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## INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

In this annual information form, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, reference to “Paramount” or to the “Company” includes reference to subsidiaries and partnerships directly and indirectly owned by Paramount Resources Ltd. In addition, information herein is as at December 31, 2012 unless otherwise noted.

Unless otherwise indicated, all financial information included in this annual information form is determined using International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). Paramount’s audited consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2012 can be found under the Company’s profile on the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

This annual information form contains disclosure expressed as “Boe” (barrels of oil equivalent), “MBoe” (thousands of barrels of oil equivalent), “MMBoe” (millions of barrels of oil equivalent), “Boe/d” (barrels of oil equivalent per day), “Bbl” (barrels), “MBbl” (thousands of barrels), “Bbl/d” (barrels per day), “Mcf” (thousands of cubic feet equivalent), “Mcf” (thousands of cubic feet), “MMcf” (millions of cubic feet), “Bcf” (billions of cubic feet), “MMcf/d” (millions of cubic feet per day), and “MMBtu” (millions of British thermal units). The term “liquids” is used to represent oil, natural gas liquids (“NGLs”) and condensate. The term “liquids rich” is used to represent natural gas streams with associated liquids volumes. All oil, NGLs, and natural gas equivalency volumes have been derived using the ratio of six thousand cubic feet of natural gas to one barrel of oil (6:1). Equivalency measures may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A conversion ratio of six thousand cubic feet of natural gas to one barrel of oil is based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the well head. During 2012, the value ratio between crude oil and natural gas was approximately 31:1. This value ratio is significantly different from the energy equivalency ratio of 6:1. Using a 6:1 ratio would be misleading as an indication of value.

Unless otherwise specified, all dollar amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars and all references to “dollars” or “\$” are to Canadian dollars and all references to “US\$” are to United States dollars.

## NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND ADVISORIES

Certain statements in this document constitute forward-looking information under applicable securities legislation. Forward-looking information typically contains statements with words such as "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "expect", "plan", "schedule", "intend", "propose", or similar words suggesting future outcomes or an outlook. Forward looking information in this document includes, but is not limited to:

- expected production and sales volumes and the timing thereof;
- exploration, development and strategic investment plans and strategies and the anticipated costs, timing, and results thereof;
- budget allocations and capital spending flexibility;
- the availability and adequacy of facilities to process, de-ethanize, fractionate, and transport natural gas and liquids production;
- the scope, timing, and costs of new facilities and facilities expansions, and the expected capacity and utilization of, and the benefits to be derived from, such facilities;
- the negotiation and completion of arrangements for the transportation and sales of natural gas, NGLs, and bitumen;
- estimated reserves and resources and the undiscounted and discounted present value of future net revenues from such reserves and resources (including the forecast prices and costs and the timing of expected production volumes and future development capital);
- planned repayment of debt;
- the negotiation and completion of arrangements for the transportation and sales of natural gas, NGLs, and bitumen;
- the timing and scope of the anticipated development of oilsands, carbonate bitumen, and shale gas assets;
- future taxes payable or owing;
- the potential outcome and timing of any legal claims, audits, assessments or other regulatory matters or proceedings;
- undeveloped land lease expiries;
- timing and cost of future abandonment and reclamation obligations;
- business strategies and objectives;
- sources of and plans for funding Paramount's exploration, development, facilities and other expenditures;
- acquisition, disposition, and capital expenditure plans;
- operating and other costs and royalty rates;
- regulatory applications and the anticipated timing, results and scope thereof; and
- the outcome and timing of any legal claims, insurance claims, audits, assessments and regulatory matters and proceedings.

Such forward-looking information is based on a number of assumptions which may prove to be incorrect. The following assumptions have been made, in addition to any other assumptions identified in this document:

- future oil, gas, NGLs, and bitumen prices and general economic, business, and market conditions;
- the ability to obtain required capital, through access to capital markets and other means, to finance exploration and development activities and new and expanded facilities;
- the ability to obtain equipment, services, supplies and personnel in a timely manner and at an acceptable cost to carry out activities;
- the ability to market its oil, natural gas, NGLs and bitumen successfully to current and new customers;
- the ability to secure adequate product processing, de-ethanization, fractionation, transportation and storage;
- the ability of Paramount and its industry partners to obtain drilling success and production levels consistent with expectations, including with respect to anticipated reserves additions and NGLs yields;
- the timely receipt of required regulatory approvals;
- expected timelines and budgets being met and anticipated results achieved, in respect of facilities and infrastructure development;
- anticipated rates of return from existing and planned projects relative to other opportunities;
- estimates of input and labour costs; and
- currency exchange and interest rates.

Although Paramount believes that the expectations reflected in such forward looking information is reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on it as Paramount can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Forward-looking information is based on expectations, estimates and projections that involve a number of risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by Paramount and described in the forward looking information. The material risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

- fluctuations in oil, natural gas, NGLs and bitumen prices and commodity price differentials,
- fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates;
- the uncertainty of estimates and projections relating to future revenue, future production, NGLs yields, costs and expenses and the timing thereof;
- the ability to secure adequate product processing, de-ethanization, fractionation, transportation and storage;
- uncertainties associated with exploration and development drilling and related activities;
- operational risks in exploring for, developing and producing oil, natural gas, NGLs and bitumen and the timing thereof;
- the ability to obtain equipment, services, supplies and personnel in a timely manner and at an acceptable cost;
- potential disruptions, unexpected technical difficulties or other constraints in designing, developing, operating or utilizing new, expanded or existing facilities, including third-party facilities;
- the ability to generate sufficient cash flow from operations and obtain other sources of financing at an acceptable cost to fund planned operations, and exploration and development activities, including the costs of anticipated new and expanded facilities and other projects, and to meet current and future obligations;
- the ability to fulfill natural gas production, pipeline transportation, processing, and commodity sales commitments;
- risks and uncertainties involving the geology of oil and gas deposits;
- the uncertainty of reserves and resource estimates;
- changes to, or in the interpretation or application of, laws, regulations or policies;
- changes in environmental laws including potential emission reduction and fracing regulations;
- the receipt, timing, and scope of governmental or regulatory approvals;
- potential title defects affecting Paramount's properties;
- uncertainty regarding aboriginal land claims and co-existing with local populations and stakeholders;
- the effects of weather;
- the timing and cost of future abandonment and reclamation activities;
- clean-up costs or business interruptions resulting from environmental damage and contamination;
- the ability to enter into or continue leases;
- existing and potential lawsuits and regulatory actions;
- general economic, business and market conditions;
- industry wide processing, pipeline, de-ethanization, and fractionation infrastructure constraints; and
- other risks and uncertainties described elsewhere in this document and in Paramount's other filings with Canadian securities authorities.

The foregoing list of risks is not exhaustive. For more information relating to risks, see the section titled "RISK FACTORS" in this annual information form. The forward-looking information contained in this document is made as of the date hereof and, except as required by applicable securities law, Paramount undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements or information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

## **CORPORATE STRUCTURE**

Paramount was incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta). The Company's head and registered office is located at Suite 4700, 888 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2P 5C5. Paramount's Class A Common Shares ("Common Shares") are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol "POU".

Paramount's main operating entity is Paramount Resources, an Alberta general partnership directly and indirectly wholly-owned by Paramount. Individually, the Company's other subsidiaries and partnerships each accounted for less than 10 percent of the Company's total consolidated assets and total consolidated sales and operating revenues as at and for the year ended December 31, 2012. In aggregate, the Company's other subsidiaries and partnerships accounted for less than 20 percent of the Company's total consolidated assets and total consolidated sales and operating revenues as at and for the year ended December 31, 2012.

## GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS

Paramount is an independent Canadian energy company involved in the exploration, development, production, processing, transportation and marketing of natural gas, crude oil and natural gas liquids. The Company commenced operations as a public company on December 18, 1978, with an initial public offering that raised \$4.7 million and a share exchange with a private company, Paramount Oil & Gas Ltd., for certain crude oil and natural gas assets with a book value of \$341,000. Paramount has adapted to a multitude of operating climates over the years, and has grown into a company with a market capitalization of approximately \$3.4 billion as of March 7, 2013. In addition, Paramount has spun-out three public entities: (i) Paramount Energy Trust in February, 2003 (Paramount Energy Trust subsequently converted to Perpetual Energy Inc.); (ii) Trilogy Energy Trust in April, 2005 (Trilogy Energy Trust subsequently converted to Trilogy Energy Corp.); and (iii) MGM Energy Corp. ("MGM Energy") in January, 2007; and in December 2011, the Company reorganized its oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets into a new wholly-owned subsidiary named Cavalier Energy Inc. ("Cavalier"). A reference herein to "Trilogy" refers to either Trilogy Energy Trust before the conversion or Trilogy Energy Corp. after the conversion, as the context requires.

Paramount's operations are divided into three business segments, established by management to assist in resource allocation, to assess operating performance and to achieve long-term strategic objectives: i) Principal Properties; ii) Strategic Investments; and iii) Corporate.

Paramount's Principal Properties are divided into four Corporate Operating Units ("COUs") as follows:

- the Kaybob COU (or "Kaybob"), which includes properties in West Central Alberta;
- the Grande Prairie COU (or "Grande Prairie"), which includes properties in the Peace River Arch area of Alberta;
- the Southern COU (or "Southern"), which currently includes properties principally in Southern Alberta; and
- the Northern COU (or "Northern"), which includes properties in Northern Alberta, the Northwest Territories and Northeast British Columbia.

Strategic Investments include: (i) investments in other entities, including affiliates; (ii) investments in exploration and development stage assets, where there is no near-term expectation of production or revenue, but a longer-term value proposition based on spin-outs, dispositions, or future revenue generation, including oil sands and carbonate bitumen resources held by Cavalier, and prospective shale gas acreage; and (iii) drilling rigs owned by Paramount's wholly-owned subsidiary Fox Drilling Inc. ("Fox Drilling").

The Corporate segment is comprised of income and expense items, including general and administrative expense and interest expense, which have not been specifically allocated to Principal Properties or Strategic Investments.

Set forth below is a brief description of the events that have influenced the general development of Paramount's business over the past three fiscal years.

### 2010

On February 5, 2010, Trilogy converted from an income trust structure to a corporate structure, under the name Trilogy Energy Corp., through a business combination with a private company pursuant to an arrangement under the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) and related transactions (the "Conversion"). Pursuant to the Conversion, Paramount received, in exchange for its 24,144,335 Trilogy Energy Trust units, 12,755,845 common shares of Trilogy Energy Corp. and 11,388,490 non-voting shares of Trilogy Energy Corp. The non-voting shares are convertible to common shares on a one-for-one basis if: i) beneficial ownership of the non-voting shares are

transferred to any person that is not related to or affiliated with Paramount; or ii) Trilogy exercises its right to convert the non-voting shares to common shares. See “2011” below regarding Paramount’s sale of a portion of its non-voting shares pursuant to a secondary offering.

On June 29, 2010, Paramount acquired all of the issued and outstanding shares of Redcliffe Exploration Inc. (“Redcliffe”) not already owned by it for cash consideration of \$46.2 million.

In November 2010, Paramount completed: (i) a public offering, through a syndicate of underwriters, of 1,100,000 Common Shares issued on a "flow-through" basis, in respect of Canadian Exploration Expense (“CEE”), at a price of \$27.25 per share for gross proceeds of \$30.0 million; and (ii) a private placement of 1,020,000 Common Shares issued on a "flow-through" basis, in respect of Canadian Development Expense (“CDE”), at a price of \$24.50 per share and 150,000 Common Shares issued on a "flow-through" basis, in respect of CEE, at a price of \$27.25 per share for gross proceeds of \$29.1 million. The Common Shares issued through the private placement were sold to insiders of Paramount, including companies controlled by Paramount’s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

On November 10, 2010, Paramount made an offer to purchase all or any portion of the US\$90.2 million of 8 ½% senior notes (the “US Notes”) not held by Paramount at a price of US\$1,002.50 per US\$1,000 principal amount outstanding, plus accrued interest (the "Tender Offer"). The Tender Offer closed on December 13, 2010, under which US\$64.2 million of the US Notes were purchased. Subsequent to the completion of the Tender Offer, to discharge the indenture governing the US Notes, Paramount cancelled the US\$187.6 million principal amount of US Notes held by it, issued a redemption notice in respect of the US\$26.0 million principal amount of US Notes not tendered to the Tender Offer, and irrevocably deposited US\$26.0 million plus accrued interest with the US Notes trustee for the redemption on January 31, 2011 of the remaining US Notes.

On December 13, 2010, Paramount completed a public offering in Canada of \$300.0 million principal amount of 8.25% senior unsecured notes due 2017 (the “2017 Notes”) at par. Certain directors and associates, officers, and management of the Company purchased an aggregate of \$11.4 million principal amount of the 2017 Notes. The net proceeds were used for the Tender Offer and redemption of the US Notes (described above), the non-permanent repayment of indebtedness under Paramount’s credit facility, capital expenditures, and general corporate purposes. The trust indenture for the 2017 Notes is available on the SEDAR website.

## **2011**

On February 4, 2011, Paramount sold an additional \$70.0 million principal amount of its 2017 Notes at a premium price of \$1,030 per \$1,000 principal amount pursuant to a further public offering in Canada. The net proceeds of this offering were used for capital expenditures and general corporate purposes. An entity that is an associate of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company purchased an aggregate \$1.4 million principal amount of the 2017 Notes. Following this additional issuance, a total of \$370 million principal amount of 2017 Notes are outstanding. The first supplemental trust indenture for the additional 2017 Notes sold is available on the SEDAR website.

In April 2011, Paramount completed: (i) a public offering, through a syndicate of underwriters, of 1,500,000 Common Shares at a price of \$32.50 per share for gross proceeds of \$48.8 million; and (ii) a private placement of 150,000 Common Shares issued on a "flow-through" basis, in respect of CDE, at a price of \$36.50 per share for gross proceeds of \$5.5 million. The Common Shares issued through the private placement were sold to a company controlled by Paramount’s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

On May 31, 2011, Paramount acquired all of the issued and outstanding common shares of ProspEx Resources Ltd. (“ProspEx”) not already owned by it for cash consideration of \$64.8 million and the issuance by Paramount of 2.0 million Common Shares.

In June 2011, Paramount renewed its bank credit facility (the "Credit Facility"), increasing the total credit limit from \$160.0 million to \$300.0 million which is available in two tranches. The first tranche has a borrowing base and lender commitments of \$225.0 million and the second tranche has a credit limit of up to \$75.0 million. See "2012" section below for additional Credit Facility information.

In October 2011, Paramount completed a public offering, through a syndicate of underwriters, of 1,450,000 Common Shares and a private placement of 100,000 Common Shares, both on a "flow-through" basis in respect of CEE, at a price of \$40.50 per share for gross proceeds of \$62.8 million. The Common Shares issued through the private placement were sold to companies controlled by Paramount's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

In November 2011, Paramount completed a public offering, through a syndicate of underwriters, of 4,500,000 Common Shares at a price of \$34.75 per share for gross proceeds of \$156.4 million.

In December 2011, Paramount reorganized its oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets into a new wholly-owned subsidiary, named Cavalier Energy Inc. In addition, Cavalier entered into a \$21.0 million demand loan facility in January 2012 with a syndicate of Canadian chartered banks (the "Cavalier Oil Sands Demand Loan"). The Cavalier Oil Sands Demand Loan is non-recourse to Paramount and is secured by all the assets of Cavalier, including the oil sands and carbonate bitumen lands. For additional information regarding Cavalier, see "RESERVES AND OTHER OIL AND GAS INFORMATION" AND "CAVLIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION".

On December 8, 2011, Paramount entered into an agreement with a syndicate of underwriters, on a bought deal basis, for a secondary offering by Paramount of 5,000,000 non-voting shares of Trilogy at \$37.90 per share for gross proceeds to Paramount of \$189.5 million. The offering closed January 5, 2012. Following this transaction, Paramount held approximately 12.8 million common shares and 6.4 million non-voting shares of Trilogy.

## **2012**

Paramount's drilling related subsidiaries have two non-revolving demand loan facilities. The first loan ("Drilling Rig Loan I") was entered into in 2009 and unless demanded by the bank, has scheduled principal repayments of \$5.1 million in 2013 with the remaining balance of \$12.7 million payable in 2014. The second loan ("Drilling Rig Loan II") was entered into in January 2012. Drilling Rig Loan II is a \$30.0 million non-revolving demand loan facility available to partially fund the construction of two new triple-sized walking rigs. Loan advances on Drilling Rig Loan II are available during the construction period (\$21.0 million was drawn as at December 31, 2012). Construction of the two new walking rigs was completed during the first quarter of 2013. Assuming Drilling Rig Loan II is fully drawn, and unless demanded by the bank, annual scheduled principal repayments are \$3.5 million in 2013, \$6.3 million in 2014 to 2016, and the remainder in 2017. Recourse and security for Drilling Rig Loan I and Drilling Rig Loan II is limited to the drilling rigs and take-or-pay drilling contracts with a subsidiary of Paramount that are guaranteed by Paramount.

During the second quarter of 2012, Paramount's wholly-owned subsidiary, Summit Resources Inc. ("Summit"), closed the sale of all of its operated properties in North Dakota and all of its Montana properties for cash proceeds of approximately US\$70 million.

In September 2012, Paramount issued 646,000 Common Shares on a "flow-through" basis in respect of CEE at a price of \$31.00 per share and 1,244,000 Common Shares on a "flow-through" basis in respect of CDE at a price of \$28.15 per share to a corporation controlled by the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for aggregate proceeds of \$55.0 million.

In October 2012, Paramount completed a public offering, through a syndicate of underwriters, of 1,936,000 Common Shares on a "flow-through" basis in respect of CEE at a price of \$31.00 per share and 356,000 Common



Shares on a "flow-through" basis in respect of CDE at a price of \$28.15 per share for aggregate gross proceeds of \$70.0 million.

On December 4, 2012, Paramount completed a public offering in Canada of \$300.0 million principal amount of 7.625% senior unsecured notes due 2019 (the "2019 Notes") at par. Certain directors, officers, employees and associates of the Company purchased an aggregate of \$9.6 million principal amount of the 2019 Notes. The net proceeds are being used for the non-permanent repayment of indebtedness under Paramount's credit facility, capital expenditures, and general corporate purposes. The trust indenture for the 2019 Notes is available on the SEDAR website.

In December 2012, Paramount renewed its \$300.0 million Credit Facility which is available in two tranches. The first tranche ("Tranche A") has a borrowing base and lender commitments of \$225.0 million and is available on a revolving basis to November 30, 2013. In the event the revolving period is not extended, Tranche A would be available on a non-revolving basis for an additional year, at which time it would be due and payable. The second tranche ("Tranche B") is available on a revolving basis, has a credit limit of up to \$75.0 million and is due November 30, 2013 in the event the due date is not earlier extended. Balances drawn under Tranche B are secured by the pledge of certain of the Company's equity investments. The Credit Facility is secured by a first fixed and floating charge over substantially all of the assets of Paramount, excluding the assets securing Drilling Rig Loan I and Drilling Rig Loan II and the Cavalier Oil Sands Demand Loan (see above). The maximum amount that Paramount may borrow under the Credit Facility is subject to periodic review, and is dependent upon the Company's reserves, lenders' projections of future commodity prices and the market value of equity investments pledged by Paramount from time-to-time under Tranche B, among other factors.

Throughout 2012 and into 2013, Paramount's exploration and development activities have been primarily focused on drilling wells at Musreau, Smoky and Resthaven in the Kaybob Deep Basin and obtaining the necessary approvals for, and constructing, a new 100% owned 200 MMcf/d deep cut processing facility at Musreau and the deep-cut expansion of the non-operated processing facility at Smoky. The Musreau deep cut facility is expected to begin commissioning towards the end of the third quarter of 2013 and the deep cut expansion of the Smoky facility is expected to be commissioned in the third quarter of 2014. See "NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS – PRINCIPAL PROPERTIES – KAYBOB COU" for further details of these exploration and development activities and facilities at Kaybob.

### **2013 Update**

In February 2013, Summit closed the sale of its non-operated joint venture operations and lands in North Dakota for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately US\$22.5 million, subject to closing adjustments. With the closing of this transaction, substantially all of Paramount's US assets and operations have been sold.

In March 2013, Paramount sold its properties in the Bistcho area of Alberta and the Cameron Hills area of the Northwest Territories for approximately \$9 million, subject to closing adjustments. Average sales volumes for these properties were approximately 1,000 Boe/d in 2012.

Also in March 2013, the Cavalier Oil Sands Demand Loan was increased to \$40.0 million from \$21.0 million. The Cavalier Oil Sands Demand Loan is non-recourse to Paramount and is secured by all of the assets of Cavalier, including its oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets.

## **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS**

### **OVERVIEW**

Paramount's Principal Properties are located primarily in Alberta, British Columbia, and the Northwest Territories. In 2012, approximately 82 percent of the Company's production was natural gas on a Boe basis.

The Company's ongoing exploration, development and production activities are designed to establish new reserves of oil, natural gas, NGLs, and bitumen and increase the productive capacity of existing fields. In order to optimize its capacity and control costs, the Company increases ownership and throughput in existing assets as economic opportunities arise. Paramount strives to maintain a balanced portfolio of opportunities, increasing its working interest in low to medium risk projects and entering into joint venture arrangements on select higher risk/higher return exploration prospects. From time to time, Paramount enhances its exploration, development and production operations through focused acquisitions of petroleum and natural gas assets and companies within established core areas and dispositions of assets in non-core areas.

At December 31, 2012, approximately 93 percent of Paramount's proved and probable natural gas reserves, approximately 82 percent of its proved and probable crude oil and NGLs reserves, and 100 percent of probable bitumen reserves (held by Cavalier) were located in Alberta, with the balance in Paramount's other operating areas.

### **PRINCIPAL PROPERTIES**

Paramount retained independent qualified reserves evaluators to evaluate and prepare a report on 100 percent of its conventional natural gas, crude oil and NGLs reserves as at December 31, 2012. McDaniel & Associates Consultants Ltd. ("McDaniel") evaluated Paramount's reserves and reported on them in their report dated March 5, 2013. Reserves data is discussed below within Paramount's four COUs. The reserves information is disclosed as at December 31, 2012 and is derived from McDaniel's report. Estimates of reserves for individual properties may not reflect the same confidence level as estimates of reserves for all properties, due to the effects of aggregation.

#### **Kaybob COU**

The Kaybob corporate operating unit ("COU") operates in West Central Alberta, where its core properties are in the Deep Basin at Musreau, Smoky and Resthaven. Paramount has assembled extensive multi-zone mineral rights to 788 (446 net) sections, including 391 (240 net) sections of Cretaceous rights and 229 (195 net) sections of Montney rights. Having rights to multiple formations allows the Company to evaluate shallower formations while drilling deeper wellbores targeting deeper rights. Prospective shallower zones can be completed in addition to the deeper reservoirs to increase total recoveries from individual locations. The Company has received approval to drill up to five Montney formation wells per section on six sections and is preparing to file applications on additional lands. Depending on the formation, well densities of eight or more wells per section per formation are anticipated to be required to recover the resources in place, representing a multi-decade inventory of drilling locations.

Paramount continues to execute the large-scale development of its Deep Basin lands that is anticipated to materially increase production volumes and cash flow. The Company's drilling activities are currently focused on the Montney, Dunvegan, and Falher formations, which are high pressure, liquids rich, tight gas formations with large reserves potential.

