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therefore approximate.

### **Strong First-Quarter 2023 Performance**

### **Exceeded high-end of production guidance for both oil and total production**

- Production from both base and new wells exceeding expectations
- Increased full-year 2023 oil and total production guidance in April 2023
- Proprietary digital solutions providing production uplift through ESP and gas lift runtime improvements

### Reported incurred capital expenditures below guidance

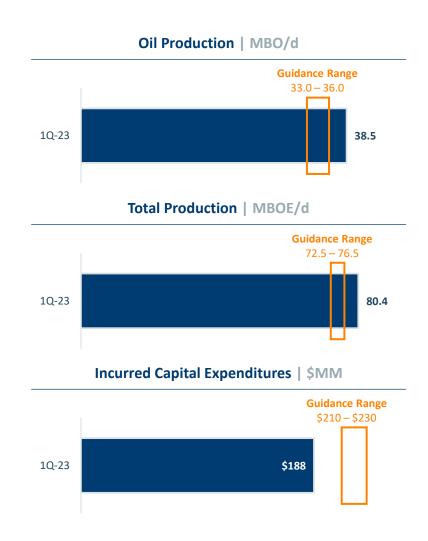
- Inflationary pressures moderating for key products and services
- Added four TILs to full-year 2023 through completion efficiencies
- Expect full-year 2023 capital expenditures to be at midpoint of guidance range

### **Announced accretive Midland Basin acquisition (Closed April 2023)**

- 11,200 net acres in Upton and South Reagan counties
- Added 30 gross locations

### **Achieved 2025 emissions targets**

- Disclosed preliminary greenhouse gas and methane intensity levels for 2022
- 2022 Scope 1 GHG intensity of 10.7 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent/MBOE versus 2025 target of 12.5
- 2022 methane intensity of 0.10% of natural gas produced versus 2025 target of 0.20%





