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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003  
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OR

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 001-04668  
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COASTAL CARIBBEAN OILS & MINERALS, LTD.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

BERMUDA ----- State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization	NONE ----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
Clarendon House Church Street Hamilton, Bermuda ----- (Address of principal executive offices)	HM 11 ----- (Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code	(850) 653-9165 -----

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class ----- NONE	Name of each exchange on which registered -----
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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common stock, par value \$.12 per share  
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(Title of Class)

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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 if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K ss.229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).  Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$3,074,073 (U.S.) at April 1, 2004.

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

Common stock, par value \$.12 per share, 46,211,604 shares outstanding as of March 18, 2004.

### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

None

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All monetary figures set forth are expressed in United States currency.

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### PART I

#### RISK FACTORS

An investment in the Company's common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risk factors and other information in this Form 10-K and the documents incorporated by reference in evaluating the Company. If any of the following risks actually occur, the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

#### RISKS RELATED TO OUR BUSINESS AND THE LITIGATION

We may be forced to wind up the Company or forced into insolvent liquidation.

The Company's current liabilities exceed its current assets. Certain

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creditors of the Company have deferred payment of amounts owed to them. There is no assurance that those creditors will continue to permit the Company to defer payments of amounts owed.

The Company has limited funds to continue its operations. Unless the Company is able to raise adequate additional funds to continue its business, the Company may be forced to wind up the Company or forced into insolvent liquidation under the laws of Bermuda within the next several months.

We have a history of losses and anticipate further losses, which could cause us to discontinue our business.

Our business has never had substantial revenues and has operated at a loss in each year since our inception in 1953. We recorded a loss of \$1,008,000 for the year ended December 31, 2003, a loss of \$2,448,000 for the year 2002 and a loss of \$6,585,000 for the year 2001. If we continue to sustain losses and are unable to achieve profitability, we may not be able to continue our business and may have to curtail, suspend or cease operations.

During the three years ended December 31, 2003, we spent approximately \$3,562,000 on legal expenses primarily for the lawsuits against the State of Florida relating to drilling permits and royalty interests. If we continue to incur significant expenses and are unable to raise additional funds to meet these expenses, we may have to cease or suspend our lawsuits and/or cease operations entirely.

In the unlikely event that we were to receive drilling permits related to the St. George Island prospect or other exploratory wells, we would be required to incur a significant amount of operating expenditures to commence drilling operations and would need to generate significant revenues to achieve profitability. We may not be able to achieve or sustain revenues, profitability

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or positive cash flow and cannot assure that profitability, if achieved, will be sustained.

Our auditors have expressed the view that our negative working capital, stockholders' deficit and capital deficiencies raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern.

Our auditors have included an explanatory paragraph in their report for the year ended December 31, 2003, indicating there is substantial doubt regarding our ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report do not include any adjustments to asset values or recorded liability amounts that might be required in the event we are unable to continue as a going concern. You should also see Note 1 to our financial statements regarding the uncertainty as to our ability to continue as a going concern.

Without additional financing, we only have enough liquid assets on hand to continue to operate the Company for part of the year 2004.

We believe that our funds on hand and certain loan commitments from our directors will be sufficient to permit us to continue to operate through June of 2004. After that time, we may have to suspend or cease operations unless and until we can secure additional financing. In 2003 certain of our directors, officers, legal counsel and administrative consultants agreed to continue deferring the payment of their salaries and fees. At December 31, 2003, the amount of salaries and fees deferred totaled approximately \$1,054,000. We currently do not have any commitments for additional financing. We may be unable

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to obtain additional financing in the future on acceptable terms or at all.

If the courts ultimately rule that the State of Florida may deny us a permit and not compensate us for the taking of our property, we may be unable to continue our business.

In the event that the courts determine that the State of Florida is entitled to deny Coastal Petroleum a permit without compensation, it is likely that we would be unable to continue our business.

We may be unable to secure the additional funds needed to cover the substantial litigation costs of proving our properties have been taken and their value.

Coastal Petroleum filed a claim with the Florida Circuit Court for the Second Judicial Circuit, that its property has been taken by the State of Florida, and that Coastal Petroleum is owed compensation by the State of Florida. That Court ruled that there was no taking and that no compensation was owed and the Trial Court's decision was affirmed on Appeal to the First District Court of Appeal. On April 7, 2004, the Company filed a Petition for Writ Certiorari with the United States Supreme Court. We will need to secure

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additional funds to cover the costs of any further litigation, which we estimate will be substantial. If we are unable to secure the additional funds or raise funds through the private sale of additional common stock needed to cover the costs of such litigation, we might not be able to conclude the litigation and might have to cease the lawsuits against the State of Florida without any meaningful recovery.

The State of Florida has far greater resources than we do to prosecute the litigation.

The State of Florida utilizes lawyers from the Florida Attorney General's Office, the Department of Environmental Protection and at least two private law firms to represent its interests in the litigation. In the event that our funds are exhausted before the conclusion of the litigation, we may be unable to conclude the litigation and might be required to cease business.

If the amount of money we recover from the State of Florida is inadequate to cover our costs, we may be forced to cease operations.

Any recovery that Coastal Petroleum may receive as a result of a judgment against the State of Florida may be insufficient to cover the costs of prosecuting the claims at trial. If this occurs, we may be forced to cease operations.

Coastal Caribbean is currently a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, for U. S. federal income tax purposes, which could result in negative tax consequences to you.

If, for any taxable year, our passive income or our assets that produce passive income exceed levels provided by U.S. law, we would be a "passive foreign investment company," or PFIC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes. For the years 1987 through 2003, Coastal Caribbean's passive income and assets that produce passive income exceeded those levels and for those years Coastal Caribbean constituted a PFIC. Based upon Coastal Caribbean's current passive income, it is likely that Coastal Caribbean will be classified as a PFIC in 2004. If Coastal Caribbean is a PFIC for any taxable year, then our U.S.

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shareholders potentially would be subject to adverse U.S. tax consequences of holding and disposing of shares of our common stock for that year and for future tax years. Any gain from the sale of, and certain distributions with respect to, shares of our common stock, would cause a U.S. holder to become liable for U.S. federal income tax under Code section 1291 (the interest charge regime). The tax is computed by allocating the amount of the gain on the sale or the amount of the distribution, as the case may be, to each day in the U.S. shareholder's holding period. To the extent that the amount is allocated to a year, other than the year of the disposition or distribution, in which the corporation was treated as a PFIC with respect to the U.S. holder, the income will be taxed as ordinary income at the highest rate in effect for that year, plus an interest charge.

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Please see a discussion of these consequences below in Item 5. Market for the Company's Common Stock and Related Stockholder Matters. We encourage you to consult with a personal tax advisor for advice relating to the potential adverse tax consequences related to an investment in our common shares.

Our Bye-Laws contain provisions which may limit a shareholder's efforts to influence our policies and prevent or delay a change in control of our Company.

Bye-Law 1 provides that any matter to be voted on at any meeting of shareholders must be approved not only by a simple majority of the shares voted at such meeting, but also by a majority of the shareholders present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the meeting. This provision may have the effect of making it more difficult to take corporate action than customary "one share one vote" provisions, because it may not be possible to obtain the necessary majority of both votes. As a consequence, Bye-Law 1 may make it more difficult that a takeover of the company will be consummated, which could prevent the company's shareholders from receiving a premium for their shares. In addition, an owner of a substantial number of shares of our common stock may be unable to influence our policies and operations through the shareholder voting process (e.g., to elect directors).

Our Bye-Laws also require the approval of 75% of the voting shareholders and of the voting shares for the consummation of any business combination (such as a merger, amalgamation or acquisition proposal) involving our company. This higher vote requirement may deter business combination proposals which shareholders may consider favorable.

You may face obstacles to bringing suit in Bermuda against our officers and directors.

We are a Bermuda company and certain of our directors and officers are residents of Bermuda and are not citizens of the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for investors to effect service of process on us or on these directors and officers within the United States or to enforce against these directors and officers judgments of U.S. courts predicated on the civil liabilities under the federal securities laws. If investors are unable to bring such suits, they may be unable to recover a loss on their investment resulting from any violations of the federal securities laws.

There is no precedent for, and therefore no assurance that, the courts in Bermuda would enforce civil liabilities, whether in original actions in Bermuda or in the form of final judgments of U.S. courts, arising under the federal securities laws against us or the persons signing this report on Form 10-K. In

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addition, there is no treaty in effect between the U.S. and Bermuda providing for the enforcement of civil liabilities and there are grounds upon which Bermuda Courts may not enforce judgments of U.S. courts. In addition, some remedies available under the laws of U.S. jurisdictions, including some remedies

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available under the U. S. federal securities laws, may not be allowed in Bermuda courts as contrary to that nation's public policy.

We are unable to pay dividends.

We have never declared or paid dividends on our common stock and do not anticipate declaring or paying any dividends in the foreseeable future. We plan to retain any future earnings to reduce our deficit accumulated during the development stage of \$39,451,000 at December 31, 2003 and to finance our operations.

Any dividends would be subject to a 30% withholding tax.

We are a Bermuda corporation. Bermuda currently imposes no taxes on corporate income or capital gains realized outside of Bermuda. However, any dividends we receive from Coastal Petroleum are subject to a 30% United States withholding tax.

### RISKS RELATED TO OUR INDUSTRY

The State of Florida has stated that its policy is not to permit oil and gas drilling offshore Florida and the State has denied Coastal Petroleum a permit with respect to its St. George's Island prospect. Consequently, we do not believe that the State of Florida will grant drilling permits to Coastal Petroleum with respect to its leases. In the unlikely event that the State ever does grant Coastal Petroleum a drilling permit, Coastal Petroleum would have to contend with other risks.

After obtaining a state drilling permit, Coastal Petroleum would have to do the following:

- o obtain a federal permit;
- o finance drilling of the well (including the cost of the recommended surety), which is currently estimated to cost approximately \$5.5 million; and
- o begin drilling the well within one year of the date the state permit is issued.

We may be unable to obtain the necessary federal permits or we may be unable to finance and commence drilling operations in a timely manner.

If we fail to discover and develop sufficient oil and gas reserves, we would be unable to generate sufficient revenues to cover our costs and might have to curtail, suspend or cease our business operations.

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Drilling activities involve numerous risks, including the risk that no commercially productive natural gas or oil reservoirs will be discovered. The

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cost of drilling, completing and operating wells is often uncertain, and drilling operations may be curtailed, delayed or canceled as a result of adverse conditions beyond our control. Poor results from our exploration and drilling activities could prevent us from developing sufficient oil and gas reserves at a commercially acceptable cost.

Compliance with environmental and other governmental regulations could be costly.

Our operations and right to obtain interests in and hold properties or to conduct our business might be affected to an unpredictable extent by limitations imposed by the laws and regulations which are now in effect or which might be adopted by the jurisdictions in which we carry on our business.

Further measures that have been or might be imposed include increased bond requirements, conservation, proration, curtailment, cessation or other forms of limiting or controlling production of hydrocarbons or minerals, as well as price controls or rationing or other similar restrictions. In particular, environmental control and energy conservation laws and regulations adopted by federal, state and local authorities may have to be complied with by leaseholders such as Coastal Petroleum.

We face strong competition from larger oil and gas companies that may impair our ability to carry on operations.

If we receive the necessary state and federal permits to conduct operations, we will operate in the highly competitive areas of oil and gas exploration, development and production. We might not be able to compete with, or enter into cooperative relationships with, our potential competitors, which include major integrated oil companies, substantial independent energy companies, affiliates of major interstate and intrastate pipelines and national and local gas gatherers. If we were unable to establish and maintain competitiveness, our business would be threatened.

Many of our competitors possess greater financial, technical and other resources than we do. Factors which affect our ability to successfully compete in the marketplace include:

- o the financial resources of our competitors;
- o the availability of alternate fuel sources; and
- o the costs related to the extraction and transportation of oil and gas.

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### Cautionary Statement About Forward-Looking Statements

In this Form 10-K and the documents that we incorporate by reference, we make statements that relate to our future plans, objectives, expectations and intentions that involve risks and uncertainties. We have based these statements on our current expectations and projections about future events. These statements may be identified by the use of words such as "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "believe" and "estimate" and similar expressions. Any statements that refer to expectations, projections or other characterizations of future events or circumstances are forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements necessarily involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements. Factors that could contribute to such



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differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in the "Risk Factors" section above and elsewhere in this Form 10-K. The factors set forth in the Risk Factors section and other cautionary statements made in this Form 10-K should be read and understood as being applicable to all related forward-looking statements wherever they appear in this Form 10-K.

All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their dates. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

### Item 1. Business

#### (a) General Development of Business.

Coastal Caribbean Oils & Minerals, Ltd. (Company or Coastal Caribbean), a Bermuda corporation, has been engaged, through its majority owned subsidiary, Coastal Petroleum Company (Coastal Petroleum), in the exploration for oil and gas reserves. At December 31, 2003, Coastal Caribbean's principal asset was its 58.84% interest in its subsidiary Coastal Petroleum. Coastal Petroleum's principal assets are its nonproducing oil, gas and mineral leases and royalty interests in the State of Florida. Coastal Petroleum has made no commercial discoveries on the lands covered by these leases. Between March 1992 and June 2000, Coastal Petroleum attempted to obtain a permit from the State of Florida to drill an exploration well on its Lease 224-A, offshore Florida. Since January 2001, Coastal Petroleum has been involved in litigation to obtain compensation from the State of Florida for the alleged taking by the State of Coastal Petroleum's Lease 224-A by the denial of a permit to drill on the lease. On November 15, 2002, after a two week trial, the trial court issued its Final Judgment that the State's denial of a permit to drill on Coastal Petroleum's Lease 224-A did not constitute an unlawful taking of Coastal Petroleum's property. Coastal Petroleum Company filed a notice of appeal of the Final Judgment to the Florida First District Court of Appeal on November 18, 2002. On

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December 3, 2003, the appellate court issued a unanimous decision, without a written opinion, affirming the trial court's decision. The Court further denied Coastal's Petition for Clarification, Rehearing, Certification and Request for written opinion and the decision became final on January 9, 2004. On April 7, 2004, Coastal filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari with the United States Supreme Court asking the Court to accept jurisdiction to consider the action taken by the trial court as affirmed by the appellate court. See Item 3. "Legal Proceedings".