Paramount's experience over the past few years in the Deep Basin has allowed the Company to achieve cost reductions in drilling and completion operations through improved drilling and fracturing techniques and improved logistics with multi-well pad sites. The Company has been successful in reducing drilling time for Falher formation wells to approximately 30 days from 40 days in 2010. Drilling time for the deeper Montney formation wells has been reduced to approximately 45 days from over 80 days in the early part of 2011. The reduction in drilling days alone has resulted in significant cost savings. The Company has also reduced completion costs by improving

pumping techniques, optimizing frac sizing and spacing, recycling the frac oil, and negotiating lower rates for services, equipment and completion fluids.

Multi-well pad sites will increasingly be used to develop Paramount's Deep Basin lands, where drilling and completion operations are performed on multiple wells thereby minimizing mobilization and de-mobilization costs and reducing equipping and tie-in costs by using common facilities. The Company plans to utilize its two new built-for-purpose walking rigs to drill on its multi-well pad sites beginning in the second quarter of 2013. These rigs have the ability to move across the lease with drill pipe standing in the derrick so that pad wells are drilled in sequence with minimal downtime between wells. Completion operations on pad sites allow the Company to produce back energized oil from a fracture stimulation, recycle the fluid and re-inject it into the next well, saving the cost of transporting and purchasing new frac oil.

To support the accelerated development of Paramount's Deep Basin lands, the Company constructed its wholly-owned 45 MMcf/d Musreau refrigeration facility ("Musreau Refrig Facility"), is building a 200 MMcf/d deep cut processing facility at Musreau ("Musreau Deep Cut Facility") and is participating in the deep cut expansion of the non-operated Smoky facility ("Smoky Deep Cut Facility"), which together will more than triple Paramount's current gas processing capacity to over 300 MMcf/d. The Company has also entered into long-term agreements to transport, de-ethanize and fractionate NGLs streams that will be produced from these new facilities, and has entered into a long-term ethane sales agreement with a petrochemical company.

Kaybob accounted for approximately 55 percent of Paramount's production for the year ended December 31, 2012. Production in this area averaged 10,910 Boe/d in 2012, comprised of 59.5 MMcf/d of natural gas, 924 Bbl/d of NGLs and 62 Bbl/d of oil. During 2012, sale volumes were impacted by third party downstream NGLs transportation and fractionation constraints and disruptions. Paramount's operations and sales volumes continue to be impacted by the apportionment of capacity amongst producers by operators of these downstream facilities. These constraints are expected to be resolved when the expansion of a third party NGLs pipeline is completed, Paramount secures additional fractionation capacity and the Musreau Deep Cut Facility is brought on-stream.

As of December 31, 2012, reported reserves in this COU were 35.6 MMBoe of proved reserves that were approximately 62 percent natural gas weighted and 30.8 MMBoe of probable reserves that were approximately 53 percent natural gas weighted. Paramount operates approximately 85 percent of its production in the Kaybob COU.

The Kaybob COU drilled 27 (21.2 net) wells in 2012. Paramount currently has five drilling rigs working in the Deep Basin, which continue to add to the Company's inventory of wells that will feed the Musreau and Smoky deep cut facilities. The Company plans to drill up to an additional 40 wells in Kaybob during 2013, approximately 50 percent of which will target the Montney formation. The 2013 drilling program includes eight pad sites that are expected to account for 32 of the planned 40 wells.

### ***Musreau Deep Cut Facility***

Paramount's wholly-owned Musreau Deep Cut Facility is designed to capture incremental volumes of NGLs from the Company's Deep Basin liquids rich gas production that would otherwise be sold as slightly higher heat content natural gas. The incremental liquids are captured by cooling the natural gas stream sufficiently to change the phase of the components from a gas to a liquid and then separating these streams using gravity. Liquids yields from the facility will vary depending on the liquids content of the gas being processed and the temperature to which Paramount cools the gas stream, among other factors.

Construction of the Musreau Deep Cut Facility commenced in the third quarter of 2012 following the receipt of regulatory approval. Site preparation is complete and piling and concrete work continues. Major equipment, including compressors, generators and storage vessels, are being delivered to the facility site over the course of the winter so that construction can continue through break-up. Paramount has awarded the structural steel contract and

anticipates awarding the mechanical contracts shortly, with electrical and instrumentation contracts to follow. The Company spent approximately \$100 million to December 31, 2012 on the facility and an additional \$80 million is budgeted for 2013 to complete construction.

Paramount is currently developing its commissioning plan. Commissioning of the facility is expected to begin towards the end of the third quarter of 2013 and span approximately two months, a process which involves testing and calibrating the individual components and control systems, purging vessels and piping, and pressure testing the system.

Paramount has secured a long-term firm service arrangement for the transportation of NGLs produced from its Kaybob area facilities commencing in December 2013. The Company has also entered into a long-term firm service arrangement with a midstream company for the de-ethanization and fractionation of NGLs volumes commencing in April 2014. The Company is working on procuring interruptible NGLs fractionation capacity for the period between the planned December 2013 start-up of the Musreau Deep Cut Facility and the commencement of the long-term firm service fractionation arrangement.

Kaybob COU sales volumes are expected to increase over the first few months after startup, as the operations team optimizes the facility's equipment and processes. Volumes initially processed through the Musreau Deep Cut Facility will be primarily from leaner Cretaceous wells in which Paramount's working interest generally ranges from 50 percent to 100 percent. Ethane is expected to remain in the gas stream until the midstream company completes an expansion of its de-ethanization facilities, which is scheduled to be operational in the second half of 2014. By late 2014, Kaybob sales volumes are expected to increase once a greater proportion of liquids-rich, 100 percent working interest Montney wells are flowing through the Musreau Deep Cut Facility, the expansion of the third party de-ethanization facility is completed and the Smoky Deep Cut Facility is on-stream.

The Company continues to advance its project to construct an amine processing train at the Musreau Deep Cut Facility, which will provide the capability to treat sour gas production at the facility instead of at well sites. This enhancement is expected to cost approximately \$50 million, and will decrease equipping costs by over \$1 million per well and reduce ongoing well operating costs. Design work for the amine facility has been completed and long lead-time components have been ordered. The amine processing train is scheduled to be on-stream in the first half of 2014, and will not impact the start-up of the Musreau Deep Cut Facility.

#### ***Smoky Deep Cut Facility***

Paramount continues to participate in the deep cut expansion of the non-operated processing facility at Smoky. The Company will have a 20 percent interest in the expanded facility, an increase from its 10 percent interest in the existing 100 MMcf/d dew point facility. The Smoky Deep Cut Facility will initially have 200 MMcf/d of capacity upon start-up, increasing to 300 MMcf/d through the later installation of an incremental 100 MMcf/d of compression. As a plant owner, Paramount has the option at any time to request installation of the additional compression, which would bring the Company's total owned capacity in the facility to 60 MMcf/d. Construction work commenced at the site in the third quarter of 2012 with the installation of pilings and foundations. NGLs bullets and compressors have been delivered and a significant portion of the major equipment is expected to be delivered prior to break-up, with the remaining components to be delivered later this year. The expansion is scheduled to be commissioned in the third quarter of 2014. Paramount's share of the Smoky Deep Cut Facility expansion costs is expected to total \$65 million, of which approximately \$30 million has been incurred to December 31, 2012.

#### ***Kaybob Processing Capacity***

Upon completion of the Musreau Deep Cut Facility and the Smoky Deep Cut Facility, Paramount expects to have over 300 MMcf/d of net processing capacity in the Deep Basin. This capacity will be used to process Paramount's

production as well as third-party unavoidably commingled volumes for a fee. Paramount currently has access to an incremental 10 to 12 MMcf/d of interruptible processing capacity and will continue to utilize such capacity in addition to its owned and firm-service capacity, where available. The Company's current and future owned and firm-service processing capacity in the Deep Basin is as follows:

	<b>Gross Raw Gas Plant Capacity (MMcf/d)</b>	<b>Net Paramount Raw Gas Plant Capacity <sup>(1)</sup> (MMcf/d)</b>
<b>Current Processing Capacity</b>		
Musreau Refrig Facility – Operated	45	45
Resthaven Facility – Non-operated	20	10
Smoky Facility – Non-operated	100	10
Kakwa Facility – Non-operated	40	4
Firm Contracted Capacity	10	10
	<b>215</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Future Additional Processing Capacity</b>		
Musreau Deep-Cut Facility – Operated	200	200
Smoky Deep-Cut Facility – Non-operated	200	30
	<b>400</b>	<b>230</b>
<b>Projected Total Capacity</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>309</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Net sales plant capacity will be lower due to shrinkage of natural gas during processing.

Paramount also operates six compressor facilities in the Musreau field with working interests ranging from 12 percent to 100 percent. These field compressor facilities transport gas for processing at Paramount's Musreau Refrig Facility and the third-party processing plant where the Company has a firm service processing agreement. Oil production in the Musreau area is processed through a non-operated oil battery for which Paramount has a 25 percent working interest.

### **Grande Prairie COU**

The Grande Prairie COU operates in the Peace River Arch area of Alberta. Core producing areas include Valhalla, Karr-Gold Creek and Mirage.

Grande Prairie accounted for approximately 23 percent of Paramount's production for the year ended December 31, 2012. Production in this area averaged 4,536 Boe/d in 2012, comprised of 20.9 MMcf/d of natural gas, 749 Bbl/d of NGLs, and 307 Bbl/d of crude oil. Similar to the Kaybob COU, sales volumes in Grande Prairie were impacted in 2012 and continue to be impacted by downstream NGLs transportation and processing disruptions and constraints as the operators of these third party facilities apportion available capacity amongst producers. The Company operates approximately 75 percent of its production in the Grande Prairie COU. Paramount drilled 6 (4.3 net) wells targeting the Montney and Doig formations at Valhalla in 2012. As of December 31, 2012, reported reserves in this COU were 6.4 MMBoe of proved reserves that were approximately 72 percent natural gas weighted and 2.0 MMBoe of probable reserves that were approximately 70 percent natural gas weighted.

The Valhalla area has multi-zone potential, including the Montney and Doig formations, and is located approximately 70 km northwest of Grande Prairie. During 2012, the Company completed its expansion of the compression and gas gathering system in the area bringing total capacity to 24 MMcf/d.

Karr-Gold Creek is located approximately 20 kilometers north of the Kaybob COU's Musreau development. The Company's gathering and compression systems at Karr-Gold Creek include 40 MMcf/d of sour gas capacity and 8 MMcf/d of sweet gas capacity. Activities in 2012 focused on exploration of the middle and upper Montney

reservoirs and continued efforts to improve the performance of the Company's previously completed lower Montney formation wells.

Paramount's middle and upper Montney land position at Karr-Gold Creek of approximately 180 (148 net) sections exhibits similar geological reservoir and fluid characteristics to competitors' offsetting lands, and the Company's Montney holdings in the Musreau / Resthaven area. In the third quarter of 2012, the Company completed a previously drilled middle Montney well at Karr-Gold Creek, which was brought-on production during the first quarter of 2013. A new well targeting the middle Montney formation was drilled in the fourth quarter of 2012, was completed in the first quarter of 2013 and will be tied-in during the third quarter. Test results from these wells confirm Paramount's interpretation that the Kaybob middle/upper Montney play extends northwest onto the Karr lands, adding significant resources to Paramount's future development base in the Deep Basin.

Results of the performance enhancement program for the Company's lower Montney wells at Karr-Gold Creek have not been consistent with expectations. While recoveries from some wells improved modestly, others wells are unchanged. This program will not be continued in 2013.

In addition to the facilities at Karr-Gold Creek and Valhalla described above, Paramount operates three compressor sites at Mirage with working interests ranging from 25 to 100 percent, two compressors at Wapiti with working interests of 30 percent and 100 percent, and a 100 percent owned compressor at Goose River. The Company also operates two oil batteries at Mirage, in which Paramount has a 100 percent interest. Paramount's Crooked Creek production is processed at a non-operated facility in which Paramount has an 18 percent interest.

Exploration and development activities in the Grande Prairie COU in 2013 are expected to include the drilling, completion and tie-in of middle Montney wells at Karr-Gold Creek.

### **Southern COU**

The Southern COU currently operates in Southern Alberta. Core areas in Southern Alberta include the natural gas producing Chain-Craigmyle and Harmattan properties and the oil producing property at Enchant.

During the second quarter of 2012, Summit closed the sale of all of its operated properties in North Dakota and all of its Montana properties for cash proceeds of approximately US\$70 million. During the first quarter of 2013, Summit closed the sale of its non-operated joint venture operations and lands in North Dakota for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately US\$22.5 million, subject to closing adjustments. With the closing of these transactions, substantially all of Paramount's US assets and operations have been sold. Combined with the 2011 sale of undeveloped land in the United States for US\$40 million, approximately US\$130 million in cash proceeds has been realized from the sale of the US properties. Production from the US properties averaged 607 Boe/d in 2012.

During the first quarter of 2012, Paramount also closed dispositions of non-core properties at West Pembina, Alberta and Kindersley, Saskatchewan for total proceeds of approximately \$50 million. These properties did not have significant production volumes.

The Southern COU's operations in Canada accounted for approximately 11 percent of Paramount's production for the year ended December 31, 2012. Production averaged 2,207 Boe/d in 2012, comprised of 9.7 MMcf/d of natural gas, 154 Bbl/d of NGLs, and 444 Bbl/d of crude oil. The Company operates approximately 91 percent of its production in Southern. In 2012, the Company drilled 3 (2.2 net) wells in Harmattan in Southern Alberta. As of December 31, 2012, reported reserves in this COU were 5.0 MMBoe of proved reserves that were approximately 77 percent natural gas weighted and 1.8 MMBoe of probable reserves that were approximately 76 percent natural gas weighted.

The Company owns and operates one gas plant at Chain-Craigmyle plus several compressors that flow to the plant, two oil batteries in the Enchant area with an average working interest of 60 percent, and a compression facility in the Ricinus Harmattan area.

Plans for the Southern COU's properties in 2013 consist primarily of routine maintenance and production optimization programs.

### **Northern COU**

The Northern COU's significant properties are located in the Northwest Territories at Cameron Hills and Liard, in Alberta at Bistcho, and in Northeast British Columbia at Birch and Clarke Lake.

Northern accounted for approximately 8 percent of Paramount's production for the year ended December 31, 2012. Production in this area averaged 1,657 Boe/d in 2012, comprised of 8.3 MMcf/d of natural gas, 29 Bbl/d of NGLs, and 235 Bbl/d of crude oil. The Company operates approximately 77 percent of its production in Northern. In 2012, Northern drilled 3 (3.0 net) wells in the Cameron Hills area. As of December 31, 2012, reported reserves in this COU were 3.8 MMBoe of proved reserves that were approximately 86 percent natural gas weighted and 1.3 MMBoe of probable reserves that were approximately 85 percent natural gas weighted.

Paramount's initial well at Birch in Northeast British Columbia was brought on-stream in December 2012 following the completion of modifications to surface facilities. Two additional wells drilled in 2012 have been completed and tied-in. The Company has 3 MMcf/d of raw gas processing capacity at Birch, and is currently working to optimize production from these wells. In the third quarter, Paramount drilled a vertical evaluation well at Birch to evaluate the lower Montney formation and preserve surrounding mineral rights. Natural gas and NGLs produced from the Birch property is compressed and processed at third-party owned and operated facilities.

In March 2013, Paramount sold its properties in the Bistcho area of Alberta and the Cameron Hills area of the Northwest Territories for approximately \$9 million, subject to closing adjustments. Average sales volumes for these properties were approximately 1,000 Boe/d in 2012.

### **STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS**

Paramount's Strategic Investments constitute an important component of the value of the Company. As of December 31, 2012, the Company's Strategic Investments included:

- i) investments in Trilogy (see Trilogy Energy Corp. section below), 3.7 million shares of MEG Energy Corp. and investments in other public and private companies, including 54.1 million shares of MGM Energy;
- ii) five triple sized drilling rigs, including two triple sized walking rigs, which are operated by the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary Fox Drilling;
- iii) oil sands leases held by Cavalier which are prospective for production from oil sands or carbonate bitumen reservoirs (see Cavalier Energy Inc. section below, "RESERVES AND OTHER OIL AND GAS INFORMATION" and "APPENDIX E - CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION"); and
- iv) shale gas holdings of approximately 260 (220 net) sections in the Liard and Horn River Basins in Northeast British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, including approximately 180 net sections with potential from the Besa River shale gas formation.

## **Trilogy Energy Corp.**

Trilogy is a public Canadian energy company with producing oil and natural gas assets primarily in the Kaybob area of Alberta. As at December 31, 2012, Paramount owned approximately 12.8 million common shares of Trilogy and 6.4 million non-voting shares of Trilogy, representing approximately 16 percent of Trilogy's equity and approximately 14 percent of the common shares as at such date. The market value of Paramount's investment in Trilogy was approximately \$557 million as of December 31, 2012, based on the closing market price of Trilogy's shares on the TSX as of that date.

For the year ended December 31, 2012, Paramount accounted for its investment in Trilogy using the equity method. Pursuant to National Instrument 51-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities (“NI 51-101”), Paramount is required to separately disclose information concerning Trilogy's oil and gas reserves and future net revenue as at December 31, 2012 and certain costs incurred by Trilogy during 2012, based on the Company's equity interest in Trilogy. This information is set out in APPENDIX D – NATIONAL INSTRUMENT 51-101 EQUITY INVESTMENTS DISCLOSURE.

**Readers are cautioned that Paramount does not have any direct or indirect interest in, or right to, the reserves or future net revenue of Trilogy disclosed in APPENDIX D nor does Paramount have any direct or indirect obligation in respect of, or liability for, the costs incurred by Trilogy disclosed in APPENDIX D. The Company is a shareholder of Trilogy just like any other shareholder of Trilogy, and, accordingly, the value of the Company's investment in Trilogy is based on the trading price of Trilogy's shares on the TSX.**

The attached APPENDIX D has been prepared based solely on publicly disclosed information contained in Trilogy's annual information form dated March 5, 2013. For additional information regarding Trilogy's reserves, properties and costs incurred on such properties, reference should be made to Trilogy's annual information form which is posted on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)) and is not incorporated by reference in this annual information form.

## **Cavalier Energy Inc.**

In late 2011, Paramount reorganized all of the Company's oil sands and carbonate bitumen interests into a new wholly-owned subsidiary, Cavalier Energy Inc., and appointed an executive leadership team for Cavalier. The reorganization was undertaken to create a focused, self-funding oil sands entity to execute the development of Paramount's oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets.

Cavalier owns approximately 320 sections of Crown oil sands leases in the western Athabasca region of Alberta. These leases are prospective in multiple formations, primarily for thermal in-situ development, but also have potential for cold production.

Cavalier's near-term plans are expected to focus on the development of its 100 percent owned oil sands leases at Hoole, and the further delineation of its other clastic and carbonate leases. In November 2012, a regulatory application for a 10,000 Bbl/d in-situ Steam Assisted Gravity Drainage (“SAGD”) development at the Hoole oil sands property was submitted to the Energy Resources Conservation Board and Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development. McDaniel subsequently evaluated and prepared reports on the oil sands reserves and resources within the Grand Rapids formation in the Hoole oil sands leases. The McDaniel evaluation was prepared with an effective date of December 31, 2012 and reported on the reserves in their report dated January 9, 2013. The evaluation was prepared in accordance with NI 51-101 and the standards for reserves and resources definitions contained in the COGE Handbook.

McDaniel's evaluation ascribed 93 million barrels of probable reserves with a net present value (discounted at 10 percent) of \$379 million to Cavalier's initial 10,000 barrel per day in-situ SAGD oil sands development covering approximately two sections of the Hoole oil sand leases (“Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1”). Over and above the



aforementioned reserves, the evaluation ascribed 719 million barrels of Economic Contingent Resources (best estimate) with a net present value (discounted at 10 percent) of \$1.9 billion to the remaining approximate 54 sections of Cavalier's Hoole oil sands leases (the "Remaining Hoole Leases" and collectively with Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1, the "Hoole Project").

During 2013, Cavalier plans to complete the front end engineering and design work for Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1 along with geotechnical work and the drilling of additional source water and disposal wells.

For additional information and reserves and resources definitions see "RESERVES AND OTHER OIL AND GAS INFORMATION" and "APPENDIX E – CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION".

## **RESERVES AND OTHER OIL AND GAS INFORMATION**

The reserves information provided below is derived from McDaniel's reports dated March 5, 2013 for Paramount's conventional reserves and January 9, 2013 for bitumen reserves held through Cavalier (collectively the "McDaniel Report"). The evaluation by McDaniel was prepared in accordance with the standards contained in the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook ("COGE Handbook") and the reserves definitions contained in NI 51-101.

The following tables set forth information relating to Paramount's working interest share of reserves, net reserves after royalties, and net present values as at December 31, 2012. The reserves are reported using forecast prices and costs. Columns and rows may not add in the following tables due to rounding.

All evaluations of future net revenue are stated prior to any provision for interest costs or general and administrative costs and after the deduction of estimated future capital expenditures for wells to which reserves have been assigned. It should not be assumed that the estimated future net revenue shown below is representative of the fair market value of Paramount's properties. There is no assurance that such price and cost assumptions will be attained and variances could be material. The recovery and reserve estimates of natural gas, crude oil, natural gas liquids, and bitumen reserves provided herein are estimates only and there is no guarantee that the estimated reserves will be recovered. Actual natural gas, crude oil and natural gas liquids reserves may be greater than or less than the estimates provided herein.

Paramount's Audit Committee, comprised of independent board members, reviews the qualifications and appointment of McDaniel, Paramount's independent qualified reserves evaluator. The Audit Committee also reviews the procedures for providing information to the evaluator.

## Reserves Information

### Reserves Data – Forecast Prices and Costs

The following table summarizes Paramount's reserves at December 31, 2012.

Reserves Category	Conventional Reserves								Non-Conventional Reserves		Total Company	
	Principal Properties								Strategic Investments – Cavalier <sup>(1)</sup>		Total Reserves	
	Natural Gas		Light & Medium Crude Oil		Natural Gas Liquids		Total Conventional Reserves		Bitumen <sup>(1)</sup>		Gross	Net
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	(MBoe)	(MBoe)
	(Bcf)	(Bcf)	(MBbl)	(MBbl)	(MBbl)	(MBbl)	(MBoe)	(MBoe)	(MBbl)	(MBbl)	(MBoe)	(MBoe)
Proved												
Developed												
Producing	143.3	134.2	1,416	1,254	4,198	3,310	29,501	26,925	-	-	29,501	26,925
Developed Non-producing	37.6	35.0	123	102	3,695	3,230	10,090	9,162	-	-	10,090	9,162
Undeveloped	21.0	20.1	-	-	7,769	6,691	11,266	10,034	-	-	11,266	10,034
Total Proved	201.9	189.2	1,540	1,356	15,662	13,232	50,857	46,121	-	-	50,857	46,121
Total Probable	121.8	112.3	588	504	15,099	12,232	35,985	31,457	93,091	75,812	129,076	107,269
Total Proved plus Probable	323.7	301.5	2,128	1,860	30,761	25,464	86,842	77,579	93,091	75,812	179,933	153,391

<sup>(1)</sup> Cavalier was as at December 31, 2012, and is at the date hereof, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paramount. Bitumen reserves relate to Cavalier's Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1. See "APPENDIX E - CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION" for additional information.

