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Form 10-Q  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended October 31, 2009

OR

TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
ACT OF 1934

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

Commission file number: 33-2249-FW

MILLER PETROLEUM, INC.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

TENNESSEE  
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62-1028629  
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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3651 BAKER HIGHWAY, HUNTSVILLE, TN  
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37756  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(423) 663-9457  
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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if smaller reporting company)

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

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

Title of Class	No. of Shares Outstanding at December 9, 2009
Common Stock	19,310,956

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#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This report contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements were based on various factors and were derived utilizing numerous assumptions and other factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, the availability of sufficient capital to fund the anticipated growth of our company, fluctuations in the prices of oil and gas, the competitive nature of our business environment, our dependence on a limited number of customers, our ability to comply with environmental regulations, changes in government regulations which could adversely impact our business and other factors. Most of these factors are difficult to predict accurately and are generally beyond our control. You should consider the areas of risk described in

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connection with any forward-looking statements that may be made herein or in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 30, 2009. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements and readers should carefully review this report in its entirety. Except for our ongoing obligations to disclose material information under the Federal securities laws, we undertake no obligation to release publicly any revisions to any forward-looking statements, to report events or to report the occurrence of unanticipated events. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this report, and you should not rely on these statements without also considering the risks and uncertainties associated with these statements and our business.

### OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

Unless specifically set forth to the contrary, when used in this report the terms the "Company," "we," "us," "ours," and similar terms refers to Miller Petroleum, Inc., a Tennessee corporation doing business as Miller Energy Resources and our subsidiaries, Miller Rig & Equipment, LLC, Miller Drilling TN, LLC and Miller Energy Services, LLC, East Tennessee Consultants, Inc., East Tennessee Consultants II, LLC and Miller Energy GP, LLC.

The information which appears on our web site at [www.millerenergyresources.com](http://www.millerenergyresources.com) is not part of this report.

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### PART 1 - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

#### MILLER PETROLEUM, INC. SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

	For the Three Months Ended October 31, 2009 -----	For the Three Months Ended October 31, 2008 -----	For the Six Months ended October 31, 2009 -----	For the Six Months ended October 31, 2008 -----
Total Revenue .....	333,404	484,576	861,024	699,841
Total Costs and Expenses ..	1,524,748 -----	1,235,708 -----	2,674,845 -----	2,046,509 -----
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS .....	(1,191,344)	(751,132)	(1,813,821)	(1,346,668)
NET INCOME (LOSS) .....	\$ (156,024)	\$ (571,192)	\$ (83,811)	\$ 9,709,430
	October 31, 2009 Unaudited -----	July 31, 2009 Unaudited -----	April 30, 2009 -----	
Cash .....	\$ 94,838	\$ 100,018	\$ 46,566	
Cash, restricted .....	1,982,489 -----	1,976,510 -----	1,982,552 -----	
Total Cash .....	2,077,327	2,076,528	2,029,118	
Oil and Gas Properties .....	4,047,713	3,235,278	1,787,911	

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Total Assets .....	12,456,570	12,234,383	9,941,733
Total Current Liabilities .....	3,743,949	3,552,707	2,631,746
Total Long-term Liabilities .....	545,524	661,104	89,251
Total Stockholders' Equity .....	\$ 8,167,097	\$ 8,020,572	\$ 7,220,736
Total Producing Oil Wells .....	194	173	20
Total Producing Gas Wells .....	263	253	32
Total Producing Wells .....	457	426	52
Total Oil and Gas Lease Acreage ...	54,506	54,256	14,489
Total Proved Oil Reserves MBOE ....	0.129 (1)	0.129 (1)	0.053 (2)
Total Proved Gas Reserves MMCFE ...	0.335 (3)	0.335 (1)	0.311 (2)
Total Proved, Probable, Possible Oil Reserves MBOE .....	0.168 (3)	0.129 (1)	0.053 (2)
Total Proved Probable, Possible Gas Reserves MMCFE .....	0.335 (3)	0.335 (1)	0.311 (2)

(1) Based on Reserve Reports dated April 30, 2009, June 8, 2009 and June 18, 2009.

(2) Based on Reserve Report dated April 30, 2009.

(3) Based on Reserve Reports dated April 30, 2009, June 8, 2009, June 18, 2009 and October 31, 2009.

