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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2012

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number: 001-35167

**Kosmos Energy Ltd.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Bermuda**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**98-0686001**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Clarendon House**  
**2 Church Street**  
**Hamilton, Bermuda**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**HM 11**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **+1 441 295 5950**

**Not applicable**

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

**Class**  
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value

**Outstanding at April 30, 2012**  
390,329,298



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**GLOSSARY AND SELECT ABBREVIATIONS**

The following are abbreviations and definitions of certain terms used in this report. Unless listed below, all defined terms under Rule 4-10(a) of Regulation S-X shall have their statutorily prescribed meanings.

<i>2D seismic data</i>	Two-dimensional seismic data, serving as interpretive data that allows a view of a vertical cross-section beneath a prospective area.
<i>3D seismic data</i>	Three-dimensional seismic data, serving as geophysical data that depicts the subsurface strata in three dimensions. 3D seismic data typically provides a more detailed and accurate interpretation of the subsurface strata than 2D seismic data.
<i>API</i>	A specific gravity scale, expressed in degrees, that denotes the relative density of various petroleum liquids. The scale increases inversely with density. Thus lighter petroleum liquids will have a higher API than heavier ones.
<i>ASC</i>	Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification.
<i>ASU</i>	Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Update.
<i>Barrel or bbl</i>	A standard measure of volume for petroleum corresponding to approximately 42 gallons at 60 degrees Fahrenheit.
<i>Bbbl</i>	Billion barrels of oil.
<i>Bboe</i>	Billion barrels of oil equivalent.
<i>Bcf</i>	Billion cubic feet.
<i>boe</i>	Barrels of oil equivalent. Volumes of natural gas converted to barrels of oil using a conversion factor of 6,000 cubic feet of natural gas to one barrel of oil.
<i>boepd</i>	Barrels of oil equivalent per day.
<i>bopd</i>	Barrels of oil per day.
<i>bwpd</i>	Barrels of water per day.
<i>Developed acreage</i>	The number of acres that are allocated or assignable to productive wells or wells capable of production.
<i>Development</i>	The phase in which an oil or natural gas field is brought into production by drilling development wells and installing appropriate production systems.
<i>Dry hole</i>	A well that has not encountered a hydrocarbon bearing reservoir expected to produce in commercial quantities.
<i>E&amp;P</i>	Exploration and production.
<i>FASB</i>	Financial Accounting Standards Board.
<i>Farm-in</i>	An agreement whereby an oil company acquires a portion of the working interest in a block from the owner of such interest, usually in return for cash and for taking on a portion of the drilling of one or more specific wells or other performance by the assignee as a condition of the assignment.
<i>FPSO</i>	Floating production, storage and offloading vessel.
<i>Mbbl</i>	Thousand barrels of oil.
<i>Mcf</i>	Thousand cubic feet of natural gas.
<i>Mcfpd</i>	Thousand cubic feet per day of natural gas.
<i>Mmbbl</i>	Million barrels of oil.
<i>Mmboe</i>	Million barrels of oil equivalent.
<i>Mmcf</i>	Million cubic feet of natural gas.
<i>Natural gas liquid or NGL</i>	Components of natural gas that are separated from the gas state in the form of liquids. These include propane, butane, and ethane, among others.
<i>Petroleum contract</i>	

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*Petroleum system*

A contract in which the owner of minerals gives an E&P company temporary and limited rights, including an exclusive option, to explore for, develop, and produce minerals from the lease area.

*Plan of development or PoD*  
*Productive well*

A petroleum system consists of organic material that has been buried at a sufficient depth to allow adequate temperature and pressure to expel hydrocarbons and cause the movement of oil from the area in which it was formed to a reservoir rock where it can accumulate.

A written document outlining the steps to be undertaken to develop a field.

An exploratory or development well found to be capable of producing either oil or natural gas in sufficient quantities to justify completion as an oil or natural gas well.

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<i>Prospect(s)</i>	A potential trap that may contain hydrocarbons and is supported by the necessary amount and quality of geologic and geophysical data to indicate a probability of oil and/or natural gas accumulation ready to be drilled. The five required elements (generation, migration, reservoir, seal and trap) must be present for a prospect to work and if any of them fail neither oil nor natural gas will be present, at least not in commercial volumes.
<i>Proved reserves</i>	Estimated quantities of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids that geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be economically recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions, as well as additional reserves expected to be obtained through confirmed improved recovery techniques, as defined in SEC Regulation S-X 4-10(a)(2).
<i>Proved developed reserves</i>	Proved developed reserves are those proved reserves that can be expected to be recovered through existing wells and facilities and by existing operating methods.
<i>Proved undeveloped reserves</i>	Proved undeveloped reserves are those proved reserves that are expected to be recovered from future wells and facilities, including future improved recovery projects which are anticipated with a high degree of certainty in reservoirs which have previously shown favorable response to improved recovery projects.
<i>Shelf margin</i>	The path created by the change in direction of the shoreline in reaction to the filling of a sedimentary basin.
<i>Structural trap</i>	A structural trap is a topographic feature in the earth's subsurface that forms a high point in the rock strata. This facilitates the accumulation of oil and gas in the strata.
<i>Structural-stratigraphic trap</i>	A structural-stratigraphic trap is a combination trap with structural and stratigraphic features.
<i>Stratigraphy</i>	The study of the composition, relative ages and distribution of layers of sedimentary rock.
<i>Stratigraphic trap</i>	A stratigraphic trap is formed from a change in the character of the rock rather than faulting or folding of the rock and oil is held in place by changes in the porosity and permeability of overlying rocks.
<i>Submarine fan</i>	A fan-shaped deposit of sediments occurring in a deep water setting where sediments have been transported via mass flow, gravity induced, processes from the shallow to deep water. These systems commonly develop at the bottom of sedimentary basins or at the end of large rivers.
<i>Three-way fault trap</i>	A structural trap where at least one of the components of closure is formed by offset of rock layers across a fault.
<i>Trap</i>	A configuration of rocks suitable for containing hydrocarbons and sealed by a relatively impermeable formation through which hydrocarbons will not migrate.
<i>Undeveloped acreage</i>	Lease acreage on which wells have not been drilled or completed to a point that would permit the production of commercial quantities of natural gas and oil regardless of whether such acreage contains discovered resources.

Table of Contents**KOSMOS ENERGY LTD.****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(In thousands, except share data)**

	<b>March 31, 2012 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 745,288	\$ 673,092
Restricted cash	23,675	23,747
Receivables:		
Joint interest billings	126,506	199,699
Oil sales		109,475
Other	2,700	981
Inventories	40,198	27,101
Prepaid expenses and other	14,126	13,913
Current deferred tax assets	53,785	64,473
Total current assets	1,006,278	1,112,481
Property and equipment:		
Oil and gas properties, net of accumulated depletion of \$174,315 and \$135,622, respectively	1,381,471	1,367,265
Other property, net of accumulated depreciation of \$8,953 and \$8,068, respectively	12,350	9,776
Property and equipment - net	1,393,821	1,377,041
Other assets:		
Restricted cash	3,800	3,800
Deferred financing costs and other assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$8,776 and \$6,582, respectively	54,252	54,847
Long-term deferred tax assets	6,883	3,765
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,465,034</b>	<b>\$ 2,551,934</b>
<b>Liabilities and shareholders equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 201,292	\$ 278,006
Accrued liabilities	39,556	37,194
Derivatives	24,326	24,407
Total current liabilities	265,174	339,607
Long-term liabilities:		
Long-term debt	1,110,000	1,110,000
Derivatives	7,917	8,427
Asset retirement obligations	21,349	20,670
Deferred tax liability	47,751	47,608
Other long-term liabilities	8,154	4,896
Total long-term liabilities	1,195,171	1,191,601
Shareholders equity:		
Preference shares, \$0.01 par value; 200,000,000 authorized shares; zero issued at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011		



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Common shares, \$0.01 par value; 2,000,000,000 authorized shares; 390,865,673 and 390,530,946 issued at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively	3,908	3,905
Additional paid-in capital	1,650,740	1,629,453
Accumulated deficit	(653,689)	(616,148)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	3,736	3,522
Treasury stock, at cost, 650,937 and 649,818 shares at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively	(6)	(6)
Total shareholders' equity	1,004,689	1,020,726
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 2,465,034</b>	<b>\$ 2,551,934</b>

See accompanying notes.

