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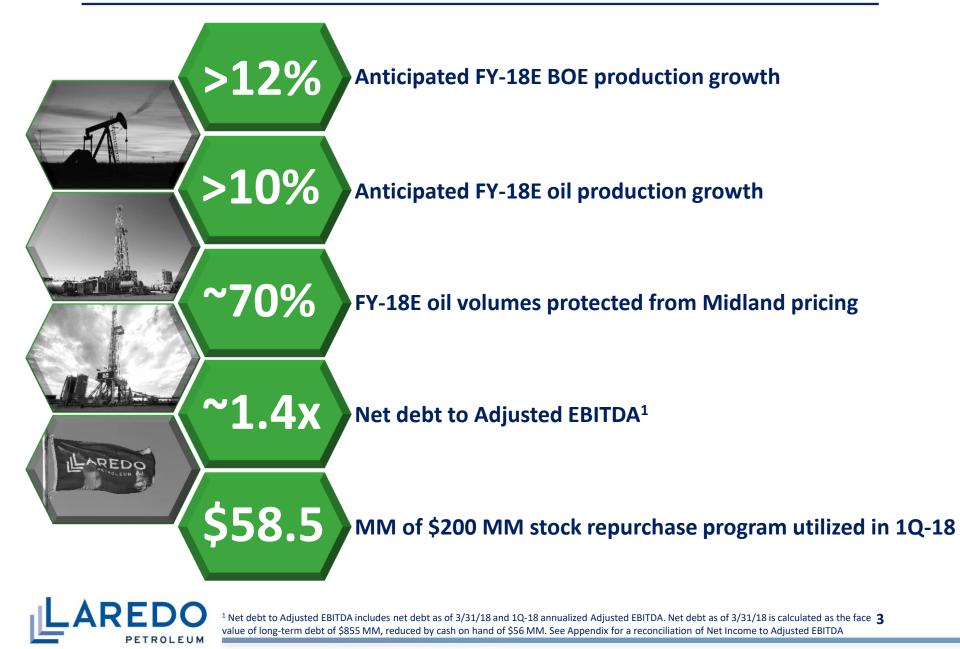
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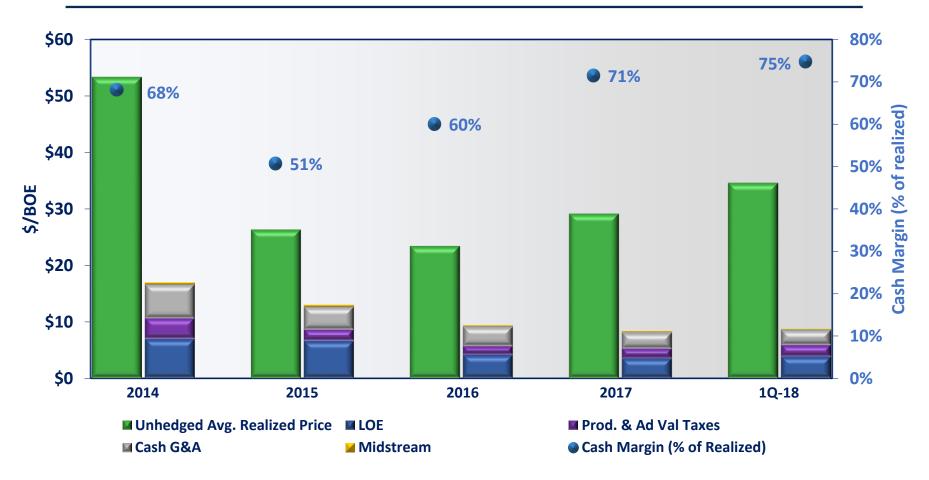
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2018 Highlights



Cash Margin Improved By Controlling Cash Costs



75% Current cash margin % exceeds pre-price decline cash margin¹

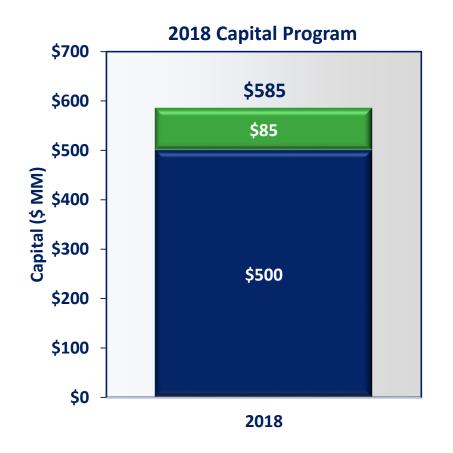


¹ Current cash margin as a percent of unhedged average realized price Note: 2014 cash margin has been converted to 3-stream using actual gas plant economics

2018 Capital Program

2018 Drilling & Completions Plan

- Completing 60 65 net wells
- ~10,600' avg. Hz lateral length
- ~95% avg. working interest
- Adding 4th Hz rig in 3Q-18