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MILLER PETROLEUM, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
ASSETS

	October 31, 2009 Unaudited	April 30, 2009
	-----	-----
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash .....	\$ 94,838	\$ 46,566
Cash, restricted.....	1,982,489	1,982,552
Accounts receivable .....	129,483	124,815
Accounts receivable - related parties .....	28,441	19,882
Prepaid expenses.....	51,627	-
Inventory .....	178,011	87,120
	-----	-----
Total Current Assets .....	2,464,889	2,260,935
Fixed Assets	5,907,467	5,751,017
Less: accumulated depreciation .....	(1,230,839)	(1,022,017)
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Net Fixed Assets.....	4,676,628	4,729,000
OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES		
(On the basis of successful efforts accounting)	4,047,713	1,787,911
Land .....	526,500	406,500
Deferred interest .....	5,684	6,892
Prepaid offering cost.....	452,853	666,476
Cash - restricted, long-term.....	281,493	84,019
Other assets.....	810	-
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Total Other Assets .....	1,267,340	1,163,887
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TOTAL ASSETS .....	\$ 12,456,570	\$ 9,941,733
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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MILLER PETROLEUM, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

	October 31, 2009 Unaudited	April 30, 2009
	-----	-----
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable - trade .....	\$ 914,294	\$ 301,082
Accrued expenses .....	246,948	271,099
Asset retirement liability.....	272,008	57,246
Unearned revenue.....	137,240	131,587
Current portion of notes payable .....	2,173,459	1,870,732
	-----	-----
Total Current Liabilities .....	3,743,949	2,631,746
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Deferred income taxes payable.....	471,182	778
Notes payable - other .....	74,342	88,473
	-----	-----
Total Long-term Liabilities .....	545,524	89,251
Total Liabilities .....	4,289,473	2,720,997

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Common stock, 500,000,000 shares authorized at

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\$0.0001 par value, 18,860,956 and 15,974,356 shares issued and outstanding, respectively .	1,886	1,597
Additional paid-in capital .....	9,585,208	8,555,324
Accumulated deficit .....	(1,419,997)	(1,336,185)
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Total Stockholders' Equity .....	8,167,097	7,220,736
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY .....	\$ 12,456,570	\$ 9,941,733
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MILLER PETROLEUM, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(UNAUDITED)

	For the Three Months Ended October 31, 2009	For the Three Months Ended October 31, 2008	For the Six Months ended October 31, 2009	For Mon Oc
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REVENUES				
Oil and gas revenue .....	\$ 212,225	\$ 196,147	\$ 616,617	\$
Service and drilling revenue .....	121,179	288,429	244,407	
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Total Revenue .....	333,404	484,576	861,024	
COSTS AND EXPENSES				
Cost of oil and gas revenue .....	4,333	28,988	28,377	
Cost of service and drilling revenue .....	214,153	395,847	458,653	
Selling, general and administrative .....	1,028,840	713,596	1,681,232	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization ..	277,422	97,277	506,583	
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Total Costs and Expenses .....	1,524,748	1,235,708	2,674,845	
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LOSS FROM OPERATIONS .....	(1,191,344)	(751,132)	(1,813,821)	(
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)				
Interest income .....	7,498	20,879	15,469	
Interest expense .....	(6,258)	(19,347)	(19,127)	
Loan fees and costs .....	(62,742)	(46,382)	(115,377)	
Gain on sale of equipment .....	-	8,550	(9,755)	
Gain on sale of oil and gas properties ....	-	-	-	1
Gain on acquisitions .....	1,057,564	-	1,818,764	
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Total Other Income (Expense) .....	996,062	(36,300)	1,689,974	1
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NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES .....	(195,282)	(787,432)	(123,847)	1

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INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT) .....	(39,258)	(216,240)	(40,036)	
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NET INCOME (LOSS) .....	\$ (156,024)	\$ (571,192)	\$ (83,811)	\$
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BASIC AND DILUTED - INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.00)	\$
BASIC AND DILUTED - WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING .....	18,555,604	14,852,182	17,913,621	1

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MILLER PETROLEUM, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
(UNAUDITED)

	For the Six Months Ended October 31, 2009	For the Six Months Ended October 31, 2008
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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Income .....	\$ (83,811)	\$ 9,709,430
Depreciation, depletion and amortization .....	506,584	204,846
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Loss to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Loss (gain) on sale of equipment .....	9,755	(8,550)
Gain on sale of oil and gas properties .....	-	(11,715,570)
Gain on acquisitions .....	(1,818,764)	-
Issuance of stock for services .....	25,798	297,000
Issuance of warrants for financing cost .....	97,499	-
Issuance of stock options for services .....	-	17,800
Warrants cost .....	-	73,982
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:		
Accounts receivable .....	11,677	(87,206)
Inventory .....	(90,891)	21,884
Prepaid expense .....	(51,627)	-
Accounts payable .....	213,770	(138,089)
Accrued expenses .....	190,612	(101,492)
Unearned revenue .....	5,653	-
Income taxes payable .....	(39,259)	573,760
Deferred interest .....	1,208	-
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Net Cash Used by Operating Activities .....	(1,021,796)	(1,152,205)
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of equipment and improvements .....	(25,892)	(4,153,830)
Purchase of oil and gas properties .....	(20,681)	(1,091,423)
Sale of oil and gas properties .....	25,000	13,514,090
Purchase of land .....	-	(110,000)
Proceeds from sale of equipment .....	50,000	19,000

