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COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. REPORTS SECOND QUARTER 2024 FINANCIAL AND OPERATING RESULTS

FRISCO, TEXAS, July 30, 2024 – Comstock Resources, Inc. ("Comstock" or the "Company") (NYSE: CRK) today reported financial and operating results for the quarter ended June 30, 2024.

Highlights of 2024's Second Quarter

- Very weak natural gas prices weighed heavily on the second quarter financial results.
- Natural gas and oil sales, including realized hedging gains, were \$278 million.
- Operating cash flow was \$118 million or \$0.41 per diluted share.
- Adjusted EBITDAX for the quarter was \$167 million.
- Adjusted net loss was \$58.2 million or \$0.20 per share for the quarter.
- Enhanced liquidity with \$400 million, 6.75% senior notes issuance.
- Steady results from the Haynesville shale drilling program with 15 (14.4 net) operated wells turned to sales since the Company's last update with an average initial production of 21 MMcf per day.

Financial Results for the Three Months Ended June 30, 2024

Comstock's realized gas price for the second quarter of 2024 averaged \$1.65 per Mcf without hedging and \$2.12 per Mcf after hedging. As a result, Comstock's natural gas and oil sales in the second quarter of 2024 decreased to \$278.2 million (including realized hedging gains of \$60.6 million) despite a 4% increase in production as compared to the second quarter of 2023. Operating cash flow (excluding changes in working capital) generated in the second quarter of 2024 was \$118.1 million, and net loss for the second quarter was \$123.2 million or \$0.43 per share. Net loss in the quarter included a pre-tax \$85.8 million unrealized loss on hedging contracts held for risk management. Excluding this item, adjusted net loss for the second quarter of 2024 was \$58.2 million, or \$0.20 per share.

Comstock's production cost per Mcfe in the second quarter averaged \$0.84 per Mcfe, which was comprised of \$0.38 for gathering and transportation costs, \$0.27 for lease operating costs, \$0.14 for production and other taxes and \$0.05 for cash general and administrative expenses. Comstock's unhedged operating margin was 50% in the second quarter of 2024 and 61% after hedging.

Financial Results for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2024

Natural gas and oil sales for the six months ended June 30, 2024 totaled \$614.1 million (including realized hedging gains of \$108.5 million). Operating cash flow (excluding changes in working capital) generated during the first six months of 2024 was \$300.1 million, and net loss was \$137.7 million or \$0.49 per share. Net loss during the first six months of 2024 included a pre-tax \$94.5 million unrealized loss on hedging contracts held for risk management. Excluding this item, adjusted net loss for the six months ended June 30, 2024 was \$66.8 million or \$0.24 per share.

Comstock's production cost per Mcfe during the six months ended June 30, 2024 averaged \$0.79 per Mcfe, which was comprised of \$0.36 for gathering and transportation costs, \$0.26 for lease operating costs, \$0.13 for production and other taxes and \$0.04 for cash general and administrative expenses. Comstock's unhedged operating margin was 57% during the first six months of 2024 and 65% after hedging.

Drilling Results

Comstock drilled 11 (9.2 net) operated horizontal Haynesville/Bossier shale wells in the second quarter of 2024 which had an average lateral length of 11,346 feet. Comstock turned 12 (11.7 net) operated wells to sales in the second quarter of 2024.

Since its last operational update in May, Comstock has turned 15 (14.4 net) operated Haynesville/Bossier shale wells to sales. These wells had initial daily production rates that averaged 21 MMcf per day. The completed lateral length of these wells averaged 9,802 feet.

Earnings Call Information

Comstock has planned a conference call for 10:00 a.m. Central Time on July 31, 2024, to discuss the second quarter 2024 operational and financial results. Investors wishing to listen should visit the Company's website at www.comstockresources.com for a live webcast. Investors wishing to participate in the conference call telephonically will need to register at https://register.vevent.com/register/BI3dd152694a074bc28172df7314b38 fa6. Upon registering to participate in the conference call, participants will receive the dial-in number and a personal PIN number to access the conference call. On the day of the call, please dial in at least 15 minutes in advance to ensure a timely connection to the call. The conference call will also be broadcast live in listen-only mode and can be accessed via the website URL: https://edge.media-server.com/mmc/p/w3stws2d.

