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**DETERDING #8  
RIO VISTA, CA  
CORPORATE PROFILE**

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**Corporate Profile**

*\* Includes non-consent properties of 19.6 Bcfe and PV-10 value of \$73 million.*

*\*\* Includes non-consent properties of 4 MMcfe/d.*

**717 TEXAS AVENUE  
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

**ROSETTA CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS**

v Stock Trades on NASDAQ, Symbol:	“ROSE”
v Shares Outstanding:	50 Million
v Total Assets (as of 6/30/06):	\$1,135 million
v Long Term Debt (as of 6/30/06):	\$240 million
v Stock Holders Equity (as of 6/30/06):	\$777 million
v Cash and Cash Equivalents (as of 6/30/06):	\$ 93 million
• 12/31/05 SEC Proved Reserves:	379 Bcfe *
• 12/31/05 SEC Proved PV10:	\$1.4 Billion **
• Proved Developed Reserves:	65%*
• Current Production (as of Sept 2006):	105 MMcfe/D **
• Net Producing Wells:	Over 500
• Proved and Probable locations:	Over 600
• Historical drilling success:	Over 80%
• Number of employees:	120
• Principal Offices:	Houston, Denver
• Field Offices:	Rio Vista, CA Laredo, TX

**Proved SEC Reserves (at 12/31/05)**

*\*Includes non-consent properties, representing 19.6 Bcfe.*

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**2006 Goals**

∅ <b>Well Activity</b>	
• Drill	188 Wells
• Recompletions / Workovers	68 Wells
∅ <b>Average Production</b>	<b>105 MMcfe/d</b>
∅ <b>Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>\$190 MM</b>
∅ <b>Proved Reserve Additions</b>	<b>80 Bcfe</b>

*\* Includes non-consent properties – (approx. 4 MMcfe/d)*

**110**  
**126**  
**(MMCFE/D)**  
**Production**  
**Actual**  
**Actual**  
**Forecast**  
**Exit Rate**  
**Forecast**  
**87**

*\* Includes non-consent properties – (approx. 4 MMcf/d)*

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*(1) Includes costs of becoming Public company, SOX implementation and the Calpine Transaction. Expect to be below \$0.50 per MCFE by mid 2007*

**2006 Cash Cost Structure**

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<b>Hedge Position (Mmbtu/day)</b>				
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Fixed Swaps</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>36,300</b>	<b>30,876</b>	<b>26,141</b>
<b>Average Price</b>	<b>\$7.92</b>	<b>\$7.62</b>	<b>\$7.30</b>	<b>\$6.99</b>
<b>Additional Fixed Swaps*</b>	--	<b>9,041</b>	<b>9,033</b>	--
<b>Average Price</b>	--	<b>\$8.21</b>	<b>\$8.04</b>	--
<b>Collars</b>	<b>10,000</b>	--	--	--
<b>Floor</b>	<b>\$8.83</b>	--	--	--
<b>Ceiling</b>	<b>\$14.00</b>	--	--	--
<b>Additional Collars</b>	--	<b>10,000</b>	--	--
<b>Floor</b>	--	<b>\$7.19</b>	--	--
<b>Ceiling</b>	--	<b>\$10.03</b>	--	--

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**Rosetta uses hedges to lower exposure to commodity volatility.**

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**It also provides a stable cash flow for future acquisitions and our extensive capital program.**

*\* Added additional hedges in September 2006*

**Calpine Transaction**

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**Contractual gas sales continuing.**

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**Non-consent property status report presented to Calpine.**

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**Settlement discussions underway.**

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**Objective is global solution:**

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Calpine conveys good title for non-consent properties for \$68 MM.

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Preferential right properties retained by Calpine. Rosetta retains \$7 MM.

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Settlement statement finalized.

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Other administrative matters settled to satisfaction of Rosetta.

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**Operations Update**  
**DRIVER 20-1**  
**SACRAMENTO BASIN, CALIFORNIA**

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**Drilling Activity Recap -2006 Year To Date**

*84% Success Rate*

<i>(as of September 25, 2006)</i>	<b>Wells Drilled</b>	
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Net</b>
California	18	18.0
Rockies	37	35.5
MidCon	2	0.3
Offshore	2	0.8
Lobo	14	14.0
Perdido	4	2.0
State Waters	5	1.2
Other	12	4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>76.5</b>

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**Sacramento Basin**

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**167 producing wells and over 62,000 net**  
acres in the Rio Vista Field.

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**Current average net production 40**  
MMcfe/d\*.

