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W&T Offshore Announces First Quarter 2015 Financial Results, Operations Update And Second Quarter 2015 Guidance

HOUSTON, May 6, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- W&T Offshore, Inc. (NYSE: WTI) today reported its first quarter 2015 operations and financial results, and 2015 production and expense guidance. Some of the key items include:

- Production for the first quarter of 2015 averaged approximately 49,000 Boe per day (4.4 million Boe in total for the quarter), 53% of which was oil and liquids. Oil production increased 9.4% for the first quarter of 2015 compared to the first quarter of 2014 while natural gas production decreased 2.1%. Our average quarterly realized sales price was \$43.04 per barrel for oil, \$16.81 per barrel for natural gas liquids ("NGLs") and \$3.01 per thousand cubic feet ("Mcf") for natural gas. On a combined basis our average realized sales price was \$28.70 per Boe.
- Revenues for the first quarter of 2015 were \$127.9 million, 70% of which was from oil and NGLs.
- Continued deepwater development remains on schedule at "Big Bend", "Dantzler", "Medusa", and Ewing Banks 910.
- In April 2015 we amended our existing revolving bank credit facility and modified certain covenants to enhance the Company's financial flexibility. The borrowing base under the bank credit facility is now \$600 million.
- On May 5, 2015, we announced the pricing and marketing of a \$300.0 million five-year second-lien term loan bearing interest at an annual rate of 9.0%.

Tracy W. Krohn, W&T Offshore's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "In the first quarter our operations were focused on our deepwater projects that will contribute significant production and additional proved reserves in 2015. We are having good success at our Medusa field where we are in the process of completing two recently drilled wells which will commence oil production in early May and add proved reserves in 2015. Based on improved seismic data, we believe that our Ewing Bank (EW) 910 field also offers substantial upside and an attractive return on investment at current commodity prices. We are currently drilling the EW 910 A-5 ST well, which assuming success, could contribute oil production in the second quarter of 2015. The EW 910 A-8 well is planned for the second half of 2015, with the potential for a third well to follow along with additional drilling opportunities in the future.

"At our Dantzler and Big Bend discoveries, we are making excellent progress to bring these major projects on production by year-end 2015 for Big Bend and no later than early 2016 for Dantzler. Completion operations at the two Dantzler discoveries were finalized in the first quarter of 2015 and we are now focused on installing the subsea tie-back to connect both fields to the nearby Thunder Hawk platform. While we are certainly looking forward to the additional production from Big Bend and Dantzler, which combined is expected to reach in excess of 8,000 Boe per day (~81% oil) net to our interest, we also anticipate adding

substantial proved reserves once the wells are brought online and produce as anticipated.

"No other new exploration wells are currently planned for 2015. At this time, we continue to work with our service providers to reduce the cost of goods and services to be more in-line with lower commodity prices and wait for operating margins to improve prior to committing to new wells. We are pleased to see a quick response from the service providers, but believe that service rates will fall further. In the meantime, we will continue to evaluate efforts to enhance our liquidity. See the section titled "Term Loan" below for an example of those efforts," he said.

Production, Revenues and Price: For the first quarter of 2015, our oil production was 1.9 million barrels, up 9.4% over the first quarter of 2014. NGL production was 443,000 barrels, down 15.3% from the first quarter of 2014. Natural gas production was 12.3 billion cubic feet ("Bcf") for the first quarter of 2015, down slightly from 12.6 Bcf in the first quarter of 2014 as we continue to focus our efforts on increasing oil production. Our combined total production was 0.8% higher in the first quarter of 2015 than the first quarter of 2014.

Revenues for the first quarter of 2015 were \$127.9 million compared to \$254.5 million in the first quarter of 2014. Revenues decreased due to a steep decline in crude oil prices, which were down \$55.52 per barrel or 56.3% between the two quarters. NGLs prices declined \$21.45 per barrel as a result of the decline in crude oil prices. Natural gas prices were lower by \$2.01 per Mcf or 40%. During the first quarter of 2015, our average realized sales price was \$43.04 per barrel for oil, \$16.81 per barrel for NGLs and \$3.01 per Mcf for natural gas.

On a combined basis, we sold approximately 49,000 Boe per day at an average realized sales price of \$28.70 per Boe compared to 48,400 Boe per day sold at an average realized sales price of \$58.29 per Boe in the first quarter of 2014.

Cash Flow from Operating Activities and Adjusted EBITDA: EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, and Adjusted EBITDA margin are non-GAAP measures and are defined in the "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section at the end of this news release.