Coastal Petroleum is the lessee under State of Florida leases relating to the exploration for and production of oil, gas and minerals on approximately 3,700,000 acres of submerged lands along the Gulf Coast and under certain inland lakes and rivers. The leases provide for a working interest in approximately 1,250,000 acres and a royalty interest in approximately 2,450,000 acres covered by the leases. Coastal Petroleum has made no commercial discoveries on its leaseholds.

In 1990, the State of Florida enacted legislation that prohibits drilling or exploration for oil or gas on Florida's offshore acreage. Although the law does not apply to areas where Coastal Petroleum is entitled to conduct exploration, the State of Florida has effectively prevented any exploratory drilling by denying the Company's applications for drilling permits. In

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addition, in those areas where Coastal Petroleum has only a royalty interest, the law also effectively prohibits production of oil and gas, rendering it impossible for Coastal Petroleum to collect royalties from those areas. During 1998, Coastal Petroleum exhausted its legal remedies in its efforts to obtain compensation for the drilling prohibition on its royalty interest acreage.

Coastal Petroleum has been involved in various lawsuits for many years. Coastal Petroleum's current litigation (Florida Litigation) now involves one basic claim: whether the State's denial of a permit constitutes a taking of its property. In addition, Coastal Caribbean is a party to one additional action in which Coastal Caribbean claims that certain of its royalty interests have been confiscated by the State. During 2003, the Company actively pursued the Florida Litigation.

On October 6, 1999, the Florida First District Court of Appeal ruled that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has the authority to deny Coastal Petroleum's drilling permit for its St. George Island prospect, provided that Coastal Petroleum receives just compensation for what has been taken. The State of Florida and certain Florida environmental groups filed on November 1, 1999 a joint motion for clarification, rehearing, or certification with respect to that decision, asking the Court of Appeal, among other things, to clarify that the question of whether there has been a taking of Coastal Petroleum's leases should be determined in the Circuit Court. On June 26, 2000, the Court of Appeal denied all of the State's motions and stated that the issue of whether the denial of a permit constituted a taking was not before the Court. The Court declined to rule on the merits of the taking issue and stated that the issue was a matter for the Circuit Court. On January 16, 2001, Coastal Petroleum filed an inverse condemnation action in the Circuit Court to be compensated for the value of its properties. The cost of the litigation has been substantial and

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the cost is expected to be substantial in the future.

See Item 3. "Legal Proceedings" for a more complete discussion of the litigation.

(b) Financial Information About Industry Segments.  
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Because the Company has been engaged in only one industry, namely, oil, gas and mineral exploration and development, this item is not applicable to the Company. See Item 8 for general financial information concerning the Company.

(c) Narrative Description of the Business.  
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Coastal Caribbean was organized in Bermuda on February 14, 1962. The Company is the successor to Coastal Caribbean Oils, Inc., a Panamanian corporation organized on January 31, 1953 to be the holding company for Coastal Petroleum Company.

Coastal Petroleum caused oil and gas exploration to take place on its leases prior to the beginning of litigation in 1968 but has conducted more limited exploration since that time. Coastal Petroleum believes all drilling and exploration obligations imposed by its leases have been satisfied to date. No commercial oil or gas discoveries have been made on these properties; therefore, the Company has no proved reserves of oil and gas and has had no production. See Item 2. "Properties."

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(i) Principal Products.  
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Not applicable.

(ii) Status of Product or Segment.  
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Not applicable.

(iii) Raw Materials.  
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Not applicable.

(iv) Patents, Licenses, Franchises and Concessions Held.  
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See Item 2. "Properties."

The acreage covered by Coastal Petroleum's leases is located for the most part along offshore areas on the Gulf Coast of Florida and in submerged and unsubmerged lands under certain bays, inlets, riverbeds and lakes, of which Lake Okeechobee is the largest. Coastal Petroleum currently makes an annual lease payment of \$59,247 to the State of Florida.

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(v) Seasonality of Business.  
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The Company's business is not seasonal.

(vi) Working Capital Items.  
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The majority of the Company's current assets are in the form of cash and cash equivalents. See Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

(vii) Customers.  
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Not applicable.

(viii) Backlog.  
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Not applicable.

(ix) Renegotiation of Profits or Termination of Contracts or Subcontracts at the Election of the Government.  
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Not applicable.

(x) Competitive Conditions in the Business.  
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Competition in the oil and gas industry is intense. The Company must compete with companies which have substantially greater resources available to them. In addition, the industry as a whole must compete with other industries in supplying the energy needs of commerce and the general public. Furthermore, competitive conditions may be substantially affected by energy legislation which may be adopted in the future.

(xi) Research and Development.  
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Not applicable.

(xii) Environmental Regulation.  
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The operations of Coastal Caribbean and its right to obtain interests in and hold properties or to do business may be affected to an unpredictable extent by limitations imposed by the laws and regulations which are now in effect or which may be adopted by the jurisdictions in which the Company carries on its business. Further measures that have been or might be imposed include increased bond requirements, conservation, proration, curtailment, cessation or other forms of limiting or controlling production of hydrocarbons or minerals, as well as price controls or rationing or other similar restrictions. In particular, environmental control and energy conservation laws and regulations adopted by federal, state and local

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authorities may have to be complied with by leaseholders such as Coastal Petroleum.

(xiii) Number of Persons Employed by Registrant.  
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The Company currently has one employee. The Company relies heavily on consultants for legal, accounting, geological and administrative services. The Company uses consultants because it believes it is more cost effective than employing a larger full time staff.

(d) Financial Information About Foreign and Domestic Operations and Export Sales.  
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(1) Identifiable Assets.  
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All of the Company's assets are located in the United States. See Item 1(a) "General Development of Business."

Since the Company is a development stage company, the balance of the information required under this paragraph is not applicable to the Company. See Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

(2) Risks Attendant to Foreign Operations.  
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Not applicable.

(3) Data which are not Indicative of Current or Future Operations.  
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Not applicable.

Item 2. Properties

Properties

The discussion herein relating to the Company's properties is qualified in its entirety by the discussion in Item. 3 "Legal Proceedings" relating to the Florida Litigation.

Coastal Petroleum, a Florida corporation, holds certain working interests in nonproducing oil, gas and mineral leases covering approximately 1,250,000 acres, and a royalty interest in approximately 2,450,000 acres, in and offshore the State of Florida. No commercial oil or gas discoveries have been made on the properties covered by these leases and Coastal Petroleum has no proved reserves of oil or gas and has had no significant production.

In 1941, Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., renamed Coastal Petroleum Company in 1947, entered into a contract with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida (Trustees), in whom title to publicly owned lands in the State of Florida, including bottoms of salt and fresh waters, is irrevocably vested, for the exploration of oil, gas and minerals on such lands. Pursuant to an option to lease in this contract, the Trustees and Coastal Petroleum entered into three leases between 1944 and 1946. The acreage covered by these leases is located for the most part along offshore areas on the Gulf Coast of Florida and in submerged lands under certain bays, inlets, riverbeds and lakes, of which Lake Okeechobee is the largest.

In 1968, Coastal Petroleum sued the Secretary of the Army of the United States in a dispute regarding certain mineral rights. In 1969, as part of that litigation, the Trustees claimed that the leases were invalid and had been forfeited. Coastal Petroleum and the Trustees settled their disagreement in 1976.

Under the terms of the 1976 settlement agreement, the two leases (224-A and 224-B) bordering the Gulf Coast were divided into three areas, each running the entire length of the coastline from Apalachicola Bay to the Naples area: (1) The inner area, including rivers, bays, and harbors, extends seaward from the Florida shoreline a distance of 4.36 statute miles (5,280 feet per statute mile) into the Gulf, covers approximately 2.25 million acres, and is subject to a royalty interest payable to Coastal Petroleum. This interest is a 6 1/4% royalty on the wellhead value of all oil and gas, 25 cents per long ton on sulfur, receivable in cash or in kind at Coastal Petroleum's option, and a 5% royalty on production or the market value of other minerals. (2) The middle area, three statute miles wide and covering more than 800,000 acres, was released by Coastal Petroleum to the Trustees, and Coastal Petroleum has no further interest in the area. (3) Coastal Petroleum presently owns a 100% working interest in the outside area, which extends seaward an additional three statute miles and borders federal offshore acreage. This area, exceeding 800,000 acres, remains subject to royalties payable to the State of Florida of 12 1/2% on oil and gas, \$.50 per long ton of sulfur and 10% on other minerals. The Florida legislature has enacted statutes designed to protect the Big Bend Seagrass Aquatic Preserve, an area covering approximately one quarter of Coastal Petroleum's working interest area. However, the legislation and legislative history recognize and

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preserve Coastal Petroleum's prior rights as granted by the leases.

Coastal Petroleum retains a 100% working interest in 450,000-acre Lake Okeechobee which is a part of Lease 248 and which is also subject to royalties payable to the State of Florida of 12 1/2% on oil and gas, \$.50 per long ton of sulfur and 10% on other minerals. Pursuant to its settlement with the State of Florida in 1976, Coastal Petroleum agreed not to conduct exploration, drilling or mining operations on Lake Okeechobee without the prior approval of the State. As to the balance of this lease, covering approximately 200,000 acres, Coastal Petroleum retains royalty interests of 6 1/4% on oil, gas and sulfur and 5% on other minerals.

Under the 1976 settlement agreement with the Trustees, the three leases have a term of 40 years beginning from January 6, 1976 and require the payment of an annual rental of \$59,247, if oil, gas or minerals are being produced in economically sustainable quantities at January 6, 2016, these operations will be allowed to continue until they become uneconomic. Further, the settlement agreement provides that the drilling requirements shall be governed by Chapter 20680, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, and that all other drilling requirements are waived. Under the 1941 Act, a lessee is required to drill at least one test well on lands leased in each five-year period under the term of the lease. Coastal Petroleum believes it is current in fulfilling its drilling requirements. Drilling requirements of Lease 224-A have been satisfied through the five year obligation period ended August 2, 2004. The State of Florida has refused Coastal Petroleum the right to drill on Lease 248 since August 10, 1986.

The following charts reflect the acreage and annual rental obligations resulting from the 1976 settlement agreement with the Trustees and the approximate acreage under lease at December 31, 2003:

Lease	Current Working Interest	Current Royalty Interest	Current Annual Rental
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224-A and 224-B	800,000	2,250,000	\$ 39,261
248	450,000	200,000	19,986
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	1,250,000	2,450,000	\$ 59,247
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### Acreage under lease at December 31, 2003

	Gross Acres (*)		Net Acres (**)	
	Undeveloped	Developed	Undeveloped	Developed
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Working interest	1,250,000	-0-	1,250,000	-0-
Royalty interest	2,450,000	-0-	153,125	-0-
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Total	3,700,000	-0-	1,403,125	-0-
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\* A gross acre is an acre in which a working interest is owned.

\*\* A net acre is deemed to exist when the sum of fractional ownership working interests in gross acres equals one. The number of net acres is the sum of the fractional working interests owned in gross acres expressed as whole numbers and fractions thereof.

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### Disclosure Concerning Oil and Gas Operations.

Since the properties in which the Company has interests are undeveloped and nonproducing, items 2 through 4 of Securities Exchange Act Industry Guide 2 are not applicable.

#### (5) Undeveloped Acreage.

The Company's undeveloped acreage as of December 31, 2003 was as follows:

	Gross Acres	Net Acres
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Working Interest	1,250,000	1,250,000
Royalty Interest	2,450,000	153,125
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Total	3,700,000	1,403,125
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#### (6) Drilling Activity.

None

#### (7) Present Activities.

None

#### (8) Delivery Commitments.

None

### Royalties and Other Interests

In addition to royalties payable to the State of Florida as set forth above, Coastal Petroleum's leases are subject to several royalties and other interests. The leases are presently subject to overriding royalties aggregating 1/16 as to oil, gas and sulphur and 13/600ths as to minerals other than oil, gas and sulphur.

We also have granted to certain officers, directors, counsel and consultants of Coastal Petroleum and Coastal Caribbean the right to receive a percentage of the net recoveries from the Florida Litigation. See Item 3. "Legal Proceedings" and Item 13. "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions."

### Mineral Rights

Coastal Petroleum's Leases 224-A, 224-B and 248 were determined by a Florida State court in 1960 to cover not only oil, gas and sulphur, but also all other minerals. Subsequent litigation has held that these other minerals do not embrace certain deposits of shell accumulated on water bottoms which had not yet become mineral, and that Lake Hancock is not within the area covered by Lease 224-B. Under the 1976 settlement agreement with the State of Florida, Coastal Petroleum retains a 5% royalty with respect to mineral production. However, it

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cannot conduct mining operations in 450,000-acre Lake Okeechobee without the prior approval of the State of Florida. Although Coastal Petroleum had conducted limited mineral exploration activities on its leases, the courts during the 1980's limited its rights to mine minerals. Coastal Petroleum has no independent knowledge of commercial deposits on its leases. Furthermore, Coastal Petroleum does not anticipate that the State would allow the open pit mining and heavy industrial activity that would be necessary to remove any minerals if they were to be present, given the State's objection to a single bore hole for an exploratory oil and gas well.

### Item 3. Legal Proceedings

#### Florida Litigation

Coastal Petroleum has been involved in various lawsuits for many years. Coastal Petroleum's current litigation now involves one basic claim: whether the State's offshore drilling policy and its denial of a permit constitute a taking of Coastal Petroleum's property. In addition, Coastal Caribbean is a party to another action in which Coastal Caribbean claims that certain of its royalty interests have been confiscated by the State.

#### Drilling Permit Litigation

In 1992, Coastal Petroleum applied to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (the "DEP") for a permit to drill an exploratory oil and gas well off Apalachicola, Florida. The proposed well would be located in an area included within Lease 224-A. The DEP subsequently denied the application for issuance of a drilling permit for various reasons and imposed a \$1.9 billion bond. Coastal Petroleum appealed the actions of the DEP to the Florida First District Court of Appeal ("Court of Appeal"). After two decisions by the Court of Appeal in favor of Coastal Petroleum, the Florida Supreme Court in July 1996 denied the DEP's petition to review an April 1996 Court of Appeal decision. The Florida Supreme Court had also refused to review an earlier Court of Appeal decision.

On August 16, 1996, the DEP notified Coastal Petroleum that it was prepared to issue the drilling permit subject to Coastal Petroleum publishing a Notice of Intent to Issue ("Notice") the permit. The Notice allowed interested parties to request administrative hearings on the permit.