### **Disciplined Strategy Underpins Long-Term Value Creation**





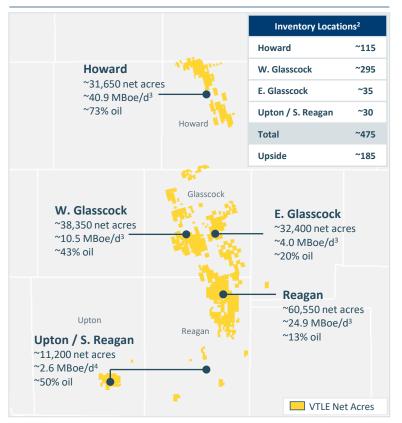


Reduce Debt and Leverage

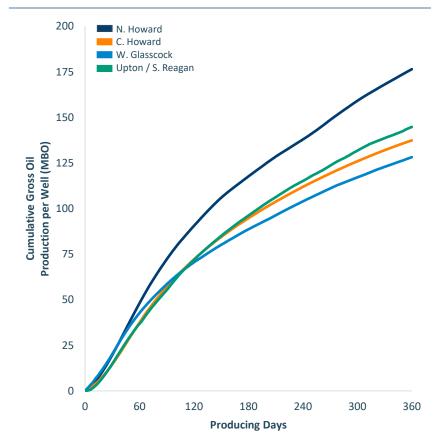


Integrate Digital Solutions

### **Pure-Play Midland Basin Producer**

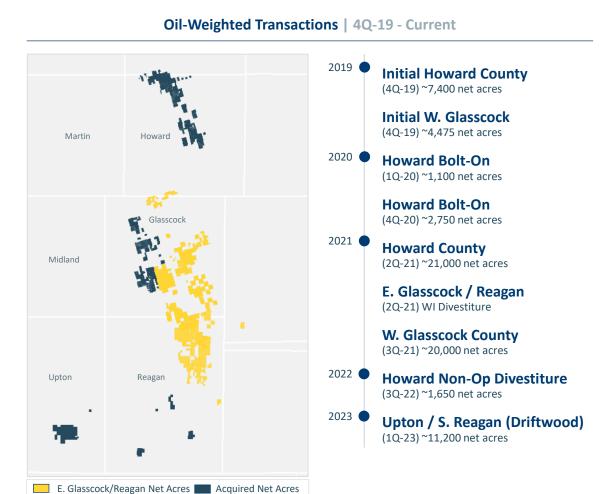


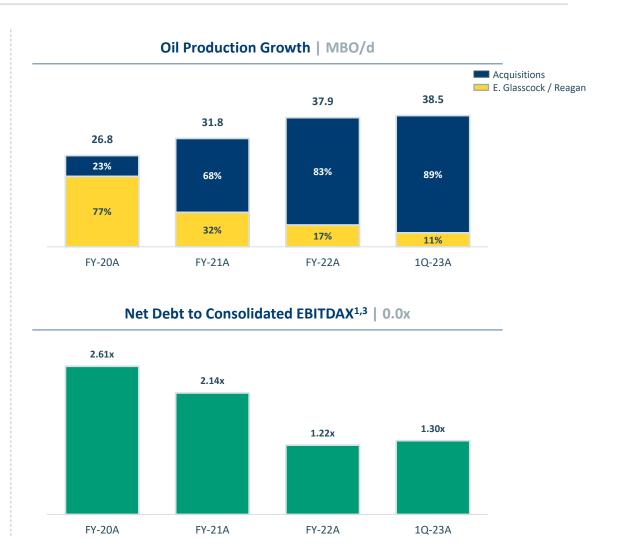
### Strong Well Performance<sup>5</sup> Across the Portfolio





### **Accretive Transactions Driving Company Performance**





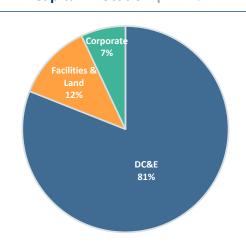


# **Capital Efficient 2023 Development Program**

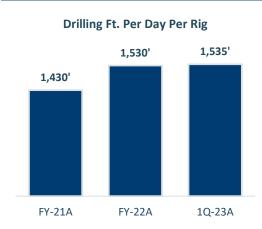
### **Full Year Capital Program**

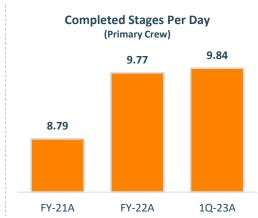
Guidance	FY-23E
Capital Expenditures   \$MM	\$625 - \$675
Avg. Rig Count   Op	~2.0
Avg. Frac Crew   Op	~1.3
Spuds   Op	~47 Gross (~42.8 Net)
Completions   Op	~60 Gross (~57.2 Net)
Turn-in-Lines   Op	~59 Gross (~56.5 Net)
Total Production   MBOE/d	76.0 – 80.0
Oil Production   MBO/d	36.3 – 39.3