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Deferred interest .....	-	(8,209)
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Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities .....	28,427	8,169,628
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payments on notes payable .....	(12,121)	(730,314)
Proceeds from borrowing .....	300,000	1,912,159
Proceeds from sale of stock .....	336,875	-
Cash acquired through acquisition .....	203,993	-
Restricted cash .....	63	-
Restricted cash non-current .....	(792)	-
Stock repurchase .....	-	(4,350,000)
Prepaid offering cost .....	213,623	(105,925)
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Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities .	1,041,641	(3,274,080)
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NET INCREASE IN CASH .....	48,272	3,743,343
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD .....	46,566	42,436
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD .....	\$ 94,838	\$ 3,785,779
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CASH PAID FOR INTEREST .....	\$ 101,879	\$ 146,955
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NON CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Common stock issued for prepaid offering cost .....	\$ -	\$ 115,000
Financing costs from issuance of warrants and stocks	\$ 97,499	\$ 27,600
The Company reported the following non-cash investing And financing activities in the period.		
Cash acquired through issuance of stock .....	\$ 203,993	\$ -
Restricted cash acquired through issuance of stock .	\$ 196,682	\$ -
Net assets acquired through issuance of stock .....	\$ 1,988,089	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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MILLER PETROLEUM, INC.  
NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(UNAUDITED)

(1) ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Miller Petroleum, Inc. (the "Company") and the accounts of its subsidiaries, Miller Drilling TN, LLC and Miller Energy Services, LLC for the comparative periods ended October 31, 2009 and 2008. Miller Petroleum, Inc.'s subsidiaries Miller Rig & Equipment, LLC, East Tennessee Consultants, Inc., East Tennessee Consultants II, LLC and Miller Energy GP, LLC were only included in the consolidation for the period ended October 31, 2009 only, since these



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subsidiaries started up subsequent to the six months ended October 31, 2008. All inter-company balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

The Company's principal business consists of oil and gas exploration, production and related property management in the Appalachian region of eastern Tennessee. The Company's corporate offices are in Huntsville, Tennessee. The Company operates as one reportable business segment, based on the similarity of activities.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in the financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted. It is suggested that these financial statements be read in conjunction with the Company's April 30, 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The results of operations for the period ended October 31, 2009 are not necessarily indicative of operating results for the full year. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included.

### (2) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period amounts presented to conform to the current period presentations.

#### INVENTORY

Inventory consists primarily of crude oil in tanks and is carried at cost.

#### RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

On January 1, 2009, we adopted the FASB guidance for Business Combinations, which replaces SFAS No. 141, Business Combinations ("SFAS 141R"), and requires an acquirer to recognize the assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any non-controlling interest in the acquiree at the acquisition date, measured at their fair values as of that date, with limited exceptions. This Statement also requires the acquirer in a business combination achieved in stages to recognize the identifiable assets and liabilities, as well as the noncontrolling interest in the acquiree, at the full amounts of their fair values. Additionally, this Statement requires acquisition-related costs to be expensed in the period in which the costs were incurred and the services are received instead of including such costs as part of the acquisition price. This guidance makes various other amendments to authoritative literature intended to provide additional guidance or to confirm the guidance in that literature to that provided in this Statement. Our acquisition of the Ky-Tenn Oil, Inc assets and the stock and membership interests of East Tennessee Consultants, Inc. and East Tennessee Consultants II, LLC were recorded in accordance with this guidance. See Note 7.

In April 2009, the FASB issued three related FASB Staff Positions: (i) FASB ASC 320-10-65-1 (formerly FSP FAS No. 115-2 and FAS No. 124-2, Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary Impairments (FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2)); (ii) FASB ASC 825-10-65-1 (formerly FSP FAS No. 107-1 and Accounting Principles Board Opinion (APB) No. 28-1, Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments (FSP FAS 107-1 and APB 28-1)), and; (iii) FASB ASC 820-10-65-4 (formerly FSP FAS No. 157-4, Determining

the Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are Not Orderly (FSP FAS 157-4)), which are effective for interim and annual reporting periods

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ending after June 15, 2009. FASB ASC 320-10-65-1 (formerly FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2) amend the other-than-temporary impairment guidance in GAAP for debt securities to modify the requirement for recognizing other-than-temporary impairments, change the existing impairment model and modify the presentation and frequency of related disclosures. FASB ASC 825-10-65-1 (formerly FSP FAS 107-1 and APB 28-1) require disclosures about fair value of financial instruments for interim reporting periods as well as in annual financial statements. FASB ASC 820-10-65-4 (formerly FSP FAS 157-4) provides additional guidance for estimating fair value in the current economic environment and reemphasizes that the objective of a fair value measurement remains an exit price. If we were to conclude that there has been a significant decrease in the volume and level of activity of the asset or liability in relation to normal market activities, quoted market values may not be representative of fair value and we may conclude that a change in valuation technique or the use of multiple valuation techniques may be appropriate in accordance with FASB ASC 820-10 (formerly SFAS No. 157). These pronouncements are not expected to have a material impact on our operations and financial condition.