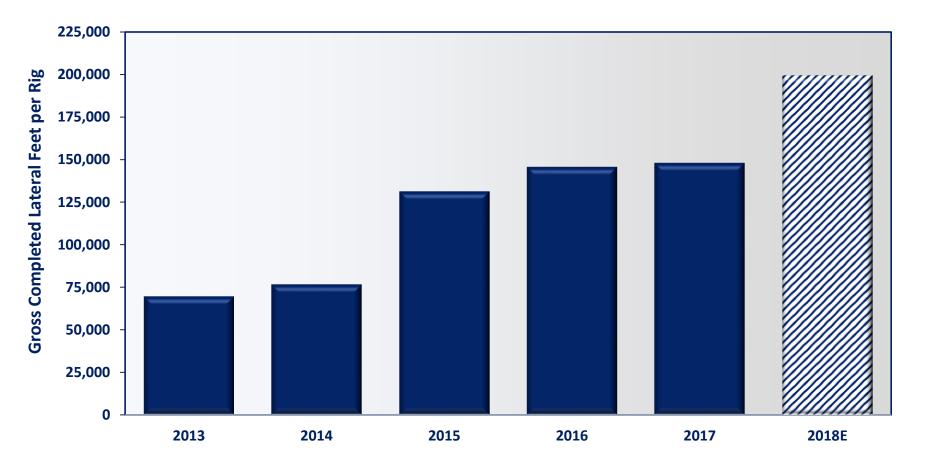


Facilities & Other Capitalized Costs

Drilling & Completions

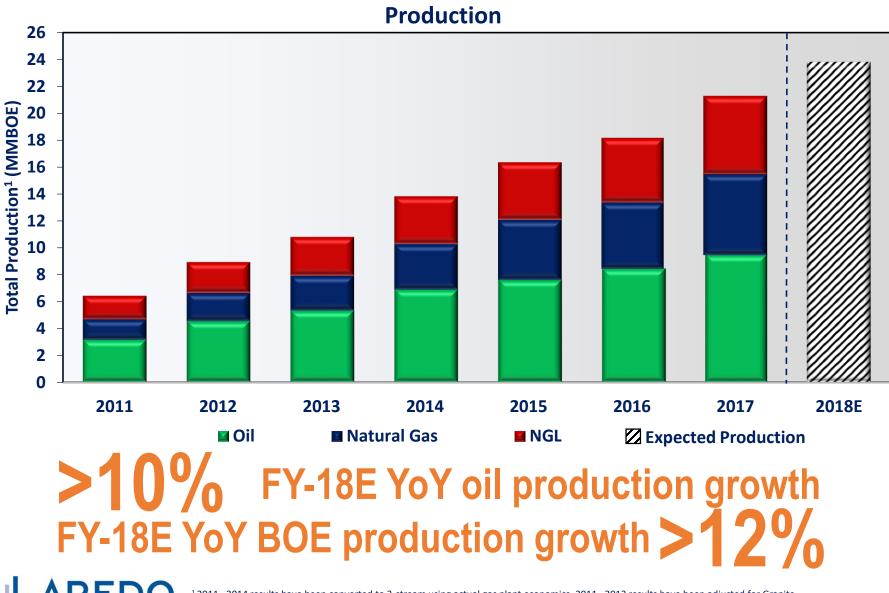


Operational Efficiencies Enable Us To Do More With Less



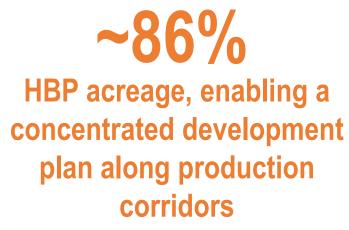
35% YoY increase in gross completed lateral feet per rig

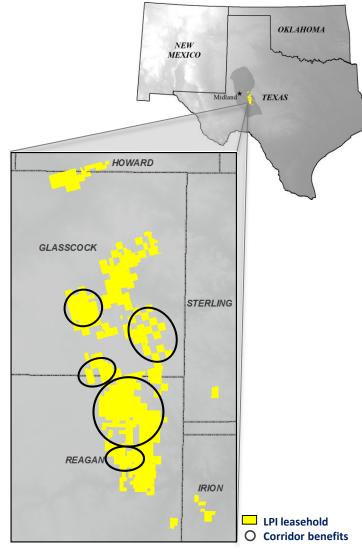
Consistent Production Growth



Capitalizing On Our Contiguous Acreage Position

- Longer laterals enhance returns
 - >500 land-ready UWC/MWC locations of at least 15,000'
- Centralized infrastructure enables increased capital and operational efficiencies
 - Five active production corridors
 - Seven consecutive quarters of unit LOE below \$4.00 per BOE
- Divested of ~2,600 net acres not serviced by a production corridor





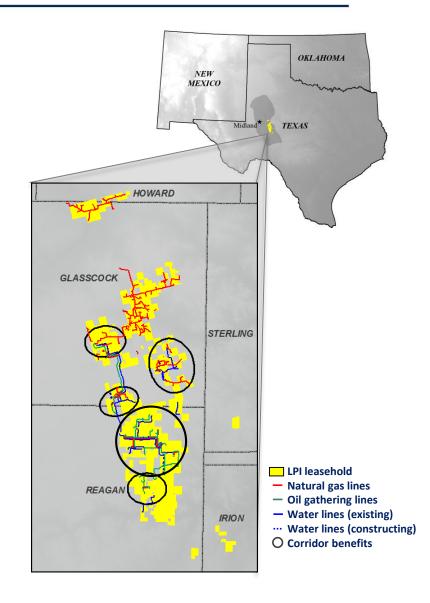
138,791 gross/122,061 net acres

Contiguous Acreage Facilitates Robust Infrastructure Investments

Pipeline Infrastructure

- ~60 miles crude gathering
- ~100 miles water gathering/recycled distribution
- ~190 miles natural gas gathering & distribution
- ~50,000 1Q-18 truckloads removed due to LMS infrastructure

~\$30 MM 2018E net benefits from strategic infrastructure investments





Note: Maps, acreage counts and statistics as of 5/15/18 Benefits defined as capital savings, LOE savings, price uplift and LMS net operating income