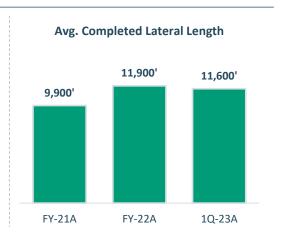
### **Capital Allocation | FY-23E**



### **Continuous Improvement Drives Capital Efficient Program**

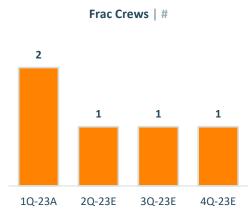






### **Operated Development Activity**

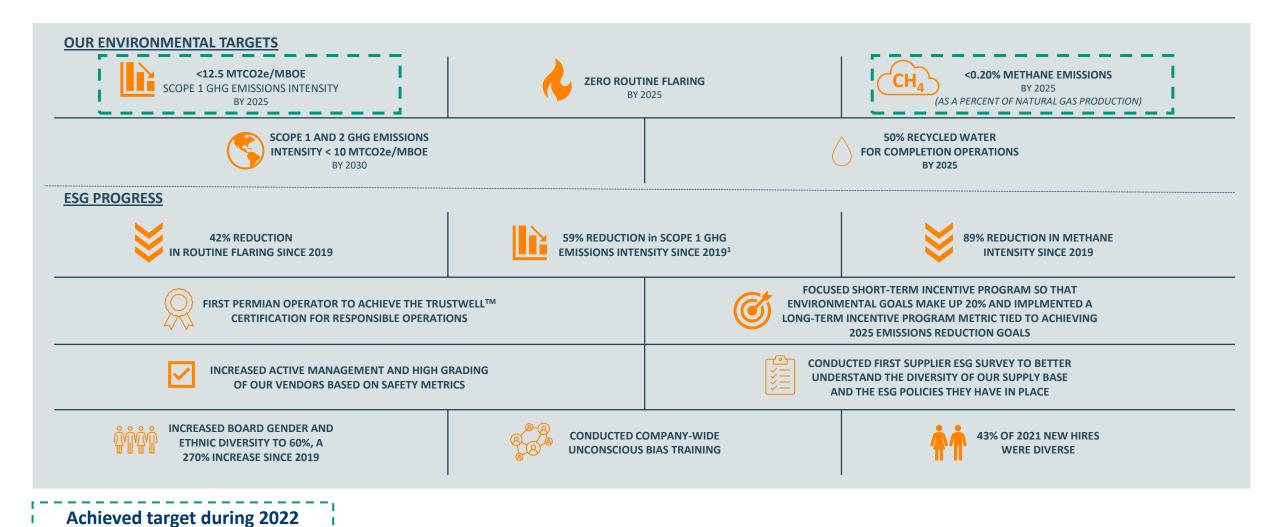








### **Leadership in a Low-Carbon Future**





### **Progress Toward Emissions Targets Demonstrates Continued ESG Leadership**

### 59% Reduction

2022 Scope 1 GHG Intensity vs. 2019 Baseline

### **42% Reduction**

2022 Routine Flaring vs. 2019 Baseline

# 89% Reduction

2022 Methane Intensity<sup>1</sup> vs. 2019 Baseline

# **Zero Incidents**

2022 Employee
Total Recordable Incident Rate

### **2022 ESG Highlights**

- Achieved two of our three 2025 emission reduction targets in 2022
- 58% reduction in absolute emissions driven by pneumatics and monitoring
- 53% reduction in combined Scope 1 & Scope 2 GHG emissions intensity
- 1st Permian Basin operator with certified responsibly sourced production
- Lowest employee and contractor combined TRIR in Company history

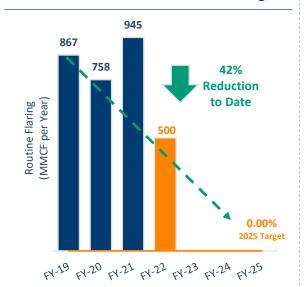
### 2025 Greenhouse Gas Intensity



#### 2025 Methane Intensity<sup>1</sup>



#### 2025 Elimination of Routine Flaring



### 2030 Greenhouse Gas Intensity



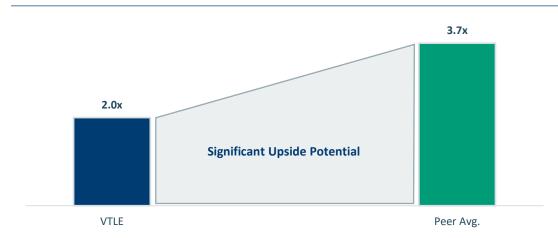


# **Compelling Investment Opportunity**

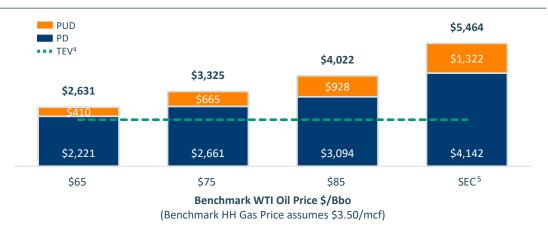
### **Enterprise Value to PDP Value Multiple**<sup>1,2</sup>



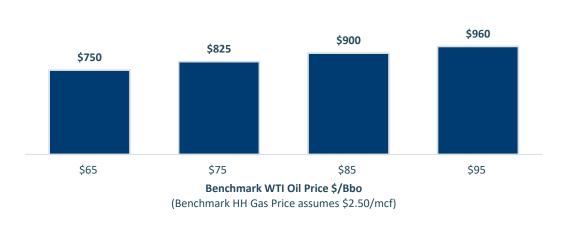
### Enterprise Value to 2024 EBITDA Multiple<sup>1,2</sup>



### YE-22 PV-10<sup>3</sup> Reserve Value Sensitivity | \$MM



### FY-23E Consolidated EBITDAX<sup>3,6</sup> Sensitivity | \$MM







Appendix

# **2Q-23 & FY-23 Guidance**

### Guidance

	2Q-23	FY-23
Production:		
Total Production (MBOE/D)	85.5 - 88.5	76.0 - 80.0
Crude Oil Production (MBO/D)	40.0 - 43.0	36.3 - 39.3
Incurred Capital Expenditures (\$MM):	\$155 - \$175	\$625 - \$675
Average Sales Price Realizations (excluding derivatives):		
Crude Oil (% of WTI)	101%	-
Natural Gas Liquids (% of WTI)	18%	-
Natural Gas (% of Henry Hub)	27%	-
Net Settlements Received (Paid) for Matured Commodity Derivatives (\$MM):		
Crude Oil (\$MM)	\$1	-
Natural Gas Liquids (\$MM)	-	-
Natural Gas (\$MM)	\$12	-
Operating Costs and Expenses (\$/BOE):		
Lease Operating Expenses	\$7.50	-
Production and Ad Valorem Taxes (% of Oil, NGL & Natural Gas Revenues)	7.00%	-
Transportation and Marketing Expenses	\$1.40	-
General and Administrative Expenses (excluding LTIP & Transaction Expense)	\$2.50	-
General and Administrative Expenses (LTIP Cash)	\$0.15	-
General and Administrative Expenses (LTIP Non-Cash)	\$0.35	-
Depletion, Depreciation and Amortization	\$12.75	-