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**143 currently shut-in or idle wells, over**  
130 proved and probable drilling locations  
and numerous workover and  
recompletion projects.

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**Numerous wells identified that are**  
believed to contain bypassed pay.  
Currently attempting to acquire rights to  
these wellbores.

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**Began a drilling program in early**  
November 2005, drilled 20 wells to date,  
19 successful one dry hole, 11 of these  
wells currently on production, 2 additional  
wells to be producing by the end of Sept.  
2006.

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**Expect to drill an additional 6 to 7 wells in**  
2006. One drilling rig active in field. May  
get deep rig in January 2007.

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**Four completion rigs currently working on**  
Rosetta properties in the Rio Vista Field  
area. Performed 21 recompletions since  
June 30, 2005.

***\*Includes cured non-consent***  
properties.

**Rio Vista Wells**  
**(November 5, 2005 to September 25, 2006)**

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**Rio Vista Production (MMCFE/D)**  
**Forecast**  
**Rio Vista Daily Wellhead Production – Gross Operated**  
**Current rate = 52**  
**MMCFE/D**

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Recently drilled wells have extended the Upper, Middle, Lower Capay and also the Martinez within the Rio Vista Gas Field.

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Two Capay wells drilled in the Southern Extension, RVGU 265 and RVGU 270 are producing 0.6 and 1.5 MMCFE/D respectively and the two Martinez wells drilled in the extension, Twitchell 4 and Twitchell 5 are producing 1.8 and 3.2 MMCFE/D respectively.

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This extension has added 18 Bcf of proved and probable reserves to date.

**Rio Vista – Upper Capay and Martinez**  
Capay Extension

Martinez Extension  
**Southern Extension**

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**Sacramento Basin – Bradford Island 3D Shoot**

- Acquiring 12.0 sq. mi. (~7700 acres) proprietary 3D seismic data over the Southern Rio Vista Gas Unit. Approximately 70% (~5400 acres) of the 3D covers acreage with no seismic coverage.

- Prospective zones include the Nortonville, Capay, Hamilton, Martinez, and McCormick.

- Historically only 17 wells in survey – only 4 below 5000'

- 20 BCF reserve potential.

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**Rio Vista - Winters Play**

Rio Vista Unit

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**Over 1.1 Tcf of gas produced to the**  
North, East and South of Rio Vista field.

Only 5 penetrations to date in this  
90-square mile field area.

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**Welch 13 well drilled in April in the**  
Winters with producing rate of 3 MMcfe/d  
(net).

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**Wilcox 13 has good mud log shows in the**  
K1 but not logged due to hole conditions.

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**Wilcox 14 well has good mud log shows**  
and calculated pay on open hole logs but  
tests show zone to be wet. Maddie  
location to be drilled with deep rig in  
2007.

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**Identification of additional locations is**  
currently underway. Plans underway for  
K1 test in Wilcox 13 fault block. May  
sidetrack Wilcox 14.

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**South Texas Trends**

Miocene and Frio Amplitude Plays  
Anomalina and Vicksburg Amplitude Plays

Upper Wilcox Structural Plays  
Lobo Play  
Perdido Play  
Middle and Lower Wilcox Plays  
Sligo Reef Structural Plays

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**EL COROZON RANCH #2  
WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS  
LOBO DISTRICT**

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**S. Callaghan and El Corazon Ranch (42,000 *est.* of the total) acreage  
South Texas – Lobo**

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The Company has approximately  
70,000 net acres (*est.*) square miles of 3-D seismic.

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277 active operated and 117  
non-operated wells.

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Current net production is 38  
MMcfe/day.

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Over 100 proved and probable  
locations.

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Drilled 12 successful wells to date.  
Net production for the first 9 wells is  
currently 21.6 MMcfe/d. (3 are  
completing.)

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Plan to drill 8 additional wells in 2006  
(2 drilling now).