***Net Present Value of Future Net Revenue – Forecast Prices and Costs***

The following table summarizes the net present values of future net revenue attributable to Paramount's reserves evaluated at December 31, 2012. The net present values are reported before income tax and after income tax and have been discounted using rates of 0 percent, 5 percent, 10 percent, 15 percent and 20 percent as well as on a net unit value basis at a discount rate of 10 percent before income taxes. Future Net Revenue does not represent fair market value.

Reserves Category	Net Present Value of Future Net Revenues (\$ millions)										Unit Value Before Tax Discounted at 10% \$/boe
	Before Income Tax (discounted at)					After Income Tax <sup>(2)</sup> (discounted at)					
	0%	5%	10%	15%	20%	0%	5%	10%	15%	20%	
<b>Conventional Reserves – Principal Properties</b>											
Proved											
Developed Producing	472	422	382	349	321	472	422	382	349	321	14.17
Developed Non-producing	122	93	72	57	46	122	93	72	57	46	7.88
Undeveloped	55	24	2	(14)	(26)	55	24	2	(14)	(26)	0.20
Total Proved	649	539	456	392	341	649	539	456	392	341	9.88
Total Probable	774	559	424	334	271	774	559	424	334	271	13.49
Total Proved plus Probable	1,422	1,098	880	726	611	1,422	1,098	880	726	611	11.35
<b>Non-Conventional Reserves – Strategic Investments – Cavalier<sup>(1)</sup></b>											
Proved											
Developed Producing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Developed Non-producing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Undeveloped	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Proved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Probable	2,065	881	379	140	16	1,535	623	238	56	(38)	4.99
Total Proved plus Probable	2,065	881	379	140	16	1,535	623	238	56	(38)	4.99
<b>Total Company</b>											
Total Proved	649	539	456	392	341	649	539	456	392	341	9.88
Total Probable	2,839	1,440	803	474	287	2,309	1,182	662	390	233	7.49
<b>Total Proved plus Probable Reserves</b>	<b>3,487</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>1,259</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>2,957</b>	<b>1,722</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>8.21</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Cavalier was as at December 31, 2012, and is at the date hereof, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paramount. Bitumen reserves relate to Cavalier's Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1. See "APPENDIX E - CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION" for additional information.

<sup>(2)</sup> Estimates of the after income tax value of future net revenue have been prepared based on before income tax reserves information and include assumptions and estimates of Paramount's tax pools and the sequences of claims and rates of claim thereon. The after income tax value has been prepared on a consolidated basis and considers the business entity level tax situation. The Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012 should be consulted for additional information regarding the Company's taxes.

The above net present value of future net revenue related to the conventional reserves would be \$110 million (undiscounted) higher if the estimated remaining future development costs associated with the Musreau Deep Cut Facility and the Smoky Deep Cut Facility are excluded from the calculation. Once commissioned, the Company will have invested approximately \$245 million in these facilities which are anticipated to benefit the Company strategically, operationally and economically for several decades.

**Future Net Revenue – Forecast Prices and Costs**

The following table summarizes the total undiscounted future net revenue attributable to Paramount’s reserves evaluated at December 31, 2012.

(\$ millions)	Reserves Category					
	Proved			Proved plus Probable		
	Conventional Reserves	Non-Conventional Reserves	Total Company	Conventional Reserves	Non-Conventional Reserves	Total Company
	Principal Properties	Strategic Investments - Cavalier <sup>(1)</sup>		Principal Properties	Strategic Investments - Cavalier <sup>(1)</sup>	
Revenue	1,841	-	1,841	3,351	7,223	10,574
Royalties <sup>(2)</sup>	228	-	228	482	1,377	1,859
Operating Costs	648	-	648	965	2,229	3,194
Development Costs						
Wells	139	-	139	297	-	297
Musreau and Smoky Deep Cut Facilities	110	-	110	110	-	110
Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1 <sup>(1)</sup>	-	-	-	-	1,540	1,540
Well Abandonment Costs <sup>(3)</sup>	67	-	67	74	13	87
Future Net Revenue Before Income Tax	649	-	649	1,422	2,065	3,487
Income Taxes <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	-	-	530	530
Future Net Revenue After Income Tax	649	-	649	1,422	1,535	2,957

<sup>(1)</sup> Cavalier was as at December 31, 2012, and is at the date hereof, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paramount. Bitumen reserves relate to Cavalier’s Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1. See “APPENDIX E - CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION” for additional information.

<sup>(2)</sup> Royalties include crown royalties, freehold royalties, overriding royalties, mineral taxes, Saskatchewan Capital Surcharge, and net profit interest payments.

<sup>(3)</sup> See “OTHER OIL AND GAS INFORMATION – ABANDONMENT AND RECLAMATION COSTS” for further information regarding reclamation costs.

<sup>(4)</sup> Estimates of the after income tax value of future net revenue have been prepared based on before income tax reserves information and include assumptions and estimates of Paramount’s tax pools and the sequences of claims and rates of claim thereon. The after income tax value has been prepared on a consolidated basis and considers the business entity level tax situation. The Company’s consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012 should be consulted for additional information regarding the Company’s taxes.

***Future Net Revenue by Production Group – Forecast Prices and Costs***

The following table summarizes the net present value of future net revenue by production group and on a unit value basis before income tax attributable to Paramount’s net reserves evaluated at December 31, 2012, discounted at 10 percent.

<b>Reserves Category</b>	<b>Production Group</b>	<b>Future Net Revenue Before Income Tax (discounted at 10%) (\$ millions)</b>	<b>Unit Value Before Income Tax (discounted at 10%) (\$/unit)</b>
<b>Proved</b>	<b>Conventional Reserves - Principal Properties</b>		
	Natural Gas (including by-products but excluding solution gas from oil wells)	409	\$ 2.22 / Mcf
	Light and Medium Crude Oil (including solution gas and other by-products)	47	\$ 35.60 / Bbl
	<i>Non-Conventional Reserves - Strategic Investments – Cavalier <sup>(1)</sup></i>		
	<i>Bitumen</i>	-	-
<b>Total Proved</b>		<b>456</b>	
<b>Proved plus Probable</b>	<b>Conventional Reserves – Principal Properties</b>		
	Natural Gas (including by-products but excluding solution gas from oil wells)	819	\$ 2.77 / Mcf
	Light and Medium Crude Oil (including solution gas and other by-products)	62	\$ 34.19 / Bbl
	<i>Non-Conventional Reserves - Strategic Investments – Cavalier <sup>(1)</sup></i>		
	<i>Bitumen</i>	379	\$ 4.99 / Bbl
<b>Total Proved plus Probable</b>		<b>1,259</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Cavalier was as at December 31, 2012, and is at the date hereof, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paramount. Bitumen reserves relate to Cavalier’s Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1. See “APPENDIX E - CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION” for additional information.

The following definitions and assumptions form the basis of classification for reserves presented in the McDaniel Report:

- (a) Reserves are classified according to the degree of certainty associated with the estimates:
  - i. **Proved Reserves** are those reserves that can be estimated with a high degree of certainty to be recoverable. It is likely that the actual remaining quantities recovered will exceed the estimated proved reserves.
  - ii. **Probable Reserves** are those additional reserves that are less certain to be recovered than proved reserves. It is equally likely that the actual remaining quantities recovered will be greater or less than the sum of the estimated proved plus probable reserves.
- (b) Each of the reserves categories (proved and probable) may be divided into developed and undeveloped categories:
  - i. **Developed Reserves** are those reserves that are expected to be recovered from existing wells and installed facilities or, if facilities have not been installed, that would involve a low expenditure (for

example, when compared to the cost of drilling a well) to put the reserves on production. The developed category may be subdivided into producing and non-producing.

- ii. **Developed Producing Reserves** are those reserves that are expected to be recovered from completion intervals open at the time of the estimate. These reserves may be currently producing or, if shut-in, they must have previously been on production, and the date of resumption of production must be known with reasonable certainty.
- iii. **Developed Non-producing Reserves** are those reserves that either have not been on production, or have previously been on production, but are shut-in, and the date of resumption of production is unknown.
- iv. **Undeveloped Reserves** are those reserves expected to be recovered from known accumulations where a significant expenditure (for example, when compared to the cost of drilling a well) is required to render them capable of production. They must fully meet the requirements of the reserves classification (proved, probable) to which they are assigned.

In multi-well pools it may be appropriate to allocate total pool reserves between the developed and undeveloped categories or to subdivide the developed reserves for the pool between developed producing and developed non-producing. This allocation should be based on the estimator's assessment as to the reserves that will be recovered from specific wells, facilities and completion intervals in the pool and their respective development and production status.

- (c) **Gross Reserves** are defined as the Company's working interest reserves before deduction of any royalties and without including royalty interests.
- (d) **Net Reserves** are defined as the Company's working interest reserves after deduction of royalties and including royalty interests.

### **Summary of Pricing and Inflation Rate Assumptions**

Summaries of the December 31, 2012 pricing and inflation rate assumptions used in the McDaniel Report in calculating the net present value of future net revenue attributable to Paramount's reserves are as follows:

<b>Forecast Prices and Costs</b>		<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Thereafter</b>
U.S. Henry Hub Gas	(US\$ / MMBtu)	3.75	4.30	4.85	5.25	5.70	6.10	6.20	+2% / year
AECO Spot	(Cdn\$ / MMBtu)	3.35	3.85	4.35	4.70	5.10	5.45	5.55	+2% / year
WTI Crude Oil	(US\$/Bbl)	92.50	92.50	93.60	95.50	97.40	99.40	101.40	+2% / year
Edmonton Light Crude Oil	(Cdn\$/Bbl)	87.50	90.50	92.60	94.50	96.40	98.30	100.30	+2% / year
Edmonton Cond. & Natural Gasolines	(Cdn\$/Bbl)	97.50	95.60	95.70	97.70	99.60	101.60	103.70	+2% / year
Edmonton Butane	(Cdn\$/Bbl)	64.10	69.60	74.60	76.20	77.70	79.20	80.80	+ 2% / year
Edmonton Propane	(Cdn\$/Bbl)	34.90	44.20	52.00	53.70	55.60	57.30	58.40	+ 2% / year
Ethane	(Cdn\$/Bbl)	8.98	10.40	11.83	12.83	13.97	14.96	15.11	+ 2% / year
Natural Gas at Fieldgate	(Cdn\$ / MMBtu)	3.15	3.65	4.15	4.50	4.90	5.25	5.30	+ 2% / year
Edmonton Diluent	(Cdn\$/Bbl)	98.52	98.72	99.94	102.03	104.02	106.10	108.29	+ 2% / year
Netback Bitumen at Fieldgate	(Cdn\$/Bbl)	49.29	55.61	58.80	61.68	62.94	64.15	65.46	+ 2% / year
Inflation Rate	(%/year)	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	+2% / year
Exchange Rate	(US\$/Cdn\$)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

Paramount's 2012 weighted average realized prices before settlement of financial commodity contracts were \$2.72/Mcf for natural gas, \$83.16/Bbl for oil and \$67.10/Bbl for NGLs. For information regarding Paramount's financial commodity contracts as at December 31, 2012, see "OTHER OIL AND GAS INFORMATION – FORWARD CONTRACTS" for additional information.

Paramount's realized natural gas price is based on prices received at the various markets in which it sells natural gas and is sold in a combination of daily and monthly contracts. The Company's natural gas sales portfolio primarily consists of sales priced at the Alberta spot market and California markets.

Oil producers negotiate sales contracts directly with purchasers, with the result that the market determines the price of oil. The price of natural gas and NGLs are also determined by negotiations between buyers and sellers. The sales price received depends on quality, prices of competing fuels, distance to market, value of refined products, supply/demand balance, and contract terms. The export of oil and natural gas is subject to rules and regulations set by the National Energy Board of Canada and the government of Alberta.

Paramount's Canadian oil and NGLs sales portfolio primarily consist of sales priced relative to Alberta and United States market indexes adjusted for transportation and quality differentials.

## Reserves Reconciliation

The following table sets forth the reconciliation of Paramount's gross reserves by principal product type for the year ended December 31, 2012.

### Proved

	Conventional Reserves				Non- Conventional Reserves	Total Company
	Principal Properties				Strategic Investments – Cavalier <sup>(1)</sup>	
	Natural Gas (Bcf)	Light & Medium Crude Oil (MBbl)	Natural Gas Liquids (MBbl)	Total Conventional Reserves (Mboe)	Bitumen (MBbl)	
<b>Canada</b>						
January 1, 2012	161.5	2,171	3,725	32,808	-	32,808
Extensions and Improved Recoveries	74.4	8	9,031	21,445	-	21,445
Technical Revisions	(1.3)	(326)	3,465	2,929	-	2,929
Economic Factors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquisitions	6.9	1	241	1,395	-	1,395
Dispositions	(3.6)	(54)	(121)	(779)	-	(779)
Production	(36.0)	(383)	(679)	(7,068)	-	(7,068)
December 31, 2012	201.9	1,417	15,662	50,731	-	50,731
<b>United States</b>						
January 1, 2012	0.5	2,702	75	2,858	-	2,858
Extensions and Improved Recoveries	-	19	-	19	-	19
Technical Revisions	-	60	6	68	-	68
Economic Factors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquisitions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dispositions	(0.4)	(2,450)	(75)	(2,597)	-	(2,597)
Production	-	(209)	(6)	(222)	-	(222)
December 31, 2012	-	122	-	126	-	126
<b>Total Company</b>						
January 1, 2012	162.0	4,874	3,799	35,666	-	35,666
Extensions and Improved Recoveries	74.4	27	9,031	21,464	-	21,464
Technical Revisions	(1.3)	(266)	3,471	2,997	-	2,997
Economic Factors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquisitions	6.9	1	241	1,395	-	1,395
Dispositions	(4.1)	(2,504)	(196)	(3,376)	-	(3,376)
Production	(36.1)	(593)	(685)	(7,290)	-	(7,290)
December 31, 2012	201.9	1,540	15,662	50,857	-	50,857

<sup>(1)</sup> Cavalier was as at December 31, 2012, and is at the date hereof, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paramount. Bitumen reserves relate to Cavalier's Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1. See "APPENDIX E - CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION" for additional information.



**Probable**

	<b>Conventional Reserves</b>				<i>Non- Conventional Reserves</i>	<b>Total Company</b>
	<b>Principal Properties</b>				<i>Strategic Investments – Cavalier <sup>(1)</sup></i>	
	<b>Natural Gas (Bcf)</b>	<b>Light &amp; Medium Crude Oil (MBbl)</b>	<b>Natural Gas Liquids (MBbl)</b>	<b>Total Conventional Reserves (Mboe)</b>	<i>Bitumen (MBbl)</i>	
<b>Canada</b>						
January 1, 2012	82.0	981	1,941	16,587	-	16,587
Extensions and Improved Recoveries	74.4	-	12,098	24,494	93,091	117,585
Technical Revisions	(30.7)	(412)	1,037	(4,485)	-	(4,485)
Economic Factors	(4.5)	-	(2)	(749)	-	(749)
Acquisitions	2.1	-	76	425	-	425
Dispositions	(1.5)	(20)	(51)	(328)	-	(328)
Production	-	-	-	-	-	-
December 31, 2012	121.8	549	15,099	35,945	93,091	129,036
<b>United States</b>						
January 1, 2012	0.1	719	20	762	-	762
Extensions and Improved Recoveries	-	9	-	9	-	9
Technical Revisions	-	(30)	-	(29)	-	(29)
Economic Factors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquisitions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dispositions	(0.1)	(659)	(20)	(702)	-	(702)
Production	-	-	-	-	-	-
December 31, 2012	-	39	-	40	-	40
<b>Total Company</b>						
January 1, 2012	82.1	1,699	1,961	17,349	-	17,349
Extensions and Improved Recoveries	74.4	10	12,098	24,503	93,091	117,594
Technical Revisions	(30.7)	(442)	1,037	(4,514)	-	(4,514)
Economic Factors	(4.5)	-	(2)	(749)	-	(749)
Acquisitions	2.1	-	76	425	-	425
Dispositions	(1.7)	(679)	(72)	(1,030)	-	(1,030)
Production	-	-	-	-	-	-
December 31, 2012	121.8	588	15,099	35,985	93,091	129,076

<sup>(1)</sup> Cavalier was as at December 31, 2012, and is at the date hereof, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paramount. Bitumen reserves relate to Cavalier's Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1. See "APPENDIX E - CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION" for additional information.

**Proved plus Probable**

	Conventional Reserves				Non- Conventional Reserves	Total Company  Total Proved plus Probable Reserves (Mboe)
	Principal Properties				Strategic Investments – Cavalier <sup>(1)</sup>	
	Natural Gas (Bcf)	Light & Medium Crude Oil (MBbl)	Natural Gas Liquids (MBbl)	Total Conventional Reserves (Mboe)	Bitumen (MBbl)	
<b>Canada</b>						
January 1, 2012	243.5	3,152	5,665	49,395	-	49,395
Extensions and Improved Recoveries	148.8	8	21,130	45,939	93,091	139,030
Technical Revisions	(31.9)	(738)	4,502	(1,555)	-	(1,555)
Economic Factors	(4.5)	-	(2)	(749)	-	(749)
Acquisitions	9.0	1	317	1,820	-	1,820
Dispositions	(5.2)	(73.8)	(172)	(1,107)	-	(1,107)
Production	(36.0)	(383)	(679)	(7,068)	-	(7,068)
December 31, 2012	323.7	1,966	30,761	86,676	93,091	179,767
<b>United States</b>						
January 1, 2012	0.6	3,421	95	3,620	-	3,620
Extensions and Improved Recoveries	-	29	-	29	-	29
Technical Revisions	-	31	6	39	-	39
Economic Factors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquisitions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dispositions	(0.6)	(3,109)	(95)	(3,299)	-	(3,299)
Production	-	(209)	(6)	(222)	-	(222)
December 31, 2012	-	162	-	166	-	166
<b>Total Company</b>						
January 1, 2012	244.1	6,573	5,760	53,015	-	53,015
Extensions and Improved Recoveries	148.8	37	21,130	45,967	93,091	139,058
Technical Revisions	(31.9)	(707)	4,508	(1,517)	-	(1,517)
Economic Factors	(4.5)	-	(2)	(749)	-	(749)
Acquisitions	9.0	1	317	1,820	-	1,820
Dispositions	(5.7)	(3,183)	(267)	(4,406)	-	(4,406)
Production	(36.1)	(593)	(685)	(7,290)	-	(7,290)
December 31, 2012	323.7	2,128	30,761	86,842	93,091	179,933

<sup>(1)</sup> Cavalier was as at December 31, 2012, and is at the date hereof, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paramount. Bitumen reserves relate to Cavalier's Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1. See "APPENDIX E - CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION" for additional information

## Additional Information Relating to Reserves Data

### *Proved Undeveloped Reserves*

The following table summarizes the Company's gross proved undeveloped reserves for the three most recent financial years.

<b>Product Type</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Conventional Reserves - Principal Properties</b>			
Natural Gas (Bcf)	8.2	10.5	21.0
Light and Medium Crude Oil (MBbl)	18	-	-
Natural Gas Liquids (MBbl)	119	216	7,769
<b>Non-Conventional Reserves - Strategic Investments – Cavalier <sup>(1)</sup></b>			
<i>Bitumen (MBbl)</i>	-	-	-

<sup>(1)</sup> Cavalier was as at December 31, 2012, and is at the date hereof, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paramount. Bitumen reserves relate to Cavalier's Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1. See "APPENDIX E - CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION" for additional information.

Reserves are classified as proved undeveloped if they meet the requirements prescribed by the COGE Handbook, and if they are expected to be recovered from known accumulations on previously undrilled acreage or they are reserves from existing wells where significant expenditure is required to render them capable of production. The Proved Undeveloped Reserves are associated with wells planned to be drilled prior to the end of the 2013/2014 winter drilling season in the Kaybob COU. At Kaybob, the Company is constructing the 200 MMcf/d Musreau Deep Cut Facility, which is expected to begin commissioning towards the end of the third quarter of 2013, and participating in the upgrade and expansion of the non-operated Smoky Deep Cut Facility, which is expected to be commissioned in the third quarter of 2014 (see "NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS – PRINCIPAL PROPERTIES - KAYBOB COU"). The remaining costs of these facilities are significant relative to the cost of drilling an individual well. The commissioning and startup of the two deep cut facilities and the drilling and completion of the wells assigned Proved Undeveloped Reserves, is expected to result in the reclassification of these reserves to Proved Developed Producing reserves.

### *Probable Undeveloped Reserves*

The following table summarizes the Company's gross probable undeveloped reserves for the three most recent financial years.

<b>Product Type</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Conventional Reserves - Principal Properties</b>			
Natural Gas (Bcf)	19.6	22.6	58.1
Light and Medium Crude Oil (MBbl)	107	99	-
Natural Gas Liquids (MBbl)	246	581	11,942
<b>Non-Conventional Reserves - Strategic Investments – Cavalier <sup>(1)</sup></b>			
<i>Bitumen (MBbl)</i>	-	-	93,091

<sup>(1)</sup> Cavalier was as at December 31, 2012, and is at the date hereof, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paramount. Bitumen reserves relate to Cavalier's Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1. See "APPENDIX E - CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION" for additional information.

Reserves are classified as probable undeveloped when they are less certain to be recovered than proved undeveloped reserves as prescribed by the COGE Handbook. The Probable Undeveloped Reserves are associated with wells to be drilled in Kaybob COU described above. Similarly, the commissioning and startup of the two deep cut facilities

and the drilling and completion of the wells assigned Probable Undeveloped Reserves, is expected to result in the reclassification of these reserves to Probable Developed Reserves.

In November 2012, Cavalier submitted a regulatory application with the Energy Resources Conservation Board (“ERCB”) and Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resources Development for the initial development of approximately two sections of land at its Hoole oil sands property. The submission allowed for the reclassification of approximately 93 million barrels of Economic Contingent Resources to probable undeveloped reserves. The current development plan is an initial phase of 10,000 Bbl/d of production with two additional 35,000 Bbl/d phases by 2021. Based on this development plan, startup of the initial 10,000 Bbl/d phase is expected to be in late 2015. In order to reclassify the probable undeveloped reserves to proved producing reserves, Cavalier will need to receive regulatory approval for the project, sanctioning of the project by the Board of Directors, raise sufficient capital to construct facilities (see “FUTURE DEVELOPMENT COSTS” below), and commence production. While Cavalier is working to move this project forward and currently plans to develop the initial 10,000 Bbl/d phase, there is no certainty that it will be commercially viable to produce any portion of the reserves or resources (see “APPENDIX E - CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION” and “RISK FACTORS” for additional information regarding this project and risk associated with the project).

### *Future Development Costs*

The following table provides the undiscounted estimated future development costs deducted in the estimation of future net revenue.

Reserve Category	Future Development Costs (undiscounted, \$ millions)					Remainder	Total
	2013E	2014E	2015E	2016E	2017E		
<b>Proved</b>							
<b>Conventional Reserves - Principal Properties</b>							
Wells	114	23	-	-	-	2	139
Musreau and Smoky Deep Cut Facilities	102	8	-	-	-	-	110
	216	31	-	-	-	2	249
<b>Non-Conventional Reserves - Strategic Investment – Cavalier <sup>(1)</sup></b>							
Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Proved</b>	216	31	-	-	-	2	249
<b>Proved plus Probable</b>							
<b>Conventional Reserves - Principal Properties</b>							
Wells	200	94	-	-	-	3	297
Musreau and Smoky Deep Cut Facilities	102	8	-	-	-	-	110
	302	102	-	-	-	3	407
<b>Non-Conventional Reserves - Strategic Investment – Cavalier <sup>(1)</sup></b>							
Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1	38	222	214	3	29	1,033	1,540
<b>Total Proved plus Probable</b>	340	324	214	3	29	1,036	1,947

<sup>(1)</sup> Cavalier was as at December 31, 2012, and is at the date hereof, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paramount. Bitumen reserves relate to Cavalier’s Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1. See “APPENDIX E - CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION” for additional information.