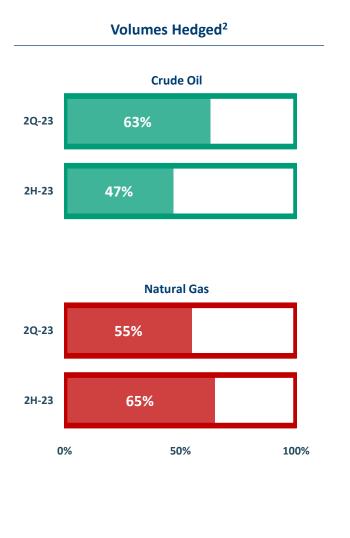
### **Commodity Prices Used for 2Q-23**

	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	2Q-23 Avg.
Crude Oil:				
WTI NYMEX (\$/BBO)	\$79.44	\$71.28	\$71.18	\$73.94
Brent ICE (\$/BBO)	\$83.41	\$75.21	\$75.08	\$77.87
Natural Gas:				
Henry Hub (\$/MMBTU)	\$1.99	\$2.12	\$2.14	\$2.08
Waha (\$/MMBTU)	\$0.09	\$1.09	\$0.92	\$0.70
Natural Gas Liquids:				
C2 (\$/BBL)	\$8.84	\$8.35	\$8.14	\$8.44
C3 (\$/BBL)	\$33.91	\$27.96	\$29.09	\$30.29
IC4 (\$/BBL)	\$43.18	\$33.23	\$34.44	\$36.91
NC4 (\$/BBL)	\$40.17	\$32.17	\$32.87	\$35.04
C5+ (\$/BBL)	\$66.32	\$60.10	\$58.07	\$61.48
Composite (\$/BBL) <sup>1</sup>	\$27.91	\$23.88	\$24.05	\$25.27



# **Hedge Book Structured to Maintain Exposure to Higher Prices**

		2Q-23	3Q-23	4Q-23	FY-23	1Q-24	2Q-24	3Q-24	4Q-24	FY-24
	WTI Swaps	183	552	552	1,287	21	19	18	17	76
$\overline{}$	Price	\$79.62	\$73.39	\$73.39	\$74.27	\$63.75	\$63.75	\$63.75	\$63.75	\$63.75
\$/BBI	WTI Collars	2,092	903	891	3,885	-	-	-	-	-
rice	Bought Put	\$68.04	\$69.55	\$69.60	\$68.75	-	-	-	-	-
BO; P	Sold Call	\$84.10	\$86.98	\$87.04	\$85.45	-	-	-	-	-
Crude Oil (Volume MBO; Price \$/BBL)	WTI Three-Way Collars	110	100	92	301	61	56	52	49	217
/olun	Sold Put	\$45.64	\$45.59	\$45.50	\$45.58	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Oil (	Bought Put	\$57.76	\$57.72	\$57.64	\$57.71	\$66.57	\$66.50	\$66.47	\$66.45	\$66.51
rude	Sold Call	\$74.58	\$74.48	\$74.25	\$74.45	\$87.14	\$87.09	\$87.06	\$87.05	\$87.09
0	WTI Midland Basis Swaps	129	175	154	458	82	75	70	66	293
	Price	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.17	\$0.18	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.11	\$0.12	\$0.11
<u> </u>	Henry Hub Swaps	42,400	40,100	38,000	120,500	109,500	105,350	122,600	118,250	455,700
MBTL	Price	\$2.46	\$2.46	\$2.46	\$2.46	\$3.30	\$3.30	\$3.28	\$3.28	\$3.29
\$/MI	Henry Hub Collars	6,692,589	6,858,873	6,826,534	20,377,996	243,128	214,333	169,320	149,511	776,292
Price	WTD Floor Price	\$4.11	\$4.11	\$4.11	\$4.11	\$3.40	\$3.36	\$3.44	\$3.40	\$3.40
3TU; I	WTD Ceiling Price	\$8.31	\$8.33	\$8.34	\$8.32	\$6.11	\$6.00	\$6.22	\$6.12	\$6.11
M	Henry Hub Three-Way Collars	71,500	35,500	33,500	140,500	-	-	-	-	-
nme	Sold Put	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	-	-	-	-	-
(Vol	Bought Put	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50	-	-	-	-	-
Natural Gas (Volume MMBTU; Price \$/MMBTU)	Sold Call	\$3.01	\$3.01	\$3.01	\$3.01	-	-	-	-	-
Jatura	Waha Basis Swaps	10,446,489	10,614,473	10,578,034	31,638,996	1,262,628	1,229,683	1,211,920	1,187,761	4,891,992
2	Price	(\$1.53)	(\$1.53)	(\$1.53)	(\$1.53)	(\$0.83)	(\$0.82)	(\$0.82)	(\$0.81)	(\$0.82)