Table of Contents**KOSMOS ENERGY LTD.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS****(In thousands, except per share data)****(Unaudited)**

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Revenues and other income:</b>		
Oil and gas revenue	\$ 115,771	\$ 92,569
Interest income	746	2,354
Other income	30	487
<b>Total revenues and other income</b>	<b>116,547</b>	<b>95,410</b>
<b>Costs and expenses:</b>		
Oil and gas production	7,326	19,995
Exploration expenses	39,644	8,432
General and administrative	39,323	13,287
Depletion and depreciation	31,649	23,498
Amortization - deferred financing costs	2,194	9,611
Interest expense	13,058	20,258
Derivatives, net	3,860	8,871
Loss on extinguishment of debt		59,643
Other expenses, net	748	(23)
<b>Total costs and expenses</b>	<b>137,802</b>	<b>163,572</b>
<b>Loss before income taxes</b>	<b>(21,255)</b>	<b>(68,162)</b>
<b>Income tax expense (benefit)</b>	<b>16,286</b>	<b>(13,511)</b>
<b>Net loss</b>	<b>(37,541)</b>	<b>(54,651)</b>
<b>Accretion to redemption value of convertible preferred units</b>		<b>(16,847)</b>
<b>Net loss attributable to common shareholders/unit holders</b>	<b>\$ (37,541)</b>	<b>\$ (71,498)</b>
<b>Net loss per share attributable to common shareholders:</b>		
Basic	\$ (0.10)	N/A
Diluted	\$ (0.10)	N/A
<b>Weighted average number of shares used to compute net loss per share:</b>		
Basic	369,227	N/A
Diluted	369,227	N/A

See accompanying notes.



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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS**

**(In thousands)**

**(Unaudited)**

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Net loss	\$ (37,541)	\$ (54,651)
Other comprehensive income:		
Reclassification adjustments for derivative losses included in net loss	214	1,458
Income tax benefit		
Other comprehensive income	214	1,458
Comprehensive loss	\$ (37,327)	\$ (53,193)

See accompanying notes.

Table of Contents**KOSMOS ENERGY LTD.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY****(In thousands)****(Unaudited)**

	Common Shares		Additional	Accumulated	Accumulated	Treasury	Total
	Shares	Amount	Paid-in	Deficit	Other	Stock	
			Capital		Comprehensive		
					Income		
Balance as of December 31, 2011	390,531	\$ 3,905	\$ 1,629,453	\$ (616,148)	\$ 3,522	\$ (6)	\$ 1,020,726
Equity-based compensation			21,290				21,290
Derivatives, net					214		214
Restricted stock awards	335	3	(3)				
Net loss				(37,541)			(37,541)
Balance as of March 31, 2012	390,866	\$ 3,908	\$ 1,650,740	\$ (653,689)	\$ 3,736	\$ (6)	\$ 1,004,689

See accompanying notes.

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	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Net loss	\$ (37,541)	\$ (54,651)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	33,843	33,109
Deferred income taxes	7,713	(13,657)
Unsuccessful well costs	8,270	3,444
Derivative related activity	(377)	11,256
Equity-based compensation	21,290	436
Loss on extinguishment of debt		59,643
Other	3,097	(88)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease in receivables	182,519	4,381
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(5,703)	7,420
Increase in prepaid expenses and other	(213)	(746)
Decrease in accounts payable	(72,185)	(55,326)
Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities	4,190	(5,258)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	144,903	(10,037)
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Oil and gas assets	(68,070)	(115,645)
Other property	(3,110)	(427)
Notes receivable		1,726
Restricted cash	72	112,000
Net cash used in investing activities	(71,108)	(2,346)
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Borrowings under long-term debt		1,393,000
Payments on long-term debt		(1,138,000)
Deferred financing costs	(1,599)	(52,328)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(1,599)	202,672
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	72,196	190,289
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	673,092	100,415
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 745,288	\$ 290,704
<b>Supplemental cash flow information</b>		
Cash paid for:		
Interest	\$ 10,177	\$ 18,527
Income taxes	\$ 5,013	\$ 375

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See accompanying notes.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

**1. Organization**

Kosmos Energy Ltd. was incorporated pursuant to the laws of Bermuda in January 2011 to become a holding company for Kosmos Energy Holdings. Kosmos Energy Holdings is a privately held Cayman Islands company that was formed March 5, 2004. As a holding company, Kosmos Energy Ltd.'s management operations are conducted through a wholly owned subsidiary, Kosmos Energy, LLC. The terms "Kosmos," "the Company," "we," "us," "our," "ours," and similar terms when used in the present tense or prospectively or for historical periods since May 16, 2011 refer to Kosmos Energy Ltd. and its wholly owned subsidiaries and for historical periods prior to May 16, 2011 refer to Kosmos Energy Holdings and its wholly owned subsidiaries, unless the context indicates otherwise.

We are an independent oil and gas exploration and production company currently focused on frontier and emerging areas in Africa and South America. Our asset portfolio includes existing production, discoveries and exploration prospects offshore Ghana, as well as petroleum contracts offshore Mauritania, Morocco and Suriname and onshore Cameroon. Kosmos Energy Ltd. transitioned from its development stage to operational activities in January 2011. Accordingly, reporting as a development stage company is no longer deemed necessary.

We have one business segment, which is the exploration and production of oil and natural gas.

**2. Accounting Policies**

**General**

The interim-period financial information presented in the consolidated financial statements included in this report is unaudited and, in the opinion of management, includes all adjustments of a normal recurring nature necessary to present fairly the consolidated financial position as of March 31, 2012, the consolidated results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, and consolidated cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011. The results of the interim periods shown in this report are not necessarily indicative of the final results to be expected for the full year. These consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011, included in our annual report on Form 10-K.

**Principles of Consolidation**



The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Kosmos Energy Ltd. and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of all demand deposits and funds invested in highly liquid instruments with original maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase.

#### **Restricted Cash**

As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we had \$23.7 million of current restricted cash. In accordance with our commercial debt facility, we are required to maintain a balance that is sufficient to meet the payment of interest and fees for the next six-month period. Additionally, as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we had \$3.8 million of long-term restricted cash related to cash collateralization for performance guarantees related to our petroleum agreements.

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**Receivables**

The Company's receivables consist of joint interest billings, oil sales and other receivables for which the Company generally does not require collateral security. Receivables from joint interest owners are stated at amounts due, net of any allowances for doubtful accounts. We determine our allowance by considering the length of time past due, future net revenues of the debtor's ownership interest in oil and natural gas properties we operate, and the owner's ability to pay its obligation, among other things. The Company did not have any allowances for doubtful accounts as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

**Inventories**

Inventories consisted of \$25.5 million and \$26.9 million of materials and supplies and \$14.7 million and \$0.2 million of hydrocarbons as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. The Company's materials and supplies inventory primarily consists of casing and wellheads and is stated at the lower of cost, using the weighted average cost method, or market.

Hydrocarbon inventory is carried at the lower of cost, using the weighted average cost method, or market. Hydrocarbon inventory costs include expenditures and other charges (including depletion) directly and indirectly incurred in bringing the inventory to its existing condition. Selling expenses and general and administrative expenses are reported as period costs and excluded from inventory costs.

**Exploration and Development Costs**

The Company follows the successful efforts method of accounting for its oil and gas properties. Acquisition costs for proved and unproved properties are capitalized when incurred. Costs of unproved properties are transferred to proved properties when a determination that proved reserves have been found. Exploration costs, including geological and geophysical costs and costs of carrying unproved properties, are expensed as incurred. Exploratory drilling costs are capitalized when incurred. If exploratory wells are determined to be commercially unsuccessful or dry holes, the applicable costs are expensed and recorded in exploration expenses on the consolidated statement of operations. Costs incurred to drill and equip development wells, including unsuccessful development wells, are capitalized. Costs incurred to operate and maintain wells and equipment and to lift oil and natural gas to the surface are expensed.

The Company evaluates unproved property periodically for impairment. These costs are generally related to the acquisition of leasehold costs. The impairment assessment considers results of exploration activities, commodity price outlooks, planned future sales or expiration of all or a portion of such projects. If the quantity of potential future reserves determined by such evaluations is not sufficient to fully recover the cost invested in each project, the Company will recognize an impairment loss at that time.