On May 28, 1997, the Oil and Gas Drilling Bill (SB550) was enacted in Florida. The legislation requires that a surety be based on the projected cleanup costs and possible natural resource damage associated with offshore drilling as estimated by the DEP and as established by the Administration Commission (the "Commission") which is comprised of the Governor of Florida and the Cabinet. Previously, the required surety was satisfied by a payment of \$4,000 to the Mineral Trust Fund in the first year, with a maximum \$30,000 per year and a payment of \$1,500 per well for each subsequent year. On September 9, 1997, the State of Florida set a new surety amount of \$4.25 billion as a precondition for the issuance of the drilling permit.

On October 20, 1997, a public hearing on the permit application convened and concluded on November 6, 1997. The hearing included the Company's appeal of the \$4.25 billion surety requirement. On April 8, 1998, a Florida Administrative Law Judge recommended that Coastal Petroleum was entitled to a drilling permit



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with the requirement of a \$225 million surety. On May 13, 1998, the Commission rejected the \$225 million surety and remanded the proceedings to the Administrative Law Judge with instructions to recalculate the surety amount.

On May 22, 1998, the DEP denied the permit to Coastal Petroleum to drill an offshore exploration well near St. George's Island. Coastal Petroleum appealed both the denial of the permit by the DEP and the imposition of the surety to the Court of Appeal.

On October 6, 1999, the Court of Appeal ruled that the DEP has the authority to deny Coastal Petroleum's drilling permit for its St. George Island prospect, provided that Coastal Petroleum receives just compensation for what has been taken. The State of Florida and certain Florida environmental groups filed on November 1, 1999 a joint motion for clarification, rehearing, or certification with respect to that decision, asking the Court of Appeal, among other things, to clarify that the question of whether there has been a taking of Coastal Petroleum's leases should be determined in the Circuit Court. On June 26, 2000, the Court of Appeal denied all of the State's motions and stated that the issue of whether the denial of a permit constituted a "taking" was not before the Court. The Court declined to rule on the merits of the taking issue and stated that the issue was a matter for the Circuit Court.

### Lease Taking Case (Lease 224-A)

On January 16, 2001, Coastal Petroleum filed a complaint in the Leon County Circuit Court, Florida against the State of Florida seeking compensation for the State's taking of its property rights to explore for oil and gas within its state Lease 224-A. The lease encompasses more than 400,000 acres off the West coast of Florida in the Gulf of Mexico. In its complaint, Coastal reserved the right to raise any federal claims that it had a right to bring based upon the State's actions, so that such claims could be brought in federal court if necessary.

In that case, Coastal Petroleum claimed that the State of Florida has taken Lease 224-A by denying Coastal Petroleum a permit to drill an offshore exploration well near St. George Island in the Gulf of Mexico. The history of the litigation between Coastal Petroleum and the State of Florida relating to the denial of the drilling permit is set forth under the caption "Drilling Permit Litigation." Coastal Petroleum maintains that the State has effectively taken Coastal Petroleum's lease by depriving Coastal Petroleum of all or substantially all of the economically viable use of its constitutionally protected property.

On October 8, 2002, after a two week trial the trial court in the taking litigation orally ruled from the bench that the State's denial of a permit to drill on Coastal Petroleum's Lease 224-A did not constitute an unlawful taking of Coastal Petroleum's property. On November 15, 2002, the trial court issued its Final Judgment that the State's denial of a permit to drill on Coastal

Petroleum's Lease 224-A did not constitute an unlawful taking of Coastal Petroleum's property.

Coastal Petroleum Company filed a notice of appeal of the Final Judgment to the Florida First District Court of Appeal on November 18, 2002 and filed its initial appeal brief on January 27, 2003. The intervenors (as described below) joined the appeal of the Final Judgment and appealed the ruling on their motion to intervene. After all briefs were submitted, oral arguments were heard on November 19, 2003. On December 3, 2003 the Florida First District Court of Appeals' affirmed the trial court's Judgment. In December, 2003 the Company

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filed a Motion for Clarification, Rehearing, Certification and Request for a Written Opinion as to the Court's per curiam decision issued on December 3, 2003. In January, 2004, the Court denied this Motion, the Court's decision affirming the trial court's final judgment finding no taking of Coastal's State Drilling Lease 224-A, became final.

On April 7, 2004, Coastal filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari with the United States Supreme Court asking the Court to accept jurisdiction to consider the action taken by the trial court as affirmed by the appellate court. After jurisdictional briefs are submitted the Court will decide whether to exercise its jurisdiction and if so briefs on the merits will be required.

On December 13, 2002, the State filed a motion for an order by the trial court by which the State seeks to recover \$178,315 from Coastal Petroleum, including expert witness fees, deposition costs and copying costs. On December 20, 2002, Coastal Petroleum filed objections and responses to the State's motion, objecting to the costs and requesting an evidentiary hearing. In the opinion of Company's litigation counsel, the State's motion for fees and costs is without merit. On April 9, 2003, the State agreed not to pursue its motion until after conclusion of the appeal in this case. An award of costs by the trial court against Coastal Petroleum could be appealed by either party. Coastal Petroleum also would have the right to seek an automatic stay of any cost award rendered against it pending appeal of the award, by the posting of a bond deemed sufficient by the trial court.

### Ancillary Matters to Lease Taking Case

On February 13, 2001, certain holders of royalties pertaining to Lease 224-A filed a Motion to Intervene as Additional Plaintiffs. On April 24, 2001, the Leon County Circuit trial judge granted certain royalty holders with overriding royalties, which aggregate approximately 4% on State Lease 224-A, the right to intervene on a limited basis in the takings lawsuit.

Counsel for the appealing royalty holders has advised Coastal Petroleum that the royalty holders' position is that their interest is worth substantially more than 4% of whatever judgment may be awarded to Coastal Petroleum in the litigation and that they intend to make a claim against any recovery Coastal Petroleum may obtain in the litigation. Coastal Petroleum informed the Circuit Court and counsel for the royalty holders that Coastal Petroleum is not making any claim in the litigation on behalf of any interest the royalty holders may have.

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### No Assurances

There is no assurance that Coastal Petroleum will be successful on the merits of its claims, which the State of Florida is vigorously defending. There is also no assurance that Coastal Petroleum will receive a ruling that its Lease 224-A has been taken or that if compensation is awarded it will be awarded in the amount sought by Coastal Petroleum.

### Other Permit Applications

On February 25, 1997 Coastal Petroleum filed 12 additional applications for drilling permits. Coastal Petroleum objected to certain requests for additional data by the Florida DEP and the permits were denied. On March 26, 1999, an administrative law judge upheld the DEP's requirements and denial of the permits. The First District Court of Appeal affirmed the decision of the

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administrative law judge on February 29, 2000.

In order to more fully permit the Apalachicola Reef Play, which includes the St. George Island prospect, on October 29, 1998, Coastal Petroleum filed four additional permit applications (1310-1313). The DEP also requested additional data for these applications. As of March 18, 2004, Coastal Petroleum had not yet submitted the requested data. Although these applications are still pending, Coastal Petroleum does not believe the DEP will ever grant these permits.

### Coastal Caribbean Royalty Litigation

The offshore areas covered by Coastal Petroleum's original leases (prior to the 1976 Settlement Agreement) are subject to certain other royalty interests held by third parties, including Coastal Caribbean. On April 20, 1994, several of those third parties, including Coastal Caribbean, which has approximately a 12% interest in any recovery, have instituted a separate lawsuit against the State of Florida in the 5th Judicial Circuit in Hernando County. That lawsuit claims that the royalty holders' interests have been confiscated as a result of the State's actions discussed above and that they are entitled to compensation for that taking. The royalty holders were not parties to the 1976 Settlement Agreement, and the royalty holders contend that the terms of the Settlement Agreement do not protect the State from taking claims by those royalty holders. The case was subsequently transferred to the 2nd Judicial Circuit in Leon County and it is still pending before the Circuit Court in Tallahassee. The State has filed a motion for summary judgment but no hearing date has been set for the motion. Discovery is proceeding. Any recovery made in the royalty holders' lawsuit would be shared among the various plaintiffs in that lawsuit, including Coastal Caribbean, but not Coastal Petroleum.

### Lease Taking Case (Lease 224-B)

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On May 21, 2002, Coastal Petroleum filed a complaint in the Leon County Circuit Court, Florida against the State of Florida seeking compensation for the State's alleged taking of its property rights to explore for oil and gas within its State Lease 224-B. The lease encompasses more than 400,000 acres off the West Coast of Florida in the Gulf of Mexico. On July 22, 2002, a motion by the State of Florida to dismiss the case was heard. The court denied the State's

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motion to dismiss the case and the case is currently pending and is still in the discovery stage.

On March 28, 2003, the State filed a motion to stay the proceeding until the appeal of Lease 224-A is completed. A hearing before the trial judge was held on May 1, 2003, at which Coastal objected to the stay unless the stay was conditioned upon the suspension of Coastal's lease obligation. The judge denied the motion to stay and discovery is still proceeding.

### Counsel

The Tampa, Florida law firm of Gaylord Merlin Ludovici Diaz & Bain was Coastal Petroleum's principal trial counsel in Coastal Petroleum's inverse condemnation claim against the State of Florida in Florida Circuit Court. Mr. Cary Gaylord was the lead attorney for Gaylord Merlin. Mr. Gaylord, age 56, has extensive experience in eminent domain and property rights matters. He is a 1969 graduate of the United States Military Academy and a 1974 graduate of the University of Florida Law School.

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In addition, Mr. Robert J. Angerer of the law firm of Angerer & Angerer of Tallahassee, Florida assisted Gaylord Merlin in the litigation. Mr. Angerer, age 56, is a 1969 graduate of the University of Michigan and received his law degree with high honors from Florida State University in 1974. Mr. Angerer was elected a member of the Board of Directors of Coastal Caribbean and of Coastal Petroleum on January 30, 2003 and a Vice President of Coastal Caribbean and Coastal Petroleum on February 28, 2003. Angerer & Angerer is the principal counsel in the appeal of the Taking Case (Lease 224-A) and the principal trial counsel in Coastal Petroleum's inverse condemnation claim regarding Lease 224-B.

### Statutory Attorneys' Fees

Chapter 73 of Florida law provides in eminent domain proceedings (which would include Coastal Petroleum's taking claim) that, in addition to the award made to the property owner, the court shall award attorneys' fees based on the difference between the final judgment or settlement and the first written offer made to the property owner by the State in accordance with the following schedule:

1. Thirty-three percent of any difference up to \$250,000; plus
2. Twenty-five percent of any portion of the difference between \$250,000 and \$1 million; plus
3. Twenty percent of any portion of the difference exceeding \$1 million.

As of December 31, 2003, no such written offer has been made.

### Contingency Fees

In 1990, Coastal Petroleum considered that the following firms or individuals were important to the success of the litigation against the State of Florida and agreed to pay them an aggregate of 8.65% in contingent fees based on

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any net recovery from execution on or satisfaction of judgment or from settlement of the Florida litigation:

Holder	Relationship to Coastal Petroleum at Date of Grant	Net Recovery Percentage
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Reasoner, Davis & Fox	Special Counsel	2.00
Robert J. Angerer	Litigation Counsel	1.50
Benjamin W. Heath	Chairman of the Board	1.25
Phillip W. Ware	President	1.25
Murtha Cullina LLP	Securities Counsel to Coastal Caribbean	1.00
Ausley & McMullen, P.A. (*)	Special Counsel	.75
James R. Joyce	Assistant Treasurer	.30
Arthur B. O'Donnell	Vice President/Treasurer	.30
James J. Gaughran	Secretary	.30
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Total		8.65
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(\*) Interest was granted in 1996.

In addition, Coastal Petroleum has agreed to pay Gaylord Merlin a contingent fee in connection with compensation awarded to Coastal Petroleum for

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the taking of Lease 224-A, Lease 224-B and Lease 248 equal to the greater of:

(a) approximately 90% of the statutory award of attorneys' fees (discussed above), less the hourly fees paid to Gaylord Merlin, or

(b) ten percent of the first \$100 million or portion thereof of the compensation received by Coastal Petroleum from the State as compensation for the taking of its property, plus five percent of such compensation in excess of \$100 million, less

(i) the hourly fees paid to Gaylord Merlin and

(ii) other costs of the litigation as follows:

(a) if compensation to Coastal Petroleum is less than \$55 million, there shall be no deduction of other costs;

(b) if compensation to Coastal Petroleum is equal to or greater than \$55 million, then for each \$5 million increase there shall be a deduction of \$200,000 of other costs up to \$100 million;

(c) for each \$5 million increase in compensation to Coastal Petroleum over \$100 million up to total compensation of \$160 million, there shall be a deduction of \$100,000 of other costs; and

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(d) for compensation to Coastal Petroleum over \$160 million, there shall be a deduction of all costs of the litigation which are not recovered from the State (which shall not include any fees of Mr. Angerer or Mr. Aurell).

### Uncertainty

Coastal Petroleum and/or Coastal Caribbean may not prevail on any of the issues set forth above and may not recover compensation for any of their claims. In addition, even if Coastal Petroleum were to prevail on any or all of the issues to be decided, Coastal Caribbean or Coastal Petroleum may not have sufficient financial resources to survive until such decisions become final. In the unlikely event that the State of Florida were to grant a permit to drill any wells for which applications have been filed, the wells drilled may not be successful and may not lead to production of any oil or gas in commercial quantities.

### Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

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None.

PART II

Item 5. Market for the Company's Common Stock and Related  
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 Stockholder Matters  
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(a) Market Information.

The principal market for the Company's common stock is in the over-the-counter market on the "Electronic Bulletin Board" of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. under the symbol COCBF.OB. The quarterly high and low closing prices on the Electronic Bulletin Board during the last two years were as follows:

On February 13, 2003, Coastal Caribbean' shares of common stock were delisted from trading on the Boston Stock Exchange because the Company's shareholders' equity was less than the \$1,000,000 minimum amount required by the Exchange.

2002	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter
High	\$ 1.02	.91	.96	.70
Low	\$ .76	.57	.42	.16
2003	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter
High	\$ .25	.16	.51	.45
Low	\$ .10	.09	.16	.05

(b) Holders.  
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The approximate number of record holders of the Company's common stock at March 18, 2004 was 8,200.

(c) Dividends.  
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The Company has never declared or paid dividends on its common stock and it

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does not anticipate declaring or paying any dividends in the foreseeable future. The Company plans to retain any future earnings to reduce the deficit accumulated during the development stage of \$39,451,292 at December 31, 2003 and to finance its operations.