# Free Cash Flow Driving Return of Capital and Debt Reductions



**Borrowing Base (Credit Facility)** 

# \$1.0 billion

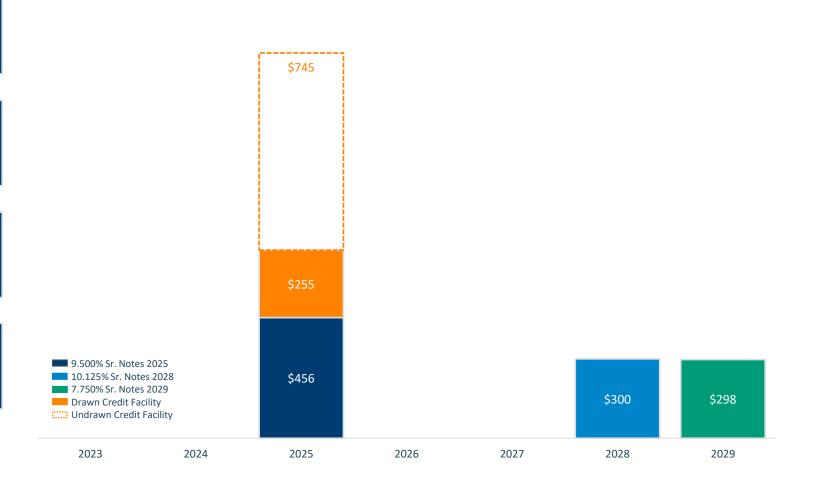
**Elected Commitments (Credit Facility)** 

# \$68 million

Current Cash Balance<sup>1</sup>

# \$813 million

**Current Liquidity**<sup>1</sup>



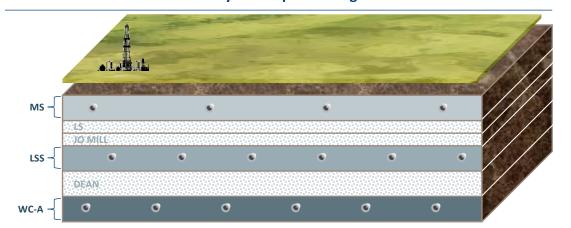
**Current Debt Maturity Profile**<sup>1</sup>

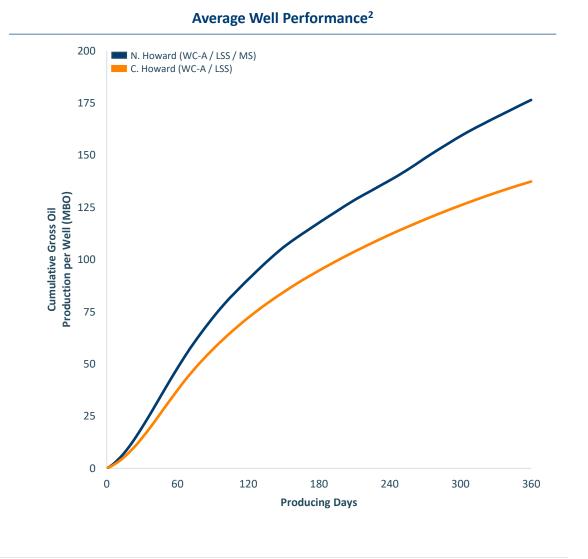


# **Howard County Development Program**



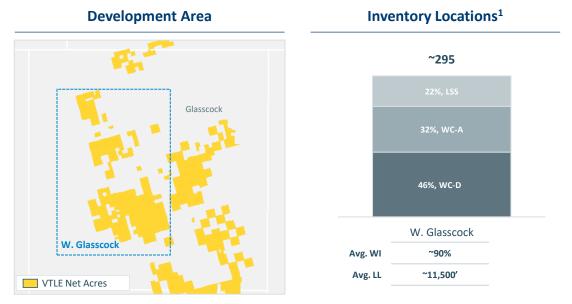
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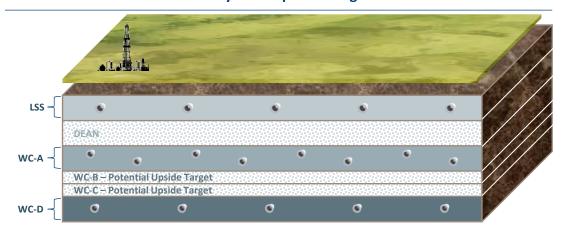