Crude Value Maximized Via Physical & Financial Contracts

Gulf Coast Access

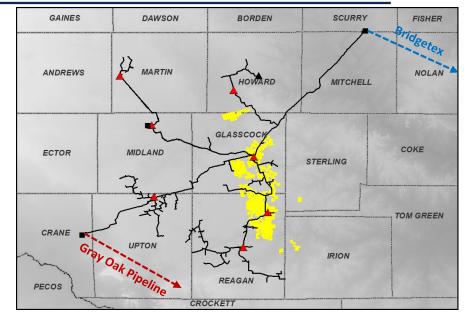
- 10,000 BOPD gross firm transportation on Bridgetex through 1Q-25
- Contracted firm transportation on Gray Oak through 4Q-26E
 - Year 1: 25,000 BOPD gross firm
 - Years 2 7: 35,000 BOPD gross firm

Operational Assurance

- LMS-owned gathering minimizes trucking
- 30,000 BOPD gross firm transportation on Medallion provides access to long-haul pipes exiting the basin

Financial Stability

- Protected from Midland pricing via:
 - U.S. Gulf Coast pricing on 10,000 BOPD via Jun-18 - Jun-19 Mid/Hou basis swaps, \$7.30/Bbl wtd-avg price
 - 10,000 BOPD via 2Q-18 4Q-18 Mid/Cush basis swaps, -\$0.56/Bbl wtd-avg price



••• Long-haul pipe with firm

- Truck offloading
- Medallion Midland pipeline
- Long-haul pipe with firm (constructing) A Refinery

Delivery point

LPI leasehold

FY-18E volumes protected from Midland pricing



Note: Hedge percentage assumes reiterated previously-issued guidance of 10% YoY oil volume growth from FY-17

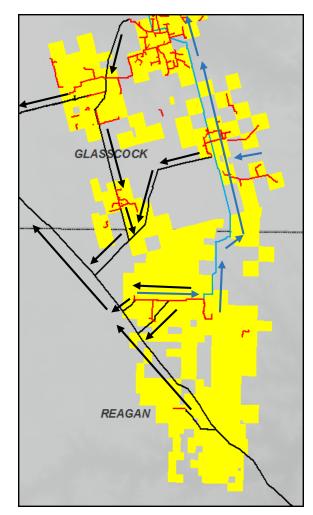
Natural Gas Value Maximized Via Physical & Financial Contracts

Operational Assurance

- Data from purchasers supports that they have sufficient firm transportation, and it is believed they can accommodate LPI's natural gas volumes
- LMS assets provide field-level optionality to move production between two purchasers

Financial Stability

- ~75% of FY-18E natural gas is protected from a widening Waha basis via Waha puts & collars & Waha/HH basis swaps
 - ~55% of FY-18E volumes protected with a \$2.50/MMBtu Waha wtd-avg floor price¹
 - Add'l ~20% of FY-18E volumes protected by Waha/HH basis swaps, -\$0.62/MMBtu wtdavg price



LPI leasehold

- LMS natural gas lines
- Primary 3rd-party takeaway lines
- Secondary 3rd-party takeaway lines



Significant Benefits Through Water Infrastructure Investments

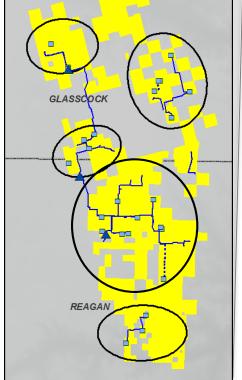
~\$10.3 MM FY-18E LOE reduction generated by LMS water infrastructure investments¹

LMS Corridor Benefit	LPI Benefit	FY-18E (% of Total Activity)
Produced Water Gathered on Pipe	Capital & LOE savings	81%
Produced Water Recycled	Capital & LOE savings	42%
Completions Utilizing Recycled Water	Capital savings	23%
Completions Utilizing LPI Fresh Water Wells	Capital savings	14%

- 54 MBWPD recycling processing capacity
- 22.5 MMBW owned or contracted storage capacity

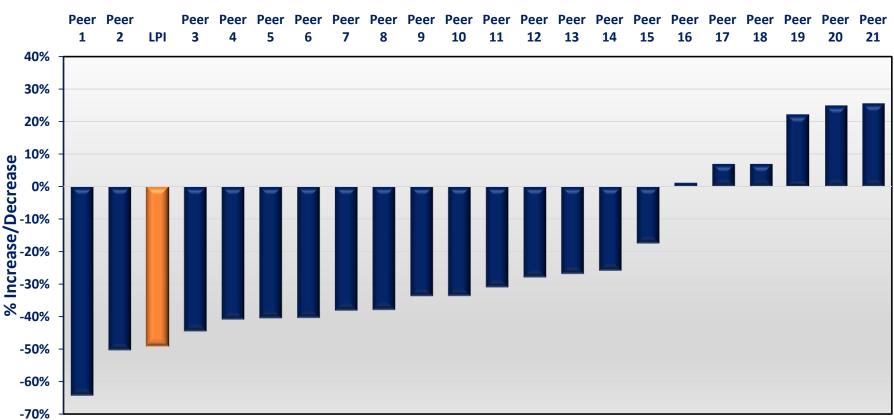
LPI leasehold Water storage Water treatment facility Water lines (existing) — Water lines (constructing) … Water corridor benefits O