Adjusted EBITDA for the first quarter of 2015 was \$48.3 million compared to \$168.0 million reported for the first quarter of 2014. Adjusted EBITDA for the first quarter of 2015 exhibited a \$126.6 million decrease in revenues primarily due to pricing. Net cash provided by operating activities for the first quarter of 2015 was \$0.7 million compared to \$118.5 million for the same period in 2014. Capital expenditures in the first quarter of 2015 were \$82.8 million compared to \$95.1 million in the first quarter of 2014.

At March 31, 2015, we had a cash balance of \$8.4 million and \$235.4 million of undrawn capacity available under our revolving bank credit facility, which had a borrowing base of \$750.0 million. In April 2015, the borrowing base was revised to \$600.0 million, which reduced the undrawn capacity on the revolving bank credit facility to \$85.0 million.

Term Loan: On May 5, 2015, we announced the pricing and marketing of a \$300.0 million five-year second-lien term loan bearing interest at an annual rate of 9.0% with an original issue discount at 99. The net proceeds will be used to repay a portion of the outstanding borrowings under the revolving bank credit facility. Upon issuance of the term loan, the borrowing base of the revolving bank credit facility will be reduced from \$600.0 million to \$500.0 million. The lender commitments and completion of the term loan are subject to the negotiation, approval and execution of definitive loan documentation. Details of the term

loan agreement will be available in a few days via a Current Report on Form 8-K that we intend to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Lease Operating Expenses ("LOE"): LOE, which includes base LOE, insurance premiums, workovers, facilities expenses, and hurricane remediation costs net of insurance claims, was \$53.3 million for the first quarter of 2015, down \$2.3 million from \$55.6 million reported in the first quarter of 2014. Base LOE increased \$2.0 million to \$41.8 million in the first quarter of 2015 primarily due to increased costs related to the acquisition of the Woodside Properties. Workover costs decreased \$2.1 million to \$3.2 million, and facilities costs decreased \$2.8 million to \$2.4 million, primarily due to lower onshore activity.

Depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion ("DD&A") DD&A, including accretion for asset retirement obligations, was \$28.55 per Boe for the first quarter of 2015, up from \$28.29 per Boe in the first quarter of 2014. On a nominal basis, DD&A was \$125.5 million for the first quarter of 2015 versus \$123.3 million in the first quarter of 2014.

The DD&A per Boe rate increased primarily due to the effect of deep water investments, which create large timing differences between capital expenditures and the booking of reserves that can span several years. Partially offsetting the increases were lower estimated future development costs, which were reduced in light of decreased prices being charged by service companies.

Ceiling test write-down of oil and natural gas properties For the first quarter of 2015, we recorded a non-cash ceiling test write-down of \$260.4 million as the book value of our oil and natural gas properties exceeded the ceiling test limit. The decrease was primarily due to decreases in prices for all three commodities we sell, which are crude oil, NGLs and natural gas. No ceiling test write-down was incurred in any quarter of 2014.

General and Administrative Expenses ("G&A"): G&A decreased to \$20.8 million in the first quarter of 2015, down \$2.8 million from the first quarter of 2014 primarily due to lower incentive compensation expenses, partially offset by lower billings to third-parties for joint venture arrangements.

Derivatives: For the first quarter of 2015, we had no derivative contracts open during the period. For the first quarter of 2014, derivative net losses were \$7.5 million.

Income Taxes: For the first quarter of 2015, our Federal income tax benefit was \$103.6 million compared to tax expense of \$6.6 million for the first quarter of 2014. Our effective tax rate for the first quarter of 2015 was 28.9% compared to 37.3% in the first quarter of 2014. For the first quarter of 2015, our effective tax rate differs from the statutory rate due to the effect of a valuation allowance of \$22.5 million for our deferred tax assets. Deferred tax assets are recorded related to net operating losses and temporary differences between the book and tax basis of assets and liabilities expected to produce tax deductions in future periods. The realization of these assets depends on recognition of sufficient future taxable income. In assessing the need for a valuation allowance on our deferred tax assets, we also consider whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of them will not be realized.