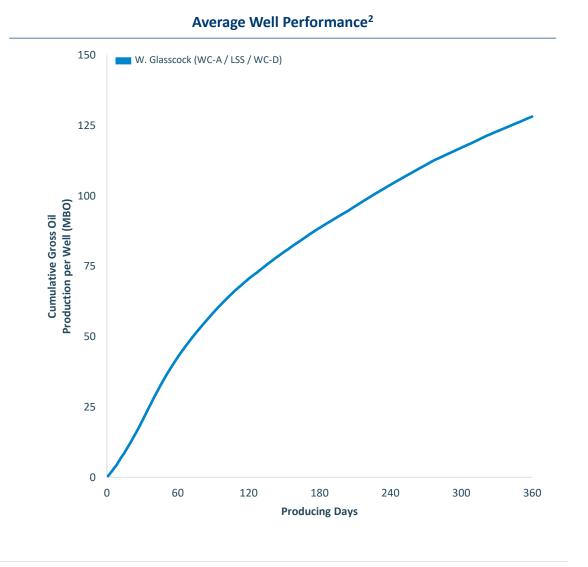


# W. Glasscock County Development Program









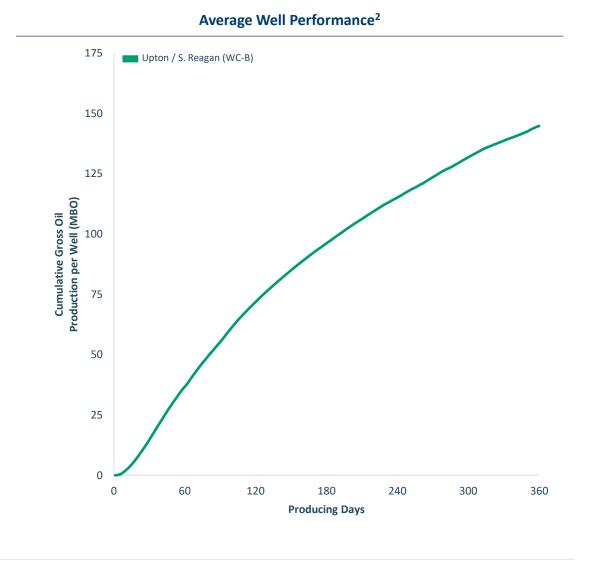


# **Upton / S. Reagan County Development Program**



### **Primary Development Targets**

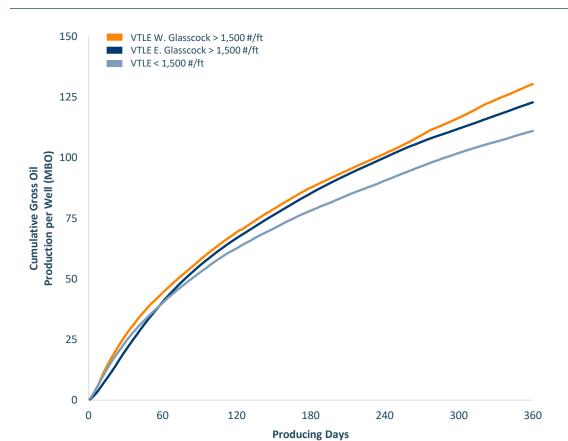




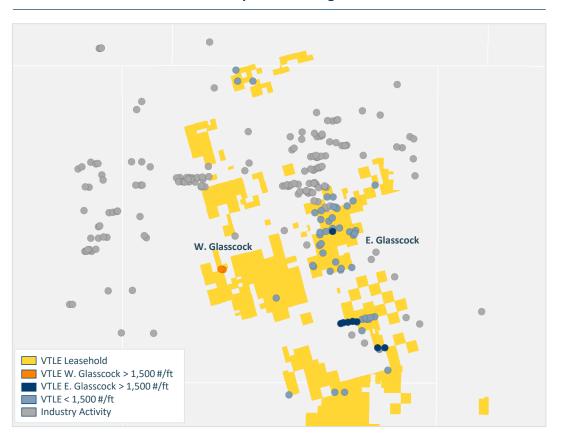


# **Wolfcamp D in Glasscock County Extends Oil-Weighted Inventory**





### **Wolfcamp D Producing Wells**

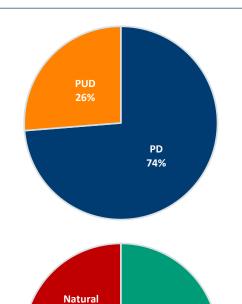


Organically added ~80 oil-weighted Wolfcamp D locations in Glasscock County



# **Proved Reserves Underpin Company Value**

### **Proved Reserves Components | YE-22**



Oil

39%

Gas

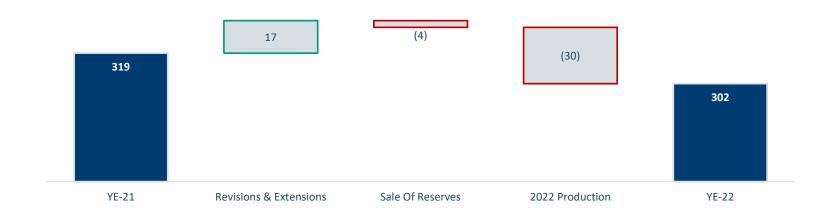
30%

NGL 31%

### **Annual Base Production Decline Expecatations**<sup>1</sup>

		FY-23	FY-24	FY-25
Howard	O:L MPO/d	46%	33%	23%
Total Company	Oil, MBO/d —	41%	27%	19%
Howard	Total Duadwatian MADOF/d	41%	31%	22%
Total Company	Total Production, MBOE/d —	29%	20%	15%

### **Total Proved Reserves | MMBOE**





#### Free Cash Flow

Free Cash Flow is a non-GAAP financial measure that the Company defines as net cash provided by operating activities (GAAP) before net changes in operating assets and liabilities and non-budgeted acquisition costs, less incurred capital expenditures, excluding non-budgeted acquisition costs. Management believes Free Cash Flow is useful to management and investors in evaluating operating trends in its business that are affected by production, commodity prices, operating costs and other related factors. There are significant limitations to the use of Free Cash Flow as a measure of performance, including the lack of comparability due to the different methods of calculating Free Cash Flow reported by different companies.

The following table presents a reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities (GAAP) to Free Cash Flow (non-GAAP) for the periods presented:

		nths Ended ch 31,
(in thousands, unaudited)	2023	2022
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$116,125	\$170,882
Less:		
