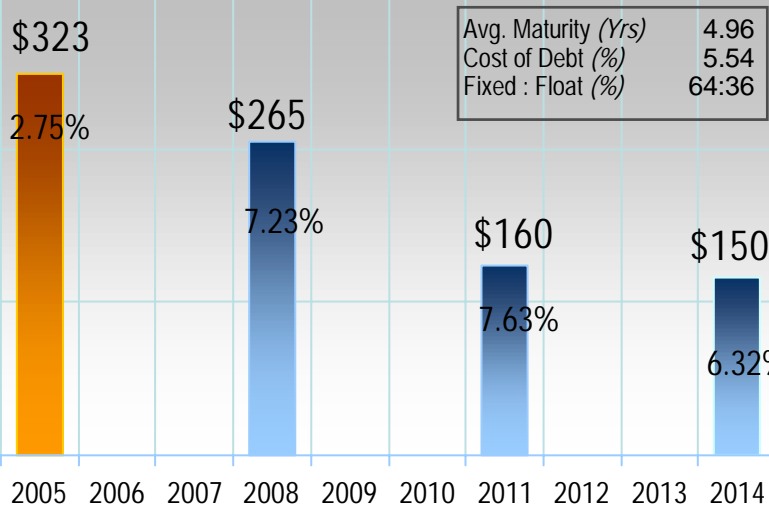


■ Floating ■ Fixed

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- 65% of debt matures on or after 2008

# 4. MAINTAIN STRONG BALANCE SHEET

## *Hedging Price Risk*

	2003	Weighted Price Floor/Ceiling	2004	Weighted Price Floor/Ceiling
<b>Natural Gas Swaps</b>				
Contract Volumes ( <i>BBtu/d</i> )	97.2		101.3	
Weighted Average Price ( <i>per MMBtu</i> )	\$4.48		\$4.81	
<b>Natural Gas Collars</b>				
Contract Volumes ( <i>BBtu/d</i> )	39.9		15.1	
Weighted Average Ceiling Price ( <i>per MMBtu</i> )	\$4.89		\$5.77	
Weighted Average Floor Price ( <i>per MMBtu</i> )	\$3.47		\$4.03	
<b>Three-Way Natural Gas Collars</b>				
Contract Volumes ( <i>BBtu/d</i> )	-		22.9	
Weighted Average Ceiling Price ( <i>per MMBtu</i> )	-		\$6.80	
Weighted Average Floor Price ( <i>per MMBtu</i> )	-		\$4.92	
Three-Way Weighted Average Floor Price ( <i>per MMBtu</i> )	-		\$3.50	
<b><i>Estimated Price Floor/Ceiling</i></b>	<b><i>35-50%</i></b>	<b><i>\$4.18-\$4.59</i></b>	<b><i>30-40%</i></b>	<b><i>\$4.74-\$5.24</i></b>
<b>Oil Swaps</b>				
Contract Volumes ( <i>MBbl/d</i> )	9.0		10.6	
Weighted Average Price ( <i>per Bbl</i> )	\$24.25		\$25.73	
<b>Oil Collars</b>				
Contract Volumes ( <i>MBbl/d</i> )	3.6		0.5	
Weighted Average Ceiling Price ( <i>per Bbl</i> )	\$26.02		\$24.08	
Weighted Average Floor Price ( <i>per Bbl</i> )	\$22.51		\$22.00	
<b><i>Estimated Price Floor/Ceiling</i></b>	<b><i>38-43%</i></b>	<b><i>\$23.64-\$24.65</i></b>	<b><i>35-40%</i></b>	<b><i>\$25.56-\$25.66</i></b>

## SUMMARY – Disciplined People, Disciplined Action

- Costs are being reduced across the board
- Allocation of more capital to traditional areas
- ROCE and free cash flow will be rewarded
- Acquisition program has been successfully “kicked-off”
- Strong balance sheet
- Attractive valuation

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