The Company's Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws do not permit the Company to repurchase or redeem shares of its common stock.

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### Foreign Exchange Control Regulations

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The Company is subject to the applicable laws of The Islands of Bermuda relating to exchange control, but has the permission of the Foreign Exchange Control of Bermuda to carry on business in, to receive, disburse and hold United States dollars and dollar securities under its designation as an External Account Company. The Company has been advised that, although as a matter of law it is possible for such designation to be revoked, there is little precedent for revocation under Bermuda law.

### Income and Withholding Taxes

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Coastal Caribbean is a Bermuda corporation. Bermuda currently imposes no taxes on corporate income or capital gains realized outside of Bermuda. Any amounts received by Coastal Caribbean from United States sources as dividends, interest, or other fixed or determinable annual or periodic gains, profits and income, will be subject to a 30% United States withholding tax. In addition, any dividends from its domestic subsidiary, Coastal Petroleum, will not be eligible for the 100% dividends received deduction, which is allowable in the case of a United States parent corporation. Shares of the Company held by persons who are citizens or residents of the United States are subject to federal estate and gift and local inheritance taxation. Any dividends received by such persons will also be subject to federal, State and local income taxation. The foregoing rules are of general application only, and reflect law in force as of the date of this report.

A convention between Bermuda and the United States relating to mutual assistance on tax matters became operative in 1988.

### Passive Foreign Investment Company Rules

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The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, provides special rules for distributions received by U.S. holders on stock of a passive foreign investment company (PFIC), as well as amounts received from the sale or other disposition of PFIC stock.

Under the PFIC rules, a non-U.S. corporation will be classified as a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes in any taxable year in which, after applying certain look-through rules, either (1) at least 75 percent of its gross income is passive income or (2) at least 50 percent of the gross value of its assets is attributable to assets that produce passive income or are held for the production of passive income.

Passive income for this purpose generally includes dividends, interest, royalties, rents, and gains from commodities and securities transactions. Special rules apply in cases where a foreign corporation owns directly or indirectly at least a 25 percent interest in a subsidiary, measured by value. In this case, the foreign corporation is treated as holding its proportionate share

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of the assets of the subsidiary and receiving directly its proportionate share of the income of the subsidiary when determining whether it is a PFIC. Thus, Coastal Caribbean would be deemed to receive its pro rata share of the income and to hold its pro rata share of the assets, of Coastal Petroleum.

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Based on certain estimates of its gross income and gross assets and the nature of its business, Coastal Caribbean would be classified as a PFIC for the years 1987 through 2002. Once an entity is considered a PFIC for a taxable year, it will be treated as such for all subsequent years with respect to owners holding the stock in a year that it was classified as a PFIC under the income or asset test described above. Whether the Company will be a PFIC under either of these tests in future years will be difficult to determine because the tests are applied annually. Based upon Coastal Caribbean's current passive income, it is likely that Coastal Caribbean will be classified as a PFIC in 2004.

If Coastal Caribbean is classified as a PFIC with respect to a U.S. holder any gain from the sale of, and certain distributions with respect to, shares of our common stock, would cause a U.S. holder to become liable for U.S. federal income tax under Code section 1291 (the interest charge regime). The tax is computed by allocating the amount of the gain on the sale or the amount of the distribution, as the case may be, to each day in the U.S. shareholder's holding period. To the extent that the amount is allocated to a year, other than the year of the disposition or distribution, in which the corporation was treated as a PFIC with respect to the U.S. holder, the income will be taxed as ordinary income at the highest rate in effect for that year, plus an interest charge. The interest charge would generally be calculated as if the distribution or gain had been recognized ratably over the U.S. holder's holding period (for PFIC purposes) for the shares. To the extent an amount is allocated to the year of the disposition or distribution, or to a year before the first year in which the corporation qualified as a PFIC, the amount so allocated is included as additional gross income for the year of the disposition or distribution. A U.S. holder also would be required to make an annual return on IRS Form 8621 that describes any distributions received with respect to our shares and any gain realized on the sale or other disposition of our shares.

As an alternative to taxation under the interest charge regime, a U.S. holder generally can elect, subject to certain limitations, to annually take into gross income the appreciation or depreciation in our common shares' value during the tax year (mark-to-market election). If a U.S. holder makes the mark-to-market election, the U.S. holder will not be subject to the above-described rule. Instead, if a U.S. holder makes the mark-to-market election, the U.S. holder recognizes each year an amount equal to the difference as of the close of the taxable year between the U.S. holder's fair market value of the common shares and the adjusted basis in the common shares. Losses would be allowed only to the extent of net gain previously included by the U.S. holder under the mark-to-market election for prior taxable years. Amounts included in or deducted from income under the mark-to-market election and actual gains and losses realized upon the sale or disposition of the common shares, subject to certain limitations, will be treated as ordinary gains or losses. If the mark-to-market election is made for a year other than the first year in the U.S. holder's holding period in which the corporation was a PFIC, the first year's mark-to-market inclusion, if any, is taxed as if it were a distribution subject to the interest charge regime discussed above.

Another alternative election which would allow a U.S. holder to elect to take its pro rata share of Coastal Caribbean's undistributed income into gross income as it is earned by Coastal Caribbean (QEF election) would only be available to a U.S. holder if Coastal Caribbean provided certain information to



the shareholders of Coastal Caribbean. Coastal Caribbean has had no undistributed income for the years 1987 through 2002. If the QEF election is made in a year other than the first year of the U.S. holder's holding period in which the foreign corporation is a PFIC, both the QEF regime and interest charge regime can apply, unless a special election is made. Under this special election, the taxpayer is treated as if it disposed of its PFIC stock in a transaction subject to the interest charge rules to the extent gain is deemed to be recognized. Once this election is made, the holder will be subject only to the QEF regime.

Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities  
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None

Item 6. Selected Consolidated Financial Information  
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The following selected consolidated financial information (in thousands except for per share amounts) for the Company insofar as it relates to each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2003 has been extracted from the Company's consolidated financial statements.

	Years ended December 31,			
	2003	2002	2001	2000
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Net loss	\$ (1,008)	\$ (2,448)	\$ (6,585)	\$ (1,38
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Net loss per share (basic and diluted)	(.02)	(.05)	(.15)	(.0
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities	3	292	609	2,95
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Unproved oil, gas and, mineral properties (full cost method)	-	-	-	4,14
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Total assets	91	707	1,077	7,49
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Shareholders' equity:				
Common stock	5,545	5,545	5,216	5,21
Capital in excess of par value	32,138	32,068	31,498	31,49
Deficit accumulated during the development stage	(39,451)	(38,443)	(35,996)	(29,41
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Total shareholders' (deficit) equity	\$ (1,768)	\$ (830)	\$ 718	\$ 7,30
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Common stock shares outstanding (weighted average)	44,734 =====	44,734 =====	43,468 =====	40,84 =====
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Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition  
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and Results of Operations  
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Statements included in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations which are not historical in nature are intended to be forward looking statements. The Company cautions readers that forward looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in the forward looking statements. For a discussion of certain risk factors affecting the Company, please see "Risk Factors" above.

Critical Accounting Policies  
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The Company follows the full cost method of accounting for its oil and gas properties. All costs associated with property acquisition, exploration and development activities whether successful or unsuccessful are capitalized. Since the Company's properties were undeveloped and nonproducing and the subject of litigation, capitalized costs were not being amortized, however, as more fully described in Note 3, these costs were written off in 2001.

The capitalized costs are subject to a ceiling test which basically limits such costs to the aggregate of the estimated present value discounted at a 10% rate of future net revenues from proved reserves, based on current economic and operating conditions, plus the lower of cost or fair market value of unproved properties. The Company assesses whether its unproved properties are impaired on a periodic basis. This assessment is based upon work completed on the properties to date, the expiration date of its leases and technical data from the properties and adjacent areas. These properties are subject to extensive litigation with the State of Florida.

During the year 2001, the Company concluded that its leases had been taken and its property interests were impaired by the actions taken by the State of Florida and therefore, had recorded an impairment charge to reflect the write off of the costs of unproved oil, gas and minerals properties. See Note 4. Litigation. All costs incurred in 2002 and 2003 in connection with the Company's Florida leases have been expensed as incurred (as will be all future costs).

(1) Liquidity and Capital Resources  
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Statements included in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations which are not historical in nature are forward looking statements. The Company cautions readers that forward looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in the forward looking statements. Among the risks and uncertainties are:

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1. the uncertainty of any decision favorable to Coastal Petroleum in its litigation against the State of Florida;

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2. the substantial cost of continuing the litigation;

As more fully described in Notes 1 and 4 to the consolidated financial statements, we have a working capital deficiency, have incurred recurring losses and have a deficit accumulated during the development stage. We have been and continue to be involved in several legal proceedings against the State of Florida which has limited our ability to commence development activities on our unproven oil and gas properties or obtain compensation for certain property rights we believe have been taken. These situations raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. Our consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments to reflect the possible future effects on the recoverability and classification of assets or amounts and classification of liabilities which may result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

### Liquidity

In July 2002 Coastal Caribbean concluded a rights offering and sold 2,743,275 shares of common stock for \$.50 per share and received net proceeds of approximately \$900,000.

At December 31, 2003, Coastal Caribbean had approximately \$3,000 of cash and cash equivalents available. In addition, the Company has received a commitment from some of its Directors to loan the Company funds which management believes should be sufficient to fund the Company's operations through June 2004, provided that payments to the Company's litigation counsel and to the Company's salaried employee are deferred and provided further that payments to other Company counsel are also deferred.

Coastal Caribbean has a working capital deficiency, has a limited amount of cash and cash equivalents, has incurred recurring losses and has a deficit accumulated during the development stage. Certain directors, officers, legal counsel and administrative consultants have agreed to defer the payment of their salaries and fees. At December 31, 2003, the amount of salaries and fees being deferred totaled approximately \$1,054,000. After the filing of the 10-K, the Company may have to suspend or cease operations and may have to file for bankruptcy under the laws of Bermuda unless and until the Company can secure additional funds for operations.

Since October 2002, Coastal Caribbean and Coastal Petroleum have attempted to raise funds from the other shareholders of Coastal Petroleum and from others. In March 2003 Coastal Petroleum sold two shares of its common stock for \$25,000 per share to a non-shareholder of Coastal Petroleum and in October Coastal Petroleum sold two shares of its common stock for \$10,000 per share to an existing shareholder of Coastal Petroleum. Other than these sales, Management has been unsuccessful at raising additional funds.

### (2) Results of Operations

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The Company, a development stage enterprise, has never had substantial revenues and has operated at a loss each year since its inception in 1953. During the three years ended December 31, 2003, the Company spent approximately \$3,562,000 on legal expenses primarily for the lawsuits against the State of

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Florida relating to drilling permits and royalty interests.

2003 vs. 2002

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The Company incurred a loss of \$1,008,000 for the year 2003, compared to a loss of \$2,488,000 for the year 2002.

Interest income and other income decreased 91% in 2003 to \$1,000 from \$7,000 in 2002 because less funds were available for investment and due in part to lower interest rates.

Legal fees and costs decreased 78% in 2003 to \$342,000 from \$1,549,000 in 2002. Legal fees and costs decreased in 2003 as compared with 2002 due to a reduction in expenditures for legal fees and geological experts related to Company's lawsuit against the State of Florida seeking compensation for the State's alleged taking of its property rights to explore for oil and gas within its state Lease 224-A.

Administrative expenses decreased 29% in 2003 to \$458,000 from \$662,000 in 2002 primarily because of a reduction in Accounting and administrative expenses and other corporate expenses associated with the closing of the New Jersey offices.

Salaries expense decreased 32% in 2003 to \$119,000 from \$152,000 in 2002 due to the reduction in personnel from two individuals to one.

Shareholder communications decreased 5% in 2003 from \$31,000 compared to \$32,000 in 2002. These costs remain low because there was no annual meeting of shareholders held in 2003 or 2002.

Write off of unproved properties totaled \$59,000 in 2003 and 2002 as the Company has concluded that the value of its leases had been taken and its property interests had been impaired by actions taken by the State of Florida. All costs incurred in 2003 in connection with the Company's Florida leases have been and all future costs will be expensed as incurred.

2002 vs. 2001

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The Company incurred a loss of \$2,488,000 for the year 2002, compared to a loss of \$6,585,000 for the year 2001.

Interest income and other income decreased 91% from \$78,000 in 2001 to \$7,000 in 2002 because less funds were available for investment and in part due to lower interest rates.

Legal fees and costs decreased 7% to \$1,549,000 for 2002 from \$1,670,000 in 2001. Legal fees and costs decreased in 2002 as compared with 2001 due to a reduction in expenditures for legal fees and fees paid to geological experts consulted in preparation for the trial of the Company's lawsuit against the State of Florida seeking compensation for the State's alleged taking of its

property rights to explore for oil and gas within its state Lease 224-A. This reduction was partially offset by an increase in costs incurred for legal services directly connected with the trial which took place in September 2002.

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Administrative expenses increased 24% in 2002 to \$662,000 from \$534,000 in 2001 primarily because of a \$72,000 increase in the cost of liability insurance. Also, Accounting and Administrative costs increased because of additional services required in connection with the Florida Litigation.

Salaries did not change during the periods and remained at \$152,000 in 2002.

Shareholder communications costs decreased to \$32,000 in 2002 compared to \$106,000 in 2001 because there was no annual meeting of shareholders held in 2002.

Write off of unproved properties totaled \$59,000 in 2002 compared to \$4,202,000 in 2001. During the year 2001, the Company concluded that the value of its leases had been taken and its property interests had been impaired by actions taken by the State of Florida and therefore, had recorded an impairment charge to reflect the write off of these costs. All costs incurred in 2002 in connection with the Company's Florida leases have been and all future costs will be expensed as incurred.

### Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

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The Company does not have any significant exposure to market risk as the only market risk sensitive instruments are its investments in marketable securities. At December 31, 2003, the carrying value of such investments (including those classified as cash and cash equivalents) was approximately \$3,000, the fair value was \$3,000 and the face value was \$3,000. Since the Company expects to hold the investments to maturity, the maturity value should be realized.