Infrastructure Investments Facilitate Lower Unit LOE



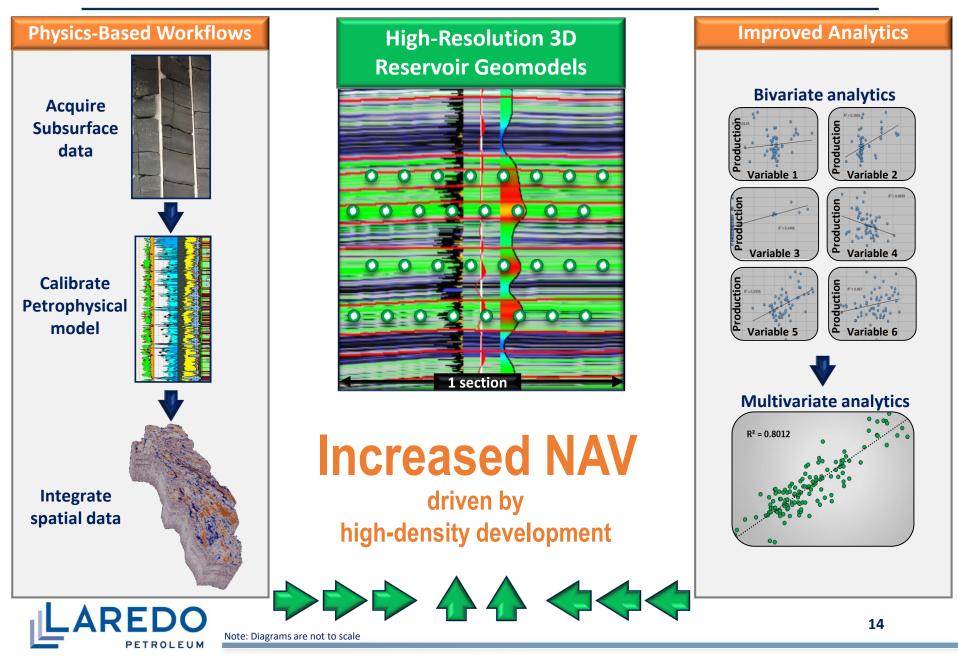
LOE/BOE % Decrease from 1Q-15 to 1Q-18

\$0.51 Per BOE savings on unit LOE in 1Q-18 due to infrastructure benefits

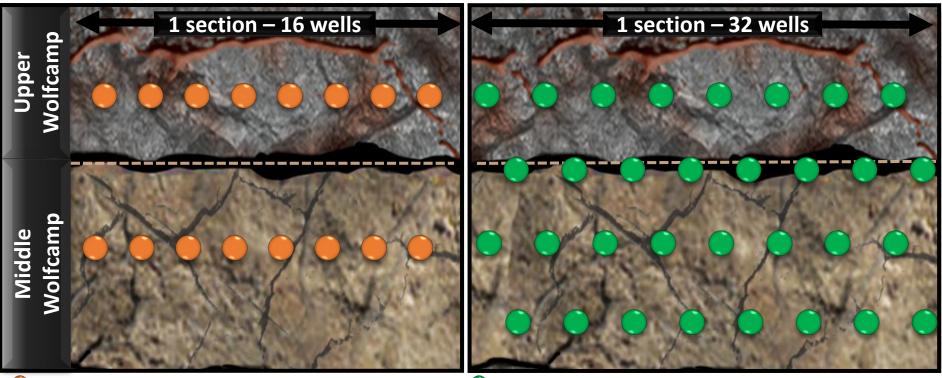


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Advanced Subsurface Characterization Drives Optimized Development



Transitioning To Higher-Density Development



Previous development

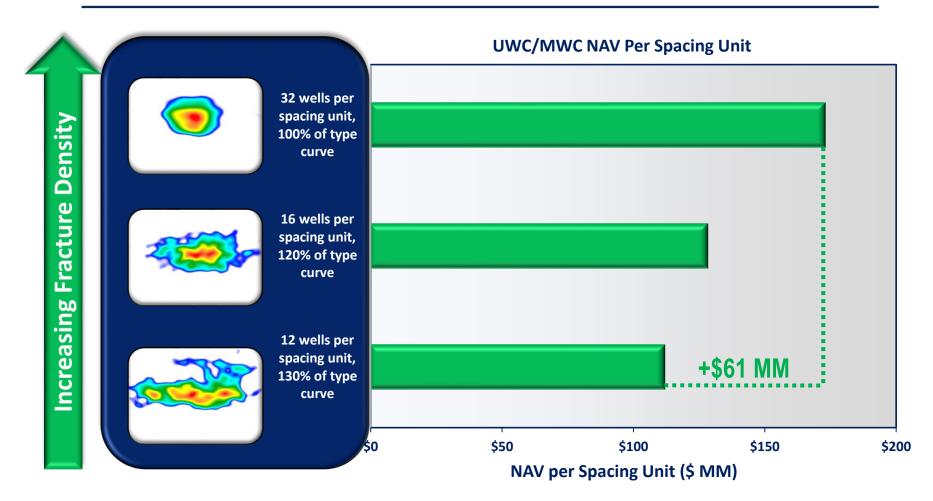
Planned development using high-resolution 3D geomodels

32 locations Per section Results of 2017 spacing tests suggest development possibility of up to 32 UWC/MWC locations per spacing unit



Note: Diagrams are not to scale Spacing unit comprised of two sections to accommodate 10,000' laterals