Net Income (Loss) & Earnings (Loss) Per Share: We reported a net loss for the first quarter of 2015 of (\$255.1) million, or (\$3.36) per common share, compared to net income

of \$11.2 million, or \$0.15 per common share, during the same period in 2014. The first quarter 2015 net loss includes a \$260.4 million ceiling test write-down of oil and natural gas properties. Excluding special items (including the tax adjusted ceiling test write-down on properties in 2015 and tax adjusted derivative loss in 2014), our net loss for the first quarter of 2015 was (\$85.8) million, or a loss of (\$1.13) per common share compared to first quarter 2014 net income of \$16.1 million, or \$0.21 per common share. Earnings excluding special items were down primarily due to a \$126.6 million decrease in revenues driven by a 50.8% decline in our realized prices, partially offset by a \$4.8 million decrease in operating expenses (\$2.8 million in G&A, \$2.3 million in LOE, \$1.8 million in gathering, transportation cost and production taxes, partially offset by a \$2.1 million increase in DD&A). See the "Reconciliation of Net Income to Net Income Excluding Special Items" and related earnings per share, excluding special items in the table under "Non-GAAP Financial Information" at the end of this news release for a description of the special items.

2015 Capital Expenditures Update: Our capital expenditures for the first quarter of 2015 were \$82.8 million compared to \$95.1 million in the first quarter of 2014. In the first quarter of 2015, capital expenditures for oil and gas properties consisted of \$26.6 million for offshore exploration activities, \$43.1 million for offshore development activities, \$1.8 million for acquisitions (post-closing adjustments related to acquisitions done in 2014) of offshore properties, and \$2.6 million for seismic and other. Onshore capital expenditures consisted of \$2.6 million for exploration activities and \$6.1 million for development activities. The Company's capital expenditure budget for 2015 is currently set at \$200 million. Capital expenditures for the second quarter are expected to be in a similar range to the first quarter and all dedicated to the deepwater with approximately 80% of our total expenditures for the year spent in the first half of 2015.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Offshore Gulf of Mexico: The Company currently has two rigs running offshore in the deepwater, of which one is operated and one is non-operated. The operated rig is drilling a well at our Ewing Bank 910 field and the non-operated rig is drilling a well at our Medusa field. Additional details about our offshore operations are as follows:

Ewing Bank 910 (50% WI, operated) (Deepwater)

A platform rig is on location drilling the A-5 ST well at Ewing Bank 910, the first well in a two-well exploration drilling program. The A-5 ST is expected to be completed and put on-line in the second quarter of 2015. The second well, the A-8, is expected to follow and could be on-line by the third quarter of 2015.

Mississippi Canyon 538 "Medusa" Field (15% WI, non-operated) (Deepwater)

In late March 2015, we successfully drilled the Mississippi Canyon 538 SS No. 7 well, encountered over 100 feet of net pay, and have recently commenced completion operations. The first well, the SS No. 6 well drilled earlier this year, was recently put on line and is still ramping up. Production from the SS No. 7 well should begin in mid-2015. This deepwater field currently produces approximately 4,500 Boe per day gross to the Medusa spar, which is the host facility.

Mississippi Canyon 782 "Dantzler" Field & Mississippi Canyon 698 "Big Bend" Field

(20% WI, non-operated) (Deepwater)

During the first quarter we finished the completions of the Dantzler #1 and Dantzler #2 wells. Production from these two high-impact oil wells is expected to commence in late 2015 or early 2016. The subsea development work to connect the 2012 discovery at Big Bend and the Dantzler wells to the nearby Thunder Hawk platform is ongoing and on schedule, with Big Bend expected to be on production in late 2015. The anticipated combined rate from both Dantzler and Big Bend is expected to reach in excess of 8,000 barrels per day, net to our interest (81% oil).

Mississippi Canyon 243 "Matterhorn" Field (100% WI, operated) (Deepwater)

A water flood and field pressure maintenance program that commenced in September 2014 showed a significant response in the first quarter of 2015. Since mid-December 2014, production from the A-2 well has increased from around 200 barrels per day to over 1,400 barrels of oil per day and is still increasing. Production from the entire field averaged approximately 4,450 Boe per day, net.

Onshore West Texas Permian Basin Yellow Rose Field (100% WI, operated)

As of the end of March 2015, we had six wells awaiting completion in our Yellow Rose field, two of which are vertical and four of which are horizontal.

The Beaujolais A 1302 H well drilled to the Wolfcamp "B" formation is now in flowback. Our most recent Lower Spraberry Shale well achieved a peak rate of 1,709 Boe per day (91% oil) or 224 Boe per day per 1,000' of lateral. The University Land ("UL") 7-10 6H well in Andrews County targeting the Lower Spraberry Shale is waiting on completion. The Chenin 8H and the Chenin 10H wells were drilled from the same drilling pad and both wells are awaiting completion as horizontal Wolfcamp "B" formation wells. The rig has since been released. For the month of March 2015, production from the field averaged 3,420 Boe per day net.