**Depletion, Depreciation and Amortization**

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Proved properties and support equipment and facilities are depleted using the unit-of-production method based on estimated proved oil and natural gas reserves. Capitalized exploratory drilling costs that result in a discovery of proved reserves and development costs are amortized using the unit-of-production method based on estimated proved oil and natural gas reserves for the related field.

Depreciation and amortization of other property is computed using the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives (not to exceed the lease term for leasehold improvements), ranging from three to eight years.

	<b>Years Depreciated</b>
Leasehold improvements	6 to 8
Office furniture, fixtures and computer equipment	3 to 7
Vehicles	5

Amortization of deferred financing costs is computed using the straight-line method over the life of the related debt.

### **Capitalized Interest**

Interest costs from external borrowings are capitalized on major projects with an expected construction period of one year or longer. Capitalized interest is added to the cost of the underlying asset and is amortized over the useful lives of the assets in the same manner as the underlying assets.

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**Asset Retirement Obligations**

The Company accounts for asset retirement obligations as required by ASC 410 Asset Retirement and Environmental Obligations. Under these standards, the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized in the period in which it is incurred if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. If a reasonable estimate of fair value cannot be made in the period the asset retirement obligation is incurred, the liability is recognized when a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. If a tangible long-lived asset with an existing asset retirement obligation is acquired, a liability for that obligation is recognized at the asset's acquisition date. In addition, a liability for the fair value of a conditional asset retirement obligation is recorded if the fair value of the liability can be reasonably estimated. We capitalize the asset retirement costs by increasing the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset by the same amount as the liability. We record increases in the discounted abandonment liability resulting from the passage of time in depletion and depreciation in the consolidated statement of operations.

**Variable Interest Entity**

A variable interest entity ( VIE ), as defined by ASC 810 Consolidation, is an entity that by design has insufficient equity to permit it to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support or equity holders that lack the characteristics of a controlling financial interest. VIEs are consolidated by the primary beneficiary, which is the entity that has the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the VIE's performance and will absorb losses or receive benefits from the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE.

Our wholly owned subsidiaries, Kosmos Energy Finance and Kosmos Energy Finance International, meet the definition of a VIE. The Company is the primary beneficiary of these VIEs, which are consolidated in these financial statements.

Kosmos Energy Finance did not have any assets or liabilities as of March 31, 2012, and December 31, 2011, and will have no financial statement activity in the future.

Prior to the incorporation of Kosmos Energy Finance International on March 18, 2011, Kosmos Energy Finance International did not have any financial statement activity. Kosmos Energy Finance International's assets and liabilities are shown separately on the face of the consolidated balance sheet as of March 31, 2012, and December 31, 2011, in the following line items: current restricted cash; long-term debt; and current and long-term derivatives liabilities. At March 31, 2012, Kosmos Energy Finance International had \$230.1 million in cash and cash equivalents, \$53.9 million in deferred financing costs and other assets, \$1.3 million in accrued liabilities and \$4.7 million in other long-term liabilities. At December 31, 2011, Kosmos Energy Finance International had \$231.6 million in cash and cash equivalents, \$0.1 million in other receivables, \$54.8 million in deferred financing costs and other assets, \$1.2 million in accrued liabilities and \$3.0 million in other long-term liabilities.

**Impairment of Long-lived Assets**

The Company reviews its long-lived assets for impairment when changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. ASC 360 Property, Plant and Equipment requires an impairment loss to be recognized if the carrying amount of a long-lived asset is not recoverable and exceeds its fair value. The carrying amount of a long-lived asset is not recoverable if it exceeds the sum of the

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undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset. That assessment shall be based on the carrying amount of the asset at the date it is tested for recoverability, whether in use or under development. An impairment loss shall be measured as the amount by which the carrying amount of a long-lived asset exceeds its fair value. Assets to be disposed of and assets not expected to provide any future service potential to the Company are recorded at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell.

### **Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

We utilize oil derivative contracts to mitigate our exposure to commodity price risk associated with our anticipated future oil production. These derivative contracts consist of deferred premium puts and compound options (calls on puts). We also use interest rate swap contracts to mitigate our exposure to interest rate fluctuations related to our long-term debt. Our derivative financial instruments are recorded on the balance sheet as either an asset or a liability measured at fair value. We do not apply hedge accounting to our oil derivative contracts. Effective June 1, 2010, we discontinued hedge accounting on our interest rate swap contracts and accordingly the changes in the fair value of the instruments are recognized in earnings in the period the change occurred. See Note 10 Derivative Financial Instruments.

### **Estimates of Proved Oil and Natural Gas Reserves**

Reserve quantities and the related estimates of future net cash flows affect our periodic calculations of depletion and impairment of our oil and natural gas properties. Proved oil and natural gas reserves are the estimated quantities of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids that geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be recoverable in future

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periods from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions. As additional proved reserves are discovered, reserve quantities and future cash flows will be estimated by independent petroleum consultants and prepared in accordance with guidelines established by the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) and the FASB. The accuracy of these reserve estimates is a function of:

- the engineering and geological interpretation of available data;
- estimates of the amount and timing of future operating cost, production taxes, development cost and workover cost;
- the accuracy of various mandated economic assumptions; and
- the judgments of the persons preparing the estimates.

**Revenue Recognition**

We use the sales method of accounting for oil and gas revenues. Under this method, we recognize revenues on the volumes sold. The volumes sold may be more or less than the volumes to which we are entitled based on our ownership interest in the property. These differences result in a condition known in the industry as a production imbalance.

**Stock-based Compensation**

For stock-based compensation equity awards, compensation expense is recognized in the Company's financial statements over the awards' vesting periods based on their grant date fair value. The Company utilizes (i) the closing stock price on the date of grant to determine the fair value of service vesting restricted stock awards and (ii) a Monte Carlo simulation to determine the fair value of restricted stock awards with a combination of market and service vesting criteria.

**Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes as required by ASC 740 Income Taxes. Under this method, deferred income taxes are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amounts expected to be realized. On a quarterly basis, management evaluates the need for and adequacy of valuation allowances based on the expected realizability

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of the deferred tax assets and adjusts the amount of such allowances, if necessary. See Note 15 Income Taxes.

We recognize tax benefits from uncertain tax positions only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. Accordingly, we measure tax benefits from such positions based on the most likely outcome to be realized.

### **Foreign Currency Translation**

The U.S. dollar is the functional currency for the Company's foreign operations. Foreign currency transaction gains and losses and adjustments resulting from translating monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are included in other expenses. Cash balances held in foreign currencies are de minimis, and as such, the effect of exchange rate changes is not material to any reporting period.

### **Concentration of Credit Risk**

There are a variety of factors which affect the market for oil, including the proximity and capacity of transportation facilities, demand for oil, the marketing of competitive fuels and the effects of government regulations on oil production and sales. Our revenue can be materially affected by current economic conditions and the price of oil. However, based on the current demand for crude oil and the fact that alternative purchasers are readily available, we believe that the loss of our marketing agent and/or any of the purchasers identified by our marketing agent would not have a long-term material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations. We have required our marketing agent to post a letter of credit covering the estimated proceeds from our revenue transactions, until such proceeds are received.

### **3. Acquisition of FPSO**

Effective May 7, 2010, Tullow Ghana Limited, a subsidiary of Tullow Oil plc, ( Tullow ) as Unit Operator for and on behalf of the Jubilee Unit partners under the Unitization and Unit Operating Agreement ( Jubilee UUOA ), entered into the Advance Payments Agreement with MODEC, Inc. ( MODEC ) related to partial funding of the construction of the FPSO. The maturity date of

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the Advance Payments Agreement was extended from September 15, 2011 through the acquisition date of the FPSO.

On December 29, 2011, Tullow as Unit Operator for and on behalf of the Jubilee Unit partners under the Jubilee UUOA, acquired the FPSO we are using to produce hydrocarbons from the Jubilee Field from MODEC for \$754.5 million, or \$202.6 million net to Kosmos. At the time of the acquisition of the FPSO, our note receivable under the Advance Payments Agreement was \$102.8 million. To fund the purchase, we paid \$99.8 million in cash and applied the note receivable due under the Advance Payments Agreement to the purchase. As of December 31, 2011 the remaining balance under the Advance Payments Agreement was zero. The acquisition was recorded as an increase to oil and gas property. Prior to the acquisition of the FPSO, the Jubilee Unit leased the FPSO from MODEC. The lease costs were recorded as oil and gas production costs.