Paramount expects that funding for future development costs associated with its Principal Properties will come from the Company's working capital, cash flow, credit facilities, and, in some cases, equity or debt issues and the sale of non-core assets. Paramount does not anticipate that the costs of funding referred to above will materially affect the disclosed reserves and future net revenues of the Company or will make the development of any of the Company's properties uneconomic. The Company continues to evaluate its options to fund the oilsands development project at Hoole, including utilization of the Cavalier Oil Sands Demand Loan, diluting its ownership interest in Cavalier through Cavalier equity financings, joint ventures, other capital markets related transactions, and if necessary changing the scope and pace of development of the project.

## Other Oil and Gas Information

### *Oil and Gas Properties and Wells*

For a description of Paramount's important properties, plants and facilities, see "NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS – PRINCIPAL PROPERTIES". As at December 31, 2012, Paramount had an interest in 1,691 gross (929.1 net) producing and non-producing<sup>(1)</sup> oil and natural gas wells as follows:

	Producing		Non-producing <sup>(1)</sup>	
	Gross <sup>(2)</sup>	Net <sup>(3)</sup>	Gross <sup>(2)</sup>	Net <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Crude oil wells</b>				
Alberta	175	85.5	67	36.1
British Columbia	1	0.6	-	-
Northwest Territories	6	5.5	21	18.9
North Dakota	9	3.3	-	-
Subtotal	191	94.9	88	55.0
<b>Natural gas wells</b>				
Alberta	893	477.8	396	232.1
British Columbia	32	10.1	36	24.1
Saskatchewan	4	-	5	4.0
Northwest Territories	8	7.0	38	24.1
Subtotal	937	494.9	475	284.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>589.8</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>339.3</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> "Non-producing" wells are wells which Paramount considers capable of production but which, for a variety of reasons including but not limited to a lack of markets and lack of development, cannot be placed on production at the present time.

<sup>(2)</sup> "Gross" wells means the number of wells in which Paramount has an interest.

<sup>(3)</sup> "Net" wells means Paramount's gross wells multiplied by Paramount's percentage working interest therein.

### *Properties With and Without Attributed Reserves*

The following table sets forth Paramount's land position at December 31, 2012. The Company's holdings at December 31, 2012 totalled approximately 2,208,171 (1,478,702 net) acres. Gross acreage is calculated only once per lease or licence of petroleum and natural gas rights ("Lease") regardless of whether or not Paramount holds a working and/or royalty interest, or whether or not the Lease includes multiple prospective formations. If Paramount holds more than one Lease under the same geographical area, Paramount then records acreage for both Leases.

	Acreage Assigned Reserves		Undeveloped Acreage	
	Gross <sup>(1)</sup>	Net <sup>(2)</sup>	Gross <sup>(1)</sup>	Net <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Canada</b>				
Alberta				
Paramount	470,765	258,774	1,008,177	634,311
Cavalier <sup>(3)</sup>	1,440	1,440	203,339	200,339
British Columbia	15,398	3,288	277,204	236,587
Saskatchewan	2,569	-	5,665	4,390
Northwest Territories	27,821	22,921	142,396	82,498
<b>USA</b>				
North Dakota	4,669	2,001	47,329	31,626
Montana	-	-	1,399	87
<b>Total</b>	<b>522,662</b>	<b>288,424</b>	<b>1,685,509</b>	<b>1,189,838</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> "Gross" acres means the total acreage in which Paramount has an interest.

<sup>(2)</sup> "Net" acres means Paramount's gross working interest acres multiplied by Paramount's working interest therein.

<sup>(3)</sup> Cavalier was as at December 31, 2012, and is at the date hereof, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paramount. Contingent Resources and Contingent Resources (Technology Under Development) acreage held by Cavalier is included in undeveloped acreage. See "GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS – 2011" and "APPENDIX E - CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION for additional information and definitions.

As of December 31, 2012, Paramount had approximately 357,000 (295,000 net) acres of undeveloped land due to expire in 2013. Approximately 346,000 (285,000 net) acres are in Canada, with the remainder in the United States. The actual acreage that will expire in 2013 may be less than these amounts to the extent Paramount is able to continue Leases through drilling or farm outs prior to their expiry.

Paramount has approximately 166,000 (141,000 net) acres prospective for shale gas in the Liard and Horn River Basins in Northeast British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, including approximately 115,000 net acres with potential from the Besa River shale gas formation.

Paramount drilled and completed its first horizontal shale gas exploration well at Patry in Northeast British Columbia. The well was drilled to a vertical depth of approximately 3,400 meters with a horizontal bore of approximately 1,200 meters, and was completed with a 10-stage fracture stimulation in the Besa River formation in early March 2013 that included the injection of approximately 120,000 barrels of completion fluids. The Company is working to confirm that all 10 stages of the fracture stimulation are open and contributing. In order to further evaluate well performance, the Company plans to tie the Patry well into existing pipeline infrastructure located within two miles of the well site and plans to bring the well on production by the end of 2013.

The Company re-commenced drilling operations on its initial shale gas evaluation well at Dunedin in February 2013 after drilling was suspended there in the spring of 2012 due to warm weather. Paramount plans to drill to the intended vertical depth of approximately 4,500 meters and evaluate further plans to complete the vertical wellbore and/or drill a horizontal leg.

### ***Significant Factors or Uncertainties Relevant to Properties with No Attributed Reserves***

In October 2007, Alberta Energy announced that commencing April 2011 it would begin issuing Shallow Rights Reversion ("SRR") notices for Crown petroleum and natural gas agreements that had been continued for an indefinite term prior to January 2009. Three years following receipt of an SRR notice, all zones above the shallowest producing zone in the affected agreements will revert to the Crown unless the lessee proves productivity in a shallower zone. Subject to certain exceptions, notices are to be served according to the year of grant of the agreement commencing with petroleum and natural gas agreements granted between 1953 and 1958. On April 14, 2011, Alberta Energy announced that it was delaying the commencement of the SRR program and would revisit this

decision in 2012. As of December 31, 2012 no further update, or notices had been received from Alberta Energy on SRR but, it is anticipated that Alberta Energy will provide further guidance on this issue some time in 2013.

Paramount is unable to predict when Alberta Energy will start issuing SRR notices. However when SRR is implemented, Paramount and other holders impacted by SRR will need to incur additional costs in an effort to prove the productivity of prospective shallow zones in undeveloped acreage, failing which these zones will revert to the Crown.

The development of oil sands and carbonate acreage, held by Cavalier, will require regulatory approvals and significant capital to construct and operate facilities to recover the bitumen. See “APPENDIX E - CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION” AND “RISK FACTORS – EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF OIL SANDS AND CARBONATE BITUMEN ASSETS” for further information regarding development of the oil sands and carbonate bitumen acreage and the associated risks.

### ***Forward Contracts***

The nature of Paramount's operations results in exposure to fluctuations in commodity prices, currency exchange rates and interest rates. Paramount monitors and, when appropriate, utilizes derivative financial instruments and/or physical forward delivery contracts to hedge its exposure to these risks. Paramount's derivative contracts and/or future commitments are disclosed in its audited consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2012 which can be found under the Company's profile on the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### ***Pipeline Transportation Commitments***

As part of normal business operations, Paramount has entered into a number of short-term and long-term pipeline transportation commitments. At December 31, 2012, Paramount had long-term natural gas transportation commitments of up to 280 MMcf/d until 2023 to delivery points at Malin and Western Canada. The tariff rates for these commitments are adjusted annually and as at December 31, 2012 they ranged from \$0.14/Mcf to US\$0.65/MMBtu. Starting in 2013, these long-term transportation commitments exceed Paramount's expected future natural gas production of its proved reserves, based on the December 31, 2012 McDaniel Report, by 25 MMcf/d, increasing to 208 MMcf/d by 2015. In early 2013, Paramount entered into long-term NGLs transportation commitments of up to 15,800 Bbl/d until 2024 to delivery points in Alberta. Starting in 2014, these long-term NGLs transportation commitments exceed Paramount's expected future NGLs production of its proved reserves, based on the December 31, 2012 McDaniel Report, by 9,300 Bbl/d, increasing to 15,100 Bbl/d by 2024.

The Company has increased its gas and NGLs pipeline commitments in the near term due to the planned facility expansions at Kaybob (see “NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS”). Paramount expects to fulfill its pipeline commitments through its ongoing exploration and development activities. However, the Company's ability to fulfill such commitments could be impacted by delays in the startup of the Musreau Deep Cut Facility or downstream de-ethanization and fractionation disruptions and constraints. The Company could experience a financial loss and operations could be adversely affected if Paramount is unable to fulfill its long-term transportation commitments. Additional disclosure related to such transportation commitments can be found in the Company's audited consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2012, which can be found under the Company's profile on the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### ***Abandonment and Reclamation Costs***

Abandonment and reclamation costs for Paramount's wells, facilities, pipelines, and associated surface leases and roads are estimated by Paramount based on consideration for the costs of remediation, decommissioning, abandonment and reclamation, as well as the salvage values of existing equipment. These costs are adjusted to reflect working interests held, and are time discounted in accordance with the requirements of NI 51-101. Costs and

salvage values are calculated for individual assets and aggregated to determine the total net liability. In estimating these costs and salvage values, reference is made to historical costs and values, internal estimates, third-party environmental reports, and publications including the Energy Resources Conservation Board (Alberta) Directives 006 and 011, as well as the Material Price Catalogue (published annually by the Petroleum Accountants Society of Canada). If these third-party estimates are believed to be low, higher internally generated estimates are used, based on previous Company experience.

During 2012, Paramount spent approximately \$8.0 million on environmental remediation, reclamation and regulatory compliance activities.

As at December 31, 2012, the Company had approximately 1,302 net wells, including service wells, for which abandonment and reclamation costs are expected to be incurred.

The Company's estimates of abandonment and reclamation costs, net of estimated salvage value, for surface leases, wells, facilities, pipelines, and roads undiscounted and discounted at 10 percent, are \$217.7 million and \$89.6 million, respectively. The future net revenue disclosed in this annual information form does not contain an allowance for abandonment and reclamation costs for surface leases, facilities and pipelines. The McDaniel Report deducted \$74.3 million (undiscounted) and \$21.3 million (10 percent discount) for downhole abandonment costs for wells only, on a total proved plus probable basis.

Abandonment and reclamation costs for the next three years are not expected to be material and are expected to be between \$1.0 to \$7.0 million per year. For fiscal 2013, the Company has budgeted approximately \$7 million for abandonment and reclamation activities.

### ***Tax Horizon***

Based on the current tax regime, and the Company's available tax pools and anticipated level of operations, Paramount does not expect to be cash taxable in the near future (see "RISK FACTORS – GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION").

### ***Costs Incurred***

The following table summarizes the costs incurred by Paramount for property acquisitions and exploration and development costs.

<b>Cost Type <sup>(1)</sup></b> <b>(\$ millions)</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q1</b>
Acquisitions (corporate and property)					
Proved properties	15.5	7.7	5.9	0.3	1.6
Unproved properties	9.6	5.1	2.7	0.7	1.1
Exploration	147.5	37.0	30.0	18.4	62.1
Development (including facilities)	411.3	144.9	119.3	50.5	96.6
Strategic Investments – Cavalier <sup>(2)</sup>	13.9	2.3	1.1	0.7	9.8
<b>Total <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>597.8</b>	<b>197.0</b>	<b>159.0</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>171.2</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes corporate asset capital expenditures (e.g. computer hardware, furniture and fixtures, etc.), and drilling rig capital expenditures

<sup>(2)</sup> Cavalier acquired \$7.0 million of unproved properties in the first quarter of 2012.

<sup>(3)</sup> Of the annual cost incurred, \$0.7 million was spent in the Company's United States operations (\$0.1 million on unproved properties, \$0.2 million on exploration, and \$0.4 million on development (including facilities)).



### *Exploration and Development Activities*

The following table summarizes the results of Paramount's drilling activity for the year ended December 31, 2012. The working interest in certain of these wells may change after payout.

	Gross <sup>(1)</sup>	Net <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Development Wells <sup>(3)</sup></b>		
Gas	36	28.5
Oil	1	0.2
Subtotal	37	28.7
<b>Exploratory Wells <sup>(4)</sup></b>		
Gas	8	5.3
<b>Oil Sands Evaluation Well <sup>(5)</sup></b>	1	1.0
<b>Total Wells</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>35.0</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> "Gross" is the number of wells in which Paramount has a working interest or a royalty interest that may be converted to a working interest.

<sup>(2)</sup> "Net" is the aggregate number of wells obtained by multiplying each gross well by Paramount's percentage of working interest.

<sup>(3)</sup> "Development Well" is a well drilled within or in close proximity to a discovered pool of petroleum or natural gas. The Company's United States operations drilled 1 (0.2 net) oil development wells.

<sup>(4)</sup> "Exploratory Well" is a well drilled either in search of a new and as yet undiscovered pool of petroleum or natural gas or with the expectation of significantly extending the limit of a pool that is partly discovered.

<sup>(5)</sup> Oil sands evaluation well drilled by Cavalier. Cavalier was as at December 31, 2012, and is at the date hereof, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paramount.

Paramount plans to invest approximately \$500 million in its Principal Properties in 2013, excluding land acquisitions and capitalized interest, primarily focused on the Kaybob COU's Deep Basin development. Construction of the Musreau Deep Cut Facility is scheduled to be completed in the fourth quarter and construction of the third-party Smoky Deep Cut Facility will continue into 2014. In preparation for the start-up of the deep cut facilities, the Company plans to drill and complete up to 40 new wells in Kaybob in 2013. Budgeted activities also include the drilling, completion and tie-in of middle Montney wells at Karr-Gold Creek.

The Company plans to invest approximately \$50 million in its Strategic Investments in 2013, directed towards drilling and completions in the Liard Basin and continued pre-development work for oil sands projects within Cavalier Energy.

Average sales volumes in January 2013 were constrained to approximately 22,000 Boe/d and increased to approximately 23,500 Boe/d in the last week of February 2013. Paramount's ability to maximize production through its Company-owned and firm-service contracted capacity will likely continue to be impacted by downstream NGLs processing and transportation constraints until the fourth quarter of 2013.

Sales volumes for the first three quarters of 2013 are expected to range between 21,000 Boe/d and 25,000 Boe/d, after giving effect to the first quarter property dispositions, depending upon the availability of downstream NGLs transportation and processing capacity. Sales volumes are expected to increase in the fourth quarter once the expansion of a third-party NGLs pipeline is completed, additional fractionation capacity is secured and the Musreau Deep Cut Facility is on-stream.

After the Musreau Deep Cut Facility starts up in late-2013, the Company will have owned and firm-service contracted natural gas processing capacity of 279 MMcf/d, which will increase to over 300 MMcf/d in 2014 with the addition of the Smoky Deep Cut Facility. Sales volumes are expected to increase to over 50,000 Boe/d by late-2014 as facility processes are optimized and the new long-term NGLs processing contracts come into effect.

### *Production Estimates*

The following table summarizes the total estimated gross production for 2013 based on the McDaniel Report.

	Estimated Production (Gross)	
	Proved	Probable
<b>Canada</b>		
Natural Gas (MMcf)	41,442	5,194
Light and Medium Crude Oil (MBbl)	323	11
Natural Gas Liquids (MBbl)	1,711	450
<b>Total Canada (MBoe)</b>	<b>8,941</b>	<b>1,327</b>
<b>USA</b>		
Natural Gas (MMcf)	7	1
Light and Medium Crude Oil (MBbl)	38	3
Natural Gas Liquids (MBbl)	-	-
<b>Total USA (MBoe)</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Production (MBoe)</b>	<b>8,981</b>	<b>1,330</b>

The Company continues to grow its production and expand its gathering and processing capacity at the Musreau field in the Kaybob COU (see “NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS – PRINCIPAL PROPERTIES”). During 2012, actual production at Musreau was 2,491 MBoe comprised of 13.8 Bcf of natural gas, 191 MBbl of NGLs and 2 MBbl of oil. McDaniel’s estimated gross production in 2013 from the Musreau field is 4,003 MBoe (Proved) and 5,081 MBoe (Proved plus Probable), or approximately 45% and 49% of total production for the Company, respectively.

### *Production History*

The following table summarizes daily sales volume results for Paramount before the deduction of royalties on a quarterly and annual basis for 2012<sup>(1)</sup>.

	2012	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
<b>SALES - Canada</b>					
Natural Gas (MMcf/d)	98.4	104.1	95.3	106.1	88.3
Light and Medium Crude Oil (Bbl/d)	1,048	1,061	905	1,027	1,196
Natural Gas Liquids (Bbl/d)	1,856	2,114	1,757	1,946	1,603
<b>SALES - United States</b>					
Natural Gas (MMcf/d)	0.1	-	-	0.1	0.3
Light and Medium Crude Oil (Bbl/d)	572	152	176	781	1,190
Natural Gas Liquids (Bbl/d)	17	(4)	(2)	27	49
<b>SALES - Total</b>					
Natural Gas (MMcf/d)	98.5	104.1	95.3	106.2	88.6
Light and Medium Crude Oil (Bbl/d)	1,620	1,213	1,081	1,808	2,386
Natural Gas Liquids (Bbl/d)	1,873	2,110	1,755	1,973	1,652

<sup>(1)</sup> As required by NI 51-101, natural gas production volumes are measured in marketable quantities, with adjustments for heat content and transportation reflected in the reported natural gas price.

The following table summarizes Paramount’s average netbacks, by product, on a quarterly and annual basis for 2012 production in Canada.

Canada	Netback – 2012				
	2012	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
<b>Natural gas (including by-products) (\$/Mcf)</b>					
Revenue <sup>(1)</sup>	3.78	4.35	3.51	3.24	4.05
Royalties	(0.26)	(0.34)	(0.20)	(0.21)	(0.30)
Operating expense <sup>(2)</sup>	(1.33)	(1.40)	(1.22)	(1.09)	(1.65)
Transportation	(0.50)	(0.48)	(0.47)	(0.49)	(0.58)
Netback	1.69	2.13	1.62	1.45	1.52
<b>Conventional oil (including by-products) (\$/Boe)</b>					
Revenue	46.74	47.10	42.95	43.22	52.93
Royalties	(4.70)	(4.61)	(3.71)	(4.93)	(5.47)
Operating expense <sup>(2)</sup>	(19.76)	(17.35)	(18.24)	(20.44)	(22.73)
Transportation	(3.61)	(3.46)	(3.17)	(3.98)	(3.79)
Netback	18.67	21.68	17.83	13.87	20.94

See notes below

The Company divested its remaining producing properties in the United States in February 2013 (see “GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS – 2013 Update”). The following table summarizes Paramount’s average netbacks, by product, on a quarterly and annual basis for its United States production in 2012.

United States	Netback – 2012				
	2012	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
<b>Conventional oil (including by-products) (\$/Boe)</b>					
Revenue	80.94	89.79	81.49	72.85	85.09
Royalties	(13.61)	(15.36)	(14.89)	(11.82)	(14.40)
Operating expense <sup>(2)</sup>	(12.49)	(14.09)	(1.96)	(7.39)	(17.10)
Production tax	(6.82)	(5.88)	(7.57)	(6.38)	(7.10)
Netback	48.02	54.46	57.07	47.26	46.49

<sup>(1)</sup> As required by NI 51-101, natural gas production volumes are measured in marketable quantities, with adjustments for heat content and transportation reflected in the reported natural gas price.

<sup>(2)</sup> Operating costs include all costs related to the operation of wells, facilities and gathering systems. Processing revenue has been deducted from these costs.

The Company realized a \$0.1 million gain associated with oil commodity contracts in fiscal 2012. These gains have not been reflected in the Netback tables above.

The following table summarizes sales volumes by Corporate Operating Unit for the year ended December 31, 2012.

	Natural Gas (MMcf)	Light and Medium	
		Crude Oil (MBbl)	Natural Gas Liquids (MBbl)
Kaybob	21,793	22	338
Grande Prairie	7,642	112	274
Northern	3,059	86	11
Southern - Canada	3,537	164	56
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>36,031</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>679</b>
Southern - United States	38	209	6
<b>Total Company</b>	<b>36,069</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>685</b>

## **GENERAL**

### **Competitive Conditions, Seasonality, and Trends**

Competitive conditions affecting Paramount are described under the “RISK FACTORS” section of this annual information form.

The development of oil and natural gas reserves is dependent on access to areas where production is to be conducted. Seasonal weather variations, including freeze-up and break-up, affect access in certain circumstances. The seasonal accessibility of certain locations increases competition for equipment and personnel during those periods.

The oil and gas industry continues to develop new technology that improves or enhances recoverable reserves. In particular, multi-stage hydraulically-fractured horizontal wells have changed the productivity and economic returns of wells. Reservoirs floods, polymer injection and carbon dioxide (“CO<sub>2</sub>”) injection techniques have also been used to increase recoverable reserves.

### **Employees**

At December 31, 2012, Paramount had 143 full-time head office employees and 90 full-time employees at field locations. The Company also engages a number of contractors and service providers. Paramount’s compensation of full-time employees includes a combination of salary, cash and/or stock bonuses, benefits and participation in either a stock-based compensation plan or a Company-assisted share purchase savings plan. Amounts contributed by Paramount under its stock bonus and share purchase plans are utilized to make open market purchases of the Company’s shares and held by an independent trustee until the completion of the vesting period.

### **Environmental Protection and Policies**

Paramount's oil and gas operations are governed by environmental requirements under Canadian federal, provincial and municipal and United States federal, state and county laws that, among other things, restrict and/or prohibit the release of emissions or pollutants, regulate the storage, handling, transportation and disposal of various substances produced or utilized in association with oil and gas industry operations and require Paramount to remedy the effect of its activities on the environment at current and former operating sites (including through the proper abandonment and decommissioning of wells, pipelines, facilities, and roads and remediation and reclamation of associated lands). See “OTHER OIL AND GAS INFORMATION – ABANDONMENT AND RECLAMATION COSTS”. Paramount has implemented monitoring and reporting programs to address environmental, health and safety issues in its day-to-day operations, as well as ongoing inspections and assessments, to provide assurance that applicable regulatory standards are met. In addition, contingency and response plans are in place to deal with environmental incidents and other emergency situations.

### ***Greenhouse Gas Reporting and Reduction Obligations***

Paramount is required under Canadian federal legislation to report its aggregate emissions of greenhouse gases (“GHG”) and certain other substances for the purposes of the National Pollutant Release Inventory. Both the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* and the *Alberta Specified Gas Reporting Regulation* impose an additional obligation to report GHG emissions from facilities that emit more than 50,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (“CO<sub>2e</sub>”) per year. As Paramount's Musreau Refrig Facility and Musreau Deep Cut Facility are currently licensed to emit a combined 290,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2e</sub> per year (“CO<sub>2e</sub>/yr”), Paramount will be subject to reporting obligations in respect of these facilities under these regulations.

The Alberta government also imposes GHG emission intensity limits on industrial facilities pursuant to the *Specified Gas Emitters Regulations* (the “SGER”). Under the SGER, facilities that have produced 100,000 or more tonnes of

GHG emission in 2003 or any subsequent year are required to reduce their GHG emissions intensity (i.e. the quantity of GHG per unit of production) from emissions intensity baselines that are established in accordance with the SGER. For a new facility, its baseline emissions intensity is generally established in its third year of operations, and it is required to reduce its emission intensity from this baseline in annual 2% increments beginning in the fourth year of commercial operation until the maximum 12% reduction requirement is reached.