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### Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Board of Directors  
Coastal Caribbean Oils & Minerals, Ltd.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Coastal Caribbean Oils & Minerals, Ltd. (a development stage company) as of December 31, 2002, and the related consolidated statements of operations, cash flows, and common stock and capital in excess of par value for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2002. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

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We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Coastal Caribbean Oils & Minerals, Ltd. at December 31, 2002, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2002 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As more fully described in Notes 1 and 4 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company has a working capital deficiency, has incurred recurring losses and has a deficit accumulated during the development stage. In addition, the Company has been and continues to be involved in several legal proceedings against the State of Florida which have limited the Company's ability to commence development activities on its unproved oil or gas properties or obtain compensation for certain property rights it believes have been confiscated. These situations raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments to reflect the possible future effects on the recoverability and classification of assets or amounts and classification of liabilities that may result from the outcome of these uncertainties.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Stamford, Connecticut  
February 12, 2003

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of  
Coastal Caribbean Oils & Minerals, Ltd.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Coastal Caribbean Oils & Minerals, Ltd. (a development stage company) as of December 31, 2003, and the related consolidated statements of operations, cash flows and common stock and capital in excess of par value for the year ended December 31, 2003 and for the period from January 31, 1953 (inception) to December 31, 2003. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial

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statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Coastal Caribbean Oils & Minerals, Ltd. as of December 31, 2003, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2003 and for the period from January 31, 1953 (inception) to December 31, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As more fully described in Notes 1 and 4 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company had a working capital deficiency, has incurred recurring losses and has a deficit accumulated during the development stage. In addition, the Company has been and continues to be involved in several legal proceedings against the State of Florida which have limited the Company's ability to commence development activities on its unproved oil or gas properties or obtain compensation for certain property rights it believes have been confiscated. These situations raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments to reflect the possible future effects on the recoverability and classification of assets or amounts and classifications or liabilities that may result from the outcome of these uncertainties.

/s/ James Moore & Co., P.L.

March 23, 2004  
Gainesville, Florida

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COASTAL CARIBBEAN OILS & MINERALS, LTD.  
(A Bermuda Corporation)  
A Development Stage Company

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(Expressed in U.S. dollars)

Assets

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents  
Prepaid expenses and other

Total current assets

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Contingent litigation claim (Note 4)

Total assets

Liabilities and Shareholders'

(Deficit) Equity Current liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

Amounts due to related parties

Total current liabilities

Minority interests

Shareholders' (deficit) equity: Common stock, par value \$.12 per share:

Authorized - 250,000,000 shares

Outstanding - 46,211,604

shares, respectively

Capital in excess of par value

Deficit accumulated during the development stage

Total shareholders' (deficit) equity

Total liabilities and shareholders' (deficit) equity

See accompanying notes.

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COASTAL CARIBBEAN OILS & MINERALS, LTD.  
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

	Years ended December 31	
	2003	2002
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Interest and other income	\$ 658	\$ 7,357
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Expenses:		
Legal fees and costs	342,451	1,549,178
Administrative expenses	457,649	662,390
Salaries	118,745	151,800
Shareholder communications	30,746	32,286
Write off of unproved properties	59,247	59,247
Exploration costs	-	-
Lawsuit judgments	-	-
Minority interests	-	-
Other	-	-
Contractual services	-	-
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	1,008,838	2,454,901
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Net loss	\$ (1,008,180)	\$ (2,447,544)
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Deficit accumulated during the development stage		
Net loss per share based on weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period:		
Basic and diluted EPS	\$ (.02)	\$ (.05)
	=====	=====
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (basic and diluted)		
	44,734,456	44,734,456
	=====	=====

See accompanying notes.

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COASTAL CARIBBEAN OILS & MINERALS, LTD.  
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

Years ended December

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2003  
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2002  
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Operating activities:

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Net loss	\$ (1,008,180)	\$ (2,447,544)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Minority interest	-	-
Write off of unproved properties	59,247	59,247
Common stock issued for services	-	-
Compensation recognized for stock option grant	-	-
Net change in:		
Prepaid expenses and other	326,752	(52,500)
Accrued liabilities	322,208	1,178,082
Other assets	-	90,391
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Net cash used in operating activities	(299,973)	(1,172,324)
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Investing activities:		
Additions to oil, gas, and mineral properties net of assets acquired for common stock and reimbursements	(59,247)	(59,247)
Proceeds from relinquishment of surface rights	-	-
Marketable securities (net)	-	-
Notes receivable	-	15,000
Purchase of fixed assets	-	-
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Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(59,247)	(44,247)
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Financing activities:		
Sale of common stock, net of expenses	-	899,642
Shares issued upon exercise of options	-	-
Sale of shares by subsidiary	70,000	-
Sale of subsidiary shares	-	-
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Net cash provided by financing activities	70,000	899,642
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Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(289,220)	(316,929)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	292,095	609,024
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 2,875	\$ 292,095
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See accompanying notes.

COASTAL CARIBBEAN OILS & MINERALS, LTD.  
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A Development Stage Company

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMMON STOCK  
AND CAPITAL IN EXCESS OF PAR VALUE  
(Expressed in U.S. dollars)

For the period from January 31, 1953 (inception) to December 31, 2003

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	Number of Shares	
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Shares issued for net assets and unrecovered costs at inception	5,790,210	\$
Sales of common stock	26,829,486	
Shares issued upon exercise of stock options	510,000	
Market value (\$2.375 per share) of shares issued in 1953 to acquire an investment	54,538	
Shares issued in 1953 in exchange for 1/3rd of a 1/60th overriding royalty (sold in prior year) in nonproducing leases of Coastal Petroleum	84,210	
Market value of shares issued for services rendered during the period 1954-1966	95,188	
Net transfers to restate the par value of common stock outstanding in 1962 and 1970 to \$0.12 per share	-	
Increase in Company's investment (equity) due to capital transactions of Coastal Petroleum in 1976	-	
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Balance at December 31, 1990	33,363,632	
Sale of subsidiary shares	-	
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Balance at December 31, 1991	33,363,632	
Sale of subsidiary shares	-	
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Balance at December 31, 1992	33,363,632	
Sale of subsidiary shares	-	
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Balance at December 31, 1993	33,363,632	
Sale of subsidiary shares	-	
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Balance at December 31, 1994	33,363,632	
Sale of subsidiary shares	-	
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Balance at December 31, 1995	33,363,632	
Sale of common stock	6,672,726	
Sale of subsidiary shares	-	
Exercise of stock options	10,000	
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Balance at December 31, 1996	40,046,358	
Sale of subsidiary shares	-	
Exercise of stock options	10,000	
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Balance at December 31, 1997, 1998 and 1999	40,056,358	
Sale of common stock	3,411,971	
Compensation recognized for stock option grant	-	
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Balance at December 31, 2000 and 2001	43,468,329	
Sale of common stock	2,743,275	
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Balance as of December 31, 2002	46,211,604	
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Sale of subsidiary shares	-	
Balance as of December 31, 2003	46,211,604	\$
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See accompanying notes.

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## COASTAL CARIBBEAN OILS & MINERALS, LTD. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2003

### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

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#### Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Coastal Caribbean Oils & Minerals, Ltd., a Bermuda corporation (Coastal Caribbean) and its majority owned subsidiary, Coastal Petroleum Company (Coastal Petroleum), referred to collectively as the Company. The Company, which has been engaged in a single industry and segment, is considered to be a development stage company since its exploration for oil, gas and minerals has not yielded any significant revenue or reserves. All intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

#### Reclassifications

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Certain amounts in the 2002 and 2001 financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform to the 2003 presentation.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

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The Company considers all highly liquid short-term investments with maturities of three months or less at the date of acquisition to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost which approximates market value. The components of cash and cash equivalents are as follows:

	December 31,	
	2003	2002
Cash	\$ 2,875	\$ 92,777
Marketable securities	-	199,318
	\$ 2,875	\$292,095
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#### Use of Estimates

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The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. The outcome of the litigation and the ability to develop the Company's oil and gas properties will have a significant effect on the Company's financial position and results of operations. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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### Unproved Oil, Gas and Mineral Properties -----

The Company follows the full cost method of accounting for its oil and gas properties. All costs associated with property acquisition, exploration and development activities whether successful or unsuccessful are capitalized.

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### COASTAL CARIBBEAN OILS & MINERALS, LTD. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2003

#### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies (Cont'd) -----

Since the Company's properties were undeveloped and nonproducing and the subject of litigation, capitalized costs were not being amortized, however, as more fully described in Note 3, these costs were written off in 2001.

The capitalized costs are subject to a ceiling test which basically limits such costs to the aggregate of the estimated present value discounted at a 10% rate of future net revenues from proved reserves, based on current economic and operating conditions, plus the lower of cost or fair market value of unproved properties.

The Company assesses whether its unproved properties are impaired on a periodic basis. This assessment is based upon work completed on the properties to date, the expiration date of its leases and technical data from the properties and adjacent areas. These properties are subject to extensive litigation with the State of Florida.

During the year 2001, the Company concluded that its leases had been taken and its property interests were impaired by the actions taken by the State of Florida and therefore, had recorded an impairment charge to reflect the write off of the costs of unproved oil, gas and minerals properties. See Note 4. Litigation. All costs incurred in 2002 and 2003 in connection with the Company's Florida leases have been capitalized and immediately expensed as an impairment charge.

#### Sale of Subsidiary Shares -----

All amounts realized from the sale of Coastal Petroleum shares have been credited to capital in excess of par value.

#### Loss Per Share -----

Loss per common share is based upon the weighted average number of common and common equivalent shares outstanding during the period. The Company's basic and diluted calculations of EPS are the same because the exercise of options is not assumed in calculating diluted EPS, as the result would be anti-dilutive (the Company has continuing losses).

#### Financial instruments -----

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The carrying value for cash and cash equivalents, and accounts payable approximates fair value based on anticipated cash flows and current market conditions.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (Cont'd)  
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Stock Options  
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The Company adopted the disclosure provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS or Statement) No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation -- Transition and Disclosure", which amends SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation", in 2002. SFAS No. 148 provides alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation, which was originally provided under SFAS No. 123. The Statement also improves the timeliness of disclosures by requiring the information to be included in interim as well as annual financial statements. The adoption of these disclosure provisions had no impact on the Company's 2002 consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

At December 31, 2003, the Company maintains one stock-based employee compensation plan (see note 6, Stock Option Plan). The Company accounts for the employee stock compensation plan in accordance with the intrinsic value-based method prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees." No stock-based employee compensation expense is reflected in net loss as all options granted under the plans have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the underlying common stock on the date of grant.

Going Concern  
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The Company has a working capital deficiency, has a limited amount of cash and cash equivalents, has incurred recurring losses and has a deficit accumulated during the development stage. Furthermore, on January 16, 2001, Coastal Petroleum filed a complaint in the Leon County Circuit Court in Florida against the State of Florida seeking compensation for the State's taking of its property rights to explore for oil and gas within its Lease 224-A. On November 15, 2002, the Trial Court issued its Final Judgment that the State's denial of a permit to drill on Coastal Petroleum's Lease 224-A did not constitute an unlawful taking of Coastal Petroleum's property. The cost of that litigation has been substantial and has required the Company to obtain additional capital.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (Cont'd)  
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Coastal Petroleum Company filed a notice of appeal of the Final Judgment to the Florida First District Court of Appeal on November 18, 2002. On December 3, 2003, the appellate court issued a unanimous decision, without a written opinion, affirming the trial court's decision. The Court further denied Coastal's Petition for Clarification, Rehearing, Certification and Request for written opinion and the decision became final on January 9, 2004. On April 7, 2004, Coastal filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari with the United States Supreme Court asking the Court to accept jurisdiction to consider the action taken by the trial court as affirmed by the appellate court.

At December 31, 2003, Coastal Caribbean had approximately \$3,000 of cash and cash equivalents available. In addition, the Company has received a commitment from some of its Directors to loan the Company funds which management believes should be sufficient to fund the Company's operations through June 2004, provided that payments to the Company's litigation counsel and to the Company's salaried employee are deferred and provided further that payments to other Company counsel are also deferred.

Since October 2002, Coastal Caribbean and Coastal Petroleum have attempted to raise funds from the other shareholders of Coastal Petroleum and from others. In March 2003 Coastal Petroleum sold two shares of its common stock for \$25,000 per share to a non-shareholder of Coastal Petroleum and in October 2003 Coastal Petroleum sold two shares of its common stock for \$10,000 per share to an existing shareholder of Coastal Petroleum. Other than these sales, Management has been unsuccessful at raising additional funds. These situations raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments to reflect the possible future effects on the recoverability and classification of assets or amounts and classification of liabilities that may result from the outcome of these uncertainties.

2. Coastal Petroleum Company - Minority Interests  
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In 1992, Coastal Caribbean granted Lykes Minerals Corp. (Lykes), a wholly owned subsidiary of Lykes Bros. Inc., an option to acquire 78 shares of Coastal Petroleum at \$40,000 per share. Lykes exercised all of its options to purchase Coastal Petroleum shares at a total cost of \$3,120,000 and as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, held 26.35% and 26.7% of Coastal Petroleum, respectively.

The Lykes agreement provides that Lykes is entitled to exchange each Coastal Petroleum share for 100,000 Coastal Caribbean shares, subject to adjustment for dilution and other factors. If fully exercised, that entitlement would leave Lykes with about 15% of Coastal Caribbean's outstanding shares. Lykes also has the right to exchange Coastal Petroleum shares for overriding

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### 2. Coastal Petroleum Company - Minority Interests (Cont.)

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royalty interests in Coastal Petroleum's properties. If Lykes were to exchange its 26.35% interest in Coastal Petroleum for a royalty interest, its overriding royalty interest in Coastal Petroleum's working-interest acreage would be 3.3%.

Coastal Petroleum shares were owned as follows:

	December 31, 2003		December 31, 2002	
	Shares	%	Shares	%
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Coastal Caribbean	173	58.45	173	59.30
Lykes	78	26.35	78	26.70
Others	45	15.20	41	14.00
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	296	100.0	292	100.0
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Coastal Caribbean has been making loans to Coastal Petroleum, its majority owned subsidiary, in order for Coastal Petroleum to continue the Florida Litigation and pay its operating expenses. At December 31, 2003, the amount of these loans totaled \$21,912,915 and the accumulated interest at 6.0% on the loans totaled \$9,232,026 for a total indebtedness of \$31,144,941. All such loans and interest have been eliminated in consolidation, as Coastal Caribbean is required to record 100% of the losses of Coastal Petroleum because the minority interests have been fully liquidated and have no further obligation to fund Coastal Petroleum.

