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July 2014  
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Forward-Looking Statements, Non-GAAP  
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Whiting Overview

Whiting Petroleum Corporation's Solberg 34-11 Tripad wells with Nabors drilling rig B15 on the Zalesky 34-8 Tripad, in background.

Whiting Overview

Whiting Petroleum Corporation, a Delaware corporation, is an independent oil and gas company that explores for, develops, acquires and produces crude oil, natural

gas and natural gas liquids primarily in the Rocky Mountain and Permian Basin regions of the United States. The Company's largest projects are in the Bakken and Three Forks plays in North Dakota, the Redtail Niobrara play in northeast Colorado and its enhanced oil recovery field in Texas. The Company trades publicly under the symbol WLL on the New York Stock Exchange.

Q1 2014 Production

100.1 MBOE/d

Proved Reserves

(1)

438.5 MMBOE

% Oil Reserves

(1)

79% (89% Liquids)

R/P Ratio

(2)

13 years

(1) Whiting reserves at December 31, 2013 based on independent engineering.

(2) R/P ratio based on year-end 2013 proved reserves and 2013 production.

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A Focused Company

Major Asset Areas

Q1 2014 Net Production

100.1 MBOE/d

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(1) At December 31, 2013 based on independent engineering.

Williston Basin

Bakken / Three Forks

3,738 Gross Potential Future

Drilling Locations

73,325 BOE/d (Q1 2014)

Redtail

Niobrara A and B

3,310 Gross Potential Future

Drilling Locations

4,550 BOE/d (Q1 2014)

HEADQUARTERS

Denver, Colorado

North Ward Estes

110 MMBOE Proved Reserves

(1)

104 MMBOE 92 + P3 Reserves

(1)

Capital Budget for Key Property Areas in 2014  
2014 Production Growth Guidance of +17% to +19%

(1)

(2)

(3)

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 Northern Rockies  
 \$1,101 MM  
 Central Rockies  
 \$575 MM  
 EOR Project  
 (3)  
 \$203 MM  
 Libby Ranch CO2  
 Development  
 \$56 MM  
 (1)  
 Other  
 Exploration  
 Drilling  
 \$44 MM  
 Non-Operated  
 \$232 MM  
 Land  
 \$116 MM  
 Facilities  
 \$151 MM  
 Exploration  
 Expense  
 (2)  
 \$72 MM  
 Well Work, Misc.  
 Costs, Other  
 \$150 MM  
 For development of CO  
 2  
 prospect at Bravo Dome in northeastern New Mexico.  
 Comprised primarily of exploration salaries, lease delay  
 rentals  
 and  
 seismic  
 activities.  
 This multi-year CO  
 2  
 project involves many re-entries, workovers and conversions. Therefore, it is budgeted on a project basis not a well basis.  
 Property Area  
 2014 CAPEX  
 (MM)  
 Gross  
 Wells  
 Net  
 Wells

% of	
Total	
Northern Rockies	
1,101	
199	
137.2	
41%	
Central Rockies	
575	
120	
104.9	
21%	
EOR Project	
203	
NA	
(3)	
NA	
(3)	
7%	
Libby Ranch CO <sub>2</sub>	
Develop.	
(1)	
56	
2%	
Other Exploration Drilling	
44	
9	
7.3	
2%	
Non-Operated	
232	
8%	
Land	
116	
4%	
Facilities	
151	
6%	
Exploration Expense	
(2)	
72	
3%	
Well Work, Misc. Costs, Other	
150	
6%	
Total Budget	
\$2,700	
328	
249.4	
100%	

Field  
Target  
Gross Acres  
Net Acres  
Sanish / Parshall  
Middle Bakken  
Three Forks

174,666  
82,445  
Pronghorn  
Pronghorn Sand  
193,625  
125,630  
Lewis & Clark  
Three Forks  
174,020  
117,590  
Hidden Bench  
Middle Bakken  
Three Forks  
65,882  
37,314  
Tarpon  
Middle Bakken  
Three Forks  
8,805  
6,265  
Starbuck  
Middle Bakken  
Three Forks  
Red River  
53,012  
42,932  
Missouri Breaks  
Middle Bakken  
Three Forks  
99,930  
65,869  
Cassandra  
Middle Bakken  
Three Forks  
29,827  
13,949  
Big Island  
Red River  
175,740  
137,559  
Other ND & Montana  
122,651  
54,251  
Total  
1,098,158  
683,804  
Whiting Lease Areas in Williston Basin  
March 31, 2014  
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Rigs drilling in the Williston Basin

(as of 7/13/14)

2,3

Announced Strategic Combination with Kodiak Oil & Gas Corp.