There are three ways to comply with emission reduction requirements under the SGER: i) actual physical reduction in GHG emissions intensity; ii) purchasing Alberta based emission offset credits and/or emission performance credits; or iii) making a payment of \$15 per excess tonne of GHG emissions to the Government of Alberta's Climate Change and Emissions Management Fund.

As the Musreau Refrig Facility and Musreau Deep Cut Facility are licensed to emit GHG in excess of the 100,000 tonnes/yr limit prescribed under the SGER, the Company believes it will have emission reduction obligations under this regulation when these facilities are fully operational (and their baseline emission intensities have been established) and is evaluating it options to comply with these regulatory requirements.

The Government of Alberta indicated in its 2008 Provincial Energy Strategy that it was considering imposing stricter emission intensity standards under the SGER. However, to date no such amendments have been announced.

Under Alberta ERCB Directive 60 and Bulletin 2009-44 "Reminder of the January 1, 2010 Fugitive Emissions Program Effective Date", Paramount developed and implemented on January 1, 2010 a program to detect and repair fugitive leaks of methane and other hydrocarbons from 41 of the Company's facilities. The Company did not incur any material costs administering this program.

In 2008, British Columbia implemented a carbon tax that applies to the purchase or use of fossil fuels by end users in the province and is designed to encourage individuals, businesses, and industry to consume less fossil fuels and thus reduce the emission of GHG. Similar to other oil and gas producers in the province, to the extent Paramount consumes fossil fuels as part of its exploration, development and production operations, the Company will pay a carbon tax to the provincial government on the amount of fossil fuels consumed. In 2009, British Columbia imposed GHG reporting obligations pursuant to regulations under its Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Cap and Trade) Act that are applicable to facilities that emit more than 10,000 tonnes CO<sub>2e</sub> /yr. Paramount does not have an interest in any oil and gas facilities in British Columbia whose emissions exceed this amount so currently has no reporting obligations under this legislation.

The Company could become subject to additional reduction obligations under federal or other provincial legislation if and when such legislation is enacted. Over the last several years, the federal government has undertaken a number of initiatives to achieve domestic GHG reductions. At present, it is not possible to predict the impact such strategies will have on the business, operations, and/or finances of the Company. See "RISK FACTORS – COMPLIANCE WITH AND CHANGES TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS" for additional information regarding government initiatives to reduce GHG.

### ***Health, Safety and Environment Policies***

Paramount has a Health, Safety and Environment Policy (the "HSE Policy") which forms an integral part of the business operations of the Company and provides a framework pursuant to which the Company has developed a comprehensive management system containing specific policies and procedures to address health, safety, and environmental matters associated with the Company. The Company is committed to the prevention of incidents in all phases of its operations that could cause harm to people, property loss, or an adverse impact on the have environment.

Paramount's HSE Policy emphasizes the Company's responsibility to make health, safety and environmental protection a consistent component of its decision-making processes and requires its management, employees, contractors, consultants and other parties performing work on behalf of Paramount to act in accordance with the HSE Policy. Paramount's managers and supervisors are required to assess the potential effects of their projects and to integrate protective measures to prevent health, safety or environmental incidents from occurring as a result of Paramount's business activities. Managers and supervisors also are expected to provide training and to be prepared to respond safely and effectively to a health, safety or environmental incident.

Paramount's environmental, health and safety policies and programs are monitored and guided by a committee of the Board of Directors, the Environmental Health and Safety Committee, comprised of three non-management directors of the Company. The duties and responsibilities of the committee are to:

- review and monitor the environmental policies and activities of Paramount on behalf of the Board of Directors;
- recommend actions for developing policies, programs and procedures to ensure that the principles contained in the Policy are being adhered to and achieved;
- review environmental compliance issues and environmentally sensitive issues to determine on behalf of the Board of Directors, that Paramount is taking all necessary steps and is being diligent in carrying out its responsibilities; and
- review and report to the Board of Directors on the sufficiency of resources available for carrying out the activities and actions recommended.

The Environmental Health and Safety Committee meets at least semi-annually and receives reports from management with respect to the above matters and in particular relative to Paramount's compliance with health, safety, environmental laws and regulations, the Company's annual compliance budget, and ongoing training programs for employees and contractors.

In addition, Paramount conducts, from time to time, internal assessments of its properties and facilities in order to determine the environmental risks and liabilities associated with them so that Paramount can properly manage and minimize such risks and liabilities in a proactive, efficient and timely manner.

## DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The following information is provided for each director and executive officer of Paramount as at the date of this annual information form:

### Directors

Name and Municipality of Residence	Director Since	Principal Occupation for Past Five Years
Clayton H. Riddell <sup>(1)(7)</sup> Calgary, Alberta, Canada	1978	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Paramount
James H.T. Riddell <sup>(1)(3)(7)</sup> Calgary, Alberta, Canada	2000	President and Chief Operating Officer, Paramount
James G.M. Bell <sup>(2)(4)(5)</sup> Calgary, Alberta, Canada	2011	General Counsel, Olympia Financial Group Inc. and Olympia Trust Company (a public company and a non-deposit taking trust company, respectively). Previously, a partner at Davis LLP, an international law firm.
Thomas E. Claugus <sup>(5)</sup> Atlanta, Georgia, United States	2010	President, GMT Capital Corp. (a private investment company)
John C. Gorman <sup>(2)(4)(5)</sup> Calgary, Alberta, Canada	2002	Retired
Dirk Jungé, CFA <sup>(5)(6)</sup> Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania, United States	2000	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Pitcairn Trust Company (a private trust company)
David M. Knott <sup>(1)(5)</sup> Syosset, New York, United States	1998	Managing General Partner, Knott Partners, L.P. (a private investment firm)
Susan L. Riddell Rose <sup>(1)</sup> Calgary, Alberta, Canada	2000	President and Chief Executive Officer, Perpetual Energy Inc. (a public oil and natural gas exploration and development company) and its predecessor Paramount Energy Trust
John B. Roy <sup>(1)(2)(4)(5)(6)</sup> Calgary, Alberta, Canada	1981	Independent Businessman
Bernhard M. Wylie <sup>(1)(6)</sup> Calgary, Alberta, Canada	1978	Business Executive

<sup>(1)</sup> From 1992 to 2008, Paramount was the general partner of T.T.Y. Paramount Partnership No. 5 (“TTY”), a limited partnership which was an unlisted reporting issuer in certain provinces of Canada. TTY was established in 1980 to conduct oil and gas exploration and development activities, but had not carried on operations since 1984 and had only nominal assets. A cease trade order against TTY was issued by the Quebec Securities Commission in 1999 for failing to file its June 30, 1998 financial statements in Quebec. The cease trade order was revoked on April 9, 2008. TTY was dissolved on July 21, 2008.

<sup>(2)</sup> Member of the Compensation Committee. Mr. Bell replaced Mr. C. H. Riddell as a member on the Compensation Committee on March 7, 2013.

<sup>(3)</sup> Mr. J. H. T. Riddell was a director of Jurassic Oil and Gas Ltd. (“Jurassic”), a private oil and gas company, within one year of such company becoming bankrupt. Jurassic’s bankruptcy was subsequently annulled.

<sup>(4)</sup> Member of the Audit Committee.

<sup>(5)</sup> Member of the Corporate Governance Committee.

<sup>(6)</sup> Member of the Environmental, Health and Safety Committee.

<sup>(7)</sup> Messrs C. H. Riddell and J. H. T. Riddell hold executive offices with Trilogy and with MGM Energy. Substantial time is devoted to their offices in Trilogy and MGM Energy, however, they are not paid a salary by Trilogy or MGM Energy therefore such offices are not considered their principal occupation.

## Executive Officers

<b>Name and Municipality of Residence</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Principal Occupation for Past Five Years</b>
Clayton H. Riddell <sup>(1)</sup> Calgary, Alberta, Canada	Chief Executive Officer	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Paramount
James H.T. Riddell <sup>(1)</sup> Calgary, Alberta, Canada	President and Chief Operating Officer	President and Chief Operating Officer of Paramount
Bernard K. Lee Calgary, Alberta, Canada	Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer of Paramount
E. Mitchell Shier Calgary, Alberta, Canada	General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Manager, Land	General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Manager, Land of Paramount since January 2009. From 2002 until January 2009, Mr. Shier practiced oil and gas and commercial law as a partner with Heenan Blaikie LLP (a national law firm) and remains counsel to that firm

<sup>(1)</sup> Messrs C. H. Riddell and J. H. T. Riddell hold executive offices with Trilogy and with MGM Energy. Substantial time is devoted to their offices in Trilogy and MGM Energy, however, they are not paid a salary by Trilogy or MGM Energy therefore such offices are not considered their principal occupation.

As at December 31, 2012, the directors and executive officers of the Company as a group beneficially owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, 48,342,826 Common Shares, representing approximately 54 percent of the 89,931,874 Common Shares outstanding at such date. This calculation excludes 1,711,900 Common Shares held by the Riddell Family Charitable Foundation.

Certain directors and officers of Paramount are also directors and/or officers and/or significant shareholders of other companies or entities engaged in the oil and gas business generally and which, in certain cases, own interests in oil and gas properties in which Paramount holds, or may in the future, hold an interest. As a result, situations may arise where such individuals have a conflict of interest. Such conflicts of interest will be resolved in accordance with Paramount's governing corporate statute, the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta), and Paramount's internal policies respecting conflicts of interest. The *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) requires that a director or officer of a corporation who is party to a material contract or proposed material contract with the corporation, or is a director or an officer of or has a material interest in any person who is a party to a material contract or proposed material contract with the corporation, disclose in writing to the corporation or request to have entered into the minutes of meetings of directors the nature and extent of the director's or officer's interest; and, if a director, that he or she not vote on any resolution to approve the contract, except in certain circumstances. The *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) also requires that a corporation's directors and officers act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interest of the corporation. Paramount's internal policies respecting conflicts of interest require that directors and officers of Paramount avoid putting themselves in a conflict of interest position and, if such a position arises, that disclosure of such position be made so that Paramount can approve or disapprove such position, with disapproved conflict of interest positions requiring immediate cessation by the director or officer.



## AUDIT COMMITTEE INFORMATION

The full text of the audit committee's charter is included in APPENDIX F of this annual information form.

### **Composition of the Audit Committee**

The audit committee consists of three members, all of whom are independent and financially literate. The relevant education and experience of each audit committee member is outlined below:

#### ***J. C. Gorman***

Mr. Gorman has been a director of the Company since 2002. Prior to his retirement in 2000, he was the President and CEO of an energy trading, marketing and financial services company from 1996 to 2000 and a corporate banker with the Bank of Montreal (a Canadian chartered bank) from 1972 to 1996, retiring as Senior Vice President, Natural Resources Group. Mr. Gorman obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Ottawa and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Western Ontario.

#### ***J. G. M. Bell***

Mr. Bell has been a director of the Company since 2011. Mr. Bell is currently General Counsel for Olympia Financial Group Inc. (a public company) and its wholly-owned subsidiary Olympia Trust Company (a non-deposit taking trust company). Prior thereto, Mr. Bell practiced securities and corporate commercial law as a partner at Davis LLP (an international law firm) until December 31, 2009. Mr. Bell has acted as legal counsel in connection with private placements, prospectus offerings, take-over bids, plans of arrangement and general securities and corporate finance matters. Mr. Bell graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1999.

#### ***J. B. Roy***

Mr. Roy has been a director of the Company since 1981. He is an independent businessman. Prior to December 1, 2003, he served as the Vice-President and Director, Investment Banking of Jennings Capital Inc. (a private investment banking firm). From 1970 to 1996, he held various positions at Greenshields Incorporated and its successor, Richardson Greenshields of Canada Ltd. (a private investment banking firm). Mr. Roy graduated from Queen's University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and received a Diploma in Management from McGill University. He is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta.

### **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Company's audit committee has adopted a policy with respect to the pre-approval of audit and permitted non-audit services to be provided by its independent auditor (the "Policy"). Pursuant to the Policy, the audit committee has identified certain services that have been granted pre-approval and which the independent auditors may provide. The Policy also establishes procedures by which permitted audit and permitted non-audit services proposed to be performed by the Company's independent auditors may be pre-approved.

The audit committee has delegated authority to the Chairman of the audit committee to pre-approve permitted audit and permitted non-audit services to be provided by the independent auditor that have not otherwise been pre-approved by the full audit committee, including the fees and terms of the proposed services (the "Delegated Authority"). All pre-approvals granted pursuant to the Delegated Authority must be presented by the Chairman of the audit committee to the full audit committee at its next meeting.

All fees payable in connection with services provided by the independent auditor must be pre-approved by either the full audit committee or the Chairman of the audit committee pursuant to his Delegated Authority.

### External Auditor Service Fees

The following table provides information about the fees billed to the Company for professional services rendered by Ernst & Young LLP in respect of the financial years ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011:

(\$ thousands)	2012	2011
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	200	215
Audit-Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	198	232
Tax Fees	-	-
All Other Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	15	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>462</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents the aggregate fees of the Company's auditors for audit services in respect of the financial year.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents the aggregate fees billed for assurance and related services by the Company's auditors that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements and are not included under "Audit Fees" and are primarily composed of services related to the Company's debt and equity offerings, and adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards.

<sup>(3)</sup> Represents the aggregate fees billed for products and services provided by the Company's auditors other than those services reported under "Audit Fees", "Audit Related Fees" and "Tax Fees".

### DESCRIPTION OF SHARE CAPITAL

The Company's authorized share capital as of the date hereof consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares and an unlimited number of preferred shares, issuable in series. As of December 31, 2012, 89,931,874 Common Shares were issued and outstanding and no preferred shares were issued and outstanding.

#### Common Shares

The holders of the Common Shares are entitled to receive dividends if, as and when declared by the board of directors of the Company. The holders of the Common Shares are entitled to receive notice of and to attend all meetings of the shareholders of the Company. Holders of the Common Shares are entitled to one (1) vote in respect of each Common Share held at all meetings of the shareholders of the Company (except meetings at which only holders of another specified class or series of shares of the Company are entitled to vote separately as a class or series at such meeting) provided that if the Company fails to pay the full amount of any dividend declared by the board of directors of the Company on the Common Shares on the date specified for payment of such dividend, then, for so long as any dividends remain in arrears on the Common Shares, the holders of the Common Shares shall be entitled to two (2) votes in respect of each Common Share held at all meetings of the shareholders of the Company. In the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company or other distributions of assets of the Company among its shareholders for the purpose of winding up its affairs, the holders of the Common Shares will be entitled, subject to preferences accorded to holders of any class or series of preferred shares, to participate ratably in any distribution of the assets of the Company.

#### Preferred Shares, Issuable in Series

Preferred shares are non-voting and may be issued in one or more series. The board of directors may determine the designation, rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attached to each series of preferred shares before the issue of such series. As of December 31, 2012, no preferred shares were issued and outstanding.

## CREDIT RATINGS

The following table outlines the ratings of the Company, the 2017 Notes, and the 2019 Notes as of December 31, 2012.

	Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P")	Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's")
Company Rating	B-	B3
Outlook	Negative	Stable
2017 Notes	B	Caa1
2019 Notes	B	Caa1

A credit rating generally provides an indication of the risk that the borrower will not fulfill its full obligations in a timely manner with respect to both interest and principal commitments.

S&P's credit ratings are on a rating scale that ranges from AAA to D, which represents the range from highest to lowest quality of such securities rated. S&P has assigned Paramount a corporate credit rating of B-, negative outlook, and a credit rating of B on the 2017 Notes and the 2019 Notes. According to S&P's rating system, an obligation rated "B" is more vulnerable to non-payment than those rated BB, but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor's capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. The ratings from AA to CCC may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or a minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories. In addition, S&P may add a rating outlook of "positive", "negative" or "stable" which assesses the potential direction of a long-term credit rating over the intermediate term (typically six months to two years).

Moody's credit ratings are on a rating scale that ranges from Aaa to C, which represents the range from highest to lowest quality of such securities rated. Moody's has assigned Paramount a corporate family credit rating of B3, stable outlook, and a credit rating of Caa1 on the 2017 Notes and the 2019 Notes. According to Moody's rating system, securities rated "B" are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk and securities rated "Caa1" are judged to be of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk. Moody's appends numerical modifiers 1, 2 and 3 to each generic rating classification from Aa through C. The modifier 1 indicates that the security ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category, the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of its generic rating category. In addition, Moody's may add a rating outlook of "positive", "negative" or "stable", which assess the likely direction of an issuer's rating over the medium term.

The credit ratings accorded by S&P and Moody's are not recommendations to purchase, hold or sell securities and such ratings do not comment as to market price or suitability for a particular investor. There is no assurance that any rating will remain in effect for any given period of time or that any rating will not be revised or withdrawn entirely by a rating agency in the future if in its judgment circumstances so warrant.

In 2011 and 2012, the Company made payments to S&P and Moody's in connection with a) the assignment of ratings on the 2019 Notes and b) annual monitoring and surveillance fees in respect of Paramount, the 2017 Notes, and the 2019 Notes.

## MARKET FOR SECURITIES

The Common Shares are listed on the TSX under the trading symbol “POU”. The following table outlines the trading price range and volume of the Common Shares traded by month in 2012.

2012	Price Range (\$ per share)		Trading Volume
	High	Low	
January	42.83	32.46	3,952,396
February	38.68	34.05	3,442,359
March	37.55	27.43	5,098,995
April	28.94	23.97	5,087,122
May	30.00	25.25	4,347,548
June	29.02	22.06	4,803,107
July	27.46	23.61	1,885,907
August	27.16	23.57	1,650,269
September	30.45	22.79	4,161,827
October	34.60	29.87	4,938,900
November	35.38	32.45	3,133,957
December	35.17	31.01	3,022,708

## DIVIDENDS

Paramount has not paid a cash dividend in the last three fiscal years. Paramount currently has no plans to pay a dividend in the future. Any future payments will be dependent upon the financial requirements of the Company to reinvest earnings, the financial condition of the Company and other factors which the board of directors of the Company may consider appropriate.

## LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company is involved in various claims and litigation arising in the normal course of business. While the outcome of these matters is uncertain and there can be no assurance that such matters will be resolved in Paramount's favour, the Company does not currently believe that the outcome of any pending or threatened proceedings, or the amounts which the Company may be required to pay by reason thereof, would have a material adverse impact on its financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

## RISK FACTORS

Set forth below are the most significant risk factors related to Paramount which you should carefully consider. If any event arising from these risk factors occurs, the Company's business, prospects, financial condition, results of operation or cash flows could be materially adversely affected. In addition to the risks identified in this section, see “APPENDIX E – CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION” regarding risks that are specific to Cavalier's oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets.

### **Volatility of oil and natural gas prices and price differentials.**

Fluctuations in the prices of oil, natural gas, and NGLs will affect Paramount's operational results and financial condition. In addition, Paramount could be affected by changes in differentials between the price received for its oil, natural gas, and NGLs relative to quoted market prices as a result of various factors including supply and demand factors, location and quality.

Oil, natural gas, and NGLs prices have fluctuated widely during recent years and are likely to continue to be volatile in the future. Oil, natural gas, and NGLs prices may fluctuate in response to a variety of factors beyond Paramount's

control, including, but not limited to, worldwide and regional supply and demand factors, weather, and general economic and market conditions.

Paramount's operations are highly focused on liquids rich natural gas. Any material decline in oil, natural gas, and NGLs prices could also result in a reduction in Paramount's production revenue and overall value.

The economics of producing from some oil and natural gas wells could change as a result of lower prices. As a result, Paramount could elect not to produce from certain wells. Any material decline in oil, natural gas, and/or NGLs prices could also result in a reduction in Paramount's oil and natural gas acquisition and development activities.

Any substantial and extended weakness in the price of oil, natural gas, and/or NGLs would have an adverse effect, possibly significant, on Paramount's operating results and Paramount's borrowing capacity because borrowings under Paramount's senior credit facility are limited to a borrowing base amount that is established periodically by the lenders. This borrowing base amount is based on the lenders' estimate of the present value of the future net revenue of Paramount's oil and natural gas properties.

#### **Development and/or acquisition of oil and natural gas properties.**

Paramount's future success depends upon its ability to develop and/or acquire additional oil and natural gas reserves that are economically recoverable. If Paramount is unable to increase its reserves, the Company's business will be adversely affected because it will eventually deplete its reserves.

The cost of drilling, completing and operating wells is often uncertain. The Company may experience unexpected cost increases, overruns, delays or cancellations of projects in their entirety as a result of numerous factors, many of which are beyond its control, including, but not limited to, weather conditions, required compliance with governmental laws and regulations, the ability to obtain stakeholder support and approvals, and shortages or delays in the delivery of equipment and services. There is the risk that no commercially productive reservoirs will be encountered, that Paramount will not recover all or any portion of its investment, and that Paramount's reserves, revenues and cash flow will decline. Paramount cannot assure you that it will be able to find and develop additional reserves at an acceptable cost or at all.

The successful acquisition and development of oil and natural gas properties requires an assessment of recoverable reserves, future oil, natural gas and NGLs prices and operating and capital costs, potential environmental and other liabilities, and productivity of new wells drilled. These assessments are inexact and, if Paramount makes them inaccurately, it might not recover the purchase price or development costs of a property from the sale of production from the property or might not recognize an acceptable return from properties it acquires.

The costs of construction and the operating costs of gas processing facilities are often uncertain. The Company may experience unexpected cost increases, overruns, or delays or cancellations related to construction of its gas processing facilities as a result of numerous factors, many of which are beyond its control, including, but not limited to, increased labour costs, higher cost of inputs, weather conditions, required compliance with governmental laws and regulations, the ability to obtain stakeholder support and approvals, and shortages or delays in the delivery of equipment and services. There is the risk that the gas processing facilities may not operate as designed or at the expected capacity levels and actual operating costs may be materially higher than estimated. There is a risk that actual utilization is lower than the facilities gas processing capacity due to lower natural gas volumes supplied to the facility or disruptions and constraints at pipeline, de-ethanization, and fractionation facilities downstream from the gas processing facility. In addition, there is a risk that the new gas processing facilities may be unable to produce products that meet the specification of third party facilities interconnected to the facility or that there is a limited or no market for products produced (see below "ABILITY TO MARKET"). There is a risk that the new gas processing facilities will not commence operations as planned or at all which will result in lower production and

cash flow. In addition, third party facilities interconnected to new gas processing facilities may not operate or operate at reduced capacity, which will result in lower production and cash flow. These risks could have a material adverse affect on the Company's assets, results of operations, and its ability to execute its business plan.

**Ability to market.**

Paramount's ability to market its oil, natural gas and NGLs depends upon numerous factors beyond its control. These factors include, but are not limited to, the availability and proximity of pipeline capacity, processing capacity, supply and demand factors, the effects of weather conditions, and regulatory requirements. Because of these factors, Paramount may be unable to market all of the oil, natural gas and NGLs it produces which could adversely affect Paramount's business. In addition, Paramount may be unable to obtain favorable prices for the oil, natural gas and NGLs it produces. The price Paramount receives for its oil, natural gas, and NGLs may be below quoted market prices as a result of, among other things, regional supply and demand factors, transportation costs, capacity constraints and interruptions, and refining demand, all of which are beyond Paramount's control. These risks could have a material adverse affect on the Company's assets, results of operations, and its ability to execute its business plan.