#### **4. Jubilee Field Unitization**

The Jubilee Field in Ghana, discovered by the Mahogany-1 well in June 2007, covers an area within both the West Cape Three Points ( WCTP ) and Deepwater Tano ( DT ) Blocks. Consistent with the Ghanaian Petroleum Law, the WCTP and DT Petroleum Agreements ( PAs ) and as required by Ghana's Ministry of Energy, it was agreed the Jubilee Field would be unitized for optimal resource recovery. Kosmos and its partners negotiated a comprehensive unit operating agreement, the Jubilee UUOA, to unitize the Jubilee Field and govern each party's respective rights and duties in the Jubilee Unit. On July 13, 2009, the Ministry of Energy provided its written approval of the Jubilee UUOA. The Jubilee UUOA was executed by all parties and was effective July 16, 2009. The tract participations were 50% for each block. Tullow is the Unit Operator, and Kosmos is the Technical Operator for the development of the Jubilee Field. Pursuant to the terms of the Jubilee UUOA, the tract participations are subject to a process of redetermination. The initial redetermination process was completed on October 14, 2011. Any party to the Jubilee UUOA with more than a 10% Unit Interest (participating interest in the Jubilee Unit) may call for a second redetermination after December 1, 2013. As a result of the initial redetermination process, the tract participation was determined to be 54.36660% for the WCTP Block and 45.63340% for the DT Block. Our Unit Interest was increased from 23.50868% (our percentage after Tullow's acquisition of EO Group Limited ( EO Group ) see Note 5 Joint Interest Billings) to 24.07710%. The consolidated financial statements are based on these re-determined tract participations. As a result of the change in our Unit Interest, we recorded increases in joint interest billings receivables, oil and gas properties, notes receivable, inventories, oil and gas production expenses and general and administrative expenses of \$67.6 million, \$22.1 million, \$2.5 million, \$0.4 million, \$1.6 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, and an increase of \$94.4 million in accounts payable as of December 31, 2011. Our capital costs related to the increased Unit Interest is expected to be paid during 2012. Although the Jubilee Field is unitized, Kosmos working interest in each block outside the boundary of the Jubilee Unit area did not change. Kosmos remains operator of the WCTP Block outside the Jubilee Unit area.

#### **5. Joint Interest Billings**

The Company's joint interest billings consist of receivables from partners with interests in common oil and gas properties operated by the Company. Joint interest billings are classified on the face of the consolidated balance sheets as current or long-term receivables based on when collection is expected to occur. As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we had \$126.5 million and \$199.7 million, respectively, included in current joint interest billings receivable. There were no long-term joint interest billings as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

EO Group's share of costs under the WCTP PA incurred attributable to its WCTP Block interest were paid by Kosmos until first production. EO Group was required to reimburse Kosmos for all development costs paid on EO Group's behalf upon commencement of production in 2010.



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On July 22, 2011, Tullow acquired EO Group's entire 3.5% interest in the WCTP PA, including the correlative interest in the Jubilee Unit. As a result of the transaction, we received full repayment of the long-term joint interest billing receivable related to Jubilee Field development costs we paid on EO Group's behalf. The related valuation allowance of \$39.8 million was reversed during the second quarter of 2011. In addition, our participation interest in the Jubilee Unit increased 0.01738%. This resulted from the elimination of EO Group's carry by the other Jubilee owners of GNPC's additional paying interest of 3.75% in the Jubilee Unit. Our working interest in the remainder of the WCTP Block was not changed by the transaction and remains 30.875% (before giving effect to GNPC's optional additional paying interest).

Table of Contents**6. Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment is stated at cost and consisted of the following:

	<b>March 31, 2012</b>		<b>December 31, 2011</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Oil and gas properties, net:			
Proved properties	\$ 624,367	\$	607,338
Unproved properties	326,839		294,701
Support equipment and facilities	604,580		600,848
Less: accumulated depletion	(174,315)		(135,622)
	\$ 1,381,471	\$	1,367,265

We recorded depletion expense of \$30.1 million and \$22.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The Company had depletion costs of \$8.7 million and nil included in crude oil inventory and other receivables as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively.

**7. Suspended Well Costs**

The Company capitalizes exploratory well costs into oil and gas properties until a determination is made that the well has either found proved reserves or is impaired. If proved reserves are found, the capitalized exploratory well costs are reclassified to proved properties. The well costs are charged to expense if the exploratory well is determined to be impaired.

The following table reflects the Company's capitalized exploratory well costs on completed wells as of and during the three months ended March 31, 2012. The table excludes \$5.7 million in costs that were capitalized and subsequently expensed in the same period.

	<b>March 31, 2012 (In thousands)</b>
Beginning balance (January 1, 2012)	\$ 267,592
Additions to capitalized exploratory well costs pending the determination of proved reserves	39,674
Reclassification due to determination of proved reserves	
Capitalized exploratory well costs charged to expense	(2,627)
Ending balance (March 31, 2012)	\$ 304,639

The following table provides aging of capitalized exploratory well costs based on the date drilling was completed and the number of projects for which exploratory well costs have been capitalized for more than one year since the completion of drilling:

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	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
	(In thousands, except well counts)	
Exploratory well costs capitalized for a period of one year or less	\$ 115,768	\$ 132,838
Exploratory well costs capitalized for a period one to three years	188,871	134,754
Ending balance	\$ 304,639	\$ 267,592
Number of projects with exploratory well costs that have been capitalized for more than one year	6	3

As of March 31, 2012, the projects with exploratory well costs capitalized for more than one year since the completion of drilling are related to the Mahogany Area (formerly known as the Mahogany East Area), Teak-1 and Teak-2 discoveries in the WCTP Block and the Tweneboa, Enyenra and Ntomme discoveries in the DT Block.

**Mahogany Area** The Mahogany area, a combined area covering parts of the Mahogany discovery and the Mahogany Deep discovery area was declared commercial in September 2010, and a PoD was submitted to Ghana's Ministry of Energy as of May 2, 2011. In a letter dated May 16, 2011, the Ministry of Energy did not approve the PoD and requested that the WCTP Block partners take certain steps regarding notifications of discovery and commerciality; and requested other information. The WCTP Block partners believe the combined submission was proper and have held meetings with GNPC which resolved issues relating to the PoD work program. From May 2011, GNPC and the WCTP Block partners continued working to resolve other differences; however, the WCTP PA contains specific timelines for PoD approval and discussions, which expired at the end of June 2011. On June 30, 2011, we, as Operator of the WCTP Block and on behalf of the WCTP Block partners, delivered a Notice of Dispute to the Ministry of Energy as provided under the WCTP PA, which is the initial step in triggering the formal dispute resolution process under the WCTP PA with the Government of Ghana regarding approval of the Mahogany PoD. This Notice of Dispute establishes a process for negotiation and consultation for a period of 30 days (or longer if mutually agreed) among senior representatives from the Ministry of Energy, GNPC

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and the WCTP Block partners to resolve the matter of approval of the PoD. We and the WCTP Block partners continue discussions with the Ministry of Energy and GNPC to resolve differences on the PoD.

**Teak-1 Discovery** Two appraisal wells have been drilled. Following additional appraisal, drilling and evaluation, a decision regarding commerciality of the Teak-1 discovery is expected to be made by the WCTP Block partners in 2013. Within six months of such a declaration, a PoD would be prepared and submitted to Ghana's Ministry of Energy, as required under the WCTP PA.

**Teak-2 Discovery** We are reprocessing seismic data and plan to perform a gauge installation. Following appraisal and evaluation, a decision regarding commerciality of the Teak-2 discovery is expected to be made by the WCTP Block partners in 2013. Within six months of such a declaration, a PoD would be prepared and submitted to Ghana's Ministry of Energy, as required under the WCTP PA.

**Ntomme Discovery** One appraisal well has been drilled. Following additional appraisal and evaluation, a decision regarding commerciality of the Ntomme discovery is expected to be made by the DT Block partners in the third quarter of 2012. Within six months of such a declaration, a PoD would be prepared and submitted to Ghana's Ministry of Energy, as required under the DT PA.