Tighter Cluster Spacing Facilitates Higher-Density Development



Increase in wells drives higher potential value per spacing unit

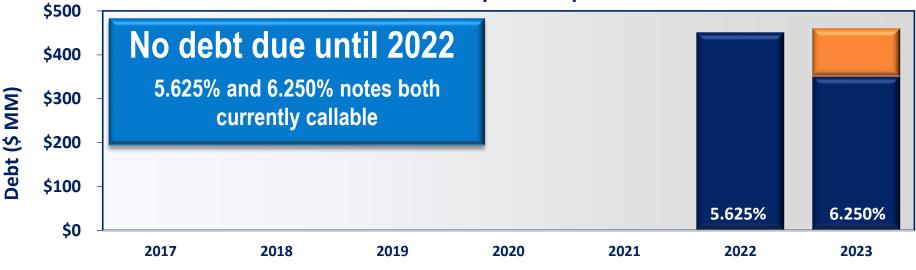


Note: NAV calculation pricing reflective of \$55/Bbl WTI benchmark, utilizing \$3/Mcf flat HH benchmark and \$7.1 MM D&C well cost Spacing unit comprised of two sections to accommodate 10,000' laterals 16

Maintaining A Strong Balance Sheet

~1.4x net debt to Adjusted EBITDA¹

Debt Maturity Summary



\$800 MM Senior notes \$1.2 B Revolver (\$110 MM drawn)²

Increased borrowing base elected commitment from \$1 B to \$1.2 B



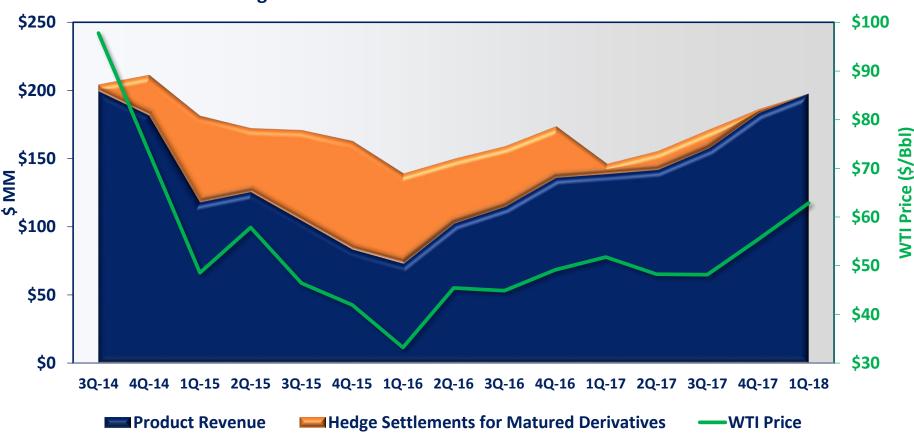
¹ Net debt to Adjusted EBITDA includes net debt as of 3/31/18 and 1Q-18 annualized Adjusted EBITDA. Net debt is calculated as the face value of long-term debt of \$855 MM, reduced by cash on hand of \$56 MM. See Appendix for a reconciliation of Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA ² As of 5/1/18, with \$1.3 B borrowing base and \$1.2 B aggregate elected commitment in place under Fifth Amended and Restated Senior Secured Credit Facility

- Approved by Board of Directors in 1Q-18
- Allows stock repurchases of up to \$200 MM
- Program authorized for two years
- 6,727,901 shares of common stock repurchased in 1Q-18 at a weighted-average price of \$8.69/share for a total of \$58.5 MM

1Q-18 stock repurchases represented a highly accretive use of capital



Disciplined Risk Management Philosophy Protects Long-Term Value



Hedge Settlements and Product Revenue vs. WTI Price

Hedges provide cash flow stability during volatile pricing



Oil, Natural Gas & Natural Gas Liquids Hedges

	Hedge Product Summ	ary		2Q-18 - 4Q-18	FY-19	FY-20		
	Oil total floor volume	(Bbl)		7,168,750	6,606,500	1,061,400		
	Oil wtd-avg floor price	(Ś/Bhl)		\$47.42	\$48.82	\$49.70		
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	Nat gas total floor vol	•	•	17,907,500				
	Nat gas wtd-avg floor	price (\$/M	IMBtu)	\$2.50				
	NGL total floor volum	e (Bbl)		1,182,500				
Oil	2Q-18 - 4Q-18	FY-19	FY-20	Natural Gas Liquids		2Q-18 - 4Q-18	FY-19	FY-20
Puts				Swaps - Ethane				
Hedged volume (Bbl)	4,088,750	5,949,500	366,000	Hedged volume (Bbl)		467,500		
Wtd-avg floor price (\$/Bbl)	\$51.93	\$48.31	\$45.00	Wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl)		\$11.66		
Swaps				Swaps - Propane				
Hedged volume (Bbl)		657,000	695,400	Hedged volume (Bbl)		385,000		
Wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl)		\$53.45	\$52.18	Wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl)		\$33.92		
Collars				Swaps – Normal Butane				
Hedged volume (Bbl)	3,080,000			Hedged volume (Bbl)		137,500		
Wtd-avg floor price (\$/Bbl)	\$41.43			Wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl)		\$38.22		
Wtd-avg ceiling price (\$/Bbl)	\$60.00			Swaps - Isobutane				
Note: Oil derivatives are settled base	ed on the month's average daily NYM	1EX index price f	or the first	Hedged volume (Bbl)		55,000		
nearby month of the WTI Light Swee	et Crude Oil futures contract			Wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl)		\$38.33		
Basis Swaps	2Q-18 - 4Q-18	3 FY-19	FY-20	Swaps - Natural Gasoline				
Mid/Cush				Hedged volume (Bbl)		137,500		
Hedged volume (Bbl)	2,750,000			Wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl)		\$57.02		
Wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl)	-\$0.56			Note: Natural gas liquids de			· ·	
Mid/Hou				price for Mt. Belvieu Purity	Ethane and Non-TET	Γ: Propane, Normal Butar	ne, Isobutane a	and natural
Hedged volume (Bbl)	2,140,000	1,810,000		gasoline				
Wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl)	\$7.30	\$7.30						
HH/Waha				Natural Gas - WAHA		2Q-18 - 4Q-18	FY-19	FY-20
Hedged volume (MMBtu)	6,875,000	20,075,000	25,254,000	Puts				
Wtd-avg price (\$/MMBtu)	-\$0.62	-\$1.05	-\$0.76	Hedged volume (MMB	tu)	6,165,000		

