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## WPX Energy Reports 1Q 2018 Results

*Solid execution in Delaware Basin distinguishes WPX*

- *1Q Delaware oil volumes climb 149% vs. year ago*
- *Marketing strategy drives peer-leading approach to Permian takeaway capacity*
- *Weather-related delays impacted 1Q Williston oil volumes by 3,500 bbl/d*
- *7-well Arikara pad had 30-day cumulative production of more than 406,000 Boe (81% oil)*
- *Recent Williston Mandan North well hits 24-hour high of 5,172 Boe/d (81% oil)*
- *Guiding to oil production of 76,000 bbl/d in 2Q; up 10,000 bbl/d from 1Q*

TULSA, Okla. – Oil and NGL sales accounted for 96 percent of WPX Energy’s (NYSE:WPX) first-quarter 2018 total product revenue of \$407 million following the divestitures of its San Juan Basin assets, concluding with the sale of its Gallup holdings in March.

WPX reported first-quarter oil volumes of 65,800 bbl/d from its two remaining basins led by 33,800 bbl/d in the Delaware Basin. Delaware oil volumes were 8 percent higher than the most recent quarter and 149 percent higher than a year ago.

Significant winter weather in the Williston Basin delayed the timing of first sales on the 7-well Arikara pad by roughly 50 days. This impacted first-quarter oil production by 3,500 bbl/d.

Once online, the Arikara wells showed strong results with cumulative volumes of more than 406,000 Boe after 30 days of initial production despite being choked back considerably due to takeaway limitations imposed by winter road restrictions.

The company expects overall second-quarter oil volumes to grow 16 percent to an average of 75,000-77,000 bbl/d. WPX’s expected oil growth in the second quarter essentially replaces the San Juan Gallup oil production in just one quarter.

The forecast is based on recent strong well performance in both of WPX's basins. WPX completed 25 gross operated wells (24 net) in the Delaware Basin in the first quarter, including the 2-mile Quinn 37-36C 5H lateral that posted a 24-hour high of 3,843 Boe/d (73% oil) during initial production.

WPX reported an unaudited first-quarter 2018 net loss from continuing operations available to common shareholders of \$30 million, or a loss of \$0.07 per share on a diluted basis. The loss was driven by \$69 million of net losses associated with its hedge book resulting from higher forward oil prices.

The adjusted net loss from continuing operations in first-quarter 2018 was \$22 million, or a loss of \$0.06 per share. A reconciliation accompanies this press release.

## **CEO PERSPECTIVE**

"The market is seeing just how much infrastructure matters in the Permian, which we've articulated since we entered the basin three years ago with our RKI acquisition that included gas gathering and water systems," says Rick Muncrief, WPX chairman and chief executive officer.

"We're also witnessing impressive recoveries in the Williston Basin with record-setting wells that are among the best in the Lower 48, even though severe winter weather impacted some of our timing there. And we're also adjusting our capital structure by proactively paying down debt, which transfers value to our equity holders.

"WPX is ideally and uniquely positioned to grow value on a per-share basis, especially as you take into account what our profitability and cash flow looks like on an unhedged basis. Our strategy is even more compelling against the backdrop of global demand growth for light sweet crude oil," Muncrief added.

## **RECENT EVENTS**

WPX closed the sale of its San Juan Basin Gallup holdings at the end of March for \$700 million subject to closing adjustments.

WPX deployed the majority of the Gallup proceeds in April to redeem \$500 million of its notes due in 2020 and 2022 through a cash tender process. The action is expected to save WPX more than \$90 million in total interest expense from 2018-2021. After consideration of the tender, WPX's next significant debt maturity does not occur until 2022.

Also subsequent to the close of the first quarter, WPX amended its credit facility resulting in an increase to total commitments from \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion; an increase to the borrowing base from \$1.5 billion to \$1.8 billion; and the maturity was extended to 2023.

WPX's total liquidity at the close of business on May 1, 2018, was approximately \$1.5 billion, including cash, cash equivalents and all of its available revolver capacity with the exception of \$65 million in outstanding letters of credit.