**Tweneboa Discovery** Three appraisal wells have been drilled. Following additional appraisal and evaluation, a decision regarding commerciality of the Tweneboa discovery is expected to be made by the DT Block partners by January 2013. Within six months of such a declaration, a PoD would be prepared and submitted to Ghana's Ministry of Energy, as required under the DT PA. However, the DT Block partners have the option to request a new petroleum agreement for the Tweneboa discovery area, thereby extending the period of commercial assessment of the discovery.

**Enyenra Discovery** Four appraisal wells have been drilled. Following additional appraisal, drilling and evaluation, a decision regarding commerciality of the Enyenra discovery is expected to be made by the DT Block partners in the third quarter of 2012. Within six months of such a declaration, a PoD would be prepared and submitted to Ghana's Ministry of Energy, as required under the DT PA.

**8. Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities**

At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, \$201.3 million and \$278.0 million, respectively, were recorded for invoices received but not paid. Accrued liabilities were \$39.6 million and \$37.2 million at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively, and consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
	(In thousands)	
<b>Accrued liabilities:</b>		
Accrued exploration, development and production	\$ 21,807	\$ 27,666
Accrued general and administrative expenses	5,524	2,159
Accrued interest	1,310	1,208

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Taxes other than income	2,293	1,095
Income taxes	8,622	5,066
	\$ 39,556	\$ 37,194

### 9. Debt

In March 2011, the Company secured a \$2.0 billion commercial debt facility (the Facility) from a number of financial institutions and extinguished the then existing commercial debt facilities. The Facility supports our oil and gas exploration, appraisal and development programs and corporate activities. The total loan commitments of the Facility may be increased up to a maximum of \$3.0 billion if the lenders increase their commitments or if loan commitments from new financial institutions are added. The International Finance Corporation entered the Facility in February 2012. The terms and conditions of the Facility remained consistent with the original terms and conditions, and the total commitment under the Facility remained unchanged.

As part of the debt refinancing in March 2011, we recorded a \$59.6 million loss on the extinguishment of debt. Additionally, we have \$61.3 million of deferred financing costs related to the Facility, which are being amortized over the term of the Facility.

As of March 31, 2012, borrowings under the Facility totaled \$1.1 billion and the undrawn availability under the Facility was an additional \$128.0 million. See Note 17 Subsequent Events. Interest expense was \$10.5 million and \$15.6 million (net of capitalized interest of \$1.4 million and \$1.2 million), and commitment fees were \$1.7 million and \$2.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

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The interest is the aggregate of the applicable margin (3.25% to 4.75%, depending on the amount of the Facility that is being utilized and the length of time that has passed from the date the Facility was entered into); LIBOR; and mandatory cost (if any, as defined in the Facility). Interest is payable on the last day of each interest period (and, if the interest period is longer than six months, on the dates falling at six-month intervals after the first day of the interest period). Kosmos pays commitment fees on the undrawn and unavailable portion of the total commitments. Commitment fees for the lenders are equal to 40% per annum of the then-applicable respective margin when a commitment is available for utilization and, equal to 20% per annum of the then-applicable respective margin when a commitment is not available for utilization. The Company recognizes interest expense in accordance with ASC 835 Interest, which requires interest expense to be recognized using the effective interest method. We determined the effective interest rate based on the estimated level of borrowings under the Facility. Accordingly, we recognized additional interest expense of \$1.8 million and zero during the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

The Facility provides a revolving-credit and letter of credit facility for an availability period that expires on May 15, 2014 (in the case of the revolving-credit facility) and on the final maturity date (in the case of the letter of credit facility). The available facility amount is subject to borrowing base constraints and also is constrained by the amortization schedule (once repayments under the Facility begin). As of May 15, 2014, outstanding borrowings will be subject to an amortization schedule. The first required payment could be as early as June 15, 2014, subject to the level of outstanding borrowings. The Facility has a final maturity date of March 29, 2018.

Kosmos has the right to cancel all the undrawn commitments under the Facility. The amount of funds available to be borrowed under the Facility, also known as the borrowing base amount, is determined each year on June 15 and December 15 as part of a forecast that is prepared by and agreed to by Kosmos and the Technical and Modeling Banks. The formula to calculate the borrowing base amount is based, in part, on the sum of the net present values of net cash flows and relevant capital expenditures reduced by certain percentages. See Note 17 Subsequent Events.

If an event of default exists under the Facility, the lenders can accelerate the maturity and exercise other rights and remedies, including the enforcement of security granted pursuant to the Facility over certain assets held by us.

We were in compliance with the financial covenants contained in the Facility as of the April 19, 2012, our most recent forecast date, which requires the maintenance of:

- the field life cover ratio, not less than 1.30x; and
- the loan life cover ratio, not less than 1.10x,

in each case, as calculated on the basis of all available information. The field life cover ratio is broadly defined, for each applicable forecast period, as the ratio of (x) net present value of net cash flow through the depletion of the Jubilee Field plus the net present value of capital expenditures incurred in relation to the Jubilee Field and certain other fields in Ghana, to (y) the aggregate loan amounts outstanding under the Facility. The loan life cover ratio is broadly defined, for each applicable forecast period, as the ratio of (x) net present value of net cash flow through the final maturity date of the Facility plus the net present value of capital expenditures incurred in relation to the Jubilee Field and certain other fields in Ghana, to (y) the aggregate loan amounts outstanding under the Facility.

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At March 31, 2012, the scheduled maturities of debt during the five year period and thereafter are as follows:

	2012 (1)	2013	2014	Payments Due by Year 2015 (In thousands)	2016	Thereafter
Commercial debt facility(2)	\$	\$	\$	\$ 110,000	\$ 444,444	\$ 555,556

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(1) Represents payments for the period April 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

(2) The scheduled maturities of debt are based on the level of borrowings and the available borrowing base as of March 31, 2012. Any increases or decreases in the level of borrowings or decreases in the available borrowing base would impact the scheduled maturities of debt during the five year period and thereafter.

### 10. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company uses financial derivative contracts to manage exposures to commodity price and interest rate fluctuations. We do not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

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The Company applies the provisions of ASC 815 Derivatives and Hedging, which require each derivative instrument to be recorded in the balance sheet at fair value. If a derivative has not been designated as a hedge or does not otherwise qualify for hedge accounting, it must be adjusted to fair value through earnings. The Company does not apply hedge accounting treatment to its oil derivative contracts and, therefore, the changes in the fair values of these instruments are recognized in earnings in the period the change occurred. These fair value changes are shown in our statement of operations.

Effective June 1, 2010, the Company discontinued hedge accounting on all interest rate derivative instruments. Therefore, the Company recognizes, from that date forward, changes in the fair value of the instruments in earnings during the period of change. The effective portions of the discontinued hedges as of May 31, 2010, are included in accumulated other comprehensive income or loss ( AOCI(L) ) in the equity section of the accompanying consolidated balance sheets, and are being transferred to earnings when the hedged transaction is recognized in earnings.

**Oil Derivative Contracts**

In 2010, we entered into various oil derivative contracts to provide an economic hedge of our exposure to commodity price risk associated with anticipated future oil production. These contracts consist of deferred premium puts and compound options (calls on puts).

The Company manages market and counterparty credit risk in accordance with policies and guidelines approved by the Board of Directors. In accordance with these policies and guidelines, the Company's management determines the appropriate timing and extent of derivative transactions. We have included an estimate of nonperformance risk in the fair value measurement of our commodity derivative contracts as required by ASC 820 Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures.

The following table sets forth the volumes in barrels underlying the Company's outstanding oil derivative contracts and the weighted average Dated Brent prices per bbl for those contracts as of March 31, 2012:

	Bbl/day	Weighted Average Floor Price	Weighted Average Deferred Premium/bbl
<b>Oil derivatives:</b>			
Deferred premium puts			
April 2012 – December 2012	4,655	\$ 62.34	\$ 7.00
January 2013 – December 2013	2,515	\$ 61.73	\$ 7.32
Compound options (calls on puts)			
July 2012 – December 2012(1)	5,399	\$ 66.48	\$ 6.73
January 2013 – June 2013(1)	3,855	\$ 66.48	\$ 7.10

(1) The calls expire on June 29, 2012, and have a weighted average premium of \$4.82/bbl. If the call is not exercised before the expiration date, the right to these puts will expire on such date.