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities	(66,756)	(23,224)
General and administrative (transaction expenses)	(861)	_
Cash flows from operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities and non-budgeted acquisition costs	183,742	194,106
Less incurred capital expenditures, excluding non-budgeted acquisition costs:		
Oil and natural gas properties <sup>(1)</sup>	184,114	168,368
Midstream and other fixed assets <sup>(1)</sup>	3,530	2,531
Total incurred capital expenditures, excluding non-budgeted acquisition costs	187,644	170,899
Free Cash Flow (non-GAAP)	(\$3,902)	\$23,207



#### Consolidated EBITDAX

Consolidated EBITDAX is a non-GAAP financial measure defined in the Company's Senior Secured Credit Facility as net income or loss (GAAP) plus adjustments for share-settled equity-based compensation, depletion, depreciation and amortization, impairment expense, gains or losses on disposal of assets, mark-to-market on derivatives, accretion expense, income taxes and other non-recurring income and expenses. Consolidated EBITDAX provides no information regarding a company's capital structure, borrowings, interest costs, capital expenditures, working capital movement or tax position. Consolidated EBITDAX does not represent funds available for future discretionary use because it excludes funds required for debt service, capital expenditures, working capital, income taxes, franchise taxes and other commitments and obligations. However, management believes Consolidated EBITDAX is useful to an investor 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 that 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 the Company's operations from period to period by removing the effect of the Company's capital structure from the Company's operating structure; and
- is used by management for various purposes, including (i) as a measure of operating performance, (ii) as a measure of compliance under the Senior Secured Credit Facility, (iii) in presentations to the board of directors and (iv) as a basis for strategic planning and forecasting.