Creates Leading Williston Basin Operator

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Acreage Overview (855,000 net acres)

Q1'14 Bakken / Three Forks Net Production

(Mboepd)

107.3

97.5

86.0

73.3

63.0

~60.0

54.0

49.4

42.9

42.7

34.0

31.1

18

18

18

14

14

12

10

8

7

6

6

5

Source: Company presentations, filings and press releases

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As of December 31, 2013

2

Rigs currently drilling on July 13, 2014 per NDIC

3

As of July 13, 2014, Whiting had two additional rigs moving and Kodiak had one additional rig moving, for a combined operated 21 rigs in the Williston Basin

Expected benefits to Whiting

Increases weighting of production from Bakken/TFS

80% of pro forma Q1 2014 production from Bakken/TFS

855,000 combined net acres, with an inventory of 3,460 net Williston Basin drilling locations

Addition  
of  
complementary  
acreage  
position  
in  
area  
Whiting  
knows  
very  
well

Significantly enhanced growth potential from accelerated development of Kodiak resource base

Expect to increase Kodiak's rig fleet from 7 to 12 operated rigs by Q4 '15

Substantial present value benefit from acceleration

Materially increased scale enhances relative positioning of company vs. peers and strengthens  
Whiting's credit profile and financial flexibility

All-stock transaction structure is credit enhancing

Expected to be accretive in 2015 and increasingly accretive thereafter across all metrics

Discretionary cash flow per share

Earnings per share

Production per share

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Annulus  
Stages  
Frac Ports  
per Stage  
Potential  
Entry  
Points

Free fluid  
between  
packers  
30  
1  
30  
Annulus  
Stages  
Perforation  
Clusters  
per Stage  
Potential  
Entry  
Points  
Cemented  
40  
3  
120  
Older Style  
Sliding Sleeve Completion  
New Style  
Cemented Liner Completion  
Maximizing Recovery Efficiency  
Improving Frac Distribution  
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Evolution of Completion Design  
Skov 31-28 Unit  
(1)  
at Missouri Breaks  
Well  
Annulus

Completion Method  
 Stages  
 Entry  
 Points  
 Cost  
 (\$MM)  
 Incr.  
 IP  
 (BOEPD)  
 Incr.  
 Skov 31-28-1H  
 Open  
 Sliding Sleeve  
 30  
 30  
 7.90  
 -  
 927  
 -  
 Skov 31-28-2H  
 Cemented  
 P&P -  
 3 clusters/stage  
 30  
 90  
 8.10  
 3%  
 1,072  
 16%  
 Skov 31-28-4H  
 Cemented  
 P&P -  
 5 clusters/stage  
 30  
 150  
 8.10  
 3%  
 1,219  
 31%  
 Skov 31-28-3H  
 Cemented  
 CT -  
 Multistage+(P&P -  
 5)  
 60+5X5  
 85  
 8.80  
 11%  
 1,607  
 73%



(1) Skov 31-28-1H was completed on 5/31/2013. Skov 31-28-2H and Skov 31-28-4H were completed on 4/2/2014. Skov 31-28-1H was completed using Energy + Technology = Growth CT (Coiled Tubing) Conveyed Frac

Exploiting the Bakken and Three Forks in the Williston  
Primary and Prospective Drilling Locations

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MISSOURI BREAKS

8 WELLS

CASSANDRA

12 WELLS

SANISH

15 WELLS

PRONGHORN

6 WELLS

TARPON

12 WELLS

HIDDEN BENCH

16 WELLS

Redtail Discovery  
Defining the Sweet Spot of the Niobrara  
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Redtail Development Program  
Economic Sweet Spot  
(Weld County, Colorado)

OBJECTIVE

Niobrara B

Shale

Niobrara A

Shale

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mix of 960 and 640-acre spacing units

8 Wells per spacing unit Niobrara B

8 Wells per spacing unit Niobrara A

3,300+ potential drilling locations

ACREAGE

Whiting has assembled 174,892 gross

(122,656 net) acres in our Redtail

prospect in the northeastern portion of

the DJ Basin.

Average WI of 70%

Average NRI of 59%

COMPLETED WELL COST

Horizontal: \$5.5 MM

DRILLING HIGHLIGHTS

Results from our high density pilots

support a 16-well per 960-acre drilling

pattern in the B

and A

zones. We

spud our 30F super pad located in the

Horsetail township in June 2014. This

high density pilot will test a 32-well

drilling spacing pattern in the A , B

and C

zones. If successful, our potential

drilling locations at Redtail would

increase to more than 6,600 gross wells.

