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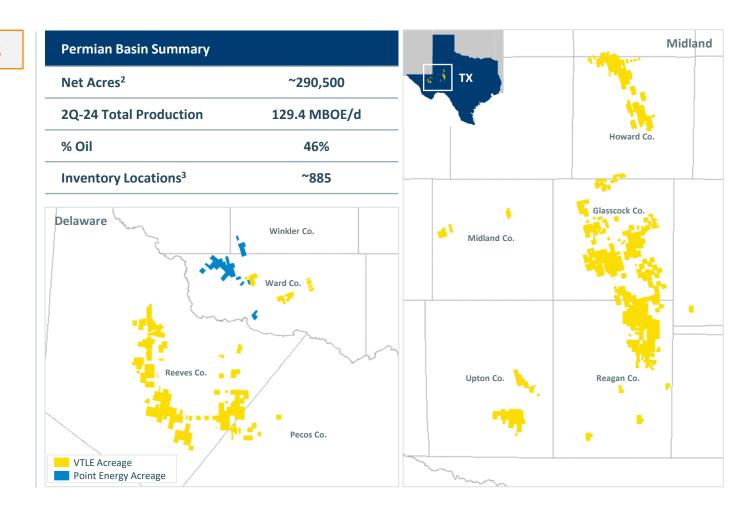


Unlocking Value from Current Portfolio

Focused on Optimizing Recently Acquired Assets



- Strengthen margins by lowering cash costs
- Maintain well productivity improvements
- Enhance capital efficiency driven by improved well costs
- Utilize Adjusted FCF¹ to reduce Net Debt¹
- 2 Improve and Expand Current Portfolio Organically
 - Lower well costs drive down breakeven prices
 - Horseshoe wells
 - Extend lateral lengths
 - Optimize well spacing and completion designs
 - Delineate prospective formations
 - 1st/2nd Bone Spring and WCC in the Delaware Basin
 - Barnett in the Midland Basin





Built a Decade of Inventory through Targeted Acquisitions and Organic Additions

395 Sub-\$50 WTI Breakeven Locations

>4 years of drilling at current rig pace with an average breakeven price of \$45 per Bbl WTI

+350 Acquired Locations

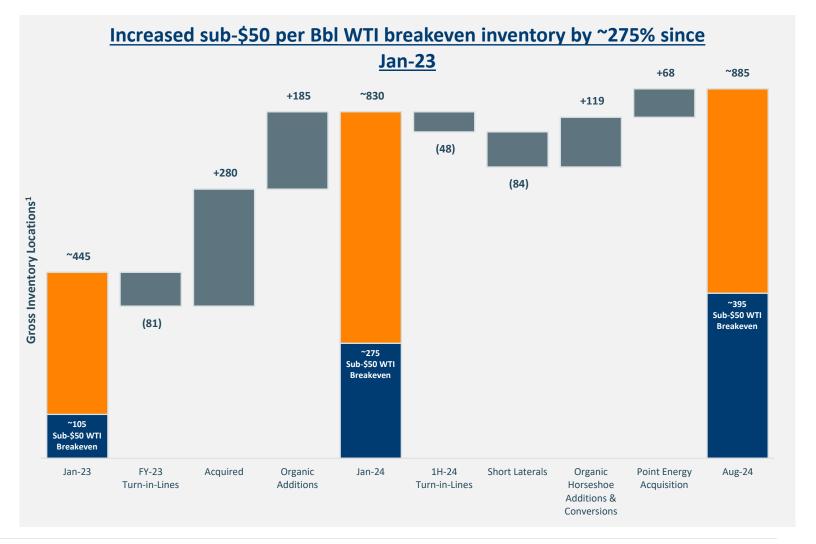
Built through six strategic transactions since Jan-23

+185 Organic Additions

Locations added through technical evaluation, higher well productivity and capital efficiencies

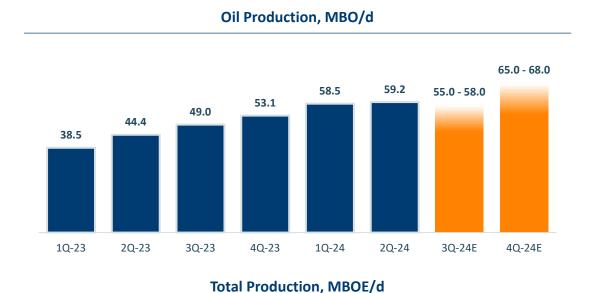
+119 Horseshoe Locations

Organically added from successful horseshoe development across Midland and Delaware basins

