



## Comstock Resources, Inc. Reports First Quarter 2004 Financial and Operating Results

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FRISCO, Texas, May 4 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Comstock Resources, Inc. (NYSE: CRK) ("Comstock" or the "Company") today reported first quarter 2004 financial and operating results.

### First Quarter 2004 Financial Results

Comstock's oil and gas sales in the first quarter of 2004 were \$60.8 million, an 11% decrease from first quarter 2003 oil and gas sales of \$68.6 million. Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2004 was just above the breakeven level at \$25.0 thousand, or 0 cents per share, as compared to net income of \$21.2 million, or 62 cents per share (diluted), in 2003's first quarter. The first quarter 2004 results include a charge of \$19.6 million (\$12.6 million after income taxes or 35 cents per diluted share) relating to the early retirement of the Company's 11 1/4% Senior Notes due in 2007. The early retirement of the 11 1/4% Senior Notes was part of a series of transactions which refinanced all of Comstock's long-term debt. These notes were refinanced with new 6 7/8% Senior Notes due in 2012 and a \$400 million four-year revolving bank credit facility. As a result of the refinancing, Comstock expects its annual interest expense to decrease by approximately \$10.8 million. In the first quarter of 2004, Comstock adopted a fair value-based method of accounting for its stock-based employee compensation plans and, accordingly, began recording an expense for employee stock options in 2004. Stock-based compensation expense recorded in the first quarter was \$1.2 million. The 2003 first quarter results include a gain of \$0.7 million (2 cents per diluted share) relating to the cumulative effect of adopting a new accounting standard which changed the Company's accounting for future abandonment costs of its oil and gas properties.

Cash flow from operations (before changes to working capital accounts) generated by Comstock in 2004's first quarter was \$37.5 million as compared to \$47.9 million in 2003's first quarter. EBITDAX or earnings before interest expense, income taxes, depletion, depreciation and amortization, exploration expense and other noncash expenses was \$45.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 as compared EBITDAX of \$55.8 million for the same period in 2003.

Comstock's production in the first quarter of 2004 totaled 10.7 Bcf equivalent of natural gas ("Bcfe"), a 1% decrease from 2003's first quarter production of 10.8 Bcfe. The Company's realized natural gas price averaged \$5.65 per Mcf in 2004's first quarter as compared to \$6.54 per Mcf in 2003's first quarter. The 14% lower natural gas price was the primary reason for the 11% decrease in oil and gas sales in 2004's first quarter. Realized oil prices in the first quarter of 2004 averaged \$34.69 per barrel as compared to \$33.75 per barrel for 2003.

### First Quarter 2004 Drilling Results

In the first quarter of 2004, Comstock drilled sixteen wells (7.0 net) as part of its 2004 development and exploration program. Thirteen of the 16 wells drilled were successful and three were dry holes.

Nine of these wells (4.0 net) were drilled in the Gulf of Mexico under its exploration program with Bois d'Arc Offshore Ltd. ("Bois d'Arc"), or as part of Comstock's redevelopment of its Ship Shoal 113 Unit. All but one of the offshore wells were successful. The one dry hole was drilled to test a prospect at South Timbalier Block 16 in which Comstock had a 33% working interest in. Three of the successful wells drilled with Bois d'Arc were reported with the 2003 year end results including a second successful well at Vermilion Block 122, a successful sidetrack of a well at South Timbalier Block 11 and the No. 5 appraisal well at South Pelto Block 22. Other successful offshore wells drilled in the first quarter with Bois d'Arc include a third well drilled at Vermilion Block 122, a second successful deep exploratory test at South Pelto Block 25 and a third successful well at Vermilion Block 51. The OCS-G 22620 #B3 well at Vermilion Block 122 found pay in two reservoirs. Comstock has a 40% working interest in this well. The second well drilled at South Pelto Block 25, the OCS-G 14535 #6 was drilled to a depth of 16,748 feet and found 53 feet of net productive pay. This well, in which Comstock has a 24.9% working interest, is completed and is waiting on a final connection to the processing platform.

Comstock drilled and completed two additional wells in its Ship Shoal 113 Unit during the first quarter of 2004. The OCS-G 00069 #23 well was drilled to a depth of 11,219 feet and found 151 of total net pay in six reservoirs. This well was completed and is now producing 2.4 million cubic feet of natural gas equivalent ("Mmcf") per day. Comstock has a 90% working interest in this well. Comstock also drilled the OCS-G 00066 #O1 to a depth 12,234 feet and found 180 feet of total net pay in four reservoirs. This well is producing 4.1 Mmcf per day. Comstock has a 72% working interest in this well.

Three of Comstock's offshore projects are coming on line in the second quarter. Production has started up at South Pelto Block 22 where three wells have been completed and are connected to the South Pelto 22 processing platform. The OCS-G 18054 #3 well was turned to sales on April 13th, and is flowing approximately 1,200 barrels of oil and 4 Mmcf of natural gas per day. The OCS-G 18054 #2 initial discovery well and the OCS-G 18054 #5 wells have not yet been turned to sales due to the need to optimize the processing platform operation. The Company expects that the gross daily production from the three wells should approach 35 Mmcf per day and that all three wells should be flowing to sales by mid-May 2004. Comstock has a 29% working interest in the South Pelto Block 22 wells. South Pelto Block 25 is also starting up production. The initial discovery well is completed and connected to the nearby processing platform. The discovery well, the OCS-G 14535 #5, was first taken to sales on April 16, 2004 and is flowing approximately 1,700 barrel of oil and 1 Mmcf of natural gas per day. Comstock expects both wells at South Pelto 25 to be flowing to sales by early June at a combined rate approaching 20 Mmcf per day. Comstock has a 24.9% working interest in South Pelto 25. Vermilion Block 122, which includes three wells, is also starting up production operations. The OCS-G 22620 #B1 and the OCSG 22620 #B3 wells were both turned to sales on April 29, 2004. These two wells are currently flowing approximately 9.9 Mmcf per day. The Company anticipates that the third well, the OCS-G 22620

#B2, will be turned to sales by the second week in May. The production from all three Vermilion 122 wells will be slowly increased through the processing platform to allow field personnel to optimize production equipment operation. Comstock expects that the gross daily production from these three wells should approach 20 Mmcfe per day by the end of May. The Company has a 40% working interest in the Vermilion Block 122.