In April 2009, the FASB issued FASB ASC 805-20 (formerly FSP SFASNo. 141R-1, Accounting for Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed in a Business Combination That Arise from Contingencies. FASB ASC 805-20 amends the guidance in FASB ASC 805 (formerly SFAS 141R) relating to the initial recognition and measurement, subsequent measurement and accounting and disclosures of assets and liabilities arising from contingencies in a business combination. FASB ASC 805 (formerly FSP SFAS 141R) is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. We adopted FASB ASC 805 (formerly FSP SFAS 141R) as of the beginning of fiscal 2009. We will apply the requirements of FASB ASC 805-20 (formerly FSP FAS 141R-1) prospectively to any future acquisitions.

In May 2009, the FASB issued FASB ASC 855-10 (formerly SFAS No. 165, Subsequent Events (SFAS 165)), which establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. The provisions of FASB ASC 855-10 (formerly SFAS 165) are effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009. The adoption of FASB ASC 855-10 (formerly SFAS 165) did not have any impact on our financial statements. The subsequent events have been evaluated through December 21, 2009, which was the date the Financial Statements were issued.

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 168, The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles - a replacement of FASB Statement No. 162 (SFAS 162). Effective for our financial statements issued for interim and annual periods commencing with the quarterly period ended October 31, 2009, the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (Codification or ASC) is the source of authoritative U.S. GAAP recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities. Rules and interpretive releases of the SEC under authority of federal securities laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. The Codification supersedes all then-existing, non-SEC accounting and reporting standards. In the FASB's view, the Codification does not change GAAP, and therefore the adoption of SFAS 168, now referred to as FASB ASC 105, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, did not have an effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. However, where we have referred to specific authoritative accounting literature, both the Codification and pre-Codification GAAP literature are disclosed. FASB ASC 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (formerly SFAS 157, Fair Value Instruments and FASB Staff Position No. FAS 157-2, Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157) (Topic 820) defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with GAAP and expands disclosures about fair value measurement. Topic 820 applies to other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements but does not require any new fair value measurements. The adoption of Topic 820 for

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financial assets and liabilities, as of January 1, 2008, did not have a material impact on our financial position or operations. Topic 820 delayed the effective date of Topic 820's fair value measurement

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requirements for nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are not required or permitted to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis. Fair value measurements identified in Topic 820 is effective for our fiscal year beginning May 1, 2009 and did not have any impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has issued new disclosure requirements for entities in the oil and gas production and extractive industries. Such rules are effective January 1, 2010, the Company does not expect the additional disclosures to be burdensome.

All other issued accounting pronouncements but not yet effective have been determined to be not applicable by management and once adopted is not expected to have a material impact on the financial position of the Company.

### (3) SALE OF OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

On June 13, 2008 we sold approximately 30,000 acres of oil and gas leases and eight drilled but not completed wells to Atlas America, LLC ("Atlas") for \$19.625 million. At that time Wind City Oil & Gas, LLC and related entities were paid \$10.6 million for 2.9 million shares of the Company's common stock, eight drilled but not completed gas wells, two producing gas wells, and a RD20 drilling rig and related equipment in settlement of all litigation between the parties.

On November 10, 2008, the Company finalized a drilling contract with Atlas Energy Resources, LLC, an affiliate of Atlas. This is a two year agreement that will utilize two of the Company's drilling rigs operating in the East Tennessee area of the Appalachian Basin. We acquired a 2007 COPCO Model RD III drilling rig and related equipment drilling rig from Atlas to assist in drilling the wells. This rig has been mobilized to the site and has commenced drilling operations. The Company borrowed \$1,850,125, secured by a certificate of deposit, to purchase this drilling rig.

After the sale was completed, the Company paid off all notes, all undisputed payables, transaction fees of \$600,000 to Cresta Capital/Consortium, and paid a transaction fee of \$300,000 and issued 2,500,000 shares of common stock valued at \$825,000 to Mr. Scott Boruff, a former associate of Cresta Capital. Mr. Boruff was subsequently hired effective August 1, 2008 as the new CEO of the Company (see Commitments note below). He is a son-in-law of Deloy Miller the former CEO and current Chairman of the Board of Directors. Cresta was also granted a warrant to purchase one million shares of the Company's common stock for \$1.00 per share for a period expiring three years after the grant date and cancelled the five million performance warrants that it held.

The net gain on this sale of oil and gas property transaction was \$11,715,570.

A third party interested in aforementioned sale of the oil and gas properties is contesting the sale, see the Litigation note below.

### (4) PARTICIPANT RECEIVABLES AND RELATED PARTY RECEIVABLES

Participant and related party receivables consist of receivables contractually due from our various joint venture partners in connection with routine exploration, betterment and maintenance activities. Our collateral for these

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receivables generally consists of lien rights over the related oil producing properties at both April 30, 2009 and October 31, 2009.