## **DELAWARE BASIN HIGHLIGHTS**

WPX's Delaware production averaged 63.2 Mboe/d in first-quarter 2018, up 8 percent vs. fourth-quarter 2017 and 119 percent higher than the same period a year ago.

WPX had 25 wells with first sales in the basin during the first quarter, which was roughly double the number of completions in the first quarter a year ago. There were 15 completions in the Wolfcamp A interval, seven Wolfcamp X/Y wells, one well in the Wolfcamp B interval, one well in the Wolfcamp D interval, and a well in the Third Bone Spring.

Six long laterals on the Quinn pad are averaging more than 70 percent oil, with 24-hour highs averaging nearly 2,400 Boe/d during initial production. All six wells are in the Wolfcamp A interval. The Quinn wells have combined 60-day cumulative production of 610,000 Boe.

The four-well Boyd pad also is averaging more than 70 percent oil. The wells posted an average 24-hour high of nearly 2,200 Boe/d during initial production. The Boyd wells are 1-mile laterals with combined 60-day cumulative production of 325,000 Boe. Three Boyd wells are in the Wolfcamp X/Y interval. The other Boyd lateral is a Wolfcamp A well.

The first of two 200 MMcf/d cryogenic processing trains at the Reeves County gas plant is scheduled to be in service mid-year. The facility is part of WPX's 50/50 joint venture with Howard Energy Partners. Volumes from the plant will flow to WhiteWater Midstream's Agua Blanca pipeline that commenced commercial operations in April. WPX has a 20 percent stake in the ownership of the pipeline.

WPX's takeaway strategy in the basin limits its exposure to Midland crude pricing to less than 5 percent in 2018 and 5-10 percent in 2019 while increasing its exposure to Gulf Coast and Brent pricing. Approximately 60 percent of WPX's Delaware production is exposed to Gulf Coast and Brent pricing in 2018 and approximately 50 percent in 2019.

## **WILLISTON BASIN HIGHLIGHTS**

Williston Basin production averaged 39.5 Mboe/d in first-quarter 2018, up 2 percent vs. the most recent quarter and 34 percent higher than the same period a year ago.

Subsequent to the close of the quarter, WPX posted its best ever 24-hour high in the Williston Basin. During initial production, the Mandan North 13-24HA lateral in the North Sunday Island area posted a high of 5,172 Boe/d (81% oil), with spot hourly rates exceeding 6,000 barrels of oil per day.

The new Mandan North well is one of 23 planned wells in WPX's North Sunday Island area. WPX's first two wells in the area – the Hidatsa North 14-23HX well and the Mandan North 13-24HW well – now have 180-day combined cumulative production of approximately 685,000 Boe (81% oil).

WPX completed 10 Williston wells during the first quarter, including three wells on the Big Horn pad in January and seven wells on the Arikara pad in March following a variety of weather-related challenges. The Arikara wells are part of the North Sunday Island development.

The best of the three Big Horn wells posted a 24-hour high of 2,427 Boe/d (81% oil). The seven Arikara wells had an average 24-hour high of roughly 3,100 Boe/d (81% oil) despite being choked back considerably. The Arikara 15-22HB posted the best 24-hour high, reaching 3,625 Boe/d (81% oil).

## **1Q FINANCIAL RESULTS**

Quarterly oil sales grew 17 percent vs. the most recent quarter and 126 percent vs. the same period a year ago driven by higher average prices and production volumes.

Higher product revenues in first-quarter 2018 were offset by \$69 million of net losses associated with WPX's hedge book, resulting in the net loss from continuing operations of \$30 million.

Lease operating expenses, general and administrative expenses, and interest expense all declined in first-quarter 2018 on a per-Boe basis vs. a year ago.

Adjusted EBITDAX (a non-GAAP financial measure) improved by 135 percent vs. a year ago to \$200 million in first-quarter 2018. Reconciliations for non-GAAP financial measures are available in the tables that accompany this press release.

Over the past 12 months, WPX has increased unhedged adjusted EBITDAX 69 percent per Boe excluding the impact of its San Juan Basin operations that were divested.