Second Quarter and Full Year 2015 Outlook

Our guidance for the second quarter and full year 2015 is provided in the table below and represents the Company's best estimate of the range of likely future results. It is affected by the factors described below in "Forward-Looking Statements."

	Second Quarter 2015	Full-Year 2015
Estimated Production		
Oil and NGLs (MMBbls)	2.1 – 2.3	9.3 – 10.3
Natural gas (Bcf)	10.5 – 11.7	44.0 – 48.6
		100.0 –
Total (Bcfe)	23.1 – 25.5	110.2
Total (MMBoe)	3.9 – 4.3	16.6 – 18.4
Operating Expenses (\$ in millions)	Second Quarter 2015	Full-Year 2015
Lease operating expenses	\$57 – \$63	\$219 – \$242
Gathering, transportation & production taxes	\$6 – \$7	\$25 – \$28
General and administrative	\$17 – \$19	\$71 – \$78
Income tax rate (100% deferred)	33.5%	31.0%

Conference Call Information: W&T will hold a conference call to discuss our financial and operational results on Thursday, May 7, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time. To participate,

dial 412-902-0030 a few minutes before the call begins. The call will also be broadcast live over the Internet from the Company's website at www.wtoffshore.com. A replay of the conference call will be available approximately two hours after the end of the call until May 14, 2015 and may be accessed by calling 201-612-7415 and using the passcode 13608155.

About W&T Offshore

W&T Offshore, Inc. is an independent oil and natural gas producer with operations offshore in the Gulf of Mexico and onshore in the Permian Basin of West Texas. We have grown through acquisitions, exploration and development and currently hold working interests in approximately 63 offshore fields in federal and state waters (61 producing and two fields capable of producing). W&T currently has under lease approximately 1.2 million gross acres, including approximately 0.6 million gross acres on the Gulf of Mexico Shelf, approximately 0.5 million gross acres in the deepwater and approximately 50,000 gross acres onshore, primarily in Texas. A substantial majority of our daily production is derived from wells we operate offshore. For more information on W&T Offshore, please visit our website at www.wtoffshore.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events, based on what we believe are reasonable assumptions. No assurance can be given, however, that these events will occur. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially including, among other things, market conditions, oil and gas price volatility, uncertainties inherent in oil and gas production operations and estimating reserves, unexpected future capital expenditures, competition, the success of our risk management activities, governmental regulations, uncertainties and other factors discussed in W&T Offshore's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and subsequent Form 10-Q reports found at www.sec.gov or at our website at www.wtoffshore.com under the Investor Relations section.

Hydrocarbon Quantity Estimates

The Securities and Exchange Commission requires oil and gas companies, in their filings with the SEC, to disclose proved reserves that a company has demonstrated by actual production or conclusive formation tests to be economically and legally producible under existing economic and operating conditions. We use certain terms in this news release, such as "prospective resources" or "gross resources" to refer to estimates of potentially recoverable hydrocarbon quantities. These estimates, which require implementation of a development plan to recover, and are by their nature more speculative than estimates of proved, probable and possible reserves and accordingly are subject to substantially greater risk of being actually realized. The SEC guidelines strictly prohibit us from including these estimates in filings with the SEC. The estimated range of gross resources for the Dantzler Field included herein are based upon publicly disclosed internal estimates of the third party operator, which may not be comparable to similarly titled hydrocarbon quantities. Investors are urged to consider closely the disclosures and risk factors in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K and in other periodic reports on file with the SEC, available from our website at www.wtoffshore.com.

W&T OFFSHORE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
(In thousands, except per share data)		
Revenues	\$ 127,907	\$ 254,516
Operating costs and expenses:		
Lease operating expenses	53,331	55,617
Gathering, transportation costs and production taxes	5,461	7,288
Depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion	125,467	123,306
Ceiling test write-down of oil and natural gas properties	260,390	-
General and administrative expenses	20,766	23,588
Derivative loss	-	7,492
Total costs and expenses	465,415	217,291
Operating income (loss)	(337,508)	37,225
Interest expense:		
Incurred	22,944	21,460
Capitalized	(1,783)	(2,072)
Income (loss) before income tax expense (benefit)	(358,669)	17,837
Income tax expense (benefit)	(103,574)	6,648
Net income (loss)	\$ (255,095)	\$ 11,189
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$ (3.36)	\$ 0.15
Weighted average common shares outstanding	75,857	75,556
Consolidated Cash Flow Information		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 742	\$ 118,490
Capital expenditures	82,765	95,067