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### (5) LONG-TERM DEBT, WARRANTS, LOAN FEES AND RESTRICTED CASH

The Company had the following debt obligations at October 31, 2009 and April 30, 2009

	October 31, 2009	April 30, 2009
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Note payable to Commercial Bank, secured by cash, bearing interest at 3.75%, due December 22, 2009 ...	1,850,000	1,850,000
Note payable to Commercial Bank, secured by vehicle, dated March 31, 2009, bearing interest at 7.50%, due in monthly payments of \$1,376.22, with the final payment due March 31, 2013 .....	49,552	55,786
Note payable to GMAC Financing, secured by vehicle, dated June 27, 2008, bearing zero interest, due in monthly payments of \$861.58, with the final payment due June 27, 2012 .....	48,249	53,419
Note payable to Commercial Bank, secured by the Company's main Headquarters and land, located in Huntsville, Tennessee, dated July 16, 2009, bearing interest at 10.00%, due in interest only monthly payments, with the principal payment due January 16, 2010 .....	300,000	-
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Total Notes Payable .....	2,247,801	1,959,205
Less current maturities on other notes payable	2,173,459	1,870,732
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Notes Payable - Long-term .....	\$ 74,342	\$ 88,473
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### (6) STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

During the six months ended October 31, 2009, we issued the following securities: 2,886,600 shares, which included 350,000 shares issued to an investor for \$0.34 per share and expensed at \$119,000, 2,000,000 shares for acquisitions that occurred during the first quarter (see note 7), 39,100 shares issued to a vendor in lieu of cash and expensed at \$25,795 and 497,500 shares issued to new inventors as an incentive to invest in the Miller Energy Income 2009-A, LP partnership and capitalized at \$217,875. Miller Energy Income 2009-A, LP's general partner is Miller Energy GP, LLC, a 100% owned subsidiary of Miller Petroleum, Inc.

In May 2005 the Company entered into a \$4.15 million credit agreement which had terms that specified that the Company would prepare, and file a Registration Statement that would cover the resale of all of the Registrable Securities, which Registration Statement, to the extent allowable under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder (including Rule 416), shall state that such Registration Statement also covers such indeterminate number of additional shares of Common Stock as may become

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issuable upon conversion of or otherwise pursuant to the Notes and Warrants to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions. Company would agree to provide certain registration rights under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder, or any similar successor statute, and applicable state securities laws. The Company is required to issue 40,000 penalty warrants each month the Company has not registered the aforementioned underlying securities. The shares are not registered and throughout the six months ended October 31, 2009, the Company issued 240,000 penalty warrants at an average exercise price of \$1.15 per share with a five-year term valued and expensed at \$84,079.

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In October 2009 we issued 497,500 warrants were issued to new inventors as an incentive to invest in the Miller Energy Income 2009-A, LP partnership. These warrants have a term of five years, an exercise price of \$1.00 per share and were capitalized at \$13,420.

The Company presents "basic" earnings (loss) per share and, if applicable, "diluted" earnings per share pursuant to the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128. The calculation of diluted earnings per share is similar to that of basic earnings per share, except that the denominator is increased to include the number of additional common shares that would have been outstanding if all potentially dilutive common shares, such as those issuable upon the exercise of stock options and warrants, were issued during the period.

There were no dilutive effects of the common stock equivalents for the outstanding vested stock options and warrants for the three and six months ended October 31, 2008 and October 31, 2009 since the exercise price of such warrants and options exceeded the market price of the Company's common stock at October 31, 2008, or there were losses in 2009, which would render the common stock equivalent Of 1,187,500 in October 31, 2009 to be antidilutive.

### (7) ACQUISITIONS

On June 8, 2009, we closed on the acquisition of certain assets of privately owned Ky-Tenn Oil, Inc., ("KTO") which includes approximately 35,325 leased acres located on the Chattanooga Shale and 153 natural gas and oil producing wells. The primary reason for this acquisition was that it provided the Company with a large lease position in the middle of Tennessee's prolific Chattanooga Shale play for future drilling development. Another key to this acquisition is the fact that in addition to the 153 wells that we will be operating on the KTO leases, there are over 100 additional wells that can be reworked and put back into production. In addition, expected synergies are anticipated from combining operations and personnel. For these assets we issued 1,000,000 shares of our common stock, which was valued at \$320,000 on the date of acquisition. The acquired assets included 35,325 leased acres with 153 producing oil and gas wells and \$194,400 in restricted bond certificates for well reclamation with a related liability. In addition a complaint has been filed in United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Northern Division by Gunsight Holdings, LLC, a Florida limited liability company pertaining to Ky-Tenn and the Company. The lease which is the subject of the litigation was included in the assets purchased by us from Ky-Tenn. The Plaintiff is alleging that the Company and Ky-Tenn have failed or refused to pay royalties due to the Plaintiff's predecessors and have breached the implied duty of further exploration by failing to drill required wells, failing to reasonably develop or explore the property, failing to maintain an active interest in further development of the property and otherwise failing to act as a prudent operator of the property thereby causing damages to the Plaintiff exceeding \$75,000. The Plaintiff is seeking a declaratory judgment of its allegations, removal of the