The Company closely monitors the daily production from all of its wells and plants to ensure that contractual obligations are met. After balancing contractual obligations, natural gas sales are directed to the highest netback market available.

Paramount sells its production to a variety of purchasers under normal industry sale and payment terms. As a result, Paramount is also exposed to counterparty credit risk.

The Company's ability to market its oil, natural gas and NGLs are subject to risks connected with transporting, de-ethanizing, fractionating, and/or storing these products. As part of normal business operations, Paramount has entered into firm pipeline capacity, gas processing, de-ethanization, and NGLs fractionation commitments for its natural gas production as opposed to interruptible service. Pipeline, production, and processing facility outages, apportionment, or other constraints negatively impact Paramount's ability to produce at maximum productive capacity levels. In addition, these disruptions could adversely affect sales volumes, price realizations, and costs under firm transportation and/or processing agreements. These risks could have a material adverse affect on the Company's assets, results of operations, and its ability to execute its business plan.

**Dependence on certain senior officers.**

Paramount is highly dependent on its Chief Executive Officer and its President and Chief Operating Officer. The loss of either of these officers could impede the achievement of Paramount's objectives and could adversely affect Paramount's business and results of operations.

**Funding of exploration, development and operational activities.**

Paramount may not have, or be able to obtain, through operations, financings, asset dispositions or otherwise, on terms acceptable to the Company or at all, the necessary capital required to fund its exploration and development activities and other operations. Failure to have or obtain necessary capital when required could result in Paramount being unable to develop its existing reserves and resources, discover new reserves and make acquisitions or could result in the termination or reduction of Paramount's property interests, any of which may have a material adverse effect on the Company's assets, results of operations and ability to execute its business plan.

**Inability to repay, refinance, or comply with covenants related to its indebtedness.**

The Company's indebtedness includes a Credit Facility with a syndicate of Canadian chartered banks, Drilling Rig Loan I, Drilling Rig Loan II, the Cavalier Oil Sands Demand Loan with a syndicate of Canadian chartered banks, the 2017 Notes, and the 2019 Notes.

There is a risk that the Credit Facility will not be extended or renewed for the same principal amount or on similar terms. There is a risk that the Company will not be able to meet the covenants associated with its indebtedness, repay all or part of the indebtedness, or refinance all or part of the indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms. In addition, certain amounts, if drawn, under Tranche B of the Credit Facility will be secured by the pledge of certain of the Company's equity investments. A decrease in the market value of these equity investments may result in the Company having to either increase the number of shares pledged or repay the amounts drawn under Tranche B of the Credit Facility. The occurrence of any one of these events may have a material adverse effect on the Company's assets and ability to execute its business plan.

The Drilling Rig Loan I, Drilling Rig Loan II and the Cavalier Oil Sands Demand Loan are demand loans. There is a risk that the banks providing these loans will demand repayment of the amounts outstanding at any time and that the Company may not be able to repay all or part of the indebtedness, or refinance all or part of the indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms.

Paramount's debt instruments are rated by various credit rating agencies. These ratings affect Paramount's ability to access debt financing on terms acceptable to the Company. If any of the credit ratings agencies downgrade Paramount's debt instruments, it may restrict the Company's ability to issue new debt or refinance existing debt. Rating agencies regularly review Paramount and its debt instruments based on a number of factors, including the Company's financial strength, as well as factors beyond the Company's control, including conditions affecting the oil and gas industry generally, and macro trends affecting the world economy. Paramount cannot be assured that one or more of the Company's credit ratings will not be downgraded. In addition, credit ratings may be important to customers or counterparties when engaging in transactions involving credit risk. The occurrence of a credit rating agency downgrade may have a material adverse effect on the Company's ability to execute its business plan.

**Reserve and resource estimates.**

Estimates of oil, natural gas, NGLs, and bitumen reserves and resources involve a great deal of uncertainty because they depend in large part upon the reliability of available geologic and engineering data, which is inherently imprecise. Geologic and engineering data are used to determine the probability of the existence and recoverability of reserves and resources. Probabilities are not certainties and actual recoveries of reserves usually differ from estimates.

Estimates of oil, natural gas, NGLs, and bitumen reserves and resources also require numerous assumptions relating to operating conditions and economic factors, including, but not limited to, the price at which recovered oil, natural gas, NGLs, and bitumen can be sold, the availability and costs associated with recovering, selling and transporting oil, natural gas, NGLs and bitumen, the prevailing environmental conditions associated with drilling and production sites, the availability of enhanced recovery techniques, the successful application of in-situ bitumen recovery technologies, and governmental and other regulatory factors, such as taxes and environmental laws.

A change in one or more of these factors could result in known quantities of oil, natural gas, NGLs, and bitumen previously estimated as reserves or resources becoming unrecoverable. For example, for conventional oil and gas reserves a decline in the market price of oil, natural gas, or NGLs to an amount that is less than the cost of recovery of such oil, natural gas and NGLs in a particular location could make production of that oil, natural gas and NGLs commercially uneconomical, or for non-conventional reserves and resources an increase in the market price for natural gas and NGLs which are used as inputs for oil sands and carbonate bitumen operations could make the

production of bitumen uneconomical depending on the market price for bitumen. Each of these factors, by having an impact on the cost of recovery and the rate of production, will also reduce the present value of future net cash flows from estimated reserves and resources.

In addition, if estimates of reserves and resources and future net cash flows expected from them are prepared by different independent engineers, or by the same engineers at different times, the results may vary substantially.

Furthermore, in accordance with IFRS, Paramount could be required to write-down the carrying value of its oil and natural gas properties if future oil and natural gas prices become depressed, or if there are substantial downward revisions to Paramount's quantities of reserves. A write-down would result in a charge to earnings and a reduction of shareholders' equity. For the year ended December 31, 2012, the carrying value of Paramount's oil and natural gas properties was written down by approximately \$135 million.

### **Industry competition.**

The petroleum and natural gas industry is highly competitive. Paramount competes with numerous other participants in the search for and acquisition of oil and natural gas properties and in the marketing of these commodities. Many of Paramount's competitors have greater financial and human resources and/or greater access to capital than Paramount. Competition is particularly intense in the acquisition of prospective oil and natural gas properties and reserves. Paramount's competitive position depends upon its geological, geophysical and engineering expertise and its financial resources. In addition, successful reserve replacement in the future will depend not only on the further development of present properties, but also on the ability to select and acquire suitable prospects for exploratory drilling and development.

### **Investment risk.**

Paramount's investments include both public and private entities. Any material adverse effect on the financial position, business or operations of the entities in which Paramount has invested, may have a material adverse effect on the value of such investments and the returns on such investments (including the decrease, suspension, or termination of dividends). There is also no assurance as to the ability of Paramount to liquidate certain of its investments and the price Paramount would receive if it chose to liquidate these investments. Decreases in the value of Paramount's investments or the inability to liquidate investments could have a material adverse effect on the Company.

Paramount's short-term investments of excess cash are mainly in Bankers' Acceptance notes and Bearer Deposit Notes, but may also include Guaranteed Investment Certificates, Treasury Bills, or other R1 or AAA rated investments.

### **Governmental Regulation.**

Paramount's operations are governed by numerous Canadian and United States laws and regulations at the municipal, provincial, territorial, state and federal levels. These laws and regulations include, but are not limited to, such matters as royalties, taxes (including income taxes), land tenure, production rates, export of petroleum and natural gas, the development and abandonment of oil and gas fields, drilling obligations, government fees, mineral rights, and environmental protection. In addition, regulatory approval processes can involve numerous stakeholders. Changes to laws and regulations, governmental intervention, failure to obtain stakeholder support, delays in obtaining regulatory approvals, or failure to comply with laws and regulations could have a material adverse effect on the Company's assets, results of operations, and its ability to execute its business plan.

The Alberta government is in the process of creating a single regulator for all oil and gas activities in the province. The new Alberta Energy Regulator will be responsible for all projects from application to reclamation and it will bring together the regulatory functions of the Energy Resources Conservation Board and the Department of



Environment and Sustainable Resource Development. The Company continues to monitor and assess the potential impact of this change and in particular where the Company may experience a delay in obtaining regulatory approval during the transition period between the exiting and new regulatory regimes.

Paramount's historic income tax and royalty filings are subject to reassessment by government entities. The reassessment of historic filings could result in additional income tax, royalties, interest and penalties which could adversely affect Paramount's cash flows and financial position.

In October 2010, the Company received reassessments from the Canada Revenue Agency (the "CRA") and provincial tax authorities of its income taxes relating to a prior year transaction (the "Reassessments"). Paramount disagrees with the Reassessments and has filed notices of objection with the CRA and provincial tax authorities. Despite its disagreement, and as a condition of its right to proceed with its objection to the Reassessments, the Company was required to deposit approximately \$20 million with the CRA, which amount will remain on account until the dispute is resolved.

### **Compliance with and changes to environmental laws and regulations.**

Paramount's operations are subject to extensive and stringent federal, provincial, territorial, state and local laws and regulations associated with environmental matters governing exploration, development and production of oil and gas, occupational health and safety, waste generation, storage transfer and disposal, protection and remediation of the environment, protection of endangered and protected species and lands, operational safety, controlled hazardous substances and other matters. Compliance with these laws and regulations may impose substantial costs on Paramount and may subject Paramount to significant potential liabilities, and future changes in environmental legislation could result in stricter standards and enforcement, larger fines and increased costs of compliance, remediation and restoration, all of which could have a material adverse effect on Paramount's financial condition or results of operations.

Over the last several years, the federal government has undertaken a number of initiatives to achieve domestic GHG reductions. These measures include regulations, codes and standards, targeted investments, incentives, tax measures and programs that directly reduce GHG emissions. Going forward, the government has announced that it will focus on a sector-by-sector regulatory approach beginning with the largest sources of emissions. Given the high degree of economic integration between Canada and the U.S., Canada has stated that it will be aligned with future U.S. emissions reduction regulations where it is appropriate and in Canada's best interests to do so. This regulatory agenda will continue to be supported by targeted complementary measures designed to advance Canada's transition to a clean energy economy. Under Canada's plan to address climate change, actions have been taken regarding two of the largest sources of GHG emissions: the electricity and transportation sectors. The oil sands industry is expected to be the sector of the economy where the federal government will next regulate GHG emissions. There has been much public debate surrounding Canada's ability to meet emission reduction targets and the types of regulations that should be imposed to regulate GHG emissions. As previously discussed in the section "NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS – GENERAL – GREENHOUSE GAS REPORTING AND REDUCTION OBLIGATIONS", both the Alberta and British Columbia governments have already taken steps to regulate GHG emissions and it is anticipated that they will take further regulatory action in the future. Any further regulatory steps that these governments take, or that are adopted by the federal government or other Canadian governments, could materially impact the oil and gas industry, including Paramount, but at present it is not possible to predict the magnitude of such impact.

Environmental laws may require parties to undertake or pay for remedial action or to pay damages regardless of fault. Environmental laws may also impose liability with respect to divested or terminated operations, even if the operations were terminated or divested many years ago.

Paramount's operations may also result in civil liability for personal injuries, property damage, oil spills, discharge of hazardous materials, remediation and clean-up costs and other environmental damages. Paramount may be liable for environmental damage caused by previous owners. As a result, substantial liabilities to third parties or governmental entities may be incurred, and the payment of such liabilities could have a material adverse effect on Paramount's financial condition and results of operations. The release of harmful substances in the environment or other environmental damage caused by Paramount's activities may result in the suspension or revocation of operating and environmental permits. Paramount currently has insurance covering certain environmental damages; however, the scope and coverage under such insurance is limited and environmental damage which may be caused by Paramount may not be covered under such insurance or, if covered, may not cover all of Paramount's costs and liabilities. Accordingly, Paramount may be subject to significant liability in the event of environmental damages.

#### **Potential environmental risks associated with hydraulic fracturing.**

The Company utilizes horizontal drilling, multi-stage hydraulic fracturing, specially formulated completion fluids and other technologies in connection with its drilling and completion activities. Public concern over the hydraulic fracturing process has raised questions regarding the completion fluids used in the fracturing process, their effect on fresh water aquifers sources, the use and disposal of water in connection with completion operations and the ability of such water to be recycled. The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, an industry group, has issued guidelines to address hydraulic fracturing in shale gas and other tight gas or oil reservoirs. Certain government and regulatory agencies in Canada and the United States have been investigating the potential risks associated with the hydraulic fracturing process. The Company is unable to predict the impact of any potential regulations upon the oil and gas industry and the impact on the Company's business. The implementation of any new regulations with respect to water usage or hydraulic fracturing generally could increase the Company's costs of compliance, operating costs, the risk of litigation and environmental liability, or negatively impact the Company's prospects, any of which may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### **Royalty rates and regulations.**

The royalty rates and regulations in jurisdictions that the Company operates may be subject to change which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's assets, results of operations and its ability to execute its business plan. Royalties relating to Paramount's production have been accrued based on the Company's interpretation of the relevant legislation and regulations.

#### **Operating risks and insurance.**

There are many operating hazards in exploring for and producing oil and natural gas, including, but not limited to, unexpected formations, blowouts, accidents, equipment failures, spills, releases, environmental damage or other unexpected or dangerous conditions that could result in damage to Paramount, injury or death of employees or contractors, damage to equipment and facilities, suspension or revocation of regulatory approvals, environmental contamination and potential liability to third parties (including government bodies). Also, a significant event may result in lost revenue and/or profit.

The Company cannot fully protect all of these risks, nor are all of these risks insurable. The Company may become liable for damages arising from these events against which it cannot insure or against which it may elect not to insure due to high premium costs or other reasons.

The occurrence of a significant event against which Paramount is not fully insured or indemnified could seriously harm Paramount's financial condition, operating results and ability to carry on its business.

**Paramount does not control all of its operations.**

The exploration and development of, and production from oil and gas properties, are largely dependent on the operator of the property. Paramount does not operate all of its properties. To the extent an operator fails to conduct operations properly or in a manner that Paramount prefers, Paramount's financial condition, operating results and ability to carry on its business could be adversely affected.

**Risk management activities.**

The nature of Paramount's operations results in exposure to fluctuations in commodity prices, currency exchange rates and interest rates. Paramount monitors and, when appropriate, utilizes derivative and/or physical forward delivery contracts to manage its exposure to these risks.

If commodity prices change, or the value of the Canadian dollar versus the U.S. dollar changes, or interest rates change from that provided in Paramount's various derivative contracts, Paramount could be required to make cash payments to counterparties, or lose the cost of an option. Conversely, a ceiling or fixed price could limit Paramount from receiving the full benefit of commodity price increases, changes in the value of the Canadian dollar or changes in interest rates.

By entering into these hedging activities, Paramount may suffer financial loss if it is unable to produce oil or natural gas to fulfill its obligations, could be required to pay a margin call on a derivative contract, or could be required to pay royalties based on a market or reference price that is higher than its fixed or ceiling price.

In addition, Paramount may be exposed to credit related losses in the event of non-performance by counterparties to these financial instruments and physical delivery contracts.

**Surface conditions.**

The exploration for and development of oil and natural gas reserves depends upon access to areas where operations are to be conducted. Oil and gas industry operations are affected by road bans imposed from time to time during the access period in the spring. Road bans are also imposed due to wildlife migration, snow, mud and rock slides, wild fires and periods of high water which can restrict access to Paramount's well sites and production facility sites. Access to Paramount's operations may also be restricted due to environmental regulations.

Paramount conducts a portion of its operations in Northern Alberta, Northeast British Columbia and the Northwest Territories of Canada, which Paramount is able to do on a seasonal basis only. Unseasonably warmer or colder weather can significantly affect Paramount's operations in these areas.

**Unforeseen title defects, expiration of licenses and leases, and land claims.**

Unforeseen title defects may result in the loss of entitlement to production and reserves. Title reviews are conducted in accordance with industry practice, however such reviews do not guarantee that an unforeseen defect in the chain of title will not arise and defeat the Company's title to the assets. If such a defect were to occur, the Company's entitlement to the production from such assets could be at risk.

The Company's properties are held in the form of licences and leases and working interest in licences and leases. Failure to meet requirements of the licence or lease may result in their termination or expiry. Paramount has processes in place to manage the termination and expiry of licenses and leases, however if Paramount was unable to continue licenses or leases it may have a material adverse effect on Paramount's financial condition, operating results and ability to carry on its business.

Aboriginal peoples have claimed aboriginal title and rights to a substantial portion of western and northern Canada, including some of the properties on which Paramount conducts its operations. Claims asserting aboriginal title or rights to the lands on which any of Paramount's properties are located, if successful, could have an adverse effect on Paramount's assets, results of operations and ability to execute its business plan.

#### **Changes to future exploration, exploitation and development projects.**

Whether Paramount ultimately undertakes an exploration, exploitation or development project will depend upon numerous factors such as market conditions, prices, access to and cost of capital, supply and demand factors and new information. Paramount continuously gathers data about its projects and it is possible that additional information will cause Paramount to alter its schedule or determine that a project should not be pursued.

#### **Exploration and development of oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets.**

In 2011, Paramount transferred all of its oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets into Cavalier. These assets are prospective for in-situ bitumen recovery projects but are at the early stages of their evaluation and development. Cavalier currently has no bitumen production and there are no assurances that any of its properties will commence production, generate earnings, operate profitably or provide a return on investment in the future. In addition to the other risks identified in this "RISK FACTORS" section, see "APPENDIX E – CAVALIER OIL SANDS RESERVES, RESOURCES AND RELATED INFORMATION" regarding risks that are specific to Cavalier's oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets.

#### **Essential equipment and personnel.**

Oil and natural gas exploration and development activities depend upon the availability of qualified personnel and drilling and related equipment in the areas. Shortage of qualified personnel or equipment may delay Paramount's exploration and development activities.

#### **TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR**

The Company's transfer agent and registrar is Computershare Trust Company of Canada located at 600, 530 – 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3S8.

#### **INTERESTS OF EXPERTS**

Ernst & Young LLP, Chartered Accountants, are the Company's auditors and such firm has prepared an opinion with respect to the Company's consolidated financial statements as at and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012. Information relating to Paramount's and Cavalier's reserves in this annual information form was prepared by McDaniel as an independent qualified reserves evaluator. Information relating to Cavalier's resources in this annual information form was also prepared by McDaniel as an independent qualified resources evaluator. Information relating to Trilogy's reserves in APPENDIX D of this annual information form was prepared by InSite Petroleum Consultants Ltd. ("InSite") as an independent qualified reserves evaluator.

Ernst & Young LLP is independent in accordance with the Rules of Professional Conduct as outlined by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta.

The principals of McDaniel and InSite own beneficially, directly or indirectly, less than 1 percent of any class of Paramount's securities.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to Paramount is available via the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

Additional information, including directors' and officers' remuneration, principal holders of Paramount's securities, and options to purchase securities, is contained in the information circular for Paramount's most recent annual meeting of shareholders that involves the election of directors. Additional financial information is contained in Paramount's audited consolidated financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2012.

**APPENDIX A**

**Report on Reserves Data by Independent Qualified Reserves Evaluator – Paramount Resources Ltd.**

To the board of directors of Paramount Resources Ltd. (the “Company”):

1. We have evaluated the Company's reserves data as at December 31, 2012. The reserves data are estimates of proved reserves and probable reserves and related future net revenue as at December 31, 2012 estimated using forecast prices and costs.
2. The reserves data are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the reserves data based on our evaluation.

We carried out our evaluation in accordance with standards set out in the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook (the “COGE Handbook”) prepared jointly by the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers (Calgary Chapter) and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy & Petroleum (Petroleum Society).

3. Those standards require that we plan and perform an evaluation to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the reserves data are free of material misstatement. An evaluation also includes assessing whether the reserves data are in accordance with principles and definitions presented in the COGE Handbook.
4. The following table sets forth the estimated future net revenue (before deduction of income taxes) attributed to proved plus probable reserves, estimated using forecast prices and costs and calculated using a discount rate of 10 percent, included in the reserves data of the Company evaluated by us for the year ended December 31, 2012, and identifies the respective portions thereof that we have evaluated and reported on to the Company's management:

<u>Preparation Date of Evaluation Report</u>	<u>Location of Reserves</u>	<u>Net Present Value of Future Net Revenue - \$ thousands (before income taxes, 10% discount rate)</u>			
		<u>Audited</u>	<u>Evaluated</u>	<u>Reviewed</u>	<u>Total</u>
March 5, 2013	Canada/United States	–	\$880,297	–	\$880,297

5. In our opinion, the reserves data evaluated by us have, in all material respects, been determined and are in accordance with the COGE Handbook, consistently applied. We express no opinion on the reserves data that we reviewed but did not audit or evaluate.
6. We have no responsibility to update our reports referred to in paragraph 4 for events and circumstances occurring after their preparation dates.
7. Because the reserves data are based on judgments regarding future events, actual results will vary and the variations may be material.

Executed as to our report referred to above:

**MCDANIEL & ASSOCIATES CONSULTANTS LTD.**

/s/ C.B. Kowalski, P. Eng.  
 Vice President  
 Calgary, Alberta  
 March 5, 2013

## APPENDIX B

### Report on Reserves Data by Independent Qualified Reserves Evaluator – Cavalier Energy Inc.

To the boards of directors of Cavalier Energy Inc. (“Cavalier”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Paramount Resources Ltd. (“Paramount”) as at December 31, 2012, and Paramount:

1. We have evaluated Cavalier's reserves data as at December 31, 2012. The reserves data are estimates of proved reserves and probable reserves and related future net revenue as at December 31, 2012 estimated using forecast prices and costs.
2. The reserves data are the responsibility of Cavalier's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the reserves data based on our evaluation.

We carried out our evaluation in accordance with standards set out in the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook (the “COGE Handbook”) prepared jointly by the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers (Calgary Chapter) and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy & Petroleum (Petroleum Society).

3. Those standards require that we plan and perform an evaluation to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the reserves data are free of material misstatement. An evaluation also includes assessing whether the reserves data are in accordance with principles and definitions presented in the COGE Handbook.
4. The following table sets forth the estimated future net revenue (before deduction of income taxes) attributed to proved plus probable reserves, estimated using forecast prices and costs and calculated using a discount rate of 10 percent, included in the reserves data of Cavalier evaluated by us for the year ended December 31, 2012, and identifies the respective portions thereof that we have evaluated and reported on to Cavalier's management:

Preparation Date of Evaluation Report	Location of Reserves	Net Present Value of Future Net Revenue - \$ thousands (before income taxes, 10% discount rate)			
		Audited	Evaluated	Reviewed	Total
January 9, 2013	Canada	–	\$378,546	–	\$378,546

5. In our opinion, the reserves data evaluated by us have, in all material respects, been determined and are in accordance with the COGE Handbook, consistently applied. We express no opinion on the reserves data that we reviewed but did not audit or evaluate.
6. We have no responsibility to update our reports referred to in paragraph 4 for events and circumstances occurring after their preparation dates.
7. Because the reserves data are based on judgments regarding future events, actual results will vary and the variations may be material.

Executed as to our report referred to above:

**MCDANIEL & ASSOCIATES CONSULTANTS LTD.**

/s/ P.A. Welch, P. Eng.  
President & Managing Director  
Calgary, Alberta  
January 9, 2013

**APPENDIX C**  
**Report of Management and Directors on Reserves Data and Other Information**

Management of Paramount Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is responsible for the preparation and disclosure of information with respect to the Company's oil and gas activities in accordance with securities regulatory requirements. This information includes reserves data which are estimates of proved reserves and probable reserves and related future net revenue as at December 31, 2012, estimated using forecast prices and costs.