### 3. Unproved Oil, Gas and Mineral Properties

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Coastal Petroleum holds three unproved and nonproducing oil, gas and mineral leases granted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida (Trustees). These leases cover submerged and unsubmerged lands, principally along the Florida Gulf Coast, and certain inland lakes and rivers throughout the State.

The two leases bordering the Gulf Coast have been divided into three areas, each running the entire length of the coastline from Apalachicola Bay to the Naples area. Coastal Petroleum has certain royalty interests in the inner area, no interest in the middle area and a 100% working interest in the outside area.

Coastal Petroleum also has a 100% working interest in Lake Okeechobee, and a royalty interest in other areas. Coastal Petroleum has agreed not to conduct exploration, drilling, or mining operations on said lake, except with prior approval of the Trustees.



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### 3. Unproved Oil, Gas and Mineral Properties (Cont.)

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The three leases have a term of 40 years from January 6, 1976 and require the payment of annual lease rentals of totaling \$59,247; if oil, gas or minerals are being produced in economically sustainable quantities at January 6, 2016, these operations will be allowed to continue until they become uneconomic. The drilling requirements are governed by Chapter 20680, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941. Under the 1941 Act, a lessee is required to drill at least one test well on lands leased in each five year period under the term of the lease. The Company believes that it is current in fulfilling its drilling requirements.

The working interest areas of the three leases are subject to royalties payable to the Trustees of 12 1/2% on oil and gas, \$.50 per long ton of sulfur and 10% on other minerals. The leases are subject to additional overriding royalties which aggregate 1/16th as to oil, gas and sulfur and 13/600ths as to other minerals.

During the year 2001, the Company concluded that its property interests were impaired by the actions taken by the State of Florida and therefore recorded an impairment charge in the amount of \$4,201,733 to reflect the write off of these costs. See Note 4. Litigation. Although these costs have been written off, the Company still has legal title to the leases and intends to continue to pay annual lease rentals on the leases.

### 4. Litigation

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#### Florida Litigation

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Coastal Petroleum has been involved in various lawsuits for many years. Coastal Petroleum's current litigation now involves one basic claim: whether the State's offshore drilling policy and its denial of a permit constitute a taking of Coastal Petroleum's property. In addition, Coastal Caribbean is a party to another action in which Coastal Caribbean claims that certain of its royalty interests have been confiscated by the State.

#### Drilling Permit Litigation

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In 1992, Coastal Petroleum applied to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (the "DEP") for a permit to drill an exploratory oil and gas well off Apalachicola, Florida. The proposed well would be located in an area included within Lease 224-A. The DEP subsequently denied the application for issuance of a drilling permit for various reasons and imposed a \$1.9 billion bond. Coastal Petroleum appealed the actions of the DEP to the Florida First District Court of Appeal ("Court of Appeal"). After two decisions by the Court of Appeal in favor of Coastal Petroleum, the Florida Supreme Court in July 1996 denied the DEP's petition to review an April 1996 Court of Appeal decision. The

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#### 4. Litigation (Cont.)

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Florida Supreme Court had also refused to review an earlier Court of Appeal decision.

On August 16, 1996, the DEP notified Coastal Petroleum that it was prepared to issue the drilling permit subject to Coastal Petroleum publishing a Notice of Intent to Issue ("Notice") the permit. The Notice allowed interested parties to request administrative hearings on the permit.

On May 28, 1997, the Oil and Gas Drilling Bill (SB550) was enacted in Florida. The legislation requires that a surety be based on the projected cleanup costs and possible natural resource damage associated with offshore drilling as estimated by the DEP and as established by the Administration Commission (the "Commission") which is comprised of the Governor of Florida and the Cabinet. Previously, the required surety was satisfied by a payment of \$4,000 to the Mineral Trust Fund in the first year, with a maximum \$30,000 per year and a payment of \$1,500 per well for each subsequent year. On September 9, 1997, the State of Florida set a new surety amount of \$4.25 billion as a precondition for the issuance of the drilling permit.

On October 20, 1997, a public hearing on the permit application convened and concluded on November 6, 1997. The hearing included the Company's appeal of the \$4.25 billion surety requirement. On April 8, 1998, a Florida Administrative Law Judge recommended that Coastal Petroleum was entitled to a drilling permit with the requirement of a \$225 million surety. On May 13, 1998, the Commission rejected the \$225 million surety and remanded the proceedings to the Administrative Law Judge with instructions to recalculate the surety amount.

On May 22, 1998, the DEP denied the permit to Coastal Petroleum to drill an offshore exploration well near St. George's Island. Coastal Petroleum appealed both the denial of the permit by the DEP and the imposition of the surety to the Court of Appeal.

On October 6, 1999, the Court of Appeal ruled that the DEP has the authority to deny Coastal Petroleum's drilling permit for its St. George Island prospect, provided that Coastal Petroleum receives just compensation for what has been taken. The State of Florida and certain Florida environmental groups filed on November 1, 1999 a joint motion for clarification, rehearing, or certification with respect to that decision, asking the Court of Appeal, among other things, to clarify that the question of whether there has been a taking of Coastal Petroleum's leases should be determined in the Circuit Court. On June 26, 2000, the Court of Appeal denied all of the State's motions and stated that the issue of whether the denial of a permit constituted a "taking" was not before the Court. The Court declined to rule on the merits of the taking issue and stated that the issue was a matter for the Circuit Court.

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### 4. Litigation (Cont.)

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#### Lease Taking Case (Lease 224-A)

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On January 16, 2001, Coastal Petroleum filed a complaint in the Leon County Circuit Court, Florida against the State of Florida seeking compensation for the State's taking of its property rights to explore for oil and gas within its state Lease 224-A. The lease encompasses more than 400,000 acres off the West coast of Florida in the Gulf of Mexico. In its complaint, Coastal reserved the right to raise any federal claims that it had a right to bring based upon the State's actions, so that such claims could be brought in federal court, if necessary.

In that case, Coastal Petroleum claimed that the State of Florida has taken Lease 224-A by denying Coastal Petroleum a permit to drill an offshore exploration well near St. George Island in the Gulf of Mexico. The history of the litigation between Coastal Petroleum and the State of Florida relating to the denial of the drilling permit is set forth under the caption "Drilling Permit Litigation." Coastal Petroleum maintains that the State has effectively taken Coastal Petroleum's lease by depriving Coastal Petroleum of all or substantially all of the economically viable use of its constitutionally protected property.

On October 8, 2002, after a two week trial the trial court in the taking litigation orally ruled from the bench that the State's denial of a permit to drill on Coastal Petroleum's Lease 224-A did not constitute an unlawful taking of Coastal Petroleum's property. On November 15, 2002, the trial court issued its Final Judgment that the State's denial of a permit to drill on Coastal Petroleum's Lease 224-A did not constitute an unlawful taking of Coastal Petroleum's property.

Coastal Petroleum Company filed a notice of appeal of the Final Judgment to the Florida First District Court of Appeal on November 18, 2002 and filed its initial appeal brief on January 27, 2003. The intervenors (as described below) joined the appeal of the Final Judgment and appealed the ruling on their motion to intervene. After all briefs were submitted, oral arguments were heard on November 19, 2003. On December 3, 2003 the Florida First District Court of Appeals' affirmed the trial court's Judgment. In December, 2003 the Company filed a Motion for Clarification, Rehearing, Certification and Request for a Written Opinion as to the Court's per curiam decision issued on December 3, 2003. In January, 2004, the Court denied this Motion, the Court's decision affirming the trial court's final judgment finding no taking of Coastal's State Drilling Lease 224-A, became final.

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On April 7, 2004, Coastal filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari with the United States Supreme Court asking the Court to accept jurisdiction to consider

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the action taken by the trial court as affirmed by the appellate court. After jurisdictional briefs are submitted the Court will decide whether to exercise its jurisdiction and if so briefs on the merits will be required.

On December 13, 2002, the State filed a motion for an order by the trial court by which the State seeks to recover \$178,315 from Coastal Petroleum, including expert witness fees, deposition costs and copying costs. On December 20, 2002, Coastal Petroleum filed objections and responses to the State's motion, objecting to the costs and requesting an evidentiary hearing. In the opinion of Company's litigation counsel, the State's motion for fees and costs is without merit. On April 9, 2003, the State agreed not to pursue its motion until after conclusion of the appeal in this case. An award of costs by the trial court against Coastal Petroleum could be appealed by either party. Coastal Petroleum also would have the right to seek an automatic stay of any cost award rendered against it pending appeal of the award, by the posting of a bond deemed sufficient by the trial court.

### Ancillary Matters to Lease Taking Case -----

On February 13, 2001, certain holders of royalties pertaining to Lease 224-A filed a Motion to Intervene as Additional Plaintiffs. On April 24, 2001, the Leon County Circuit trial judge granted certain royalty holders with overriding royalties, which aggregate approximately 4% on State Lease 224-A, the right to intervene on a limited basis in the takings lawsuit.

Counsel for the appealing royalty holders has advised Coastal Petroleum that the royalty holders' position is that their interest is worth substantially more than 4% of whatever judgment may be awarded to Coastal Petroleum in the litigation and that they intend to make a claim against any recovery Coastal Petroleum may obtain in the litigation. Coastal Petroleum informed the Circuit Court and counsel for the royalty holders that Coastal Petroleum is not making any claim in the litigation on behalf of any interest the royalty holders may have.

### No Assurances -----

There is no assurance that Coastal Petroleum will be successful on the merits of its claims, which the State of Florida is vigorously defending. There is also no assurance that Coastal Petroleum will receive a ruling that its Lease 224-A has been taken or that if compensation is awarded it will be awarded in the amount sought by Coastal Petroleum.

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### 4. Litigation (Cont.) -----

#### Other Permit Applications -----

On February 25, 1997 Coastal Petroleum filed 12 additional applications for drilling permits. Coastal Petroleum objected to certain requests for additional data by the Florida DEP and the permits were denied. On March 26, 1999, an

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administrative law judge upheld the DEP's requirements and denial of the permits. The First District Court of Appeal affirmed the decision of the administrative law judge on February 29, 2000.

In order to more fully permit the Apalachicola Reef Play, which includes the St. George Island prospect, on October 29, 1998, Coastal Petroleum filed four additional permit applications (1310-1313). The DEP also requested additional data for these applications. As of March 18, 2004, Coastal Petroleum had not yet submitted the requested data. Although these applications are still pending, Coastal Petroleum does not believe the DEP will ever grant these permits.

### Coastal Caribbean Royalty Litigation -----

The offshore areas covered by Coastal Petroleum's original leases (prior to the 1976 Settlement Agreement) are subject to certain other royalty interests held by third parties, including Coastal Caribbean. On April 20, 1994, several of those third parties, including Coastal Caribbean, which has approximately a 12% interest in any recovery, have instituted a separate lawsuit against the State of Florida in the 5th Judicial Circuit in Hernando County. That lawsuit claims that the royalty holders' interests have been confiscated as a result of the State's actions discussed above and that they are entitled to compensation for that taking. The royalty holders were not parties to the 1976 Settlement Agreement, and the royalty holders contend that the terms of the Settlement Agreement do not protect the State from taking claims by those royalty holders. The case was subsequently transferred to the 2nd Judicial Circuit in Leon County and it is still pending before the Circuit Court in Tallahassee. The State has filed a motion for summary judgment but no hearing date has been set for the motion. Discovery is proceeding. Any recovery made in the royalty holders' lawsuit would be shared among the various plaintiffs in that lawsuit, including Coastal Caribbean, but not Coastal Petroleum.

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### 4. Litigation (Cont.) -----

#### Lease Taking Case (Lease 224-B) -----

On May 21, 2002, Coastal Petroleum filed a complaint in the Leon County Circuit Court, Florida against the State of Florida seeking compensation for the State's alleged taking of its property rights to explore for oil and gas within its State Lease 224-B. The lease encompasses more than 400,000 acres off the West Coast of Florida in the Gulf of Mexico. On July 22, 2002, a motion by the State of Florida to dismiss the case was heard. The court denied the State's motion to dismiss the case and the case is currently pending and is still in the discovery stage.

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On March 28, 2003, the State filed a motion to stay the proceeding until the appeal of Lease 224-A is completed. A hearing before the trial judge was held on May 1, 2003, at which Coastal objected to the stay unless the stay was conditioned upon the suspension of Coastal's lease obligation. The judge denied the motion to stay and discovery is still proceeding.

### Counsel -----

The Tampa, Florida law firm of Gaylord Merlin Ludovici Diaz & Bain (Gaylord Merlin) was Coastal Petroleum's principal trial counsel in Coastal Petroleum's inverse condemnation claim against the State of Florida in Florida Circuit Court. Mr. Cary Gaylord is the lead attorney for Gaylord Merlin. In addition, the law firm of Angerer & Angerer of Tallahassee, Florida assisted Gaylord Merlin in the litigation. Robert Angerer, Sr., a member of the firm, was elected director of Coastal Caribbean and Coastal Petroleum on January 30, 2003 and a Vice President of Coastal Caribbean and Coastal Petroleum on February 28, 2003. Angerer & Angerer is the principal counsel in the appeal of the Taking Case (Lease 224-A) and the principal trial counsel in Coastal Petroleum's inverse condemnation claim regarding Lease 224-B.

### Statutory Attorneys' Fees -----

Chapter 73 of Florida law provides in eminent domain proceedings (which would include Coastal Petroleum's taking claim) that, in addition to the award made to the property owner, the court shall award attorneys' fees based on the difference between the final judgment or settlement and the first written offer made to the property owner by the State in accordance with the following schedule:

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1. Thirty-three percent of any difference up to \$250,000; plus
2. Twenty-five percent of any portion of the difference between \$250,000 and \$1 million; plus
3. Twenty percent of any portion of the difference exceeding \$1 million.

As of December 31, 2003, no such written offer has been made.

### Contingency Fees -----

Coastal Petroleum has agreed to pay an aggregate of 8.65% in contingent fees based on any net recovery from execution on or satisfaction of judgment or from settlement of the Florida litigation to various law firms and current or former officers of the Company.