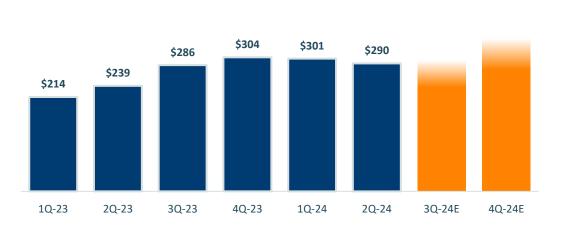




Expanded Permian Basin Scale Enhances Financial Performance

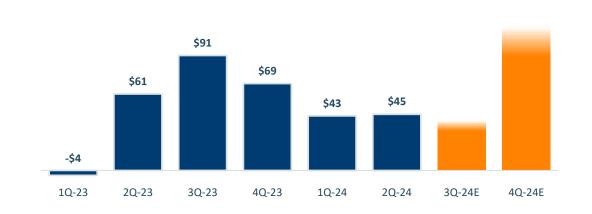


Consolidated EBITDAX1, \$MM



Adjusted Free Cash Flow¹, \$MM







Point Energy Acquisition Adds High-Value, Low-Breakeven Delaware Basin Inventory

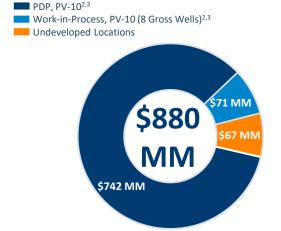
Primary targets in 3BS, WCA and WCB underpin underwritten value

- 68 gross (49 net) locations with avg. estimated breakeven of \$47 per Bbl WTI
- Total includes 16 gross horseshoe wells with an avg. estimated breakeven of \$44 per Bbl WTI
- Greater than five years of development assuming a 1 rig pace

Substantial upside potential in 1BS/2BS and WCC formations

- Inventory count excludes upside formations
- Multiple producing wells to date in upside formations

Transaction Value Allocation⁴



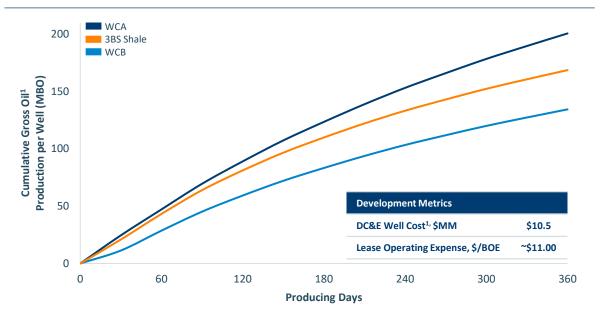
68 Gross / 49 Net

Undeveloped Locations

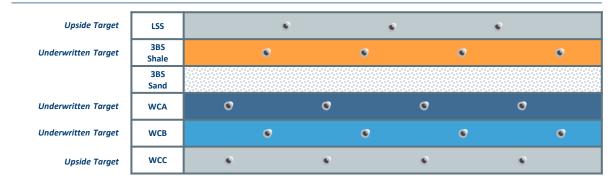
~\$1.4 Million

Price per Undeveloped Location

Highly Productive, Low-Breakeven Inventory



Conservative Development Spacing



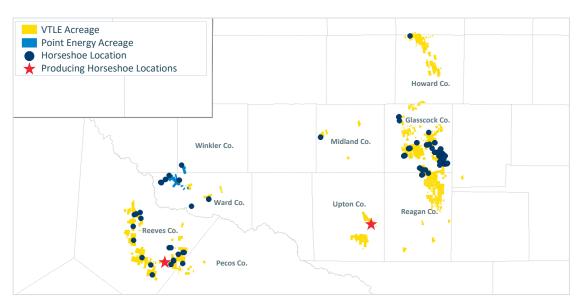


¹Expectations normalized for 10,000' lateral length. ²See Appendix for definitions of non-GAAP financial measures.

³Estimated by independent third-party reserve engineers at Ryder Scott using SEC (\$77.48 WTI oil; \$2.45 Henry Hub gas) pricing as of effective date.

⁴Transaction value for Point Energy asset acquisition presented on a gross basis to VTLE, before expected closing price adjustments.