There are significant limitations to the use of Consolidated EBITDAX as a measure of performance, including the inability to analyze the effect of certain recurring and non-recurring items that materially affect the Company's net income or loss and the lack of comparability of results of operations to different companies due to the different methods of calculating Consolidated EBITDAX, or similarly titled measures, reported by different companies. The Company is subject to financial covenants under the Senior Secured Credit Facility, one of which establishes a maximum permitted ratio of Net Debt, as defined in the Senior Secured Credit Facility, to Consolidated EBITDAX. See Note 7 in the 2022 Annual Report for additional discussion of the financial covenants under the Senior Secured Credit Facility, as filed with the SEC on November 3, 2022.



#### **Consolidated EBITDAX**

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income (loss) (GAAP) to Consolidated EBITDAX (non-GAAP) for the periods presented:

	Three Mor Marc		Trailing Twelve Months ended March 31,
(in thousands, unaudited)	2023	2022	2023
Net income (loss)	\$113,940	(\$86,781)	\$832,233
Plus:			
Share-settled equity-based compensation	2,572	2,053	8,922
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	86,779	73,492	324,927
Impairment expense	_	_	40
Organizational restructuring expenses	-	_	10,420
(Gain) loss on disposal of assets, net	(237)	260	582
Mark-to-market on derivatives:			
(Gain) loss on derivatives, net	(20,490)	325,816	(47,583)
Settlements paid for matured derivatives, net	(1,763)	(125,370)	(363,146)
Settlements received for contingent consideration	1,455	_	3,912
Accretion expense	899	1,019	3,759
Interest expense	28,554	32,477	121,198
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net	-	_	1,459
Income tax (benefit) expense	1,607	(877)	7,986
General and administrative (transaction expenses)	861	_	861
Consolidated EBITDAX (non-GAAP)	\$214,177	\$222,089	\$905,570
Transaction adjustments (Senior Secured Credit Facility covenant compliance) <sup>1</sup>			(21,562)
Consolidated EBITDAX (non-GAAP) (Senior Secured Credit Facility covenant compliance) <sup>1</sup>			\$884,008



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculation conforms to credit facility covenant which requires various treatment of asset transaction impacts

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Plus:		
Interest expense	28,554	32,477
Current income tax expense	1,331	1,218
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities	66,756	23,224
General and administrative (transaction expenses)	861	_
Settlements received for contingent consideration	1,455	_
Other, net	(905)	(5,712)
Consolidated EBITDAX (non-GAAP)	\$214,177	\$222,089



#### **Net Debt**

Net Debt is a non-GAAP financial measure defined in the Company's Senior Secured Credit Facility as the face value of long-term debt plus any outstanding letters of credit, less cash and cash equivalents, where cash and cash equivalents are capped at \$50 million when there are borrowings on the Senior Secured Credit Facility. Management believes Net Debt is useful to management and investors in determining the Company's leverage position since the Company has the ability, and may decide, to use a portion of its cash and cash equivalents to reduce debt.

	As c	of March 31,
(in thousands, unaudited)	2023	2022
Total senior unsecured notes	\$1,054,151	\$1,338,957
Senior Secured Credit Facility	120,000	100,000
Letters of credit	_	44,115
Total long-term debt	1,174,151	1,483,072
Less:		
Cash and cash equivalents	27,682	50,000
Net Debt (non-GAAP)	\$1,146,469	\$1,433,072

#### **Net Debt to Consolidated EBITDAX**

Net Debt to Consolidated EBITDAX, a non-GAAP financial measure, is calculated as Net Debt divided by Consolidated EBITDAX, for the previous four quarters, as defined in the Company's Senior Secured Credit Facility. Net Debt to Consolidated EBITDAX is used by the Company's management for various purposes, including as a measure of operating performance, in presentations to its board of directors and as a basis for strategic planning and forecasting.



#### PV-10

PV-10 is a non-GAAP financial measure. PV-10 is a computation of the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows, which is the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure. PV-10 is a computation of the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows at the applicable date, before deducting future income taxes, discounted at 10 percent. Management believes that the presentation of PV-10 is relevant and useful to investors because it presents the discounted future net cash flows attributable to the Company's estimated proved reserves prior to taking into account future corporate income taxes, and it is a useful measure for evaluating the relative monetary significance of the Company's proved oil, NGL and natural gas assets. Further, investors may utilize the measure as a basis for comparison of the relative size and value of proved reserves to other companies. The Company uses this measure when assessing the potential return on investment related to proved oil, NGL and natural gas assets. However, PV-10 is not a substitute for the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows. The PV-10 measure and the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows do not purport to present the fair value of the Company's oil, NGL and natural gas reserves of the property.

(in millions)	December 31, 2022
Standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows	\$4,755
Less present value of future income taxes discounted at 10%	(709)
PV-10 (non-GAAP)	\$5,464