The following contingencies have been granted to related parties:

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Holder	Relationship to Coastal Petroleum at Date of Grant	Net Recovery Percentage
Benjamin W. Heath	Chairman of the Board	1.25
Phillip W. Ware	President	1.25
Robert J. Angerer	Litigation Counsel	1.50
Murtha Cullina LLP	Securities Counsel to Coastal Caribbean	1.00
James R. Joyce	Assistant Treasurer	.30
Total		5.30
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In addition, Coastal Petroleum has agreed to pay Gaylord Merlin a contingent fee in connection with compensation awarded to Coastal Petroleum for the taking of Lease 224-A, Lease 224-B and Lease 248 equal to the greater of:

(a) approximately 90% of the statutory award of attorneys' fees (discussed above), less the hourly fees paid to Gaylord Merlin, or

(b) ten percent of the first \$100 million or portion thereof of the compensation received by Coastal Petroleum from the State as compensation for the taking of its property, plus five percent of such compensation in excess of \$100 million, less

(i) the hourly fees paid to Gaylord Merlin and

(ii) other costs of the litigation as follows:

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- (a) if compensation to Coastal Petroleum is less than \$55 million, there shall be no deduction of other costs;
- (b) if compensation to Coastal Petroleum is equal to or greater than \$55 million, then for each \$5 million increase there shall be a deduction of \$200,000 of other costs up to \$100 million;
- (c) for each \$5 million increase in compensation to Coastal Petroleum over \$100 million up to total compensation of \$160 million, there shall be a deduction of \$100,000 of other costs; and
- (d) for compensation to Coastal Petroleum over \$160 million, there shall be a deduction of all costs of the litigation which are not recovered from the State (which shall not include any fees of Mr. Angerer or Mr. Aurell).

Uncertainty

Coastal Petroleum and/or Coastal Caribbean may not prevail on any of the issues set forth above and may not recover compensation for any of their claims.

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In addition, even if Coastal Petroleum were to prevail on any or all of the issues to be decided, Coastal Caribbean or Coastal Petroleum may not have sufficient financial resources to survive until such decisions become final. In the event that the State of Florida were to grant a permit to drill any wells for which applications have been filed, the wells drilled may not be successful and lead to production of any oil or gas in commercial quantities.

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5. Common Stock  
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The Company's Bye-Law No. 21 provides that any matter to be voted upon must be approved not only by a majority of the shares voted at such meeting, but also by a majority in number of the shareholders present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereon.

The Company has been financing its operations primarily from sales of common stock and sales of shares of Coastal Petroleum (See Note 2).

On July 31, 2002, the Company concluded the sale of 2,743,000 shares at \$.50 per share and realized gross proceeds of approximately \$1,372,000 (\$900,000 after expenses of the offering of \$90,391 incurred during 2001 and \$381,600 during 2002 for an aggregate of approximately \$472,000).

On March 10, 2003, the Company concluded the sale of two shares of Coastal Petroleum at a price of \$25,000 per share. On October 7 and 28, 2003, the Company concluded the sale of two shares of Coastal Petroleum at a price of \$10,000 per share. The Company realized net proceeds of \$70,000 in 2003 for these sales.

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5. Common Stock (Cont.)  
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The following represents shares issued upon sales of common stock:



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Year	Number of Shares	Common Stock	Capital in Excess of Par Value
1953	300,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 654,000
1954	53,000	5,300	114,265
1955	67,000	6,700	137,937
1956	77,100	7,710	139,548
1957	95,400	9,540	152,492
1958	180,884	18,088	207,135
1959	123,011	12,301	160,751
1960	134,300	13,430	131,431
1961	127,500	12,750	94,077
1962	9,900	990	8,036
1963	168,200	23,548	12,041
1964	331,800	46,452	45,044
1965	435,200	60,928	442,391
1966	187,000	26,180	194,187
1967	193,954	27,153	249,608
1968	67,500	9,450	127,468
1969	8,200	1,148	13,532
1970	274,600	32,952	117,154
1971	299,000	35,880	99,202
1972	462,600	55,512	126,185
1973	619,800	74,376	251,202
1974	398,300	47,796	60,007
1975	-	-	(52,618)
1976	-	-	(8,200)
1977	850,000	102,000	1,682,706
1978	90,797	10,896	158,343
1979	1,065,943	127,914	4,124,063
1980	179,831	21,580	826,763
1981	30,600	3,672	159,360
1983	5,318,862	638,263	1,814,642
1985	-	-	(36,220)
1986	6,228,143	747,378	2,178,471
1987	4,152,095	498,251	2,407,522
1990	4,298,966	515,876	26,319
1996	6,672,726	800,727	5,555,599
2000	3,411,971	409,436	2,729,329
2002	2,743,275	329,193	570,449
	39,657,458	\$4,763,370	\$25,674,221

The following represents shares issued upon exercise of stock options:

Year	Number of Shares	Common Stock	Capital in Excess of Par Value
1955	73,000	\$ 7,300	\$175,200
1978	7,000	840	6,160
1979	213,570	25,628	265,619
1980	76,830	9,219	125,233
1981	139,600	16,752	227,548
1996	10,000	1,200	12,300
1997	10,000	1,200	10,050
	530,000	\$62,139	\$822,110

Coastal Caribbean has reserved 7,800,000 shares which may be issued in

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exchange for Coastal Petroleum shares, as described in Note 2.

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### 6. Stock Option Plan

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The Company has elected to follow Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" (APB No. 25) and related Interpretations in accounting for its stock options because the alternative fair value accounting provided under FASB Statement No. 123, "Accounting for Stock Based Compensation," requires use of option valuation models that were not developed for use in valuing stock options. Under APB No. 25, because the exercise price of the Company's stock options equals the market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant, no compensation expense is recognized.

During 1995, the Company adopted a Stock Option Plan covering 1,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock. On March 24, 2000, ten year options to purchase 700,000 shares of the Company's common stock were granted. A charge to legal expense in the amount of \$75,000 for the issuance of 100,000 options to legal counsel was recorded. The charge was calculated using a Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the same assumptions as discussed below. Options are normally immediately vested and exercisable. The following table summarizes stock option activity:

Options outstanding	Number of Shares	Exerci
Outstanding and exercisable at December 31, 1999	527,000	1.
Expired	(302,000)	
Granted	700,000	
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Outstanding and exercisable at December 31, 2000, 2001, and 2002	925,000	.9
Expired	(225,000)	1.
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Outstanding and exercisable at December 31, 2003	700,000	
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Available for grant at December 31, 2003	75,000	
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#### Summary of Options Outstanding at December 31, 2003

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Year Granted	Number of Shares	Expiration Date	Exercise Prices (\$)
Granted 2000	700,000	Mar. 22, 2010	.91

Pro forma information regarding net income and earnings per share is

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required by FASB Statement No. 123, and has been determined as if the Company had accounted for its stock options under the fair value method of that Statement. The fair value for these options was estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option-pricing model.

Option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected stock price volatility. The assumptions used in the valuation model for 2000 were: risk free interest rate - 6.66%, expected life - 10 years, expected volatility - .741 and expected dividend - 0.

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6. Stock Option Plan (Cont.)  
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Because the Company's stock options have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options, and because changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, in management's opinion, the existing models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of its stock options.

7. Income taxes  
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Bermuda currently imposes no taxes on corporate income or capital gains outside of Bermuda. The Company's subsidiary, Coastal Petroleum, has U.S. net operating loss carry forwards for federal and state income tax purposes, which may be used to reduce its taxable income, if any, during future years which aggregated approximately \$11,400,000 at December 31, 2003 (\$12,106,000 at December 31, 2002) and expire in varying amounts from 2004 through 2023 as follows: \$647,000 in 2004, \$550,000 in 2005, \$418,000 in 2006, \$549,000 in 2007, \$480,000 in 2009, \$571,000 in 2010, \$955,000 in 2011, \$1,281,000 in 2012, \$757,000 in 2018, \$622,000 in 2019, \$749,000 in 2020, \$1,884,000 in 2021, \$1,693,000 in 2022, and \$229,000 in 2023. For financial reporting purposes, a valuation allowance has been recognized to offset the deferred tax assets relating to those carry forwards. Significant components of the Company's deferred tax assets were as follows:

	2003	2002
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Net operating losses	\$ 4,284,000	\$ 4,557,000
Deferred intercompany interest deduction	3,474,000	2,794,000
Accruals to related parties	123,000	0
Write off of unproved properties	1,831,000	1,831,000
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Total deferred tax assets	9,712,000	9,182,000
Valuation allowance	(9,712,000)	(9,182,000)
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Net deferred tax assets	\$ -	\$ -
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8. Related parties  
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Legal Services

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The Company was billed \$288,000, in fees by Angerer & Angerer during 2003, 2002, and 2001. Robert Angerer, Sr. was elected a director of Coastal Caribbean and of Coastal Petroleum on January 30, 2003 and a Vice President of Coastal Caribbean and Coastal Petroleum on February 28, 2003. At December 31, 2003, fees of \$126,000, \$268,000 and \$315,000 remain unpaid to G&OD, Murtha Cullina LLP and Angerer & Angerer, respectively.

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8. Related parties (Cont.)  
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The Company was billed approximately \$43,500, \$232,000, and \$105,000 in fees by the law firm of Murtha Cullina LLP during 2003, 2002, and 2001, respectively. Mr. Timothy L. Largay, a partner of the firm of Murtha Cullina LLP, was a director and Vice President of the Company from January 15, 2001 until his resignation on October 7, 2002.

Accounting & Administrative Services

G&O'D INC provided accounting and administrative services, office facilities and support staff to the Company until December 2002. G&O'D INC is owned by Mr. James R. Joyce, who was the Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, until his retirement in December 2002. During 2002 and 2001, G&O'D billed fees of \$178,000 and \$136,000, respectively. Subsequent to this time, Mr. Daniel Sharp provided accounting and administrative services to the Company until June 24, 2003. Effective June 24, 2003, Mr. Daniel W. Sharp resigned as Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Assistant Secretary of the Company. Kenneth Michael Cornell of Cornell & Associates, Inc. has become the Acting Chief Financial Officer of the Company, effective June 24, 2003 until present. During 2003 Mr. Sharp and Mr. Cornell billed fees of \$34,000 and \$16,000, respectively.

The Company had the following balances due at December 31:

	2003 -----	2002 -----
G&O'D	\$ 129,240	\$ 127,077
Murtha Cullina	268,244	220,337
Angerer & Angerer	315,029	112,839
Other	341,287	161,365
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Due to Related Parties	\$ 1,053,800	\$ 621,618
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9. Selected quarterly financial data (unaudited)

The following is a summary (in thousands, except for per share amounts) of the quarterly results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002:

2003 -----	QTR 1 -----	QTR 2 -----	QTR 3 -----	QTR 4 -----
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Total revenues	-	-	-	-
Expenses	(329)	(217)	(265)	(197)
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Net loss	(329)	(217)	(265)	(197)
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Per share (basic & diluted)	(.005)	(.005)	(.005)	(.005)
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	46,212	46,212	46,212	46,212
	=====	=====	=====	=====
2002 -----	QTR 1 -----	QTR 2 -----	QTR 3 -----	QTR 4 -----
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Total revenues	4	1	2	1
Expenses	(557)	(607)	(860)	(430)
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Net loss	(553)	(606)	(858)	(429)
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Per share (basic & diluted)	(.01)	(.01)	(.02)	(.01)
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	43,468	43,468	45,525	46,212
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Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on

Accounting and Financial Disclosure

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### Previous Independent Accountants

On May 28, 2003, Ernst & Young LLP ("Ernst & Young") resigned as Coastal Caribbean Oils & Minerals, Ltd.'s (the "Company") independent public accountants. Ernst & Young's decision to resign was not recommended or approved by the Company's Board of Directors or any committee thereof.

Ernst & Young's reports on the Company's consolidated financial statements for each of the Company's fiscal years ended December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001 did not contain an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, and were not qualified or modified as to audit scope or accounting principles, but did contain an explanatory paragraph for an uncertainty regarding the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001 and through May 28, 2003, there were no disagreements with Ernst & Young on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure which, if not resolved to Ernst & Young's satisfaction, would have caused Ernst & Young to make reference to the subject matter in connection with their report on the Company's consolidated financial statements for such years; and there were no reportable events as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of the Regulation S-K.

The Company provided Ernst & Young with a copy of the foregoing disclosures.

### New Independent Accountants

In June, 2003 the Company retained James Moore & Company as its independent public accountants.

### Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Phillip W. Ware, the principal executive officer, and Kenneth M. Cornell, the principal financial officer, have evaluated the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-14(c) and 15d-14(c) adopted under the Securities Act of 1934) within the ninety (90) day period prior to the date of this report and have concluded:

1. That the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are adequately designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiary, is timely made known to such officers by others within the Company and its subsidiary, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared; and
- 2 That there were no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of our evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

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### Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers of the Company

#### Directors

As of December 31, 2003, the board of directors included five members, two of whom, Messrs. Heath and Ware, also serve as executive officers. The board is divided into two classes, with each class serving a term of office of three years or until such time as their successors are elected, qualified, and assume office. In as much as no annual meeting of the shareholders has been held since 2001, no directors have been elected since that time.

Name ----	Position -----	Biographical Information -----
Class 2002		
Robert J. Angerer	Director Vice President	Mr. Robert J. Angerer, Sr. was appointed as a d Coastal Caribbean and Coastal Petroleum on Januar to fill a vacancy left by the retirement of Heath. He is a principal in the law firm of Angerer, Tallahassee, Florida. He has been counsel to Coastal Petroleum for more than t years. Age fifty-seven
Phillip W. Ware	Director President Treasurer	Mr. Ware, a geologist, has been President and a d Coastal Petroleum since 1985. Mr. Ware has al director of Coastal Caribbean since 1985. Age fift
Class 2003		
Graham B. Collis	Director Secretary Audit Committee	Mr. Collis, a director since 1998, has been a mem law firm of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Hamilton, Be Bermuda counsel since 1995. Age forty-two.
John D. Monroe	Director Audit Committee	Mr. Monroe is a real estate broker and was President of a real estate brokerage and develop in Naples, Florida. Mr. Monroe, a director sinc also a director of our subsidiary, Coastal Age seventy-six.

#### Executive Officers

Philip W. Ware has been President of Coastal Petroleum and Vice President

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of Coastal Caribbean for many years and became President of Coastal Caribbean effective March 1, 2003, and Robert J. Angerer, became a director of Coastal Caribbean on January 30, 2003 and Vice President of Coastal Caribbean on February 27, 2003. Effective June 24, 2003, Daniel W. Sharp resigned as Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Assistant Secretary of the Company. Kenneth Michael Cornell of Cornell & Associates, Inc. has become the Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer of the Company, effective June 24, 2003. Mr. Cornell, age 35, is a Certified Public Accountant who has served businesses in various financial and accounting capacities during the past seven years.