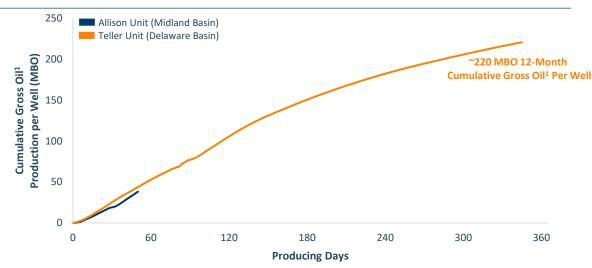
Horseshoe Wells Lower Breakevens Across Portfolio



Horseshoe Wells Have an Average Estimated Breakeven of \$53 per Bbl WTI



Horseshoe Well Productivity



Significant Capital Savings Increase Capital Efficiencies, \$MM⁴





¹Production normalized for 10,000' lateral length. ²Gross operated locations as of January 2024.

⁴Illustrative cost reductions from converting two short lateral wells to an extended lateral horseshoe-shaped well.

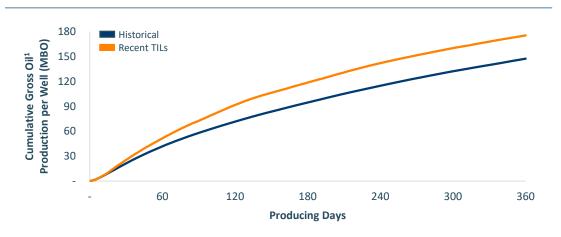
³Gross operated locations as of August 2024 (adjusted for 1H-2024 turn-in-lines) and includes recently announced Point Energy asset acquisition.

Optimizing Delaware Basin Development Program

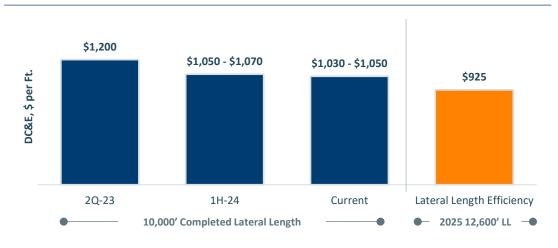
✓ ~20% increase in well productivity vs. prior operators

- **~15%** decrease in current well costs vs. basin entry
- **▼22%** increase in expected completed lateral length
- Orilled 10,000' lateral well in a record 16 days

New Well Productivity Exceeding Prior Operators' Historical Results



Continuously Improving Well Cost and Optimizing Lateral Lengths



Drilling Days¹



Completed Lateral Length, Ft.





2024 Development Program

\$820 - \$870

Capital Investments (MM)

59.0 - 61.0

Oil Production (MBO/d)

127.0 - 131.0

Total Production (MBOE/d)

	Delaware	Midland	Combined		A Company
Rig Count	2.6	1.7	4.3		
Frac Crews	0.5	1.3	1.8		
Spuds (Gross / Net)	37 / 24.3	32 / 29.7	69 / 54.0		Howard Co.
Completions (Gross / Net)	18 / 11.7	62 / 56.5	80 / 68.1		
Turn-in-Lines (Gross / Net)	24 / 16.3	62 / 56.5	86 / 72.7	41	Glasscock Co.
and the second	Winkle	er Co.		Midland Co.	
	Ward Cc		,	Upton Co.	Reagan Co.
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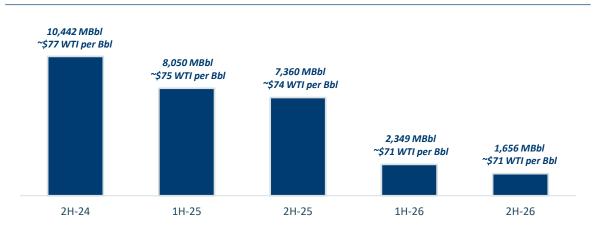




Strong Capital Structure Supported by Robust 2024 and 2025 Oil Hedges

- Debt refinancing reduced weighted-average coupon on term debt from 9.5% to 8.2%
- Increased 2025 oil hedges to 15.4 million barrels at ~\$75 per Bbl WTI
- Expanded credit facility supported by acquisition of Point Energy assets¹

Current Oil Hedge Position as of September 16, 2024, MBO



Pro Forma Debt Maturity Profile, \$MM

Credit Facility	Current	Pro Forma	Impact ¹		
Borrowing Base	\$1.50 B	\$1.50 B	-		
Elected Commitment	\$1.35 B	\$1.50 B	+\$150 MM		
Cash Balance Sr. Notes Drawn Credit Facility ² Transaction Financing Undrawn Credit Facility		\$590			
		\$820			\$1,000
\$56		\$90	\$298	\$302	