**Interest Rate Swaps Derivative Contracts**

In 2010, Kosmos entered into derivative instruments in the form of interest rate swaps, which hedge risk related to interest rate fluctuation, whereby it converts the interest due on certain floating rate debt to a weighted average fixed rate. The following table summarizes our open interest rate swaps as of March 31, 2012:

<b>Termination Date</b>	<b>Notional Amount (In thousands)</b>	<b>Fixed Rate</b>	<b>Floating Rate</b>
June 2014	\$ 77,500	0.98%	6-month LIBOR
June 2015	\$ 75,007	1.34%	6-month LIBOR
June 2016	\$ 161,250	2.22%	6-month LIBOR
June 2016	\$ 161,250	2.31%	6-month LIBOR

Effective June 1, 2010, the Company discontinued hedge accounting on all existing interest rate derivative instruments. Prior to June 1, 2010, any ineffectiveness on the interest rate swaps was immaterial; therefore, no amount was recorded in earnings for ineffectiveness. We have included an estimate of nonperformance risk in the fair value measurement of our interest rate derivative contracts as required by ASC 820 Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures.

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The following tables disclose the Company's derivative instruments as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011:

Type of Contract	Balance Sheet Location	Estimated Fair Value Asset (Liability)	
		March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
(In thousands)			
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:			
Derivative asset:			
Commodity	Derivatives assets - current	\$	\$
Interest rate	Derivatives assets - current		
Commodity	Derivatives assets - noncurrent		
Interest rate	Derivatives assets - noncurrent		
Derivative liability:			
Commodity	Derivatives liabilities - current	(19,082)	(20,303)
Interest rate	Derivatives liabilities - current	(5,244)	(4,104)
Commodity	Derivatives liabilities - long-term	(4,377)	(4,457)
Interest rate	Derivatives liabilities - long-term	(3,540)	(3,970)
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments		\$ (32,243)	\$ (32,834)

Type of Contract	Location of Gain/(Loss)	Amount of Gain/(Loss) Three Months Ended March 31,	
		2012	2011
(In thousands)			
Derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships:			
Interest rate(1)	Interest expense	\$ (214)	\$ (1,458)
Total derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships		\$ (214)	\$ (1,458)
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:			
Commodity	Derivatives, net	\$ (3,860)	\$ (8,871)
Interest rate	Interest expense	(710)	(927)
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments		\$ (4,570)	\$ (9,798)

(1) Amounts were reclassified from AOCI(L) into earnings.

The fair value of the effective portion of the derivative contracts on May 31, 2010, is reflected in AOCI(L) and is being transferred to interest expense over the remaining term of the contracts. In accordance with the mark-to-market method of accounting, the Company recognizes changes in fair values of its derivative contracts as gains or losses in earnings during the period in which they occur. The Company expects to reclassify \$0.1 million of losses from AOCI(L) to interest expense within the next 12 months. See Note 11 Fair Value Measurements for additional information regarding the Company's derivative instruments.

**11. Fair Value Measurements**

In accordance with ASC 820 Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, fair value measurements are based upon inputs that market participants use in pricing an asset or liability, which are classified into two categories: observable inputs and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs represent market data obtained from independent sources, whereas unobservable inputs reflect a company's own market assumptions, which are used if observable inputs are not reasonably available without undue cost and effort. We prioritize the inputs used in measuring fair value into the following fair value hierarchy:

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- Level 1 quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
  
- Level 2 quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability and inputs derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
  
- Level 3 unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The fair value input hierarchy level to which an asset or liability measurement in its entirety falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the measurement in its entirety.

The following tables present the Company's assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, for each fair value hierarchy level:

	Fair Value Measurements Using:			Total
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
(In thousands)				
<b>March 31, 2012</b>				
Assets:				
Money market accounts	\$ 385,866	\$	\$	\$ 385,866
Liabilities:				
Commodity derivatives		(23,459)		(23,459)
Interest rate derivatives		(8,784)		(8,784)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 385,866</b>	<b>\$ (32,243)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 353,623</b>
<b>December 31, 2011</b>				
Assets:				
Money market accounts (1)	\$ 489,761	\$	\$	\$ 489,761
Liabilities:				
Commodity derivatives		(24,760)		(24,760)
Interest rate derivatives		(8,074)		(8,074)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 489,761</b>	<b>\$ (32,834)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 456,927</b>

(1) As reported in our annual report on Form 10-K, the Level 1 fair value measurements excluded \$27.5 million. The table has been revised to properly include this amount.

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All fair values have been adjusted for nonperformance risk resulting in a decrease of the commodity derivative liabilities of approximately \$0.6 million and a decrease of the interest rate derivatives of approximately \$0.3 million as of March 31, 2012. When the accumulated net present value for all of the derivative contracts with a counterparty is in an asset position, the Company uses the counterparty's credit default swap (CDS) rates to estimate non-performance risk. When the accumulated net present value for all derivative contracts for a counterparty are in a liability position, we use our internal rate of borrowing to estimate our non-performance risk.

The book values of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, joint interest billings, oil sales and other receivables, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments. The carrying values of our debt approximates fair value since they are subject to short-term floating interest rates that approximate the rates available to the Company for those periods. The Company's long-term receivables after any allowances for doubtful accounts approximate fair value.

### **Commodity Derivatives**

The Company's commodity derivatives represent crude oil deferred premium puts and compound options for notional barrels of oil at fixed Dated Brent oil prices. The values attributable to the Company's oil derivatives are based on (i) the contracted notional volumes, (ii) independent active futures price quotes for Dated Brent, (iii) a credit-adjusted yield curve applicable to each counterparty by reference to the CDS market and (iv) an independently sourced estimate of volatility for Dated Brent. The volatility estimate was provided by certain independent brokers who are active in buying and selling oil options and was corroborated by market-quoted volatility factors. The deferred premium is included in the fair market value of the puts and compound options. The Company's commodity derivative liability measurements represent Level 2 inputs in the hierarchy priority. See Note 10 Derivative Financial Instruments for additional information regarding the Company's derivative instruments.

### **Interest Rate Derivatives**

As of March 31, 2012 the Company had interest rate swaps with notional amounts of \$475.0 million, whereby the Company pays a fixed rate of interest and the counterparty pays a variable LIBOR-based rate. The values attributable to the Company's interest

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rate derivative contracts are based on (i) the contracted notional amounts, (ii) LIBOR yield curves provided by independent third parties and corroborated with forward active market-quoted LIBOR yield curves and (iii) a credit-adjusted yield curve as applicable to each counterparty by reference to the CDS market. The Company's interest rate derivative asset and liability measurements represent Level 2 inputs in the hierarchy priority.

**12. Asset Retirement Obligations**

The following table summarizes the changes in the Company's asset retirement obligations:

	<b>March 31, 2012</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>
Asset retirement obligations:	
Beginning asset retirement obligations	\$ 20,670
Liabilities incurred during period	
Revisions in estimated retirement obligations	
Liabilities settled during period	
Accretion expense	679
Ending asset retirement obligations	\$ 21,349

The Ghanaian legal and regulatory regime regarding oil field abandonment and other environmental matters is evolving. Currently, no Ghanaian environmental regulations expressly require that companies abandon or remove offshore assets although under international industry standards we would do so. The Petroleum Law provides for restoration that includes removal of property and abandonment of wells, but further states the manner of such removal and abandonment will be as provided in the Regulations; however, such Regulations have not been promulgated. Under the Environmental Permit for the Jubilee Field, a decommissioning plan will be prepared and submitted to the Ghana Environmental Protection Agency. ASC 410 Asset Retirement and Environmental Obligations requires the Company to recognize this liability in the period in which the liability was incurred. We have recorded an asset retirement obligation for fields that have commenced production, including wells in progress in such fields. Additional asset retirement obligations will be recorded in the period in which wells within such producing fields are commissioned.