W&T OFFSHORE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Condensed Operating Data
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,			Variance	Variance Percentage ⁽²⁾
	2015	2014			
Net sales volumes:					
Oil (MBbls)	1,894	1,732		162	9.4%
NGL (MBbls)	443	523		(80)	-15.3%
Oil and NGLs (MBbls)	2,337	2,255		82	3.6%
Natural gas (MMcf)	12,349	12,618		(269)	-2.1%
Total oil and natural gas (MBoe) ⁽¹⁾	4,395	4,358		37	0.8%
Total oil and natural gas (MMcfe) ⁽¹⁾	26,372	26,150		222	0.8%
Average daily equivalent sales (MBoe/d)					
	48.8	48.4		0.4	0.8%
Average daily equivalent sales (MMcfe/d)					
	293.0	290.6		2.4	0.8%
Average realized sales prices:					
Oil (\$/Bbl)	\$ 43.04	\$ 98.56		\$ (55.52)	-56.3%
NGLs (\$/Bbl)	16.81	38.26		(21.45)	-56.1%
Oil and NGLs (\$/Bbl)	38.07	84.57		(46.50)	-55.0%
Natural gas (\$/Mcf)	3.01	5.02		(2.01)	-40.0%
Barrel of oil equivalent (\$/Boe)	28.70	58.29		(29.59)	-50.8%
Natural gas equivalent (\$/Mcf)	4.78	9.72		(4.94)	-50.8%
Average per Boe (\$/Boe):					
Lease operating expenses	\$ 12.13	\$ 12.76		\$ (0.63)	-4.9%
Gathering and transportation costs and production taxes	1.24	1.67		(0.43)	-25.7%
Depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion	28.55	28.29		0.26	0.9%
General and administrative expenses	4.72	5.41		(0.69)	-12.8%
Net cash provided by operating activities	0.17	27.19		(27.02)	-99.4%
Adjusted EBITDA	11.00	38.56		(27.56)	-71.5%
Average per Mcfe (\$/Mcf):					
Lease operating expenses	\$ 2.02	\$ 2.13		\$ (0.11)	-5.2%
Gathering and transportation costs and production taxes	0.21	0.28		(0.07)	-25.0%
Depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion	4.76	4.72		0.04	0.8%
General and administrative expenses	0.79	0.90		(0.11)	-12.2%
Net cash provided by operating activities	0.03	4.53		(4.50)	-99.3%
Adjusted EBITDA	1.83	6.43		(4.60)	-71.5%

- (1) MMcfe and MBoe are determined using the ratio of six Mcf of natural gas to one Bbl of crude oil, condensate or NGLs (totals may not compute due to rounding). The conversion ratio does not assume price equivalency and the price on an equivalent basis for oil, NGLs and natural gas may differ significantly.
- (2) Variance percentages are calculated using rounded figures and may result in slightly different figures for comparable data.

W&T OFFSHORE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(Unaudited)

	March 31,	December
	2015	31,
	2014	
	(In thousands, except share data)	
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,367	\$ 23,666
Receivables:		
Oil and natural gas sales	46,121	67,242
Joint interest and other	29,300	43,645
Total receivables	75,421	110,887
Deferred income taxes	3,196	11,662
Prepaid expenses and other assets	18,842	36,347
Total current assets	105,826	182,562
Property and equipment – at cost:		
Oil and natural gas properties and equipment (full cost method, of which \$110,704 at March 31, 2015 and \$109,824 at December 31, 2014 were excluded from amortization)	8,133,244	8,045,666
Furniture, fixtures and other	23,495	23,269
Total property and equipment	8,156,739	8,068,935
Less accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	5,955,539	5,575,078
Net property and equipment	2,201,200	2,493,857
Restricted deposits for asset retirement obligations	15,501	15,444
Other assets	16,534	17,244
Total assets	\$ 2,339,061	\$ 2,709,107
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 128,277	\$ 194,109
Undistributed oil and natural gas proceeds	29,171	37,009
Asset retirement obligations	16,500	36,003
Accrued liabilities	28,220	17,377
Total current liabilities	202,168	284,498
Long-term debt	1,426,437	1,360,057
Asset retirement obligations, less current portion	364,723	354,565
Deferred income taxes	74,875	186,988
Other liabilities	13,900	13,691
Commitments and contingencies	-	-
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.00001 par value; 118,330,000 shares authorized; 78,805,904 issued and 75,936,731 outstanding at March 31, 2015; 78,768,588 issued and 75,899,415 outstanding at December 31, 2014	1	1
Additional paid-in capital	417,325	414,580
Retained earnings	(136,201)	118,894
Treasury stock, at cost	(24,167)	(24,167)
Total shareholders' equity	256,958	509,308
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 2,339,061	\$ 2,709,107