Cash

Balance

6/30/2024

2024

2025

2026

2027

2028

2030

(7.750%) (9.750%)

2031

2032

(7.875%)

Investment Opportunity Driven by Consistent Value Creation

Optimizing current portfolio to prioritize sustainable Adjusted Free Cash Flow¹

Robust oil hedges in 2024 and 2025 to support Net Debt¹ reduction

3 Decade of high-margin inventory with an average breakeven of <\$55 per Bbl WTI

4 Focused on organically adding inventory through delineation of existing acreage





Appendix

2H-24 & FY-24 Guidance

Guidance

	3Q-24	4Q-24	FY-24
Production:			
Total Production (MBOE/D)	121.0 - 127.0	134.0 - 140.0	127.0 - 131.0
Crude Oil Production (MBO/D)	55.0 - 58.0	65.0 - 68.0	59.0 - 61.0
Capital Expenditures (\$MM):	\$215 - \$240	\$175 - \$200	\$820 - \$870
Average Sales Price Realizations (excluding derivatives):			
Crude Oil (% of WTI)	102%	_	-
Natural Gas Liquids (% of WTI)	16%	_	_
Natural Gas (% of Henry Hub)	(5)%	-	-
Net Settlements Received (Paid) for Matured Commodity Derivatives (\$MM):			
Crude Oil (\$MM)	\$9	_	-
Natural Gas Liquids (\$MM)	\$0	_	_
Natural Gas (\$MM)	\$17	_	_
Operating Costs and Expenses (\$/BOE):			
Lease Operating Expenses	\$8.95	_	-
Production and Ad Valorem Taxes (% of Oil, NGL & Natural Gas Revenues)	6.10%	_	_
Oil Transportation and Marketing Expenses	\$1.05	-	-
Gas Gathering, Processing and Transportation Expenses ¹	\$0.45	_	_
General and Administrative Expenses (excluding LTIP & Transaction Expense)	\$1.85	_	_
General and Administrative Expenses (LTIP Cash)	\$0.10	_	_
General and Administrative Expenses (LTIP Non-Cash)	\$0.30	_	_
Depletion, Depreciation and Amortization	\$15.00	_	_

Commodity Prices Used for 3Q-24

	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	3Q-24 Avg.
Crude Oil:				
WTI NYMEX (\$/BBO)	\$80.48	\$72.31	\$72.40	\$75.43
WTI Midland (\$/BBO)	\$81.34	\$74.04	\$73.17	\$76.22
WTI Houston (\$/BBO)	\$81.77	\$74.38	\$73.61	\$76.62
Natural Gas:				
Henry Hub (\$/MMBTU)	\$2.63	\$1.91	\$1.97	\$2.17
Waha (\$/MMBTU)	\$0.56	\$0.22	(\$0.23)	\$0.19
Natural Gas Liquids:				
C2 (\$/BBL)	\$6.47	\$4.71	\$5.93	\$5.70
C3 (\$/BBL)	\$33.50	\$31.19	\$30.87	\$31.86
IC4 (\$/BBL)	\$47.65	\$46.78	\$43.68	\$46.06
NC4 (\$/BBL)	\$40.83	\$39.57	\$38.59	\$39.68
C5+ (\$/BBL)	\$64.08	\$61.69	\$60.80	\$62.20
Composite (\$/BBL) ²	\$26.74	\$24.81	\$24.92	\$25.50



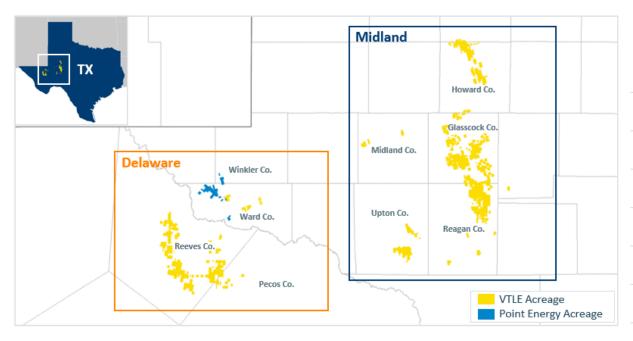
¹Represents a limited number of gas contracts; majority of GP&T expenses are included in natural gas and natural gas liquids realized pricing. ²Current NGL composition C2 (42%), C3 (33%), IC4 (3%), NC4 (11%) and C5+ (11%).