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Company and Ky-Tenn from the property, a full accounting of activities related to the property and all monies received from those activities, damages and costs of action. We have filed an answer denying the various claims and asserting affirmative defenses including that there has been continuous production from the subject lease. While we intend to vigorously defend this action, we are unable at this time to predict the outcome of the action or whether the company will have any liability to the Plaintiff. See Note 10. No cash or receivables were acquired from KTO. A third-party analysis was performed to determine the fair value of the assets acquired. The report was prepared utilizing methods and procedures regularly used by petroleum engineers to estimate oil and gas reserves for properties of this type and character. The recovery of oil and gas reserves and projection of producing rates are dependent upon many variable factors including prudent operation, compression of gas when needed, market demand, installation of lifting equipment and remedial work when required. The reserves included in this report have been based upon the assumption that the wells will be operated in a prudent manner under the same conditions existing on the effective date. The value as determined by this report was \$252,455. The value of the restricted bond certificates had an offsetting retirement

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liability, therefore, under the FASB guidance, the difference between the value of the oil and gas properties less the value of the common stock resulted in a loss of \$67,545 was recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations as a net to Gain on Acquisitions. During the quarter ended October 31, 2009 the same third-party analyst completed the determination of the value of all undeveloped reserves, and our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet at October 31, 2009 includes an additional gain of \$1,057,564 and an additional \$987,142 in oil and gas properties.

On June 18, 2009 the Company acquired 100% of the stock of East Tennessee Consultants, Inc., a Tennessee corporation ("ETC") and 100% of the membership interests in East Tennessee Consultants II, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company ("LLC") from the owners of these entities. The acquisition included 221 producing oil and gas wells and consisted of approximately 4,442 acres. ETC was formed in 1983 to provide oil and gas well operating services and it represented various working interest owners and the LLC was formed in 1996. The primary reason for this acquisition is that it is anticipated that these subsidiaries will operate the wells they own as well as the recently purchased wells from KY-Tenn Oil, Inc, which will provide the Company economies of scale. It is also anticipated that the old wells from these acquisitions will be reworked and that new wells will be drilled from the extensive acreage now owned by the Company. The Chattanooga Shale, an emerging gas play in the Appalachian region, is present in a majority of the wells acquired, is a prime candidate for exploitation by the Company. Completion and reworking of existing oil zones should add to reserves at a relatively inexpensive price. The Company issued 1,000,000 shares for all of ETC and LLC membership interest. Our common shares were valued at \$250,000 on the date of acquisition. Expected synergies are anticipated from combining operations and personnel, especially when considering the acquisition of previously mentioned KTO. The acquisition included the following balance sheet items.

Assets		Liabilities and equity	
Cash .....	\$ 203,993	Accounts payable .....	\$ 202,760
Receivables .....	24,904	Deferred tax .....	580,864
Fixed assets, net ....	313,458	Value of shares issued ...	250,000
Oil and gas properties	1,319,140	Gain .....	828,745
Other assets .....	874		
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Total assets .....	\$1,862,369	Total liabilities and equity	\$1,862,369
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We valued this acquisition under the FASB guidance and, accordingly, a gain of \$828,745 was recorded as of the acquisition date. For the six months ended October 31, 2009 the consolidation of this entity increased the Company revenues by \$361,139 and increased costs of revenues by \$151,860. The impacts of consolidation on all other line items within our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations were not significant. Our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet at October 31, 2009 reflects consolidation of this entity by \$1,319,140 in oil and gas properties.

### (8) STOCK OPTIONS

We record share-based payments at fair value and record compensation expense for all share-based awards granted, modified, repurchased or cancelled after the effective date, in accord with FASB guidance for "Share-Based Payments". We record compensation expense for outstanding awards for which the requisite service had not been rendered as of the effective date over the remaining service period. We adopted Statement this FASB guidance using a modified prospective application.

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We estimated the fair value of options granted during the years ended October 31, 2009 and 2008 on the date of grant, using the Black-Scholes pricing model with the following assumptions:

	2009	2008
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Weighted average of expected risk-free interest rates (Approximate 3 year Treasury Bill rate) .....	1.50%	2.37%
Expected years from vest date to exercise date .....	2.5	2.5
Expected stock volatility .....	371-394%	432-527%
Expected dividend yield .....	0%	0%

The Company recorded \$0 and \$17,800 of compensation expense, net of related tax effects, relative to stock options for the six months ended October 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively in accordance with SFAS 123R. Net loss per share basic and diluted for this expense is \$0.00 and \$0.00.