**13. Convertible Preferred Units**

Contemporaneous with Kosmos Energy Ltd.'s IPO, the Series A Convertible Preferred Units (Series A Units), Series B Convertible Preferred Units (Series B Units) and Series C Convertible Preferred Units (Series C Units) of Kosmos Energy Holdings were exchanged into our common shares based on the pre-offering equity value of such interests. This resulted in the Series A Units, Series B Units and Series C Units being exchanged into 163.1 million; 109.8 million; and 4.8 million common shares of Kosmos Energy Ltd., respectively, or 277.7 million common shares in the aggregate. The common shares have one vote per share and a par value of \$0.01. The exchange of the Convertible Preferred Units had the effect of increasing the book value of shareholders' equity by approximately \$1.0 billion. Accretion to redemption value of the Convertible Preferred Units was recorded through the date of the exchange. After the date of the exchange, the related accretion on the Convertible Preferred Units ceased to accrue and all rights of the holders with respect to the Convertible Preferred Units terminated, except for the right to receive shares of common shares issuable upon the exchange and the rights entitled to a holder of a common share.

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The Convertible Preferred Units were issued in separate series at an issue price of \$10 per unit, \$25 per unit, and \$28.25 per unit, respectively. Under the Fourth Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of Kosmos Energy Holdings, as amended, (the Agreement) governing Kosmos Energy Holdings, the Convertible Preferred Units received distributions, if any, equal to the Accreted Value of the units, prior to any distributions to the common unit holders. The Accreted Value was defined in the Agreement as the unit purchase price plus the preferred return amount per unit equal to 7% of the Accreted Value per annum (compounded quarterly) for the first nine years after the year of Kosmos Energy Holdings' initial operating agreement and 14% of the Accreted Value per annum (compounded quarterly) thereafter, unless a monetization event (as defined in the Agreement) occurred at which time the preferred return would revert to 7%. The holders of the Convertible Preferred Units received the accumulated preferred return upon the consummation of our IPO, as defined in the Agreement. The accumulated preferred return on the Convertible Preferred Units was recorded through the date of the offering. The amount was applied to additional paid-in capital first, with the remaining amount applied to the accumulated deficit. The Convertible Preferred Units were classified as mezzanine equity at December 31, 2010, as Kosmos Energy Holdings could not solely control the type of consideration issuable on the exchange and the Convertible Preferred Unit holders controlled Kosmos Energy Holdings' Board of Directors.

We recorded accretion on the Convertible Preferred Units of zero and \$16.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

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Prior to our corporate reorganization, Kosmos Energy Holdings issued common units designated as profit units with a threshold value of \$0.85 to \$90 to employees, management and directors. Profit units, the defined term in the related agreements, are equity awards that are measured on the grant date and expensed over a vesting period of four years. Founding management and directors vested 20% as of the date of issuance and an additional 20% on the anniversary date for each of the next four years. Profit units issued to employees vested 50% on the second and fourth anniversary of the issuance date. Of the 100 million authorized common units, 15.7 million were designated as profit units.

The following is a summary of the Kosmos Energy Holdings profit unit activity immediately prior to the corporate reorganization:

	<b>Profit Units (In thousands)</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value</b>
Outstanding at December 31, 2010	13,910	\$ 1.76
Granted	1,783	15.71
Relinquished	(2,503)	0.12
Outstanding at May 16, 2011	13,190	3.96

A summary of the status of the Kosmos Energy Holdings unvested profit units immediately prior to the corporate reorganization were as follows:

	<b>Unvested Profit Units (In thousands)</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value</b>
Outstanding at December 31, 2010	3,464	\$ 1.60
Granted	1,783	15.71
Vested	(1,066)	1.09
Relinquished	(1,253)	0.10
Outstanding at May 16, 2011	2,928	11.02

Total profit unit compensation expense recognized in income was zero and \$0.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

The significant assumptions used to calculate the fair values of the profit units granted during 2011, as calculated using a binomial tree, were as follows: no dividend yield, expected volatility ranging from approximately 25% to 66%; risk-free interest rate ranging from 1.3% to 5.1%;



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expected life ranging from 1.2 to 8.1 years; and projected turnover rate of 7.0% for employees and none for management.

### *Restricted Stock Awards*

As part of the corporate reorganization, vested profit units were exchanged for 31.7 million common shares of Kosmos Energy Ltd., unvested profit units were exchanged for 10.0 million restricted stock awards and the \$90 profit units were cancelled. Based on the terms and conditions of the corporate reorganization, the exchange of profit units for common shares of Kosmos Energy Ltd. resulted in no incremental compensation costs.

In April 2011, the Board of Directors approved a Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP"), which provides for the granting of incentive awards in the form of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units, among other award types. The LTIP provides for the issuance of 24.5 million shares pursuant to awards under the plan, in addition to the 10.0 million restricted stock awards exchanged for unvested profit units.

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The following table shows the number of shares available for issuance pursuant to awards under the Company's LTIP at March 31, 2012:

	<b>Shares (In thousands)</b>
Approved and authorized awards(1)	24,503
Awards issued after May 16, 2011(1)	(15,171)
Awards forfeited(1)	1
Awards available for future grant	9,333

(1) Excludes 10.0 million restricted stock awards that were exchanged for unvested profit units and any related forfeitures of such awards. Also, excludes forfeited restricted stock awards issued in connection with our initial public offering, which include the May 18, 2011 and June 15, 2011 award tranches, as these awards are not available for future grant.

The Company records compensation expense equal to the fair value of share-based payments over the vesting periods of the LTIP awards. The Company recorded compensation expense from our restricted stock awards of \$21.3 million and zero during the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The following table reflects the outstanding restricted stock awards as of March 31, 2012:

	<b>Restricted Shares (In thousands)</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value</b>
Outstanding at December 31, 2011	20,718	\$ 13.33
Granted	335	11.52
Forfeited	(1)	16.73
Vested	(101)	0.95
Outstanding at March 31, 2012	20,951	13.36

Subsequent to May 16, 2011, the Company granted restricted stock awards with service vesting criteria and awards with a combination of market and service vesting criteria under the LTIP. For stock-based compensation equity awards, compensation expense is recognized in the Company's financial statements over the awards' vesting periods based on their grant date fair value. The Company utilizes (i) the closing stock price on the date of grant to determine the fair value of service vesting restricted stock awards and (ii) a Monte Carlo simulation to determine the fair value of restricted stock awards with a combination of market and service vesting criteria.

For awards with a combination of market and service vesting criteria, the number of common shares to be issued is determined by comparing the Company's total shareholder return with the total shareholder return of a predetermined group of peer companies over the performance period. The grant date fair value of these awards ranged from \$6.70 to \$13.57 per award. The Monte Carlo simulation model utilizes multiple input variables that determine the probability of satisfying the market condition stipulated in the award grant and calculates the fair value of the award. The expected volatility utilized in the model was estimated using our historical volatility and the historical volatilities of our peer companies and ranged from 41.3% to 56.7%. The risk-free interest rate was based on the U.S. treasury rate for a term commensurate with the expected life of the grant and ranged from 0.5% to 1.1%.

### 15. Income Taxes

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The income tax provision (benefit) was \$16.3 million and \$(13.5) million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The income tax provision consists of U.S. and Ghanaian income and Texas margin taxes.

The components of income (loss) before income taxes were as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
	(In thousands)	
Bermuda	\$ (3,168)	\$ 398
United States	3,312	
Foreign other	(21,399)	(68,560)
Loss before income taxes	\$ (21,255)	\$ (68,162)

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Our effective tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 was (77%) and 20%, respectively. The effective tax rate for the United States and Ghana is approximately 37% and 35%, respectively, for all periods presented, while the effective tax rate for our other foreign jurisdictions is 0%. Our other foreign jurisdictions have a 0% effective tax rate because they reside in countries with a 0% statutory rate, or they have a full valuation allowance reserved against their ending net related deferred tax asset.

The Company has no material unrecognized income tax benefits.

A subsidiary of the Company files a U.S. federal income tax return and a Texas margin tax return. In addition to the United States, the Company files income tax returns in the countries in which we operate. The Company is open to U.S. federal income tax examinations for tax years 2008 through 2011 and to Texas margin tax examinations for the tax years 2007 through 2011. In addition, the Company is open to income tax examinations for tax years as early as 2005 in its significant foreign jurisdictions (Ghana, Cameroon and Morocco).

The Company's policy is to recognize interest and penalties related to income tax matters in income tax expense if they are considered probable, but has had no need to accrue any to date.