Active Hedge Program Protecting Adjusted Free Cash Flow and Returns

		3Q-24	4Q-24	2H-24	1Q-25	2Q-25	3Q-25	4Q-25	FY-25	1Q-26	2Q-26	3Q-26	4Q-26	FY-26
	WTI Swaps	5,384	4,957	10,342	4,410	3,640	3,772	3,588	15,410	1,530	819	828	828	4,005
	Price	\$77.02	\$76.71	\$76.87	\$75.39	\$75.14	\$74.56	\$74.20	\$74.85	\$71.72	\$71.24	\$71.24	\$71.24	\$71.42
Crude Oil (MBO) (Price \$/BBO)1	WTI Three-Way Collars	52	49	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>8</u>	Sold Put	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
e e e	Bought Put	\$66.47	\$66.45	\$66.46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prid (Pric	Sold Call	\$87.06	\$87.05	\$87.06	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	WTI Midland Basis Swaps	70	66	136	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Price	\$0.11	\$0.12	\$0.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Henry Hub Swaps	6,562,600	6,558,250	13,120,850	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
_	Price	\$3.47	\$3.47	\$3.47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E TE TE	Henry Hub Collars	169,320	149,511	318,831	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MM 1BT	WTD Floor Price	\$3.44	\$3.40	\$3.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
as (WTD Ceiling Price	\$6.22	\$6.12	\$6.17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>a</u> 0	Waha Inside FERC Swaps	-	-	-	3,780,000	3,822,000	3,864,000	3,864,000	15,330,000	3,780,000	3,822,000	3,864,000	3,864,000	15,330,000
Natural Gas (MMBTU) (Price \$/MMBTU) ¹	Price	-	-	-	\$2.61	\$2.61	\$2.61	\$2.61	\$2.61	\$2.76	\$2.76	\$2.76	\$2.76	\$2.76
Z	Waha Basis Swaps	6,731,920	6,707,761	13,439,681	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Price	(\$0.74)	(\$0.74)	(\$0.74)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u> </u>	Propane Swaps	124	-	124	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1881	Price	\$34.23	-	\$34.23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
° €	Butane Swaps	27	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquids (MBBL) (\$/BBL)1	Price	\$39.78	-	\$39.78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
s s ⊕	Isobutane Swaps	89	-	89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
l Gas Price	Price	\$42.26	-	\$42.26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natural P	Pentane Swaps	86	-	86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Z	Price	\$65.15	-	\$65.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Asset Overview¹



	Delaware	Midland	Combined
Net Acres	~87,800	~202,700	~290,500
Inventory Locations ²	~350 Gross	~535 Gross	~885 Gross
Avg. Lateral Length	11,250′	11,800′	11,600′
DC&E Well Cost ³	\$10.3 - \$10.5 MM	\$8.4 MM	-
Wells per Rig per Year ³	15 wells	25 wells	-
Inventory Ownership	75% WI 56% NRI	86% WI 66% NRI	81% WI 62% NRI
PDP Ownership	80% WI 60% NRI	71% WI 54% NRI	72% WI 55% NRI



2023 Sustainability Report Highlights¹

Significant Progress Toward Our Environmental Targets

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	Category	2019 Baseline	Target	2022 Performance	Target Status
by 2025	Scope 1 GHG emissions intensity	26.03 mtCO ₂ e / MBOE	below 12.5 mtCO ₂ e / MBOE (52% reduction from baseline)	10.70 mtCO ₂ e / MBOE	Achieved (59% reduction from baseline)
	Methane emissions	0.87%²	below 0.20% (77% reduction from baseline)	0.11%	Achieved (87% reduction from baseline)
	Routine flaring	867 MMCF / year	Zero	500 MMCF / year	42% reduction to date
	Recycled water	35% water recycling rate 8 million bbls recycled	50% for completion operations	49% water recycling rate 18.5 million bbls recycled	99% toward our target
by	Combined		below 10		86% toward our target
2030	Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions intensity	26.53 mtCO ₂ e / MBOE	mtCO ₂ e / MBOE (62% reduction from baseline)	12.37 mtCO ₂ e / MBOE	53% reduction to date

Social and Governance Highlights

Diversity, E	quity and I	nclusion
0)	60%	Board diversity
	75 %	Board Committees led by diverse directors
	55%	Employee new hires were diverse
Governance	e	
(+)	2	New board directors
	50%	Of directors have environmental and sustainability expertise
	20%	Of STIP and 15% of executive LTIP tied to sustainability and safety performance
Certification	n	
	2024	United Nations Oil & Gas Methane Partnership (OGMP 2.0) Commitment
	1 st	Operator to achieve TrustWell Low Methane Rating
	1 st	Operator in Permian Basin to be Certified as a Responsibly Sourced Producer by TrustWell



Adjusted Free Cash Flow

Adjusted 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 transaction expenses related to non-budgeted acquisitions, less capital investments, excluding non-budgeted acquisition costs. Management believes Adjusted 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 Adjusted Free Cash Flow as a measure of performance, including the lack of comparability due to the different methods of calculating Adjusted Free Cash Flow reported by different companies.