The weighted average gross sales price – prior to revenue deductions – was \$61.21 per barrel for oil, \$2.73 for natural gas and \$24.36 per barrel for NGL during first-quarter 2018.

Cash flow from operations in first-quarter 2018 was \$145 million inclusive of hedge impact. As previously communicated, WPX's oil hedging strategy for 2018 is designed to provide revenue assurance for the company's capital program and deleveraging goals. First-quarter 2018 cash flow was 6.5 times higher than the same period a year ago.

## 1Q PRODUCTION

Total production volumes of 102.7 Mboe/d in first-quarter 2018 increased 6 percent vs. fourth-quarter 2017 and were 76 percent higher than the same period a year ago. Liquids volumes accounted for 79 percent of first-quarter 2018 production.

Oil volumes of 65,800 bbl/d were 2 percent higher than the most recent quarter and 69 percent higher vs. the same period a year ago, led by a 149 percent increase in the Delaware Basin over the past 12 months.

Average Daily Production	1Q			4Q Sequential	
	2018	2017	Change	2017	Change
<b>Oil (Mbb/d)</b>					
Delaware Basin	33.8	13.6	149%	31.2	8%
Williston Basin	32.0	25.3	26%	33.1	-3%
Subtotal (Mbb/d)	65.8	38.9	69%	64.3	2%
<b>NGLs (Mbb/d)</b>					
Delaware Basin	10.9	5.7	91%	9.8	11%
Williston Basin	4.0	2.1	90%	2.8	43%
Subtotal (Mbb/d)	14.9	7.8	91%	12.6	18%
<b>Natural gas (MMcf/d)</b>					
Delaware Basin	111	58	91%	105	5%
Williston Basin	21	12	75%	17	24%
Subtotal (MMcf/d)	132	70	89%	122	9%
<b>Total Production (Mboe/d)</b>	<u>102.7</u>	<u>58.3</u>	<u>76%</u>	<u>97.3</u>	<u>6%</u>

*Note: 1Q 2017 figures do not include volumes associated with assets that have since been divested, including Appalachia and San Juan. The chart is a true apples-to-apples comparison that shows how WPX is developing its core properties.*

WPX completed 36 gross operated wells (34 net) in its two core basins during first-quarter 2018 and participated in another two gross (1 net) non-operated wells in the Delaware Basin.

Capital spending during the first quarter was \$349 million, including \$13 million in midstream development expenses, \$4.6 million in land purchases and \$26.3 million in San Juan activity that is reimbursable to WPX in conjunction with the closing adjustments for the Gallup divestiture.

For the balance of 2018, WPX has 57,500 bbl/d of oil hedged at a weighted average price of \$52.82 per barrel; 130,000 MMBtu/d of natural gas hedged at a weighted average price of \$2.99 per MMBtu; and 12,100 bbl/d of NGL hedged. Hedge prices for NGL barrel components are included in the appendix of the webcast slide deck at [www.wpxenergy.com](http://www.wpxenergy.com).

For 2019, WPX has 34,000 bbl/d of oil hedged at a weighted average price of \$52.30 per barrel and 50,000 MMBtu/d of natural gas hedged at a weighted average price of \$2.88 per MMBtu.

#### **THURSDAY WEBCAST**

The company's next webcast takes place on May 3 beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern. Investors are encouraged to access the event and the corresponding slides at [www.wpxenergy.com](http://www.wpxenergy.com).

A limited number of phone lines also will be available at (833) 832-5123. International callers should dial (469) 565-9820. The conference identification code is 7996577.

#### **FORM 10-Q**

WPX plans to file its first-quarter 2018 Form 10-Q with the Securities and Exchange Commission this week. Once filed, the document will be available on the SEC and WPX websites.

#### **About WPX Energy, Inc.**

WPX is an independent energy producer with core positions in the Permian and Williston basins. WPX's production is approximately 80 percent oil/liquids and 20 percent natural gas. The company also has an emerging infrastructure portfolio in the Permian Basin. Visit [www.wpxenergy.com](http://www.wpxenergy.com) for more information.

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