W&T OFFSHORE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2015	2014
	(In thousands)	
Operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ (255,095)	\$ 11,189
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion	125,467	123,306
Ceiling test write-down of oil and natural gas properties	260,390	-
Amortization of debt issuance costs and premium	156	187
Share-based compensation	2,816	3,758
Derivative loss	-	7,492
Cash payments on derivative settlements	-	(4,670)
Deferred income taxes	(103,574)	6,645
Asset retirement obligation settlements	(19,554)	(16,342)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	(9,864)	(13,075)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>742</u>	<u>118,490</u>
Investing activities:		
Investment in oil and natural gas properties and equipment	(82,765)	(95,067)
Purchases of furniture, fixtures and other	(226)	(260)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(82,991)</u>	<u>(95,327)</u>
Financing activities:		
Borrowings of long-term debt	82,000	92,000
Repayments of long-term debt	(15,000)	(103,000)
Dividends to shareholders	-	(7,563)
Other	(50)	(65)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>66,950</u>	<u>(18,628)</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(15,299)	4,535
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	23,666	15,800
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 8,367</u>	<u>\$ 20,335</u>

W&T OFFSHORE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Non-GAAP Information

Certain financial information included in our financial results are not measures of financial performance recognized by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or GAAP. These non-GAAP financial measures are "Net Income Excluding Special Items," "EBITDA" and "Adjusted EBITDA." Our management uses these non-GAAP financial measures in its analysis of our performance. These disclosures may not be viewed as a substitute for results determined in accordance with GAAP and are not necessarily comparable to non-GAAP performance measures which may be reported by other companies.

Reconciliation of Net Income to Net Income Excluding Special Items

"Net Income (Loss) Excluding Special Items" does not include the derivative (gain) loss, ceiling test write-down of oil and natural gas properties and associated tax effects. Net Income excluding special items is presented because the timing and amount of these items cannot be reasonably estimated and affect the comparability of operating results from period to period, and current periods to prior periods.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
	(In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)	
Net income (loss)	\$ (255,095)	\$ 11,189
Derivative loss	-	7,492
Ceiling test write-down of oil and natural gas properties	260,390	-
Income tax adjustment for above items at statutory rate	(91,137)	(2,622)
Net income (loss) excluding special items	<u>\$ (85,842)</u>	<u>\$ 16,059</u>
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per common share, excluding special items	<u>\$ (1.13)</u>	<u>\$ 0.21</u>

Reconciliation of Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA

We define EBITDA as net income plus income tax expense, net interest expense, depreciation, depletion, amortization, and accretion. Adjusted EBITDA excludes the (gain) loss related to our derivative. We believe the presentation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA provides useful information regarding our ability to service debt and to fund capital expenditures. We believe this presentation is relevant and useful because it helps our investors understand our operating performance and makes it easier to compare our results with those of other companies that have different financing, capital and tax structures. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered in isolation from or as a substitute for net income, as an indication of operating performance or cash flows from operating activities or as a measure of liquidity. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, as we calculate them, may not be comparable to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA measures reported by other companies. In addition, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA do not represent funds available for discretionary use. Adjusted EBITDA margin represents the ratio of Adjusted EBITDA to total revenues.

The following table presents a reconciliation of our consolidated net income to consolidated EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA along with our Adjusted EBITDA margin.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
	(In thousands) (Unaudited)	
Net income (loss)	\$ (255,095)	\$ 11,189
Income tax expense (benefit)	(103,574)	6,648
Net interest expense	21,161	19,391
Depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion	125,467	123,306
Ceiling test write-down of oil and natural gas properties	260,390	-
EBITDA	<u>48,349</u>	<u>160,534</u>
Adjustments:		
Derivative loss	-	7,492
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 48,349</u>	<u>\$ 168,026</u>
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	38%	66%

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