An independent qualified reserves evaluator has evaluated the Company's reserves data. The reports of the independent qualified reserves evaluator will be filed with securities regulatory authorities concurrently with this report.

The Audit Committee of the board of directors of the Company has:

- (a) reviewed the Company's procedures for providing information to the independent qualified reserves evaluator;
- (b) met with the independent qualified reserves evaluator to determine whether any restrictions affected the ability of the independent qualified reserves evaluator to report without reservation; and
- (c) reviewed the reserves data with management and the independent qualified reserves evaluator.

The Audit Committee of the board of directors of the Company has reviewed the Company's procedures for assembling and reporting other information associated with oil and gas activities and has reviewed that information with management. The board of directors has, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, approved:

- (a) the content and filing with securities regulatory authorities of the reserves data and other oil and gas information contained in the Company's annual information form accompanying this report;
- (b) the filing of the reports of the independent qualified reserves evaluators on the reserves data; and
- (c) the content and filing of this report.

Because the reserves data are based on judgments regarding future events, actual results will vary and the variations may be material.

/s/ Clayton H. Riddell  
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Bernard K. Lee  
Chief Financial Officer

/s/ John B. Roy  
Director

/s/ John C. Gorman  
Director

March 7, 2013



**APPENDIX D**  
**Trilogy Energy Corp. - National Instrument 51-101 Equity Investments Disclosure**

As at December 31, 2012, Paramount owned approximately 12.8 million common shares of Trilogy and 6.4 million non-voting shares of Trilogy, representing approximately 16 percent of Trilogy's equity and approximately 14 percent of the common shares.

The following is a summary of Trilogy's reserves and future net revenue and the costs incurred by Trilogy as at and for the year ended December 31, 2012, each multiplied by 16 percent, being Paramount's equity interest in Trilogy as of December 31, 2012. InSite evaluated Trilogy's natural gas, natural gas liquids, and crude oil reserves as at December 31, 2012. The evaluation by InSite was prepared in accordance with the standards contained in the COGE Handbook and the reserves definitions contained in NI 51-101. Trilogy's reserves are mainly located in Alberta. Columns and rows may not add in the following tables due to rounding.

The information contained within this APPENDIX D has been derived solely from Trilogy's annual information form dated March 5, 2013 which is posted on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)) and is not incorporated by reference into this annual information form.

For the year ended December 31, 2012, Paramount accounted for its investment in Trilogy using the equity method. Pursuant to NI 51-101, Paramount is required to disclose the following information separately from its own reserves data and other oil and gas information. **Readers are cautioned that Paramount does not have any direct or indirect interest in or right to the reserves or future net revenue of Trilogy disclosed within this APPENDIX D nor does Paramount have any direct or indirect obligation in respect of or liability for the costs incurred by Trilogy disclosed within this APPENDIX D. The Company is a shareholder of Trilogy, just like any other shareholder of Trilogy, and, accordingly, the value of the Company's investment in Trilogy is based on the trading price of Trilogy's shares on the TSX.**

**Reserves Data – Forecast Prices and Costs<sup>(1)</sup>**

The following table summarizes Trilogy's reserves evaluated at December 31, 2012 multiplied by 16 percent using forecast prices and costs.

<b>Reserves Category</b>	<b>Conventional Gas</b>		<b>Shale Gas</b>		<b>Natural Gas Liquids</b>	
	<b>Gross (Bcf)</b>	<b>Net (Bcf)</b>	<b>Gross (Bcf)</b>	<b>Net (Bcf)</b>	<b>Gross (MBbl)</b>	<b>Net (MBbl)</b>
Proved						
Developed Producing	37.9	34.5	1.0	1.0	1,654	1,336
Developed Non-producing	3.7	3.4	0.1	0.1	144	115
Undeveloped	0.1	0.1	-	-	1	2
Total Proved	41.6	38.0	1.1	1.1	1,800	1,453
Total Probable	16.1	14.3	0.3	0.2	615	472
Total Proved plus Probable	57.7	52.4	1.4	1.3	2,415	1,926

Reserves Category	Light & Medium Crude Oil		Shale Oil		Total	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
	(MBbl)	(MBbl)	(MBbl)	(MBbl)	(MBoe)	(MBoe)
Proved						
Developed Producing	2,155	1,540	15	13	10,308	8,804
Developed Non-producing	185	139	22	19	981	849
Undeveloped	-	-	-	-	13	27
Total Proved	2,339	1,679	37	33	11,301	9,680
Total Probable	861	569	16	11	4,212	3,482
Total Proved plus Probable	3,201	2,248	53	44	15,513	13,162

<sup>(1)</sup> Same terminology as earlier defined in this annual information form.

### Net Present Value of Future Net Revenue – Forecast Prices and Costs<sup>(1)</sup>

The following table summarizes the net present values of future net revenue attributable to Trilogy's reserves evaluated at December 31, 2012 multiplied by 16 percent, except per unit information. The net present values are reported before income taxes and after income taxes at discount rates of 0%, 5%, 10%, 15%, and 20% as well as on a unit value basis at a discount rate of 10% before income taxes. Future net revenue does not represent fair market value.

Reserves Category	Net Present Value of Future Net Revenues (\$ millions)										Unit Value Before Tax Discounted at 10% \$/boe
	Before Income Tax (discounted at)					After Income Tax <sup>(2)</sup> (discounted at)					
	0%	5%	10%	15%	20%	0%	5%	10%	15%	20%	
Proved											
Developed Producing	273.7	204.8	164.6	138.6	120.4	256.6	196.2	159.9	135.9	118.8	18.70
Developed Non-producing	22.6	17.3	13.9	11.6	10.0	16.9	13.6	11.5	10.0	8.9	16.39
Undeveloped	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	12.46
Total Proved	297.1	222.5	178.9	150.5	130.6	274.2	210.2	171.7	146.1	127.8	18.48
Total Probable	128.3	65.7	40.8	28.4	21.3	95.9	49.9	31.6	22.5	17.2	11.73
Total Proved plus Probable	425.4	288.3	219.7	178.9	152.0	370.1	260.0	203.3	168.6	145.1	16.69

<sup>(1)</sup> Same terminology as earlier defined in this annual information form.

<sup>(2)</sup> Estimates of the after-tax value of future net revenue have been prepared based on pre-tax reserves information and include assumptions and estimates of Trilogy's tax pools and the sequences of claims and claim rates thereon. After tax value has been prepared on a consolidated basis and does not consider the business entity level tax situation or additional tax planning which may occur. Trilogy's Annual Information Form, financial statements and MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2012 should be consulted for additional information regarding income taxes and associated risk factors.

***Future Net Revenue – Forecast Prices and Costs***<sup>(1)</sup>

The following table summarizes the total undiscounted future net revenue before income taxes and after income taxes attributable to Trilogy's reserves evaluated at December 31, 2012 multiplied by 16 percent.

<b>Reserves Category (\$ millions)</b>	<b>Proved</b>	<b>Proved plus Probable</b>
Revenue	582.0	856.5
Royalties <sup>(2)</sup>	103.8	163.8
Operating Costs	174.3	255.5
Development Costs	1.9	5.7
Well Abandonment Costs	4.9	6.1
<b>Future Net Revenue Before Income Tax</b>	<b>297.1</b>	<b>425.4</b>
<b>Income Taxes</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>55.3</b>
<b>Future Net Revenue After Income Tax</b>	<b>274.2</b>	<b>370.1</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Same terminology as earlier defined in this annual information form.

<sup>(2)</sup> Royalties include crown royalties, freehold royalties, overriding royalties and mineral taxes.

<sup>(3)</sup> Estimates of the after-tax value of future net revenue have been prepared based on pre-tax reserves information and include assumptions and estimates of Trilogy's tax pools and the sequences of claims and claim rates thereon. After tax value has been prepared on a consolidated basis and does not consider the business entity level tax situation or additional tax planning which may occur. Trilogy's Annual Information Form, financial statements and MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2012 should be consulted for additional information regarding income taxes and associated risk factors.

***Future Net Revenue by Production Group – Forecast Prices and Costs<sup>(1)</sup>***

The following table summarizes the net present value of future net revenue by production group and on a unit value basis before income taxes attributable to Trilogy's net reserves evaluated at December 31, 2012 multiplied by 16 percent, except unit values.

<b>Reserves Category</b>	<b>Production Group</b>	<b>Future Net Revenue Before Income Tax (discounted at 10%) (\$ millions)</b>	<b>Unit Value Before Income Taxes (discounted at 10%/year using net reserves) (\$/unit)</b>
<b>Proved</b>	Natural Gas <sup>(2)</sup> (including by-products but excluding solution gas and by-products from oil wells)	79.6	\$ 2.06/Mcfe
	Light and Medium Crude Oil <sup>(3)</sup> (including solution gas and other by-products such as natural gas liquids)	86.6	\$ 29.91/Boe
	Shale Gas (including by-products but excluding solution gas and by-products from oil wells)	8.3	\$ 5.02/Mcfe
	Shale Oil (including solution gas and other by-products such as natural gas liquids)	2.0	\$ 34.96/Boe
	<b>Total Proved</b>	<b>176.5</b>	
<b>Proved plus Probable</b>	Natural Gas <sup>(2)</sup> (including by-products but excluding solution gas and by-products from oil wells)	100.6	\$ 1.89/Mcfe
	Light and Medium Crude Oil <sup>(3)</sup> (including solution gas and other by-products such as natural gas liquids)	104.3	\$ 26.77/Boe
	Shale Gas (including by-products but excluding solution gas and by-products from oil wells)	9.2	\$ 4.70/Mcfe
	Shale Oil (including solution gas and other by-products such as natural gas liquids)	2.6	\$ 33.22/Boe
	<b>Total Proved plus Probable</b>	<b>216.7</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Same terminology as earlier defined in this annual information form.

<sup>(2)</sup> Natural gas includes coalbed methane and associated and non-associated gas (including by-products).

<sup>(3)</sup> Light and medium crude oil includes solution gas and other by-products.

<sup>(4)</sup> This table does not include revenue from heavy oil or other minor sources of revenue.

### Summary of Pricing and Inflation Rate Assumptions <sup>(1)</sup>

The following table summarizes the prices used by InSite in calculating the net present value of future net revenue attributable to reserves.

<b>Forecast Prices and Costs</b>		<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
U.S. Henry Hub Gas Price	(US\$/MMBtu)	3.75	4.25	4.75	5.20	5.55	5.85	6.10
Alberta Gas Reference Price	(Cdn\$/MMBtu)	3.11	3.60	4.10	4.54	4.88	5.17	5.41
AECO Gas Price	(Cdn\$/MMBtu)	3.34	3.83	4.33	4.77	5.11	5.40	5.64
WTI @ Cushing	(US\$/Bbl)	92.00	94.00	96.00	98.00	100.00	102.00	104.04
Edmonton Reference Price	(Cdn\$/Bbl)	90.00	91.96	93.92	95.88	97.84	99.79	101.79
Condensate Edmonton	(Cdn\$/Bbl)	97.20	97.48	99.55	101.63	103.71	105.78	107.89
Butane	(Cdn\$/Bbl)	76.50	78.17	79.83	81.50	83.16	84.82	86.52
Propane	(Cdn\$/Bbl)	36.00	45.98	56.35	57.53	58.70	59.88	61.07
Ethane	(Cdn\$/Bbl)	9.71	11.24	12.78	14.16	15.22	16.13	16.88
Inflation Rate <sup>(2)</sup>	(%/year)	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Exchange Rate <sup>(3)</sup>	(US\$/Cdn\$)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

<sup>(1)</sup> Same terminology as earlier defined in this annual information form.

<sup>(2)</sup> Inflation rates for forecasting prices and costs subsequent to 2019 were 2% per year.

<sup>(3)</sup> Exchange rates used to generate the benchmark reference prices in this table.

### Costs Incurred

The following table summarizes the costs incurred by Trilogy for exploration and development costs, prior to the application of any drilling incentives available to Trilogy, multiplied by 16 percent.

<b>Cost Type</b>		<b>2012</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q1</b>
<b>(\$ millions)</b>						
Non-corporate acquisitions and dispositions						
Proved properties		-	-	-	-	-
Unproved properties (including undeveloped land)		-	-	(0.1)	0.1	-
Exploration		5.0	1.8	1.4	0.6	1.2
Development (including facilities)		50.5	10.4	8.4	4.1	27.6
<b>Total</b>		<b>55.5</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>28.8</b>

**APPENDIX E**  
**Cavalier Oil Sands Reserves, Resources and Related Information**

**General**

In 2011, Paramount reorganized all of the Company's oil sands and carbonate bitumen interests into a new wholly-owned subsidiary, Cavalier Energy Inc., and appointed an executive leadership team for Cavalier (see "GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS – 2011"). The reorganization was undertaken to create a focused, self-funding oil sands entity to execute the development of Paramount's oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets. Cavalier was as at December 31, 2012, and is at the date hereof, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paramount.

Cavalier owns approximately 320 sections of Crown oil sands leases in the western Athabasca region of Alberta. These leases are prospective in multiple formations, primarily for thermal in-situ development, but also have potential for cold production.

Bitumen production from Cavalier's oil sands leases are primarily prospective from the Grand Rapids formation at Hoole, the McMurray and Wabiskaw formations at Eagles Nest, and the Grosmont formation at Saleski and Cavalier's Other Carbonate Leases (as defined below). The following table summarizes Cavalier's landholdings as at December 31, 2012:

	Acreage Assigned Reserves		Acreage Assigned Contingent Resources		Acreage Assigned Contingent Resources (Technology Under Development) <sup>(8)</sup>		Undeveloped Acreage	
	Gross <sup>(1)</sup>	Net <sup>(2)</sup>	Gross <sup>(1)</sup>	Net <sup>(2)</sup>	Gross <sup>(1)</sup>	Net <sup>(2)</sup>	Gross <sup>(1)</sup>	Net <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Clastic Reservoirs</b>								
Hoole	1,440	1,440	34,400	34,400	-	-	-	-
Eagles Nest	-	-			-	-	23,040	23,040
Other	-	-			-	-	17,259	14,699
<b>Carbonate Reservoirs</b>								
Saleski	-	-			9,600	9,600	-	-
Other Carbonate Leases <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-			119,040	119,040	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>34,400</b>	<b>34,400</b>	<b>128,640</b>	<b>128,640</b>	<b>40,299</b>	<b>37,739</b>

See notes and definitions below. Acreage information above previously included in "OTHER OIL AND GAS INFORMATION – PROPERTIES WITH AND WITHOUT ATTRIBUTED RESERVES"

Cavalier's near-term plans are expected to focus on the development of its 100 percent owned oil sands leases at Hoole, further delineation of its other clastic and carbonate leases, and building its team as needed. During 2013, Cavalier plans to complete the front end engineering and design work for Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1 along with geotechnical work and the drilling of additional source water and disposal wells. Cavalier is actively monitoring industry activity towards the successful commercial development and production from carbonate reservoirs before moving forward with the Saleski project. Given the focus on the Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1, no specific development plans and project timelines have been initiated for Cavalier's other properties.

Below is a summary of certain of Cavalier's reserves and resources as estimated by McDaniel. There is no certainty that it will be commercially viable to produce any portion of these reserves or resources and there is no guarantee that these estimated reserves and resources or any reserves and resources will be recovered. The size of these reserve and resource estimates could be positively or negatively impacted if the size, quality, and/or thickness of the reservoirs is different than what is currently estimated. Actual reserves and resources may be greater than or less than the estimates provided herein. See "RISK FACTORS".

## Hoole Oil Sands Reserves, Resources and Related Information

Regulatory application for a 10,000 Bbl/d in-situ Steam Assisted Gravity Drainage (“SAGD”) development at the Hoole oil sands property was submitted to the Energy Resources Conservation Board and Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development in November 2012 following completion of field work, preliminary front-end engineering and design, and reservoir modeling/simulation, which was verified by core flood experiments.

Development of the Hoole oil sands leases is anticipated to be a multi-phase project with production capacity expected to exceed 80,000 Bbl/d. Preparatory work for the first phase of development continues, including front-end engineering and design work and field activities focused on optimizing water source and disposal options.

McDaniel evaluated and prepared reports on the oil sands reserves and resources within the Grand Rapids formation in the Hoole oil sands leases. At the time of the evaluation, 74 oil sands evaluation wells had been drilled, including 34 with cores cut in the Grand Rapids formation. The McDaniel evaluation was prepared with an effective date of December 31, 2012, in accordance with NI 51-101 and the standards for reserves and resources definitions contained in the COGE Handbook.

McDaniel’s evaluation ascribed 93 million barrels of Probable Reserves with a net present value <sup>(12)</sup> (discounted at 10 percent) of \$379 million to Cavalier’s initial 10,000 barrel per day in-situ SAGD oil sands development covering approximately two sections of the Hoole oil sand leases (“Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1”). Over and above the aforementioned reserves, the evaluation ascribed 719 million barrels of Economic Contingent Resources <sup>(7)</sup> (best estimate<sup>(4)</sup>) with a net present value (discounted at 10 percent) of \$1.9 billion to the remaining approximate 54 sections of Cavalier’s Hoole oil sands leases (the “Remaining Hoole Leases” and collectively with Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1, the “Hoole Project”).

### *Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1 – December 31, 2012 Reserves and Net Present Value of Future Net Revenue – Forecast Prices and Costs*

The following table summarizes the net present value of future net revenue attributable to Cavalier’s Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1 evaluated by McDaniel effective December 31, 2012 using forecast prices and costs. The net present values are reported before income tax and have been discounted using rates of 0 percent, 5 percent, 10 percent, and 15 percent as well as on a net unit value basis at a discount rate of 10 percent before income taxes. Future net revenue does not represent fair market value.

Category	Bitumen Reserves	
	Gross* (MBbl)	Net* (MBbl)
Probable Undeveloped*	93,091	75,812
Possible Undeveloped <sup>(5)</sup>	10,710	6,510

See notes and definitions below.

\* Defined previously – see “RESERVES AND OTHER OIL AND GAS INFORMATION”

Category	Net Present Value (NPV) of Future Net Revenue <sup>(12)</sup> (\$millions)										NPV <sup>(12)</sup> Before Income Tax Discounted at 10% (\$/Bbl)
	Before Income Tax (discounted at)					After Income Tax (discounted at)					
	0%	5%	10%	15%	20%	0%	5%	10%	15%	20%	
Probable Undeveloped*	2,065	881	379	140	16	1,535	623	238	56	(38)	4.99
Possible Undeveloped <sup>(5)</sup>	525	259	146	92	63	395	195	111	70	48	22.47

See notes and definitions below.

\* Defined previously – see “RESERVES AND OTHER OIL AND GAS INFORMATION”

For additional information regarding Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1’s probable reserves, see “RESERVES AND OTHER OIL AND GAS INFORMATION”.

### **Remaining Hoole Leases – December 31, 2012 Resources Information**

The following table summarizes Cavalier’s Hoole oil sands resources attributable to Cavalier’s Remaining Hoole Leases within the Grand Rapids formation evaluated by McDaniel effective December 31, 2012 using forecast prices and costs.

Category / Level of Certainty <sup>(4)</sup>	Discovered Exploitable Bitumen In Place <sup>(9)</sup>	Economic Contingent Resources <sup>(6)(7)</sup>
	Gross* (MBbl)	Gross* (MBbl)
High Estimate	1,656,470	902,571
Best Estimate	1,469,011	718,595
Low Estimate	1,166,656	510,594

See notes and definitions below

\* Defined previously – see “RESERVES AND OTHER OIL AND GAS INFORMATION”

Category / Level of Certainty <sup>(4)</sup>	Economic Contingent Resources <sup>(6)(7)</sup> Net Present Value (NPV) of Future Net Revenue <sup>(12)</sup> (\$millions)				NPV <sup>(12)</sup> Before Income Tax Discounted at 10% (\$/Bbl)
	Before Income Tax (discounted at)				
	0%	5%	10%	15%	
High Estimate	23,631	7,796	2,982	1,203	4.11
Best Estimate	15,886	5,421	1,949	619	3.28
Low Estimate	8,231	3,072	946	21	2.17

See notes and definitions below

Cavalier’s submission of the regulatory application for phase 1 of the Hoole Project allowed for the reclassification of the Economic Contingent Resources at the lands comprising Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1 as reserves. Further reclassification to proved or probable reserves at Hoole is dependent upon, among other things, the following non-technical factors: finalization of plans for the initial development of the Hoole oil sands, regulatory approval, access to capital markets and other sources of funding, and intent to proceed by Cavalier evidenced by a development plan with major capital expenditures and sanctioning by Cavalier’s Board of Directors.

### **Saleski Oil Sands Resources and Related Information**

McDaniel was also retained in 2011 to evaluate and prepare reports on the carbonate bitumen resources associated with Cavalier’s Saleski oil sands leases. The McDaniel evaluation was prepared with an effective date of October 31, 2011, in accordance with NI 51-101 and the standards for resources definitions contained in the COGE Handbook. At the time of the evaluation, ten oil sands evaluation wells had been drilled. McDaniel’s evaluation



was limited to the Grosmont formation and is based on the resource being exploited using SAGD. The technology required to economically produce bitumen from carbonate formations is currently in the development stage and pilot projects by others in the industry are ongoing. At the time of the evaluation, there was insufficient economic data available for McDaniel to apply economic cutoffs or estimate future net revenue.

<b>Category / Level of Certainty<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>Discovered Exploitable Bitumen In Place<sup>(9)</sup></b>	<b>Undiscovered Exploitable Bitumen In Place<sup>(10)</sup></b>	<b>Contingent Resources (Technology Under Development)<sup>(8)</sup></b>	<b>Prospective Resources<sup>(11)</sup></b>
	<b>(MBbl)</b>	<b>(MBbl)</b>	<b>(MBbl)</b>	<b>(MBbl)</b>
High Estimate	1,184,641	133,904	566,795	62,754
Best Estimate	1,184,641	109,332	380,493	34,006
Low Estimate	1,184,641	89,269	-	-

See notes and definitions below

### Other Carbonate Leases Resources and Related Information

The table below summarizes the estimated volumes attributable to the carbonate bitumen resources associated with Cavalier's Other Carbonate Leases as evaluated by McDaniel as of October 31, 2011, in accordance with NI 51-101 and the standards for resource definitions contained in the COGE Handbook. McDaniel's evaluation was limited to the Grosmont formation and is based on these resources being exploited using SAGD. The technology required to economically produce bitumen from carbonate formations is currently in the development stage and pilot projects by others in the industry are ongoing. At the time of the evaluation, there was insufficient economic data available for McDaniel to apply economic cutoffs or estimate future net revenue.