All of the officers of Coastal Caribbean are elected annually by the board and report directly to it.

Only Mr. Ware received direct compensation for his services as an officer of Coastal Caribbean or Coastal Petroleum. \$69,000 of Mr. Ware's compensation for his services has been deferred during 2003. Mr. Ware devotes 100% of his professional time to the business and affairs of Coastal Caribbean and Coastal Petroleum. The other executive officers devote a small percentage of their professional time as officers on behalf of the companies.

The business experience described for each director or executive officer above covers the past five years.

We are not aware of any arrangements or understandings between any of the individuals named above and any other person by which any of the individuals named above was selected as a director and/or executive officer. We are not aware of any family relationship among the officers and directors of Coastal Caribbean or its subsidiary.

Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
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Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the Company's executive officers, directors and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of the Company's Common Stock to file initial reports of beneficial ownership and reports of changes in beneficial ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Such persons are required by the SEC regulations to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) forms filed by such persons. Based solely on its copies of forms received by it, or written representations from certain reporting persons that no Form 5's were required for those persons, the Company believes that during the just completed fiscal year, its executive officers, directors, and greater than 10% beneficial owners complied with all applicable filing requirements.

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Item 11. Executive Compensation  
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The following table sets forth certain summary information concerning the compensation of the Company's two most highly-paid executive officers (the "Named Executive Officers"). No other executive officer earned compensation in excess of \$100,000 during the year 2003.



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Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Annual Compensation	Long Term Compensation Award
		Salary(1) (\$)	Securities Underlying Options/SARs (#)
Benjamin W. Heath, President and Chief Executive Officer	2003	6,666	-
	2002	40,000	-
	2001	40,000	100,000
Phillip W. Ware, Vice President	2003	92,000	-
	2002	92,000	100,000
	2001	92,000	

Mr. Sharp was paid an hourly fee for his services to the Company and was paid \$34,000 in fees during 2003.

Mr. Cornell is paid an hourly fee for his services to the Company and was paid \$16,000 in fees during 2003.

Compensation of Directors

All of our directors except for directors who are also executive officers are entitled to receive annual directors' fees in the amount of \$22,500. For the year 2003, all director fees have been deferred.

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Stock Options

No Stock Options were granted during the year ended December 31, 2003. The following table provides information about unexercised stock options held by the Named Executive Officers at December 31, 2002:

Aggregated Option/SAR Exercises in 2003 and December 31, 2003  
Option/SAR Values

Name	Shares Acquired On Exercise (#)	Value Realized (\$)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options/SARs (#) at December 31, 2003		Value at De
			Exercisable	Unexercisable	Exercisab
Benjamin W. Heath	-0-	-0-	100,000	-	-0-
Benjamin W. Heath	-0-	-0-	45,000	-	-0-

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Phillip W. Ware	-0-	-0-	100,000	-	-0-
Phillip W. Ware	-0-	-0-	72,000	-	-0-

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The Company has not adjusted or amended the exercise price of any stock options during the year end December 31, 2003.

### Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

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The entire board of directors constitutes the compensation committee. Phillip W. Ware is a director and President of Coastal Caribbean and Coastal Petroleum.

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### Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

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#### Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners

The following table provides information as to the number of shares of our stock owned beneficially at December 31, 2003 by each person who is known to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the outstanding shares of our common stock.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership		Percent of Class
	Shares Held Directly	Shares Subject to Option	
Lykes Minerals Corp. 111 East Madison Street P.O. Box 1690 Tampa, FL 33601	-	7,800,000*	14.4**

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As of February 1, 2003, Mr. Robert J. Angerer, Sr. owned 2,207,487 shares, or 4.77%, of our common stock and his son, Mr. Robert J. Angerer, Jr., owned 2,206,914 shares, or 4.76%, of our common stock. Mr. Angerer, Sr. disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares owned by his son.

### Security Ownership of Management

The following table sets forth information as to the number of shares of the Company's common stock owned beneficially at March 18, 2004 by each director of the Company and by all directors and executive officers as a group:

Name of Individual or Group -----	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership		
	Shares Held Directly or		Options -----
	Indirectly -----	Percent of Class -----	
Graham B. Collis	85,000 (1)	112,000	*
John D. Monroe	0	136,000	*
Phillip W. Ware	3,791	172,000	*
Kenneth M. Cornell	0	0	*
Robert J. Angerer, Sr.	2,207,487	0	4.77
Directors and executive officers as a group (a total of 5 persons)	2,296,278	689,000	4.97%

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### EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

The following table provides information about the Company's common stock that may be issued upon the exercise of options and rights under the Company's 1995 Stock Option Plan as of December 31, 2003.

Plan Category -----	Number of Securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a) (#)	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b) (\$)	Number of s available equity co (excluding s in

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Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	0	0
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Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders (1)	700,000	\$1.33
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Total:	700,000	\$1.33
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The Company's 1995 Stock Option Plan was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company in March 1995. 1,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock were authorized for issuance under the terms of the plan. Options under the plan may be granted only to directors, officers, key employees of, and consultants and consulting firms to, (i) the Company, (ii) subsidiary corporations of the Company from time to time and any business entity in which the Company from time to time has a substantial interest, who, in the sole opinion of the Committee of the Board administering the Plan, are responsible for the management and/or growth of all or part of the business of the Company. The exercise price of each option to be granted under the plan shall not be less than the fair market value of the stock subject to the option on the date of grant of the option.

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### Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

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#### Angerer & Angerer

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The law firm of Angerer & Angerer, Tallahassee, Florida, has been litigation counsel to Coastal Petroleum for more than twenty-five years. Mr. Robert J. Angerer, Sr., a member of the firm, was elected a director of Coastal Caribbean and of Coastal Petroleum on January 30, 2003, and a Vice President of Coastal Caribbean and Coastal Petroleum on February 28, 2003. During 2003, Angerer & Angerer billed Coastal Petroleum \$288,000 for legal fees. At December 31, 2003, fees owed by Coastal Petroleum to Angerer & Angerer of \$306,000 remain unpaid.

#### Royalty Interests

The State of Florida oil, gas and mineral leases held by Coastal Petroleum on approximately 3,700,000 acres of submerged lands along the Gulf Coast and certain inland lakes and rivers are subject to certain overriding royalties aggregating 1/16th as to oil, gas and sulphur, and 13/600ths as to minerals other than oil, gas and sulphur. Of the overriding royalties as to oil, gas and sulphur, a 1/90th overriding royalty, and of the overriding royalties on minerals other than oil, gas and sulphur, a 1/60th overriding royalty, is held by Johnson & Company, a Connecticut partnership which is used as a nominee by the members of the family of the late William F. Buckley. A trust, in which Mr. Heath has a 54.4% beneficial interest, has a beneficial interest in such royalty interest held by Johnson & Company. No payments have been made to Johnson & Company (or to the beneficial owners of such royalty interests) in more than forty years.

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In 1990, Coastal Petroleum granted to the following persons the following percentages of any net recovery from execution on or satisfaction of judgment or from settlement of the lawsuit against the State of Florida as follows:

Name	Percent of net recovery	Coastal Petroleum Position
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Benjamin W. Heath	1.25	Chairman of Board*
Phillip W. Ware	1.25	President
James R. Joyce	0.30	Treasurer**

(\*) Mr. Heath retired on February 28, 2003.

(\*\*) Mr. Joyce retired in December 2002.

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### Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Service

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James Moore & Co., P.L. audited the Company's financial statements for 2003. Ernst & Young LLP audited the Company's financial statements for 2002.

Fees related to services performed by James Moore & Co., P.L. and Ernst & Young LLP in 2003 and 2002 were as follows:

	2003	2002
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Audit Fees (1)	\$ 17,500	\$ 142,250
Audit-Related Fees	-0-	-0-
Tax Fees (2)	750	-0-
All Other Fees	-0-	-0-
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Total	\$ 18,250	\$ 142,250
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(1) Audit fees represent fees for professional services provided in connection with the audit of our financial statements, review of our quarterly financial statements, and for professional services provided in connection with the filing of the Company's S-1. The Audit Committee must preapprove audit related and non-audit services not prohibited by law to be performed by the Company's independent auditors. The Audit Committee for the Company is made up of John D. Monroe and Graham B. Collis. The Audit Committee preapproved all audit related and non-audit services in 2003 and 2002.

(2) Tax fees principally included tax advice, tax planning and tax return preparation.

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## PART IV

### Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules and Reports on Form 8-K

#### (a) (1) Financial Statements.

The financial statements listed below and included under Item 8 above are filed as part of this report.

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#### (2) Financial Statement Schedules.

All schedules have been omitted since the required information is not present or not present in amounts sufficient to require submission of the schedule, or because the information required is included in the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto.

#### (b) Reports on Form 8-K.

- (1) On January 13, 2004, the Company filed a Current Report on Form 8-K to report that:

On December 3, 2003, Coastal Caribbean Oils & Minerals, Ltd. ("Company") issued a press release announcing the Florida First District Court of Appeals' decision relating to the Company's Motion for Clarification, Rehearing, Certification and Request for a Written Opinion as to the Court's per curiam decision issued on December 3, 2003. As a result of the denial of the Motion, the Court's decision affirming the trial court's final judgment finding no taking of Coastal's State

Drilling Lease 224-A, has become final. The Company continues to evaluate its options.

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(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

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2. Plan of acquisition, reorganization, arrangement, liquidation or succession Not applicable.
  3. Articles of incorporation and By-Laws.
    - (a) Memorandum of Association as amended on June 30, 1982, May 14, 1985 and April 7, 1988 filed as Exhibit 3. (a) to Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 (File Number 001-04668) is incorporated herein by reference.
    - (b) Bye-laws are incorporated by reference to Schedule 14(a) Proxy Statement filed on May 13, 1997 (File Number 001-04668).
  4. Instruments defining the rights of security holders, including indentures.

Not applicable.
  9. Voting trust agreement.

Not applicable.
  10. Material contracts.
    - (a) Drilling Lease No. 224-A, as modified, between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and Coastal Petroleum Company dated February 27, 1947 filed as Exhibit 10(a) to Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 (File Number 001-04668) is incorporated herein by reference.
    - (b) Drilling Lease No. 224-B, as modified, between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and Coastal Petroleum Company dated February 27, 1947 filed as Exhibit 10(b) to Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 (File Number 001-04668) is incorporated herein be reference.
    - (c) Drilling Lease No. 248, as modified, between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and Coastal Petroleum Company dated February 27, 1947 filed as Exhibit 10(c) to Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 (File Number 001-04668) is incorporated herein by reference.
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- (d) Memorandum of Settlement dated January 6, 1976 between Coastal Petroleum Company and the State of Florida filed as Exhibit 10(d) to Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 (File Number 001-04668) is incorporated herein by reference.
  - (e) Agreement between the Company and Coastal Petroleum dated December 3, 1991 filed as Exhibit 10(e) to Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 (File Number 001-04668) is

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incorporated herein by reference

(f) Agreement between Lykes Minerals Corp. and Coastal Caribbean and Coastal Petroleum dated October 16, 1992 filed as Exhibit 10(f) to Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 (File Number 001-04668) is incorporated herein by reference.

(g) Stock Option Plan adopted March 7, 1995 filed as Exhibit 4A to form S-8 dated July 28, 1995 (File Number 001-04668) is incorporated herein by reference.

11. Statement re: computation of per share earnings.  
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None.

12. Statement re: computation of ratios.  
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Not applicable.

13. Annual report to security holders, Form 10-Q or quarterly report to  
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security holders.  
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Not applicable.

16. Letter re: change in certifying accountant.  
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Not applicable.

18. Letter re: change in accounting principles.  
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Not applicable.

21. Subsidiaries of the registrant.  
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The Company has one subsidiary, Coastal Petroleum Company, a Florida corporation which is 58.45 % owned.

22. Published report regarding matters submitted to vote of security  
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holders.  
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Not applicable.

23. Consent of experts and counsel.  
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23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.

23.2 Consent of James, Moore & Co., P.L.



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24. Power of attorney.  
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Not applicable.

31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Required by Rule 13a-14(a)-15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act

31.2 Certification of Chief Accounting and Financial Officer Required by Rule 13a-14(a)-15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act

32.1 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 executed by Phillip W. Ware

32.2 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 executed by Kenneth M. Cornell

99. Additional exhibits.  
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99.1 The decision Coastal Petroleum Company v. Florida Wildlife Federation et. al. of the First District Court of Appeal dated October 6, 1999 (St. George Island permit application case), is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(a) to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 7, 1999 (File Number 001-04668).

99.2 Complaint, filed January 16, 2001 in the Leon County Circuit Court, Coastal Petroleum Company, Plaintiff vs. State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection, and Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, Defendants, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(a) to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 18, 2001 (File Number 001-04668).

99.3 The final judgment in the Leon County Circuit Court, Coastal Petroleum Company, Plaintiff vs. State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection, and Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, Defendants, dated November 15, 2002 is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 18, 2002 (File Number 001-04668).

99.4 The Appellant Decision of the First District Court of Appeal, Coastal Petroleum Company, Appellant vs. State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection, and Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, Appellees, dated December 3, 2003.

99.5 Financial Statement Schedules.  
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None.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

COASTAL CARIBBEAN OILS & MINERALS, LTD.  
(Registrant)

By /s/ Phillip W. Ware  
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Phillip W. Ware, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

Dated: April 08, 2004  
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

By /s/ Phillip W. Ware  
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Phillip W. Ware  
President, Treasurer, Director and  
Chief Executive Officer

Dated: April 08, 2004  
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By /s/ Kenneth M. Cornell  
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Kenneth M. Cornell  
Chief Financial Officer and  
Chief Accounting Officer

Dated: April 08, 2004  
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By /s/ Graham B. Collis  
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Graham B. Collis  
Director

Dated: April 08, 2004  
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By /s/ John D. Monroe  
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John D. Monroe  
Director

Dated: April 08, 2004  
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By /s/ Robert J. Angerer  
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Robert J. Angerer  
Director

Dated: April 08, 2004  
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31.2	Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14 by Kenneth M. Cornell
32.1	Certification pursuant to Section 906 by Phillip W. Ware
32.2	Certification pursuant to Section 906 by Kenneth M. Cornell
99.4	Opinion of the District Court of Appeal, First District, State of Florida, dated December 3, 2003.