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

	Three months ended					
(in thousands, unaudited)	March 31, 2023	June 30, 2023	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2024	June 30, 2024
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$116,125	\$248,888	\$214,209	\$233,734	\$158,590	\$338,401
Less:						
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities	(66,756)	38,742	(32,145)	(11,285)	(102,326)	83,712
General and administrative (transaction expenses)	(861)	861	(3,120)	(8,221)	(332)	(15)
Cash flows from operating activities before net changes in operating assets and liabilities and transaction expenses related to non-budgeted acquisitions	183,742	209,285	249,474	253,240	261,248	254,704
Less capital investments, excluding non-budgeted acquisition costs:						
Oil and natural gas properties ¹	184,114	144,350	154,865	179,696	213,265	205,521
Midstream and other fixed assets ¹	3,530	4,239	3,321	4,511	4,635	4,489
Total capital investments, excluding non-budgeted acquisition costs	187,644	148,589	158,186	184,207	217,900	210,010
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (non-GAAP)	(\$3,902)	\$60,696	\$91,288	\$69,033	\$43,348	\$44,694



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, organizational restructuring expenses, gains or losses on disposal of assets, mark-to-market on derivatives, accretion expense, interest 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 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 2023 Annual Report for additional discussion of the financial covenants under the Senior Secured Credit Facility, as filed with the SEC on September 13, 2023.



Consolidated EBITDAX

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

			Three mor	nths ended		
(in thousands, unaudited)	March 31, 2023	June 30, 2023	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2024	June 30, 2024
Net income (loss)	\$113,940	\$294,811	\$4,893	\$281,434	(\$66,131)	\$36,702
Plus:						
Share-settled equity-based compensation	2,572	2,893	2,937	2,592	3,501	3,934
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	86,779	103,340	120,499	152,626	166,107	174,298
Organizational restructuring expenses	_	_	_	1,654	_	_
Gain on disposal of assets, net	(237)	(154)	(149)	(132)	(130)	(36)
Mark-to-market on derivatives:						
(Gain) loss on derivatives, net	(20,490)	18,044	135,321	(229,105)	152,147	(7,658)
Settlements (paid) received for matured derivatives, net	(1,763)	10,783	(22,760)	(3,328)	(9,000)	(9,262)
Settlements received for contingent consideration	1,455	_	47	311	_	_
Accretion expense	899	903	913	988	1,020	1,036
Interest expense	28,554	31,529	39,305	50,431	43,421	40,690
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net	_	_	_	4,039	25,814	40,301
Income tax (benefit) expense	1,607	(221,831)	2,373	34,514	(15,749)	10,409
General and administrative (transaction expenses)	861	(861)	3,120	8,221	332	15
Consolidated EBITDAX (non-GAAP)	\$214,177	\$239,457	\$286,499	\$304,245	\$301,332	\$290,429



Consolidated EBITDAX

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

	Three months ended					
(in thousands, unaudited)	March 31, 2023	June 30, 2023	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2024	June 30, 2024
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$116,125	\$248,888	\$214,209	\$233,734	\$158,590	\$338,401
Plus:						
Interest expense	28,554	31,529	39,305	50,431	43,421	40,690
Organizational restructuring expenses	_	_	_	1,654	_	_
Current income tax expense	1,331	503	464	3,425	1,175	1,062
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities	66,756	(38,742)	32,145	11,285	102,326	(83,712)
General and administrative (transaction expenses)	861	(861)	3,120	8,221	332	15
Settlements received for contingent consideration	1,455	_	47	311	_	_
Other, net	(905)	(1,860)	(2,791)	(4,816)	(4,512)	(6,027)
Consolidated EBITDAX (non-GAAP)	\$214,177	\$239,457	\$286,499	\$304,245	\$301,332	\$290,429



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 \$100 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.

PV-10

PV-10 is a non-GAAP financial measure that is derived from 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 on a pre-tax basis. PV-10 is equal to 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.