<b>Category / Level of Certainty<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>Discovered Exploitable Bitumen In Place<sup>(9)</sup></b>	<b>Undiscovered Exploitable Bitumen In Place<sup>(10)</sup></b>	<b>Contingent Resources (Technology Under Development)<sup>(8)</sup></b>	<b>Prospective Resources<sup>(11)</sup></b>
	<b>(MBbl)</b>	<b>(MBbl)</b>	<b>(MBbl)</b>	<b>(MBbl)</b>
Best Estimate	430,586	4,418,573	111,118	1,073,439

See notes and definitions below

Notes:

- (1) **“Gross”** acres means the total acreage in which Cavalier has an interest
- (2) **“Net”** acres means Cavalier's gross working interest acres multiplied by Cavalier's working interest therein.
- (3) **“Other Carbonate Leases”** include leases at Orchid, Granor and House in the Athabasca region of Alberta.
- (4) **High Estimate** is considered to be an optimistic estimate of the quantity of resources that will actually be recovered. It is unlikely that the actual remaining quantities of resources recovered will meet or exceed the high estimate. Those resources at the high end of the estimate range have a lower degree of certainty (a 10 percent confidence level) that the actual quantities recovered will equal or exceed the estimate. **Best Estimate** is considered to be the best estimate of the quantity of resources that will actually be recovered. It is equally likely that the actual remaining quantities recovered will be greater or less than the best estimate. Those resources that fall within the best estimate have a 50 percent confidence level that the actual quantities recovered will equal or exceed the estimate. **Low Estimate** is considered to be a conservative estimate of the quantity of resources that will actually be recovered. It is likely that the actual remaining quantities recovered will exceed the low estimate. Those resources at the low end of the estimate range have the highest degree of certainty (a 90 percent confidence level) that the actual quantities recovered will equal or exceed the estimate.

- (5) **Possible Reserves** are those additional reserves that are less certain to be recovered than probable reserves. There is a 10 percent probability that the quantities actually recovered will equal or exceed the sum of proved plus probable plus possible reserves.
- (6) **Contingent Resources** are those quantities of bitumen estimated, as of a given date, to be potentially recoverable from known accumulations using established technology or technology under development, but are classified as a resource rather than a reserve due to one or more contingencies, such as the absence of regulatory approvals, detailed design estimates or near term development plans. There is no certainty that it will be commercially viable to produce any portion of the contingent resources. For the Remaining Hoole Leases, contingencies which must be overcome to enable the reclassification of Economic Contingent Resources as reserves include the finalization of plans for the development, submission of a regulatory application and management's intent to proceed evidenced by a development plan with major capital expenditures. **Economic Contingent Resources** are those contingent resources that are economically recoverable based on specific forecasts of commodity prices and costs.
- (7) Represents the Company's share of recoverable volumes before deduction of royalties. In the assessment of Contingent Resources, McDaniel used a minimum net pay cut-off of 10 meters in the best estimate case.
- (8) **Contingent Resources (Technology Under Development)** are those quantities of bitumen estimated, as of a given date, to be potentially recoverable from known accumulations using established technology or technology under development, but are classified as a resource rather than a reserve due to one or more contingencies, such as the absence of regulatory approvals, detailed design estimates or near term development plans. There is no certainty that it will be commercially viable to produce any portion of the Contingent Resources. For the Saleski property and the Other Carbonate Leases, because of the lack of demonstrated commercial SAGD production within carbonate reservoirs, the recoverable resources assigned are contingent upon successful application of SAGD to the subject reservoir or a reasonable analog. The successful implementation of SAGD technology in carbonate reservoirs is a significant contingency associated with these assignments that separate them from typical McMurray clastic SAGD contingent and prospective resources, where the technology has been proven effective. In addition to the technical contingency, additional contingencies applicable to the carbonate resources include being in the early evaluation stage, the economic viability of development and the absence of regulatory approvals. The economic status of these resources is undetermined.
- (9) **Discovered Exploitable Bitumen In Place ("DEBIP")** is the estimated volume of bitumen, as of a given date, which is contained in a subsurface stratigraphic interval of a known accumulation that meets or exceeds certain reservoir characteristics, such as minimum continuous net pay, porosity and mass bitumen content. For the Hoole oil sands property, the presence of these characteristics is considered necessary for the commercial application of known recovery technologies. For the Saleski property and the Other Carbonate Leases, these volumes have been constrained to areas that have a minimum thickness of 10 meters of substantially clean, continuous predominantly bitumen-saturated carbonate with log porosity meeting a minimum of 10 percent and bitumen saturation greater than 50 percent and with both competent top and lateral reservoir containment. These carbonate bitumen resources are constrained to one mile in area around known data points that penetrate the zone and possess definitive geophysical log data. DEBIP for the Saleski property and the Other Carbonate Leases may be assigned outside of the one mile area if reservoir continuity between offsetting delineation is expected. The technology required to economically produce bitumen from carbonate formations is currently in the development stage and has not been proven on a commercial scale. There is no certainty that it will be commercially viable to produce any portion of the resources from the Hoole oil sands property, the Saleski property or the Other Carbonate Leases.
- (10) **Undiscovered Exploitable Bitumen In Place ("UDEBIP")** is the volume of petroleum estimated, as of a given date, to be contained in accumulations yet to be discovered. These resources are mapped using known data points penetrating the zone and possess definitive geophysical log data along with seismic data and regional mapping. There is no certainty that any portion of the resources will be discovered. If discovered, there is no certainty that it will be commercially viable to produce any portion of the resources.
- (11) **Prospective Resources** are those quantities of bitumen estimated, as of a given date, to be potentially recoverable from undiscovered accumulations by application of future development projects. Prospective Resources have both an associated chance of discovery and a chance of development. There is no certainty

that any portion of the resources will be discovered. If discovered, there is no certainty that it will be commercially viable to produce any portion of the resources.

- (12) **Net Present Value or NPV** means net present value and represents the Company's share of future net revenue, before the deduction of income tax from the Probable, Possible, or Economic Contingent Resources in the Grand Rapids formation within the Hoole oil sands property. The calculation considers such items as revenues, royalties, operating costs, abandonment costs and capital expenditures. Royalties have been calculated based on Alberta's Royalty Framework applicable to oil sands projects in Alberta. The calculation does not consider financing costs and general and administrative costs. NPVs were calculated assuming natural gas is used as a fuel for steam generation. Revenues and expenditures were calculated based on McDaniel's forecast prices and costs as of December 31, 2012. There is no assurance that such price and cost assumptions will be attained and variances could be material. The estimated net present values disclosed do not represent fair market value

### **Risk Factors – Cavalier**

There are numerous risks associated with the development of the oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets held by Cavalier. Cavalier currently has no bitumen production and there are no assurances that any of its properties will commence production, generate earnings, operate profitably or provide a return on investment in the future. In addition to the risks identified in the "RISK FACTORS" section in this Annual Information Form, below are risks that are specific to Cavalier's oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets.

#### ***Volatility of oil and natural gas prices and price differentials.***

The price of bitumen, natural gas, and NGLs have fluctuated widely during recent years and are likely to continue to be volatile in the future. Bitumen, natural gas, and NGLs prices may fluctuate in response to a variety of factors beyond Paramount's control, including, but not limited, worldwide and regional supply and demand factors, location and quality, government regulations, weather, and general economic and market conditions. Natural gas and NGLs are used as inputs for oil sands and carbonate bitumen operations. Any substantial and extended weakness in the price of bitumen and/or strength in the price of natural gas and NGLs would have an adverse effect, possibly significant, on the value of Cavalier's assets, the economics associated with the Hoole Project, and the decision and timing to proceed, if at all, with the development of Cavalier's oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets.

#### ***Delays in obtaining, or inability to obtain, the required regulatory approvals.***

There can be no assurance that the regulatory approvals needed for the development of Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1, the Remaining Hoole Leases, or possible future development of Cavalier's other oil sands or carbonate bitumen leases will be obtained on schedule or on the desired or acceptable terms or at all. If the regulatory approvals are not received, these projects will be unable to proceed and the potential benefits of the projects will be lost.

#### ***Oil sands and carbonate bitumen projects are at the early stage of their development.***

Cavalier's Hoole oil sands and Eagles Nest leases are prospective for bitumen recovery from clastic reservoirs, whereas its Saleski and Other Carbonate Leases are prospective for bitumen recovery from carbonate reservoirs. Currently, there are numerous commercial projects which produce from clastic reservoirs using SAGD and other recovery processes. The successful development of Cavalier's carbonate reservoirs depends on, among other things, the successful development and application of SAGD or other processes for bitumen recovery from these reservoirs. Currently, there are several pilot projects underway in Alberta for bitumen recovery from carbonate reservoirs. The main risks associated with SAGD recovery in carbonate reservoirs include the possibility of unexpected steam channeling or operating problems due to wellbore plugging. These risks could result in increased operating costs, lower production rates, and reduced economically recoverable bitumen volumes, resulting in an uneconomic project.

Cavalier's Hoole Project is at the early stages of its planned development schedule and there is a risk that the project will not be commenced or, if commenced, will not be completed on time or within the estimates for scope and cost or at all.

Additionally, there is a risk that the Hoole Project may have delays, interruption of operations or increased costs as the project progresses due to many factors, including, without limitation: breakdown or failure of equipment or processes; construction performance falling below expected levels of output or efficiency; design errors; contractor or operator errors; non-performance by third-party contractors; labour disputes, disruptions or declines in productivity; increases in materials or labour costs; shortage of fabrication facilities; inability to attract sufficient numbers of qualified workers; delays in obtaining or conditions imposed by, regulatory approvals; changes in scope of the projects; violation of permit requirements; disruption in the supply of energy; unforeseen political events; local, First Nations and political opposition; and catastrophic events such as fires, earthquakes, storms or explosions. Given the stage of development of the Hoole Project, changes are likely to be made prior to their completion which could have a material impact both in terms of design and cost.

Cavalier's other oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets are at an even earlier stage of development when compared to the Hoole Project and are subject to similar risks described above plus additional risks associated with getting these assets and resources to a stage ready for regulatory submission and approval.

These above risks could adversely impact the value of Cavalier's oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets, the amount of capital available to further evaluate and develop these assets, and the timing and progress of and production from any projects.

***Ability to raise sufficient capital.***

Significant amounts of capital will be required to fund costs to develop Hoole Grand Rapids Phase 1, the Remaining Hoole Leases, and continue the evaluation and development of Cavalier's other oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets. There is no assurance that any equity and/or debt financings, borrowing of funds, joint venture, sales of assets, or combination thereof will be obtainable on acceptable terms, or at all, for such required capital. Failure to obtain the necessary funds for development could result in delays or an inability to develop the projects.

***Cost overruns.***

Historically oil sands projects have experienced capital cost overruns due to a variety of factors. There is no assurance that the development of Cavalier's Hoole Project or other oil sands and carbonate bitumen leases will proceed or be met without delays or unforeseen and adverse effects upon the projects' budgets.

The costs to construct the Hoole Project have not been fixed and remain dependent upon completion of testing, final engineering, and contracting. There is no assurance that the current construction and operations schedules will proceed as planned without any delays or cost overruns or at all. Any delays may increase the costs of the projects, requiring additional capital, and there can be no assurance that such capital will be available in a timely and cost-effective fashion or at all.

Development of the projects may be adversely affected by one or more factors commonly associated with large industrial projects such as shortages of capital, equipment, materials or labour, fluctuations in the prices of building materials, particularly steel, delays in delivery of equipment and materials, labour disputes, political events, local, First Nations and political opposition, blockades or embargoes, litigation, adverse weather conditions, unanticipated increases in costs, natural disasters, accidents, unforeseen engineering, design, environmental or geological problems and other unforeseen circumstances. Any of these events or other unanticipated events could give rise to delays in development and completion of the projects and cost overruns.

### ***Operations and ability to market.***

In the event that the Hoole Project or Cavalier's other oil sands or carbonate bitumen leases are developed and become operational, there can be no assurance that bitumen will be produced or, if produced, will be produced in economic quantities or at the costs anticipated and will continue producing. Because operating costs to produce bitumen from oil sands or carbonate may be substantially higher than operating costs to produce conventional crude oil, an increase in such costs, including the price of natural gas and power, may render extraction of bitumen resources from these projects uneconomic. Moreover, it is possible that other developments, such as increasingly strict environmental and safety laws and regulations and enforcement policies thereunder and claims for damages to property or persons resulting from a project's operations, could result in substantial costs and liabilities, delays or an inability to complete these projects or the abandonment of these projects.

The marketability of the bitumen associated with the oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets will be affected by numerous factors beyond its control. These factors include, but are not limited to, market fluctuations of prices, including price differential for bitumen relative to quoted market prices for other types of crude oil, proximity and capacity of pipelines and processing equipment, equipment availability and government regulations (including, without limitation, regulations relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land tenure, allowable production, importing and exporting of oil and gas and environmental protection). The extent of these factors cannot be accurately predicted, but the combination of these factors may result in there not being an adequate return on invested capital.

### ***Environmental regulations.***

Oil sands operations are subject to federal, provincial, and local laws and regulations. In Alberta these include requirements for SAGD facilities to obtain water licenses from Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development in order to utilize water in their operations. Changes to environmental laws and regulations or an inability to obtain water licenses may result in increased costs or an inability to complete projects, each of which could have a material adverse effect on Cavalier and its assets, results of operation or ability to execute its business plans.

The development of Cavalier's oil sands and carbonate bitumen assets will be subject to GHG emission reporting and reduction requirements. Alberta currently regulates GHG emissions under the *Climate and Emissions Management Act*, the *Specified Gas Reporting Regulations* (the "SGRR"), which imposes GHG emissions reporting requirements, and the *Specified Gas Emitters Regulations* (the "SGER"), which imposes GHG emission intensity limits. See "NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS – GENERAL – GREENHOUSE GAS REPORTING AND REDUCTION OBLIGATIONS" in this Annual Information Form for additional information regarding GHG reduction obligations and options to comply with regulations.

In addition, the oil sands industry is expected to be the next sector of the economy where the federal government will regulate GHG emissions. At present, it is not possible to predict what impact these regulations, or any future changes in Alberta's GHG regulations, could have on Cavalier and its assets, results of operation or ability to execute its business plans. See "RISK FACTORS – COMPLIANCE WITH AND CHANGES TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS" section in this Annual Information Form.

### **Other**

APPENDIX C – REPORT OF MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTORS ON RESERVES DATA includes Cavalier, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paramount as at December 31, 2012.

**APPENDIX F**  
**Paramount Resources Ltd.**  
**Audit Committee Charter**

*(Adopted by the Board of Directors on May 19, 2005 and amended on November 14, 2007)*

**A. PURPOSE**

The overall purpose of the Audit Committee (the "Committee") is to ensure that the Corporation's management has designed and implemented an effective system of internal financial controls and disclosure controls and procedures, to review and report on the integrity of the consolidated financial statements of the Corporation, to review the Corporation's compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements as they relate to financial statements, taxation matters and disclosure of material facts and to review the Corporation's externally disclosed oil and gas reserves estimates including reviewing the qualifications of, and procedures used by, the independent engineering firm responsible for evaluating the Corporation's reserves.

**B. COMPOSITION, PROCEDURES AND ORGANIZATION**

1. The Committee shall consist of at least three members of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), all of whom shall be "independent", as that term is defined in Sections 1.4 and 1.5 of National Instrument 52-110, Audit Committees<sup>1</sup> and who meet the requirements of Section 3.5(1) of National Instrument 51-101<sup>1</sup> - Standards of Disclosure *for Oil and Gas Activities*.
2. All of the members of the Committee shall be "financially literate" (i.e. able to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issuer that can be reasonably expected to be raised by the issuer's financial statements).
3. The Audit Committee shall be responsible for assessing, on a periodic basis, whether any member of the Committee meets the criteria for being a "financial expert" pursuant to Section 407 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act<sup>1</sup>.
4. The Board shall appoint the members of the Committee. The Board may at any time remove or replace any member of the Committee and may fill any vacancy in the Committee.
5. Unless the Board shall have appointed a chair of the Committee, the members of the Committee shall elect a chair from among their members.
6. The Corporate Secretary of the Corporation shall be the secretary of the Committee, unless otherwise determined by the Committee.
7. The quorum for meetings shall be a majority of the members of the Committee, present in person or by telephone or other telecommunication device that permits all persons participating in the meeting to speak and to hear each other.
8. The Committee shall have access to such officers and employees of the Corporation and to the Corporation's external auditors, and to such information respecting the Corporation, as it considers necessary or advisable in order to perform its duties and responsibilities.
9. Meetings of the Committee shall be conducted as follows:
  - (a) The Committee shall meet at least four times annually at such times and at such locations as may be requested by the chair of the Committee. The external auditors or any member of the Committee may request a meeting of the Committee;

- (b) the external auditors shall receive notice of and have the right to attend all meetings of the Committee; and
- (c) the following management representatives shall be invited to attend all meetings, except executive sessions and private sessions with the external auditors:

*President and Chief Operating Officer*  
*Chief Financial Officer*  
*Controller*  
*Corporate Secretary*

- (d) other management representatives shall be invited to attend as necessary.
10. The external auditors shall report directly to the Committee and the external auditors and internal auditors (if any) shall have a direct line of communication to the Committee through its chair and may bypass management if deemed necessary. The Committee, through its chair, may contact directly any employee in the Corporation as it deems necessary, and any employee may bring before the Committee any matter involving questionable, illegal or improper financial practices or transactions.
11. The Committee may retain, at the Corporation's expense, special legal, accounting or other consultants or experts it deems necessary in the performance of its duties and may set and pay the compensation for any advisor engaged. The Committee will notify the Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee whenever independent consultants are engaged.

### **C. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The overall duties and responsibilities of the Committee shall be as follows:
- (a) to assist the Board in the discharge of its responsibilities relating to the Corporation's accounting principles, reporting practices and internal controls and its approval of the Corporation's annual and quarterly consolidated financial statements and management's discussion and analysis;
  - (b) to establish and maintain a direct line of communication with the Corporation's internal (if any) and external auditors and assess their performance;
  - (c) to ensure that the management of the Corporation has designed, implemented and is maintaining an effective system of internal financial controls and disclosure controls and procedures;
  - (d) to periodically review the audit and non-audit services pre-approval policy and recommend to the Board any changes which the Committee deems appropriate;
  - (e) to periodically consider whether there is a need to outsource internal audit functions or create an internal audit department;
  - (f) to assist the Board in the discharge of its responsibilities relating to the evaluation and disclosure of its oil and gas reserves and oil and gas activities and the approval and filing of all necessary statements and reports related thereto;
  - (g) to receive and review complaints received pursuant to the Corporation's Whistleblower Policy and oversee and provide direction on the investigation and resolution of such concerns and to periodically review the said policy and recommend to the Board changes which the Committee may deem appropriate;

- (h) to report regularly to the Board on the fulfillment of its duties and responsibilities;
- (i) to identify and monitor the management of the principal risks that could impact the financial reporting of the Corporation; and
- (j) to review and approve the Corporation's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditors of the Corporation.

2. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee as they relate to the external auditors shall be as follows:

- (a) to be directly responsible for overseeing the work of the external auditors engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditors regarding financial reporting;
- (b) to recommend to the Board a firm of external auditors to be nominated for appointment by the shareholders of the Corporation, and to monitor and verify the independence of such external auditors;
- (c) to review and approve the fee, scope and timing of the audit and other related services rendered by the external auditors;
- (d) review the audit plan of the external auditors prior to the commencement of the audit;
- (e) to review with the external auditors, upon completion of their audit:
  - i contents of their report;
  - ii scope and quality of the audit work performed;
  - iii adequacy of the Corporation's financial and auditing personnel;
  - iv co-operation received from the Corporation's personnel during the audit;
  - v internal resources used;
  - vi significant transactions outside of the normal business of the Corporation;
  - vii significant proposed adjustments and recommendations for improving internal accounting controls, accounting principles or management systems; and
  - viii the non-audit services provided by the external auditors, as pre-approved pursuant to the audit and non-audit services pre-approval policy;
- (f) to discuss with the external auditors the quality and not just the acceptability of the Corporation's accounting principles;
- (g) to review any unresolved issues between management and the external auditors that could affect the financial reporting or internal controls of the Corporation; and
- (h) to implement structures and procedures to ensure that the Committee meets the external auditors on a regular basis in the absence of management.



3. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee as they relate to the internal control procedures of the Corporation are to:
  - (a) review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the Corporation's policies and business practices which impact on the financial integrity of the Corporation, including those relating to insurance, accounting, information services and systems and financial controls, management reporting and risk management;
  - (b) review compliance under the Corporation's Code of Business Conduct Policy with those matters addressed in the policy which affect the financial integrity of the Corporation and to periodically review this policy and recommend to the Board changes which the Committee may deem appropriate; and
  - (c) periodically review the Corporation's financial and auditing procedures and the extent to which recommendations made by the internal accounting staff or by the external auditors have been implemented.
  
4. The Committee is also charged with the responsibility to:
  - (a) review and recommend to the Board for its approval, the Corporation's and its subsidiaries, partnerships and joint venturers, as applicable, annual financial statements, management's discussion and analysis, annual information form and annual earnings press releases before the Corporation publicly discloses this information;
  - (b) review and approve the Corporation's and its subsidiaries, partnerships and joint venturers, as applicable, interim financial statements, interim management's discussion and analysis including the impact of unusual items and changes in accounting principles and estimates and report to the Board with respect thereto and interim earnings press releases before the Corporation publicly discloses this information;
  - (c) review and approve the financial sections of:
    - i the annual report to shareholders;
    - ii the annual information form;
    - iii prospectuses;
    - iv other public reports requiring approval by the Board; and
    - v press releases related there to, and report to the Board with respect thereto;
  - (d) review regulatory filings and decisions as they relate to the Corporation's consolidated financial statements;
  - (e) review the appropriateness of the policies and procedures used in the preparation of the Corporation's consolidated financial statements and other required disclosure documents, and consider recommendations for any material change to such policies;
  - (f) review and report on the integrity of the Corporation's consolidated financial statements;
  - (g) review the minutes of any audit committee meeting of subsidiary companies;

- (h) review with management, the external auditors and, if necessary, with legal counsel, any litigation, claim or other contingency, including tax assessments that could have a material effect upon the financial position or operating results of the Corporation and the manner in which such matters have been disclosed in the consolidated financial statements;
  - (i) review the Corporation's compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements as they relate to financial statements, tax matters and disclosure of material facts; and
  - (j) develop a calendar of activities to be undertaken by the Committee for each ensuing year related to the Committee's duties and responsibilities as set forth in this Charter and to submit the calendar in the appropriate format to the Board of Directors within a reasonable period of time following each annual general meeting of shareholders.
5. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee as they relate to the Corporation's oil and gas reserves estimates are to:
- (a) review, with reasonable frequency, the Corporation's procedures relating to the disclosure of information with respect to oil and gas activities, including its procedures for complying with the disclosure requirements and restrictions of all applicable laws, rules, regulations and policies including National Instrument 51-101 and amendments thereto;
  - (b) review the appointment of the independent engineering firm responsible for evaluating the Corporation's reserves, and in the case of any proposed change in such appointment, determine the reasons for the proposal and whether there have been disputes between the appointed reserves evaluator and Management of the Corporation;
  - (c) review, with reasonable frequency, the Corporation's procedures for providing information to the reserves evaluator;
  - (d) before approving the filing of reserves data and the report of the reserves evaluator as required under all applicable laws, rules, regulations and policies including National Instrument 51-101 and amendments thereto, meet with Management and the reserves evaluator to:
    - i determine whether any restrictions affect the ability of the reserves evaluator to report on reserves data without reservation, and
    - ii review the reserves data and the report of the reserves evaluator;
  - (e) review, discuss with and make recommendations to the Board with respect to:
    - i approving the content and filing of the reserves statement;
    - ii the filing of the report of the reserves evaluator; and
    - iii the content and filing of the report of Management and Directors;
- as required or specified under all applicable laws, rules, regulations and policies including National Instrument 51-101 and amendments thereto.

**D. ANNUAL REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT**

The Committee shall conduct an annual review and assessment of its performance, including compliance with this Charter and its role, duties and responsibilities, and submit such report to the Board of Directors.

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<sup>1</sup> Definitions from National Instrument 52-110, National Instrument 51-101, and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act have been omitted.