Comstock drilled seven onshore wells in the first quarter. Two of these wells were dry holes and the remaining five were successful. The successful wells included the Clark-Sain #10 which was drilled at Ball Ranch in Kenedy County, Texas to a depth of 15,410 and found 110 feet of total net pay in the Vicksburg formation. The well's initial completion flow tested to sales 9 Mmcfe per day. Comstock has a 20% working interest in this well. Comstock also recently completed and tested its fifth successful Woodbine producer in its Double A "Ross" area project in Polk County, Texas. The Davis-Blackstone #1 was drilled to a depth of 14,850 feet and found 33 feet of net pay. This well was drilled to test the northwestern extent of the "Ross" Woodbine development. The Company expects this well to produce at a rate approaching 8 Mmcfe per day by mid-May. Comstock has a 48% working interest in this well. The remaining wells drilled in the first quarter included one successful development well drilled in North Louisiana and two successful development wells drilled in South Texas.

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Comstock Resources, Inc. is a growing independent energy company based in Frisco, Texas and is engaged in oil and gas acquisitions, exploration and development primarily in Texas, Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico. The company's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CRK.

COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC.  
OPERATING RESULTS  
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2004	2003
Oil and gas sales	\$60,761	\$68,576
Operating expenses:		
Oil and gas operating	12,650	11,365
Exploration	3,382	1,636
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	15,809	14,887
General and administrative, net	3,090	1,528
Total operating expenses	34,931	29,416
Income from operations	25,830	39,160
Other income (expenses):		
Other income	39	47
Interest income	16	20
Interest expense	(6,265)	(7,608)
Loss from early extinguishment of debt	(19,581)	---
Total other expenses	(25,791)	(7,541)
Income before income taxes and cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	39	31,619
Provision for income taxes	(14)	(11,067)
Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	25	20,552
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of income taxes	---	675
Net income	25	21,227
Preferred stock dividends	---	(395)
Net income attributable to common stock	\$25	\$20,832
Net income per share before cumulative change in accounting principle:		
Basic	\$0.00	\$0.70
Diluted	\$0.00	\$0.60
Net income per share:		
Basic	\$0.00	\$0.72
Diluted	\$0.00	\$0.62

Weighted average common and common stock equivalent shares outstanding:

Basic	33,843	28,923
Diluted	35,570	34,475

COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC.  
OTHER FINANCIAL DATA  
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2004	2003
Cash flow from operations:		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$20,401	\$32,300
Increase (decrease) in accounts receivable	(9,144)	20,009
Increase (decrease) in other current assets	(870)	2,218
Decrease (increase) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	27,095	(6,630)
Cash flow from operations	\$37,482	\$47,897

EBITDAX:

Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	\$25	\$20,552
Interest	6,265	7,608
Loss from early extinguishment of debt	19,581	---
Income tax expense	14	11,067
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	15,809	14,887
Exploration	3,382	1,636
Unrealized losses from derivatives	---	3
EBITDAX	\$45,076	\$55,753

	As of March 31,	
	2004	2003
Balance Sheet Data:		
Current assets	\$43,243	\$62,670
Property and equipment, net	718,786	665,641
Other	8,011	6,796
Total assets	\$770,040	\$735,107
Current liabilities	\$38,266	\$56,248
Long-term debt	339,300	351,002
Other	99,295	79,678
Stockholders' equity	293,179	248,179
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$770,040	\$735,107

COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC.  
REGIONAL OPERATING RESULTS  
(In thousands, except per unit amounts)

For the Three Months ended March 31, 2004

	Gulf of Mexico	East Texas/ North Louisiana	Southeast Texas	South Texas / Other	Total
Oil production (thousand barrels)	281	25	60	30	396
Gas production (million cubic feet - Mmcf)	1,665	2,596	2,492	1,569	8,322
Total production (Mmcfe)	3,351	2,746	2,850	1,749	10,696
Oil sales	\$9,848	\$834	\$2,053	\$991	\$13,726

Gas sales	9,985	14,309	13,889	8,852	47,035
Total oil and gas sales	\$19,833	\$15,143	\$15,942	\$9,843	\$60,761
Average oil price (per barrel)	\$35.05	\$33.36	\$34.40	\$33.03	\$34.69
Average gas price (per thousand cubic feet - Mcf)	\$6.00	\$5.51	\$5.57	\$5.64	\$5.65
Average price (per Mcf equivalent)	\$5.92	\$5.51	\$5.59	\$5.63	\$5.68
Lifting cost	\$5,167	\$2,811	\$2,542	\$2,130	\$12,650
Lifting cost (per Mcf equivalent)	\$1.54	\$1.02	\$0.89	\$1.22	\$1.18
Development and exploration expenditures	\$29,676	\$1,569	\$3,120	\$3,607	\$37,972

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