**16. Net Income (Loss) Per Share**

In the calculation of basic net income (loss) per common share attributable to common shareholders, participating securities are allocated earnings based on actual dividend distributions received plus a proportionate share of undistributed net income attributable to common shareholders, if any, after recognizing distributed earnings. The Company's participating securities do not participate in undistributed net losses because they are not contractually obligated to do so. The computation of diluted net income (loss) per share attributable to common shareholders reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common shares that are dilutive were exercised or converted into common shares or resulted in the issuance of common shares that would then share in the earnings of the Company. During periods in which the Company realizes a loss from continuing operations attributable to common shareholders, securities would not be dilutive to net loss per share and conversion into common shares is assumed not to occur. Diluted net income (loss) per share attributable to common shareholders is calculated under both the two-class method and the treasury stock method and the more dilutive of the two calculations is presented.

Basic net income (loss) per share attributable to common shareholders is computed as (i) net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders, (ii) less income allocable to participating securities (iii) divided by weighted average basic shares outstanding. The Company's diluted net income (loss) per share attributable to common shareholders is computed as (i) basic net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders, (ii) plus diluted adjustments to income allocable to participating securities (iii) divided by weighted average diluted shares outstanding.

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The following table is a reconciliation of the Company's net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders to basic attributable to common shareholders and to diluted and net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders and a reconciliation of basic weighted average common shares outstanding to diluted weighted average common shares outstanding for the three months ended March 31, 2012:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2012	2011(3)
	(In thousands, except per share data)	
<b>Numerator:</b>		
Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders	\$ (37,541)	\$ N/A
Less: Basic income allocable to participating securities(1)		N/A
Basic net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders	(37,541)	N/A
Diluted adjustments to income allocable to participating securities(1)		N/A
Diluted net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders	\$ (37,541)	N/A
<b>Denominator:</b>		
Weighted average number of shares used to compute net income (loss) per share:		
Basic	369,227	N/A
Restricted stock awards(1)(2)		N/A
Diluted	369,227	N/A
<b>Net income (loss) per share attributable to common shareholders:</b>		
Basic	\$ (0.10)	N/A
Diluted	\$ (0.10)	N/A

(1) Our service vesting restricted stock awards represent participating securities because they participate in nonforfeitable dividends with common equity owners. Income allocable to participating securities represents the distributed and undistributed earnings attributable to the participating securities. Our restricted stock awards with market and service vesting criteria are not considered to be participating securities and, therefore, are excluded from the basic net income (loss) per common share calculation. Restricted stock awards do not participate in undistributed net losses.

(2) Due to our basic net loss attributable to common shareholders for the three months ended March 31, 2012, we excluded 21.0 million outstanding restricted stock awards from the computations of diluted net loss per share because the effect would have been anti-dilutive.

(3) As of March 31, 2011, our corporate reorganization had not yet taken effect; therefore, we had no outstanding common shares and did not compute earnings per share for the three months ended March 31, 2011.

### **17. Subsequent Events**

#### *Termination of acquisition of Sabre's 4.05% DT participating interest*

In February 2012, we exercised a right under the existing joint operating agreement to acquire the 4.05% participating interest of Sabre Oil and Gas Limited ( Sabre ) in the DT Block. In May 2012, Kosmos and Sabre reached a mutual agreement to terminate this acquisition.

*Debt*

In April 2012, the lenders agreed to change the borrowing base determination dates to April 15 and October 15. As part of the borrowing base determination process, the undrawn availability under the Facility was reduced by \$78.0 million.

*Exploration Expenses*

Drilling of the Teak-4A appraisal well was completed in May 2012. The well encountered non-commercial reservoirs and accordingly will be plugged and abandoned. Total well related costs incurred from inception through March 31, 2012 of \$5.7 million are included in exploration expenses in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations. As of the date of the consolidated financial statements, we estimate we will incur an additional \$9.1 million of related well costs, which will be expensed.

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**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

*The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained herein and our annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011, included in our annual report on Form 10-K along with the section Management's Discussion and Analysis of financial condition and Results of Operations contained in such annual report. Any terms used but not defined in the following discussion have the same meaning given to them in the annual report. Our discussion and analysis includes forward-looking information that involves risks and uncertainties and should be read in conjunction with Risk Factors under Item 1A of this report and in the annual report, along with Forward-Looking Information at the end of this section for information about the risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to be materially different than our forward-looking statements.*

**Overview**

We are an independent oil and gas exploration and production company currently focused on frontier and emerging areas in Africa and South America. Our asset portfolio includes existing production, major discoveries and exploration prospects offshore Ghana, as well as exploration licenses with significant hydrocarbon potential offshore Mauritania, Morocco and Suriname and onshore Cameroon.

We were incorporated pursuant to the laws of Bermuda as Kosmos Energy Ltd. in January 2011 to become a holding company for Kosmos Energy Holdings. Pursuant to the terms of a corporate reorganization that was completed immediately prior to the closing of Kosmos Energy Ltd.'s IPO on May 16, 2011, all of the interests in Kosmos Energy Holdings were exchanged for newly issued common shares of Kosmos Energy Ltd. As a result, Kosmos Energy Holdings became wholly owned by Kosmos Energy Ltd.

Kosmos Energy Ltd. transitioned from its development stage to operational activities in January 2011. Accordingly, reporting as a development stage company is no longer deemed necessary.

**Recent Highlights**

*Ghana Jubilee Field*

During the first quarter of 2012, we had one lifting of oil totaling 931 Mbbls from our Jubilee Field production resulting in revenues of \$115.8 million. Our average realized price per barrel was \$124.30.

A total of 17 development wells have been drilled during Jubilee Field Phase 1 development. The Jubilee Field Phase 1A PoD was approved by the Ministry of Energy and GNPC in January 2012. The Phase 1A PoD includes eight additional wells to be drilled beginning in 2012, including five production wells and three water injection wells. To date, we have spud three of these wells.

*Ghana exploration and appraisal activity*

In January 2012, the Ntomme-2A appraisal well confirmed a downdip extension of the Ntomme Field on the DT Block. The well encountered high-quality stacked reservoir sandstones. The well confirmed the majority of the resources in the discovery to be oil. Fluid samples recovered from the wells indicate an oil gravity of approximately 35 degrees API.

In March 2012, the Enyenra-4A appraisal well confirmed a downdip extension of the Enyenra light oil field on the DT Block. Analysis of well results, including wireline logs, reservoir pressures and fluid samples, indicated the Enyenra-4A well encountered oil-bearing pay. Fluid samples recovered from the well indicate an oil gravity of approximately 34 degrees API. In March 2012, the Owo-1RA (discovery well of the Enyenra field) drill stem test was successful in encountering oil flow across three zones.

The Wawa-1 exploration well in the DT Block was spud in April 2012. This well is expected to reach its target depth in the second quarter of 2012.

The WCTP PA, which governs our activities related to the WCTP Block, has a duration of 30 years from its effective date (July 2004); however, in July 2011, at the end of the seven-year exploration phase, parts of the WCTP Block on which we had not declared a discovery area, were not in a development and production area or were not in the Jubilee Unit were subject to relinquishment ( WCTP Relinquishment Area ). Our existing discoveries within the WCTP Block have not been relinquished, as the WCTP PA remains in effect after the end of the exploration phase and these are Akasa, Banda, Mahogany and Teak. In addition, we have disputed the relinquishment of the area around the Cedrela prospect. In July 2011, immediately prior to Kosmos receiving the drilling rig from another operator, damage to the rig incurred during preparations to move the rig to the WCTP Block rendered the rig incapable of drilling the Cedrela-1 exploration well prior to the end of the WCTP exploration period on July 21, 2011. As a result of this unforeseen delay in the drilling of the Cedrela-1 exploration well, the Company, as Operator for the WCTP PA Block partners, delivered a Notice of Force Majeure. The Ministry of Energy and GNPC did not agree this event was Force Majeure. On August 24, 2011, we as Operator of the WCTP Block and on behalf of the WCTP PA Block partners, delivered a Notice of Dispute to the Ministry of Energy and GNPC as provided under the WCTP PA, which is the initial step in triggering the formal dispute resolution process under the WCTP PA with the Government of Ghana regarding our rights to drill the Cedrela-1 exploration well. This