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Source: IHS and internal Whiting production database

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Niobrara Initial 30-Day Average Rate

(Gas converted to oil price equivalent ratio 17:1)

Pre 2013

2013

-

14

BOEPD

1

350

350

450

450

550  
550  
650  
650  
750  
> 750

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Middle Bakken / Niobrara Reservoir Comparison

High-resolution pore structure image from Scanning Electron Microscope

7% Porosity

13% Porosity



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Niobrara Reservoir Geometry

3-Dimensional image of the Niobrara B Reservoir from Whiting's Dual-Beam Scanning  
Electron Microscope

Niobrara Reservoir

Whiting RAZOR 25-2514H

GR	Zone	PHI	Minerals	BVFluid	RES
0	200				
30	-10		0	100 0.2	2000
A					
A					

B

B

C

C

Niobrara Resource Potential

(1)

\*

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GOR=500 cf/bo

Stimulated Rock Volume

Recoverable

Oil

16

Well

/

DSU

Density

(Total OOIP A Zone + B Zone = 59 MMBOE/DSU)\*\*

16 wells

10% Recovery

16 wells

15% Recovery

16

wells

20% Recovery

370 MBOE

560 MBOE

740 MBOE

(1) Please refer to the beginning of this presentation for disclosures regarding Reserve and Resource Information.

Estimates updated as of December 31, 2013

Recoverable

Oil

32

Well

/

DSU

Density

(Total OOIP A Zone + B Zone + C Zone = 70 MMBOE/DSU)\*\*

32 wells

15% Recovery

32 wells

20% Recovery

32

wells

25% Recovery

330 MBOE

440 MBOE

550 MBOE

Redtail Development Program

Niobrara Reservoirs

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Reservoir

Porosity

(%)

Thickness

(ft)

OOIP

(MMBOE/

960ac)\*

% WLL

Wells

#

Gross

Wells

NIO A

13%

35

19

81

1,344

NIO B

13%

65

40

81

1,343

NIO C

11%

25

11

80

1,316

70

OOIP by Zone

27L Pad

Drilling Density

-

16 Wells/DSU

-

330 ft.

Target: B-B-B-B

Status: Flowing

27K Pad

Drilling Density

-

16 Wells/DSU

-

330 ft.

Target: A-B-A-B

Status: Flowing

Razor Pilot

16 Wells / 960ac DSU

30F Pad

Drilling Density

-

32 Wells/DSU

-

165 ft.

Target: C-B-A-B-

A-B-C-B

Status: Drilling

Horsetail Pilot

32 Wells / 960ac DSU

Planned Wells

Producing Wells

Future Infill Wells

Redtail Development Planning

Defining Optimal Well Density

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Legend  
Redtail 16 Well Planning  
Well Status  
Existing Wells  
Future Locations  
Permitted  
Township

Operated  
Non-Operated  
Redtail Development Plan  
3,310 Gross (1,654 Net) Wells  
16  
Wells  
Per  
DSU  
in  
Upper  
Niobrara  
(A  
&  
B  
Zones)  
as  
of  
March  
31,  
2014  
18  
2014  
2018 Development Plan Includes  
Approximately 1,024 Gross Wells with an  
84% Average Working Interest  
NBL Operated  
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Redtail Niobrara A & B Type Curve: 420 MBOE

Per Well Results: 85%-100% IRRs

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Please refer to the beginning of this presentation for disclosures regarding "Reserve and Resource Information." All volumes present the fair value of our oil and natural gas reserves.

(2)  
EURs, ROIs, IRRs and PV10% values will vary well to well. Estimates updated as of December 31, 2013.

(3)  
Based on a mix of 17 640-  
and 960-acre spaced wells drilled since March 21, 2013.

10  
100  
1000  
0  
20  
40  
60  
80  
100  
120  
140  
160  
180  
Months on Production

EUR -  
420 MBOE, Development Phase CAPEX \$5.5 MM  
NYMEX Oil Price/Bbl

\$90  
\$100  
ROI  
3.2  
3.7  
IRR (%)  
85%  
100%

Payout (Yrs.)  
1.2  
1.0  
PV10 (\$MM)  
6.28  
7.87

Redtail Infrastructure Plan: A Great Place to Find an  
Oil Field!  
April 2014  
Redtail Facilities Plan  
Planned  
Gathering  
System

Gas Gathering Lines

141 Miles

Oil Gathering Lines

111 Miles

SW Gathering Lines

54 Miles

Frac Water Supply Lines

16 Miles

Redtail Gas Plant

Train 1 Capacity (Online)

20 MMcf/d

Train 2 Capacity (Q1 2015)

50 MMcf/d

Train 3 Capacity (2016)

70 MMcf/d

Takeaway Capacity (2016)

140 MMcf/d

Capital Investment

Gas Plant

\$100 MM

Gas Gathering / Field Compression

\$95 MM

Oil Gathering / LACTs

\$80 MM

Electricity

\$40 MM

Total

\$315 MM

20

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Residue Pipeline

Constructed By TallGrass

Redtail Plant

Terrace Plant

Pony

Express

Kinder Morgan

Interstate

Trailblazer

TallGrass

Pawnee

Terminal

TallGrass

Buckingham

Terminal

Northeast Colorado Lateral

to Pony Express

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request

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