Note: Mid/Cush oil basis swaps are settled based on the West Texas Intermediate Midland weighted average price published in Argus Americas Crude and the West Texas Intermediate Cushing Formula Basis price published in Argus Americas Crude. Mid/Hou oil basis swaps are settled based on the price for a pricing date, published under the headings "US Gulf Coast and Midcontinent: WTI: WTI Houston: Weighted Average" and "US Gulf Coast and Midcontinent" for "WTI Midland" under the column "Weighted Average" for the prompt month in the issue of Argus Crude that reports prices effective as of the pricing date. HH/Waha natural gas basis swaps are settled based on the inside FERC index price for West Texas WAHA and NYMEX Henry Hub

Note: Natural gas derivatives are settled based on Inside FERC index price for West Texas WAHA for the calculation period

\$2.50

11,742,500

\$2.50

\$3.35

Wtd-avg floor price (\$/MMBtu)

Wtd-avg floor price (\$/MMBtu)

Wtd-avg ceiling price (\$/MMBtu)

Hedged volume (MMBtu)

Collars



2Q-18E Guidance

	2Q-18E
Production (MBOE/d)	64.0
Crude oil production (MBbl/d)	27.4
Price Realizations (pre-hedge):	
Crude oil (% of WTI)	91%
Natural gas liquids (% of WTI)	28%
Natural gas (% of Henry Hub)	36%
Operating Costs & Expenses:	
Lease operating expenses (\$/BOE)	\$3.70
Midstream expenses (\$/BOE)	\$0.15
Production and ad valorem taxes (% of oil, NGL and natural gas revenue)	6.25%
General and administrative expenses:	
Cash (\$/BOE)	\$2.70
Non-cash stock-based compensation (\$/BOE)	\$1.85
Depletion, depreciation and amortization (\$/BOE)	\$8.00



Positioned For The Future

Operational Efficiencies

facilitated by contiguous acreage

High-Density Development

enhancing shareholder value

Production Corridors reducing costs & enabling

large well packages

Consistent Growth

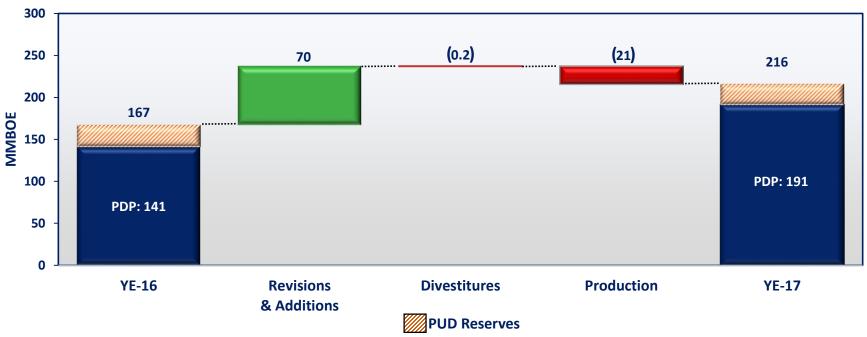
underpinned by strong balance sheet





APPENDIX

Low-Cost Proved Reserves Growth



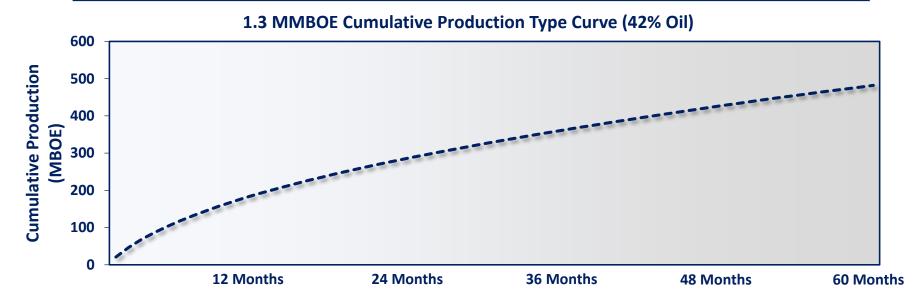
Total Proved Reserves

36% Organic growth in proved developed reserves at a proved developed F&D cost of \$7.90/BOE



Note: Proved Developed F&D Cost is a non-GAAP financial measure. See the Appendix for information on this calculation

UWC & MWC 1.3 MMBOE Cumulative Production Type Curve



Months	Cumulative Production (MBOE)	Cumulative % Oil
12	189	60%
24	288	56%
36	363	54%
48	426	52%
60	482	51%

45% Total oil recovered in the first five years



Note: 10,000' lateral length with 1,800 pounds of sand per foot completions at 54' perf cluster spacing