The Company has adopted the FASB guidance, "Share Based Payments". This guidance requires companies to expense the value of employee stock options and similar awards and applies to all outstanding and vested stock-based awards. In computing the impact, the fair value of each option is estimated on the date of grant based on the Black-Scholes options-pricing model utilizing certain assumptions for a risk free interest rate; volatility; and expected remaining lives of the awards. The assumptions used in calculating the fair value of share-based payment awards represent management's best estimates, but these estimates involve inherent uncertainties and the application of management judgment. As a result, if factors change and the Company uses different assumptions, the Company's stock-based compensation expense could be materially different in the future. In addition, the Company is required to estimate the expected forfeiture rate and only recognize expense for those shares expected to vest. In estimating the Company's forfeiture rate, the Company analyzed its historical forfeiture rate, the remaining lives of unvested options, and the amount of vested options as a percentage of total options outstanding. If the Company's actual forfeiture rate is materially different from its estimate, or if the Company reevaluates the forfeiture rate in the future, the stock-based compensation expense could be significantly different from what we have recorded in the current period. The impact of applying this FASB guidance approximated \$0 in additional compensation expense during the six months ended October 31, 2009 and \$1,117,800 in 2008. Such amount is included in general and administrative

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expenses on the statement of operations.

The aggregate intrinsic value is calculated as the difference between the exercise price of the underlying awards and the quoted price of our common stock for those awards that have an exercise price currently below the closing price. During the six months ended October 31, 2009 and 2008, the aggregate intrinsic value of stock options and warrants exercised was \$0 and \$0, respectively, determined as of the date of exercise.

A summary of the stock options and warrants as of October 31, 2009 and 2008 and changes during the periods is presented below:

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	Six months ended October 31, 2009		Six months ended October 31, 2008	
	Number of Options and Warrants	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Options and Warrants	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance at April 30	4,090,000	\$ 0.88	7,535,000	\$ 0.20
Granted .....	737,500	1.05	1,615,000	0.84
Exercised .....	-	-	-	-
Expired .....	50,000	0.81	-	-
Cancelled .....	-	-	5,000,000	0.22
Balance at October 31 .....	4,777,500	0.90	4,150,000	0.84
Options exercisable at October 31 .....	4,590,000	\$ 0.93	3,790,625	\$ 0.42

The following table summarizes information concerning stock options and warrants outstanding and exercisable at October 31, 2009:

Options and Warrants Outstanding				Options and Warrants Exercisable	
Range of Exercise Price	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price
\$0.33 to 0.44	375,000	6.5	\$ 0.37	187,500	\$ 0.40
0.50	1,000,000	0.5	0.50	1,000,000	0.50
0.86 to 1.15	3,402,500	2.9	1.08	3,402,500	1.08
	4,777,500	2.7	0.90	4,590,000	0.93

All options and warrants were issued at no less than the fair market of common stock on the date of grant.

### (9) COMMITMENTS

On August 6, 2008 the Board of Directors employed Scott M. Boruff as CEO of the Company. The employment contract, as amended, provided for the following compensation:



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- o Base salary of \$250,000 per annum, with provision for cost-of-living increases.
- o Options to purchase 250,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price per share of \$0.33, with vesting in equal annual installments over a period of four years.
- o A restricted stock grant of 250,000 shares of common stock, with vesting in equal annual installments over a period of four years.
- o Incentive Compensation - For each year of the employment term, (i) cash up to 100% of base salary and (ii) up to 100,000 shares of restricted common stock, in both instances based upon, and subject to, two performance benchmarks, gross revenue and EBITDA. One half of each element of incentive compensation is earned if the gross revenue benchmark is achieved, and the other half of each element is earned if the EBITDA benchmark is achieved.

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In August 2008 we engaged a broker-dealer and member of FINRA to assist us in raising capital by means of a private placement of securities. As initial compensation for their services, we paid the firm a \$25,000 retainer, issued the firm's assigns 250,000 shares of our common stock, valued at \$115,000 and agreed to pay a monthly consulting fee of \$5,000. Upon the successful completion of the private offering we will be obligated to pay the firm certain cash compensation and issue them up to an additional 150,000 shares of our common stock in amounts to be determined based upon the gross proceeds received by us from the financing.

### (10) LITIGATION

CNX Gas Company, LLC (CNX) commenced litigation in the Chancery Court of Campbell County, State of Tennessee on June 11, 2008 (CNX Gas Company, LLC vs. Miller Petroleum Inc., Civil Action No. 08-071) to enjoin the Company from assigning or conveying certain leases described in the Letter of Intent signed by CNX and the Company on May 30, 2008 (the "Letter of Intent"); to compel the Company to specifically perform the assignments as described in the Letter of Intent; and for damages. A Notice of Lien Lis Pendens was issued June 11, 2008. The Company moved for entry of summary judgment dismissing the claims asserted against it by CNX and on January 30, 2009 the court found that the claims of CNX had no merit. The court granted the Company's motion and dismissed all claims asserted by CNX in that action. CNX has appealed the ruling.