If you are unable to participate in the original conference call, a web replay will be available for twelve months beginning at 1:00 p.m. CT on July 31, 2024. The replay of the conference can be accessed using the webcast link: https://edge.media-server.com/mmc/p/w3stws2d.

This press release may contain "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those described herein. Although the Company believes the expectations in such statements to be reasonable, there can be no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Information concerning the assumptions, uncertainties and risks that may affect the actual results can be found in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") available on the Company's website or the SEC's website at sec.gov.

Comstock Resources, Inc. is a leading independent natural gas producer with operations focused on the development of the Haynesville shale in North Louisiana and East Texas. The Company's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CRK.

COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Mont June		
		2024		2023	 2024		2023
Revenues:							
Natural gas sales	\$	216,527	\$	228,892	\$ 503,610	\$	606,924
Oil sales		1,074		860	1,950		2,802
Total natural gas and oil sales		217,601		229,752	505,560		609,726
Gas services		29,229		58,459	77,042		168,063
Total revenues		246,830		288,211	582,602		777,789
Operating expenses:							
Production and ad valorem taxes		19,244		19,599	37,152		34,505
Gathering and transportation		49,361		45,395	96,460		90,969
Lease operating		34,805		34,031	69,877		68,861
Exploration		_		_	_		1,775
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		194,242		140,177	384,931		274,160
Gas services		31,494		55,390	80,174		156,685
General and administrative		10,177		10,038	19,348		22,406
(Gain) loss on sale of assets		_		648	 		(125)
Total operating expenses		339,323		305,278	687,942		649,236
Operating income (loss)		(92,493)		(17,067)	(105,340)		128,553
Other income (expenses):							
Gain (loss) from derivative financial instruments		(25,252)		(4,495)	14,055		61,914
Other income		322		598	653		1,058
Interest expense		(51,932)		(39,188)	(101,489)		(77,458)
Total other expenses		(76,862)		(43,085)	(86,781)		(14,486)
Income (loss) before income taxes		(169,355)		(60,152)	(192,121)		114,067
(Provision for) benefit from income taxes		46,106		14,446	54,398		(25,270)
Net income (loss)		(123,249)		(45,706)	(137,723)		88,797
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest		(3,061)			(4,908)		
Net income (loss) available to Comstock	\$	(126,310)	\$	(45,706)	\$ (142,631)	\$	88,797
Net income (loss) per share							
Basic	\$	(0.43)	\$	(0.17)	\$ (0.49)	\$	0.32
Diluted	\$	(0.43)	\$	(0.17)	\$ (0.49)	\$	0.32
Weighted average shares outstanding:							
Basic		289,670		276,669	283,816		276,610
Diluted		289,670		276,669	283,816		276,610
Dividends per share	\$		\$	0.125	\$ 	\$	0.250

COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. OPERATING RESULTS

(In thousands, except per unit amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,						onths Ended June 30,				
	_	2024		2023	_	2024		2023			
Natural gas production (MMcf)		130,861		126,307		270,304		253,374			
Oil production (Mbbls)		15		13		27		40			
Total production (MMcfe)		130,949		126,386		270,464		253,612			
Natural gas sales	\$	216,527	\$	228,892	\$	503,610	\$	606,924			
Natural gas bards Natural gas hedging settlements (1)	Ψ	60,552	Ψ	55,494	Ψ	108,547	Ψ	65,877			
Total natural gas including hedging	_	277,079		284,386		612,157	_	672,801			
Oil sales		1,074		860		1,950		2,802			
Total natural gas and oil sales including hedging	\$	278,153	\$	285,246	\$	614,107	\$	675,603			
Average natural gas price (per Mcf)	\$	1.65	\$	1.81	\$	1.86	\$	2.40			
Average natural gas price including hedging (per Mcf)	\$	2.12	\$	2.25	\$	2.26	\$	2.66			
Average oil price (per barrel)	\$	71.60	\$	66.15	\$	72.22	\$	70.05			
Average price (per Mcfe)	\$	1.66	\$	1.82	\$	1.87	\$	2.40			
Average price including hedging (per Mcfe)	\$	2.12	\$	2.26	\$	2.27	\$	2.66			
Production and ad valorem taxes	\$	19,244	\$	19,599	\$	37,152	\$	34,505			
Gathering and transportation		49,361		45,395		96,460		90,969			
Lease operating		34,805		34,031		69,877		68,861			
Cash general and administrative (2)		6,095		7,733		11,850		18,054			
Total production costs	\$	109,505	\$	106,758	\$	215,339	\$	212,389			
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Production and ad valorem taxes (per Mcfe)	\$	0.14	\$	0.15	\$	0.13	\$	0.14			
Gathering and transportation (per Mcfe)		0.38		0.36		0.36		0.36			
Lease operating (per Mcfe)		0.27		0.27		0.26		0.27			
Cash general and administrative (per Mcfe)	_	0.05		0.06		0.04		0.07			
Total production costs (per Mcfe)	\$	0.84	\$	0.84	\$	0.79	\$	0.84			
Unhedged operating margin		50%		54%		57%		65%			
Hedged operating margin		61%		63%		65%		69%			
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Gas services revenue	\$	29,229	\$	58,459	\$	77,042	\$	168,063			
Gas services expenses		31,494		55,390		80,174		156,685			
Gas services margin	\$	(2,265)	\$	3,069	\$	(3,132)	\$	11,378			
Natural Gas and Oil Capital Expenditures:											
Unproved property acquisitions	\$	9,694	\$	15,953	\$	79,138	\$	56,648			
Total natural gas and oil properties acquisitions	\$ \$	9,694	\$	15,953	\$	79,138	\$	56,648			
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Exploration and Development:	¢.	2.502	Φ	4.075	Φ	(520	Φ	12.710			
Development leasehold	\$	2,592	\$	4,975	\$	6,530	\$	13,718			
Exploratory drilling and completion		52,392		74,622		158,848		104,312			
Development drilling and completion Other development costs		151,350		231,038		297,143		511,214			
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Total exploration and development capital expenditures	\$	221,019	\$	321,988	ф	4//,243	Þ	646,694			

⁽¹⁾ Included in gain (loss) from derivative financial instruments in operating results.

⁽²⁾ Excludes stock-based compensation.

COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Mont June		
		2024		2023		2024		2023
ADJUSTED NET INCOME (LOSS):								
Net income (loss)	\$	(123,249)	\$	(45,706)	\$	(137,723)	\$	88,797
Unrealized loss from derivative financial instruments		85,804		59,989		94,492		3,963
Exploration expense		_		_		_		1,775
(Gain) loss on sale of assets		_		648		_		(125)
Adjustment to income taxes		(20,769)		(13,892)		(23,521)		(1,364)
Adjusted net income (loss)	\$	(58,214)	\$	1,039	\$	(66,752)	\$	93,046
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Adjusted net income (loss) per share (2)	\$	(0.20)	\$	0.00	\$	(0.24)	\$	0.33
Diluted shares outstanding		289,670		276,669		283,816		276,610
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ADJUSTED EBITDAX:								
Net income (loss)	\$	(123,249)	\$	(45,706)	\$	(137,723)	\$	88,797
Interest expense		51,932		39,188		101,489		77,458
Income taxes		(46,106)		(14,446)		(54,398)		25,270
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization		194,242		140,177		384,931		274,160
Exploration		_		_		_		1,775
Unrealized loss from derivative financial instruments		85,804		59,989		94,492		3,963
Stock-based compensation		4,082		2,305		7,497		4,351
(Gain) loss on sale of assets		_		648		_		(125)
Total Adjusted EBITDAX (3)	\$	166,705	\$	182,155	\$	396,288	\$	475,649

⁽¹⁾ Adjusted net income (loss) is presented because of its acceptance by investors and by Comstock management as an indicator of the Company's profitability excluding non-cash unrealized gains and losses on derivative financial instruments, gains and losses on sales of assets and other unusual items

⁽²⁾ Adjusted net income (loss) per share is calculated to include the dilutive effects of unvested restricted stock pursuant to the two-class method and performance stock units and preferred stock pursuant to the treasury stock method.