2017 & 2018 Actuals

		<u>1Q-17</u>	<u>2Q-17</u>	<u>3Q-17</u>	<u>4Q-17</u>	<u>FY-17</u>	<u>// 1Q-18</u>
<u>Sales Volumes</u>	3-Stream Sales Volumes MBOE BOE/d % oil	4,716 52,405 45%	5,336 58,632 47%	5,521 60,011 44%	5,697 61,922 43%	21,270 58,273 45%	5,698 63,314 43%
Pricing	3-Stream Realized Prices Oil (\$/Bbl) NGL (\$/Bbl) Gas (\$/Mcf) Avg. price (\$/BOE)	\$46.91 \$16.49 \$2.31 \$29.42	\$42.00 \$13.82 \$2.09 \$26.58	\$45.44 \$18.58 \$2.04 \$28.54	\$53.57 \$20.53 \$1.95 \$32.19	\$46.97 \$17.49 \$2.09 \$29.22	\$61.87 \$18.14 \$1.79 \$34.65
Unit Cost Metrics	3-Stream Unit Cost Metrics (\$/BOE) Lease operating expenses Midstream Production & ad val taxes General & administrative Cash Non-cash stock-based compensation DD&A	\$3.60 \$0.19 \$1.86 \$3.47 \$1.96 \$7.23	\$3.77 \$0.17 \$1.59 \$2.50 \$1.63 \$7.12	\$3.55 \$0.21 \$1.73 \$2.90 \$1.62 \$7.46	\$3.22 \$0.20 \$1.93 \$2.61 \$1.55 \$7.91	\$3.53 \$0.19 \$1.78 \$2.85 \$1.68 \$7.45	\$3.85 \$0.12 \$2.07 \$2.70 \$1.64 \$7.99



2015 & 2016 Actuals

_		<u>1Q-15</u>	<u>2Q-15</u>	<u>3Q-15</u>	<u>4Q-15</u>	<u>FY-15</u>	<u>1Q-16</u>	<u>2Q-16</u>	<u>3Q-16</u>	<u>4Q-16</u>	<u>FY-16</u>
	-Stream Sales Volumes										
olu	MBOE	4,274	4,234	4,124	3,714	16,346	4,204	4,338	4,718	4,889	18,149
S S	BOE/d	47,487	46,532	44,820	40,368	44,782	46,202	47,667	51,276	53,141	49,586
<u>Sales Volu</u>	% oil	51%	46%	45%	45%	47%	48%	46%	46%	46%	47%
3	-Stream Realized Prices						//				
bđ	Oil (\$/Bbl)	\$41.73	\$50.77	\$42.88	\$36.97	\$43.27	\$27.51	\$39.37	\$39.10	\$43.98	\$37.73
Pricing	NGL (\$/Bbl)	\$13.34	\$12.85	\$10.36	\$11.06	\$11.86	\$8.50	\$12.24	\$11.54	\$14.79	\$11.91
Pri	Gas (\$/Mcf)	\$2.14	\$1.82	\$2.01	\$1.76	\$1.93	\$1.31	\$1.31	\$2.07	\$2.13	\$1.73
	Avg. price (\$/BOE)	\$27.64	\$29.65	\$25.37	\$22.47	\$26.41	\$17.40	\$23.64	\$24.34	\$27.82	\$23.50
;	3-Stream Unit Cost Metrics (\$/BOE)						//				
CS	Lease operating expenses	\$7.58	\$6.90	\$6. 0 9	\$5.83	\$6.63	\$4.88	\$4.43	\$3.85	\$3.56	\$4.15
Unit Cost Metrics	Midstream	\$0.37	\$0.38	\$0.26	\$0.43	\$0.36	\$0.14	\$0.27	\$0.22	\$0.26	\$0.22
Σ	Production & ad val taxes	\$2.13	\$2.24	\$1.91	\$1.73	\$2.01	\$1.53	\$1.84	\$1.50	\$1.45	\$1.58
Cost	General & administrative					1					
it	Cash	\$3.99	\$4.00	\$3.89	\$4.27	\$4.03	\$3.72	\$3.33	\$3.49	\$3.28	\$3.45
<u>Ч</u>	Non-cash stock-based compensation	\$1.12	\$1.48	\$1.67	\$1.77	\$1.50	\$0.91	\$1.40	\$2.05	\$1.98	\$1.61
	DD&A	\$16.83	\$17.03	\$16.19	\$18.01	\$16.99	\$9.87	\$7.88	\$7.45	\$7.68	\$8.17