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Two rigs under contract.  
2006 Dry Hole

Next 12 months Drilling Inventory

Future Location

2006 Discovery

Currently Drilling

Current Producer

Lobo Stratigraphic Column

**LOBO STRAYS**

**LOBO 'B' SAND**

**WALKER**

**LOBO 1**

**L1 PAY**

**LOBO 2**

**LOBO 3**

**LOBO 6a SAND**

**LOBO 6b SAND**

**LOBO 6c SAND**

**LOBO 6d SAND**

**2006 New Wells**

TD 8740'

TD 8176'

TD 8883'

TD 7600'

TD 8850'

TD 7956'

TD 8078'

TD 6850'

TD 8795'

TD 8425'

**SCR 232**

**SCR 234**

**SCR 235**

**SCR 236**

**SCR 238**

**SCR 237**

**SCR 242**

**ECR 3**

**ECR 1**

**ECR 2**

**ECR 11**

**SCR 244**

TD 8070'

TD 8612'

**Lobo Wells**

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**LOBO  
TYPE CURVES – ALL RESERVOIRS**

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**LOBO**  
**NORMALIZED PRODUCTION CUMULATIVES**

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**LOBO**  
**GROSS MMCFE/D**

*\* Does not include any new acreage or acquisitions*

*\*\* Assumes drilling of 23 wells per year and spending \$41 MM per year.*

Future Drilling  
**Proved Developed**

Current Gross production  
**52 MM per day**

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**South Texas – Perdido**

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Company owns a 50% non-operated working interest in approximately 18,000 net acres (est.) in the Perdido Sand Trend.

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Horizontal drilling has been very successful in developing these sands at 9,500 to 12,000 feet.

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Currently have 31 producing wells of which 10 are horizontal.

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Current net production is 12 MMcfe/d.

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4 new horizontal wells drilled in 2006 to date. They are producing a total of 13.6 MMcfe/d (gross).

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48 future locations will be horizontal.

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There are 3 additional wells planned for 2006.  
Current horizontal producers

Approved horizontal locations

Future horizontal locations

Perdido Acreage  
Currently drilling

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**PERDIDO  
TYPE CURVES – ALL RESERVOIRS**

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**PERDIDO**  
**NORMALIZED PRODUCTION CUMULATIVES**

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**Gulf of Mexico Activity Areas**

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**Working interest in 11**  
blocks ranging from 20% to  
100% (NRI of 15% - 79%).

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**Current net production is 9**  
MMcfe/day from 7  
producing wells.

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**22,000 net acres (est.) under**  
lease.

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**A recent discovery at Main**  
Pass 118 tested 12.4  
MMcf/day and 512 Bbls/day,  
gross.

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**Successful bidder in 2006**  
offshore lease sale with 50%  
working interest in S.  
Timbalier Block 293 and  
Block 226 and 25% in East  
Cameron Block 178.  
**Gulf Coast Offshore Exploration**

**Texas State Waters**

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The Company is exploring in the Vicksburg and Frio trends in Galveston Bay, Texas, pursuing sands that exhibit strong hydrocarbon indicators on 3-D seismic.

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Current net production is 3 MMcfe/day.

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Four successful wells drilled to date. One is shut-in waiting on fracture-stimulation.

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Five additional locations are planned, with working interest of 28.9% to 40%.

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**Bonefish**

**Kerr McGee Farm-Out**

**Dolphin**

Producing

Waiting on Completion

Location

Rosetta Acreage

**TEXAS STATE WATERS**

**Rocky Mountains – DJ Basin**

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**Producing formation – Niobrara chalk at 2,300 - 2,500 feet.**

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**Company owns 77,400 net acres in this shallow gas play.**

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**34 wells drilled through September 27<sup>th</sup> to date, 30 successful (88% success rate). All of the wells (14) in the Republican River 3D look very good on logs, averaging 7 ohms resistively up to a maximum of 17 ohms with gas effect over the Niobrara Chalk. Continuing to stake locations on two other 3-D surveys.**

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**Expect to drill approximately 200 additional locations on our existing leases and leases being finalized with 60 planned in 2006.**

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**61 square miles of 3-D seismic acquired in 2006 on this 3-D supported play.**

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**Drilling and completion cost per well is \$225,000.**

**DJ Basin**  
Rosetta Leases

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**Rocky Mountains – San Juan Basin**

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8,481 net acres with  
Fruitland Coal potential at  
1,600 feet.

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Company has identified  
44 drillable development  
locations.

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Drilling and completion  
costs of \$280,000 per  
well.

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14 wells drilled and  
completed to date.

Rosetta  
Leases  
**San Juan Basin**

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**Investment Considerations**

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**Quality Asset Base**

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**Production Growth Momentum**

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**Significant Drilling Location Inventory**

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**Competitive Cost Structure**

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**Strong Balance Sheet**

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**Experienced Technical Staff, Making Use of Industry**

Best Practices and State of the Art

Technology.

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**Conclusion**  
**EAST CAMERON BLOCK 89**  
#16 OFFSHORE,  
LOUISIANA

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*Forward-Looking Statements*

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