⁽³⁾ Adjusted EBITDAX is presented in the earnings release because management believes that adjusted EBITDAX, which represents Comstock's results from operations before interest, income taxes, and certain non-cash items, including depreciation, depletion and amortization, unrealized gains and losses on derivative financial instruments and exploration expense, is a common alternative measure of operating performance used by certain investors and financial analysts.

COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Montl June		
	2024			2023		2024		2023
OPERATING CASH FLOW (1):								
Net income (loss)	\$	(123,249)	\$	(45,706)	\$	(137,723)	\$	88,797
Reconciling items:								
Unrealized loss from derivative financial instruments		85,804		59,989		94,492		3,963
Deferred income taxes		(46,144)		(13,910)		(54,431)		25,270
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		194,242		140,177		384,931		274,160
Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs		3,399		1,994		5,383		3,991
Stock-based compensation		4,082		2,305		7,497		4,351
(Gain) loss on sale of assets				648		<u> </u>		(125)
Operating cash flow	\$	118,134	\$	145,497	\$	300,149	\$	400,407
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable		(23,187)		60,218		76,231		316,210
(Increase) decrease in other current assets		(730)		2,715		4,846		1,201
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses		(10,642)		123,080		(126,112)		56
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	83,575	\$	331,510	\$	255,114	\$	717,874

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Mont June		
		2024		2023		2024		2023
FREE CASH FLOW (DEFICIT) ⁽²⁾ :								
Operating cash flow	\$	118,134	\$	145,497	\$	300,149	\$	400,407
Less:								
Exploration and development capital expenditures		(221,019)		(321,988)		(477,243)		(646,694)
Midstream capital expenditures		(11,190)		(6,870)		(16,488)		(11,057)
Other capital expenditures		(942)		(100)		(971)		(456)
Contributions from midstream partner		11,000				17,000		_
Free cash deficit from operations	\$	(104,017)	\$	(183,461)	\$	(177,553)	\$	(257,800)
Acquisitions		(9,694)		(15,953)		(79,138)		(56,648)
Proceeds from divestitures		_		41,165		_		41,295
Free cash deficit after acquisition and divestiture activity	\$	(113,711)	\$	(158,249)	\$	(256,691)	\$	(273,153)

⁽¹⁾ Operating cash flow is presented in the earnings release because management believes it to be useful to investors as a common alternative measure of cash flows which excludes changes to other working capital accounts.

⁽²⁾ Free cash flow (deficit) from operations and free cash flow (deficit) after acquisition and divestiture activity are presented in the earnings release because management believes them to be useful indicators of the Company's ability to internally fund acquisitions and debt maturities after exploration and development capital expenditures, midstream and other capital expenditures, contributions from its midstream partner, proved and unproved property acquisitions, and proceeds from divestiture of natural gas and oil properties.

COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands)

		June 30, 2024	December 31, 2023			
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	19,270	\$	16,669		
Accounts receivable		155,199		231,430		
Derivative financial instruments		79,649		126,775		
Other current assets		69,289		86,619		
Total current assets		323,407		461,493		
Property and equipment, net		5,574,617		5,384,771		
Goodwill		335,897		335,897		
Operating lease right-of-use assets		90,604		71,462		
	\$	6,324,525	\$	6,253,623		
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Accounts payable	\$	377,909	\$	523,260		
Accrued costs		139,414		134,466		
Operating leases		34,952		23,765		
Total current liabilities		552,275		681,491		
Long-term debt		2,856,045		2,640,391		
Deferred income taxes		415,604		470,035		
Derivative financial instruments		47,366				
Long-term operating leases		55,621		47,742		
Asset retirement obligation		31,709		30,773		
Total liabilities		3,958,620		3,870,432		
Stockholders' Equity:						
Common stock		146,130		139,214		
Additional paid-in capital		1,358,549		1,260,930		
Accumulated earnings		815,639		958,270		
Total stockholders' equity attributable to Comstock		2,320,318		2,358,414		
Noncontrolling interest		45,587		24,777		
Total stockholders' equity		2,365,905		2,383,191		
	\$	6,324,525	\$	6,253,623		