2014 Actuals: Two-Stream To Three-Stream Conversions

	<u>1Q-14</u>	<u>2Q-14</u>	<u>3Q-14</u>	<u>4Q-14</u>	<u>FY-14</u>
2-Stream Sales Volumes					
တ္က MBOE	2,434	2,607	3,033	3,654	11,729
MBOE BOE/d 3-Stream Sales Volumes MBOE BOE/d	27,041	28,653	32,970	39,722	32,134
<u>n % oil</u>	58%	58%	59%	60%	59%
3-Stream Sales Volumes					
MBOE	2,912	3,078	3,569	4,267	13,827
BOE/d	32,358	33,829	38,798	46,379	37,882
% oil	49%	49%	50%	51%	50%
2-Stream Realized Prices					
Oil (\$/Bbl)	\$91.78	\$94.47	\$87.65	\$65.05	\$82.83
Gas (\$/Mcf)	\$7.04	\$6.08	\$5.80	\$4.46	\$5.72
Avg. Price (\$/BOE) 3-Stream Realized Prices	\$71.17	\$70.13	\$65.77	\$49.70	\$62.86
3-Stream Realized Prices					
oll (\$/Bbl)	\$91.78	\$94.47	\$87.65	\$65.05	\$82.83
NGL (\$/Bbl)	\$32.88	\$28.79	\$29.21	\$19.65	\$27.00
Gas (\$/Mcf)	\$4.00	\$3.73	\$3.25	\$3.00	\$3.45
Avg. Price (\$/BOE)	\$59.48	\$59.40	\$55.89	\$42.57	\$53.32
2-Stream Unit Cost Metrics (\$/BOE)					
Lease operating expenses	\$8.95	\$7.74	\$8.30	\$8.04	\$8.23
Midstream	\$0.35	\$0.59	\$0.40	\$0.50	\$0.46
Production & ad valorem taxes	\$5.12	\$5.05	\$4.14	\$3.33	\$4.29
General & administrative					
Cash	\$9.58	\$8.88	\$6.89	\$4.27	\$7.07
Non-cash stock-based compensation	\$1.78	\$2.45	\$2.04	\$1.69	\$1.97
DD&A	\$20.38	\$20.35	\$21.08	\$21.85	\$21.01
3-Stream Unit Cost Metrics (\$/BOE)					
General & administrative Cash Non-cash stock-based compensation DD&A 3-Stream Unit Cost Metrics (\$/BOE) Lease operating expenses	\$7.48	\$6.55	\$7.05	\$6.88	\$6.98
Midstream	\$0.29	\$0.50	\$0.34	\$0.43	\$0.39
Production & ad valorem taxes	\$4.28	\$4.27	\$3.52	\$2.85	\$3.64
General & Administrative					
Cash	\$8.01	\$7.52	\$5.85	\$3.66	\$6.00
Non-cash stock-based compensation	\$1.49	\$2.08	\$1.74	\$1.44	\$1.67
DD&A	\$17.03	\$17.23	\$17.91	\$18.72	\$17.83

Proved Developed Finding and Development Cost (Unaudited)

Proved developed finding and development ("F&D") cost per BOE is calculated by dividing (x) development costs for the period, by (y) proved developed reserve additions for the period, defined as the change in proved developed reserves, less purchased reserves, plus sold reserves and plus sales volumes during the period. The method we use to calculate our proved developed F&D cost may differ significantly from methods used by other companies to compute similar measures. As a result, our proved developed F&D cost may not be comparable to similar measures provided by other companies. We believe that providing the measure of proved development F&D cost is useful in evaluating the cost, on a per BOE basis, to added proved developed reserves.

However, this measure is provided in addition to, and not as an alternative for, and should be read in conjunction with, the information contained in our financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. Due to various factors, including timing differences in the addition of proved reserves and the related costs to develop those reserves, proved developed F&D cost does not necessarily reflect precisely the costs associated with particular proved reserves. As a result of various factors that could materially affect the timing and amounts of future increases in proved reserves and the timing and amounts of future costs, we cannot assure you that our future proved developed F&D cost will not differ materially from those presented.

(\$ MM, except per BOE amount, reserves and sales volumes in MMBOE)	Proved Developed F&D		
Development costs (x)	\$561		
Proved developed reserves:			
As of December 31, 2017	191		
As of December 31, 2016	(141)		
Change in proved developed reserves	50		
Plus sales of proved developed reserves during 2017	-		
Plus 2017 sales volumes	21		
Proved developed reserve additions (y)	71		
Proved developed F&D cost per BOE	\$7.90		



Supplemental Non-GAAP Financial Measure

Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure that we define as net income or loss plus adjustments for depletion, depreciation and amortization, non-cash stock-based compensation, net, accretion expense, mark-to-market on derivatives, premiums paid for derivatives, interest expense, gains or losses on disposal of assets and other non-recurring income and expenses. Adjusted EBITDA provides no information regarding a company's capital structure, borrowings, interest costs, capital expenditures, working capital movement or tax position. Adjusted EBITDA does not represent funds available for discretionary use because those funds are required for debt service, capital expenditures, working capital, income taxes, franchise taxes and other commitments and obligations. However, our management believes Adjusted EBITDA is useful to an investor in evaluating our operating performance because this measure:

• is widely used by investors in the oil and natural gas industry to measure a company's operating performance without regard to items excluded from the calculation of such term, which can vary substantially from company to company depending upon accounting methods, the book value of assets, capital structure and the method by which assets were acquired, among other factors;

• helps investors to more meaningfully evaluate and compare the results of our operations from period to period by removing the effect of our capital structure from our operating structure; and

• is used by our management for various purposes, including as a measure of operating performance, in presentations to our board of directors and as a basis for strategic planning and forecasting.

There are significant limitations to the use of Adjusted EBITDA as a measure of performance, including the inability to analyze the effect of certain recurring and nonrecurring items that materially affect our net income or loss, the lack of comparability of results of operations to different companies and the different methods of calculating Adjusted EBITDA reported by different companies. Our measurements of Adjusted EBITDA for financial reporting as compared to compliance under our debt agreements differ.

The following presents a reconciliation of net income (GAAP) to Adjusted EBITDA (non-GAAP):

(in thousands)	 1Q-18
Net income	\$ 86,520
Plus:	
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	45,553
Non-cash stock-based compensation, net of amounts capitalized	9,339
Accretion expense	1,106
Mark-to-market on derivatives:	
Gain on derivatives, net	(9,010)
Settlements paid for matured derivatives, net	(2,236)
Premiums paid for derivatives	(4,024)
Interest expense	13,518
Loss on disposal of assets, net	2,617
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 143,383