On May 20, 2009 Gunsight Holdings, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Northern Division, against the Company styled Gunsight Holdings, LLC, Plaintiff, v Miller Petroleum, Inc. and Ky-Tenn Oil, Inc., Defendants, Case No. 3-09-CV-221. The litigation surrounds certain rights related to approximately 6,800 acres in Scott County, Tennessee which KTO purportedly acquired under a lease assignment from an unrelated party in August 2004. In September 2008, KTO assigned the Company 75% of its interest in the subject lease and the working interest in all the wells on the leased land, retaining a 25% interest in the wells consisting of landowner's royalty and overriding royalty. On June 8, 2009 the Company acquired certain assets from KTO including KTO's undivided interest in approximately 170 oil and gas wells in Morgan, Scott and Fentress counties Tennessee, together with all property, fixtures and improvements, leasehold interest and contract rights related to these wells and undivided interest in approximately 35,325 acres of oil and gas leases in Scott and Morgan counties, Tennessee. The lease which is the subject of the litigation

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was included in the assets purchased by the Company from KTO in June 2009. The Plaintiff is alleging that the Company and KTO have failed or refused to pay royalties due to the Plaintiff's predecessors and have breached the implied duty of further exploration by failing to drill required wells, failing to reasonably develop or explore the property, failing to maintain an active interest in further development of the property and otherwise failing to act as a prudent operator of the property thereby causing damages to the Plaintiff exceeding \$75,000. The Plaintiff is seeking a declaratory judgment of its allegations, removal of the Company and KTO from the property, a full accounting of activities related to the property and all monies received from those activities, damages and costs of action. We have filed an answer denying the various claims and asserting affirmative defenses including that there has been continuous production from the subject lease. While we intend to vigorously defend this action, we are unable at this time to predict the outcome of the action or whether the company will have any liability to the Plaintiff. In addition, in the Company's agreement with KTO dated June 8, 2009, KTO states that they shall defend, indemnify and save and hold harmless the Company against all losses or claims with respect to transferred assets that accrue or relate to times prior to the closing date or any debts, claims, liabilities or obligations of KTO not expressly assumed by the Company that accrue at any time.

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On October 8, 2009 the Company filed an action styled Miller Petroleum, Inc. v. Maynard, Civil Action No. 9992 in the Chancery Court for Scott County, Tennessee, seeking a declaratory judgment that because there has been continuing commercial production of oil, an oil and gas lease owned by the Company is still in full force and effect. Defendant Brad Maynard filed an Answer and Counterclaim, seeking in the Counterclaim a declaration that the oil and gas lease has expired. Although no compensatory monetary damages have been sought against the Company the Counterclaim does seek attorney fees, expenses and costs. There has been no discovery to date and a trial date has not been assigned.

### (11) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On December 11, 2009, the Company acquired former Alaskan assets of Pacific Energy Resources ("Pacific Energy") valued at more than \$300 million through a Delaware Chapter 11 Bankruptcy proceeding. The Company paid a total of \$2.25 million to acquire and obtain the Alaskan oil and gas assets which include onshore and offshore production facilities, \$119 million in proven energy reserves, \$185 million in probable energy reserves and \$23 million in possible energy reserves, providing total reserves of \$327 million. The purchased assets includes the West McArthur River oil field, the West Foreland natural gas field, and the Redoubt unit with the Osprey offshore platform, all located along the west side of the Cook Inlet. Also included in the asset purchase are 602,000 acres of oil and gas leases as well as completed 3D seismic geology and other production facilities. At closing Miller paid Pacific Energy a purchase price of \$2.25 million and provided \$2.22 million for bonds, contract cure payments and other federal and State of Alaska requirements to operate the facilities. The Company will operate the facilities through its recently acquired wholly-owned subsidiary, Cook Inlet Energy LLC ("Cook"), which has been approved by the State of Alaska as the long-term operator for the Alaskan oil and gas wells. In October 2009, the Company entered into an agreement to acquire the majority of Pacific Energy's Alaskan assets. In November of 2009, the Court approved the sale and the acquisition closed on December 11, 2009.

On December 10, 2009, the Company acquired 100% of the membership interests in Cook Inlet Energy, LLC, an Alaska limited liability company from the owners of this entity. As consideration for these companies we issued the sellers, who were unrelated third parties, stock warrants to purchase three million five

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hundred thousand (3,500,000) shares of our common stock. The Warrants are to be issued in three tranches with vesting features ranging from immediate to four years and with exercise prices ranging from \$0.01 to \$2.00. In addition, within 90 days of closing, the Company is to deliver \$250,000 in cash to satisfy certain expenses as well as reimbursement for reasonable out of pocket expenses. Under the terms of the stock purchase agreement, the sellers agreed not to engage in oil and gas operations for a period of three years following the closing date. We also agreed that each of the sellers, Mr. David M. Hall, Walter J. Wilcox II and Troy Stafford, would continue their employment with the acquired company for at least three years from the closing date of the transaction at their specifically defined compensation and benefit levels. In addition, Mr. Hall was appointed as a member of the Company's Board of Directors and as Chief Executive Officer of Cook Inlet Energy, LLC., Mr. Hall will receive an annual salary of \$195,000.

In addition, in a related transaction, the Company issued a \$3,000,000 6% Convertible Secured Promissory Note program ("Note"). As of the filing date, the Company had raised \$2,825,000 through this program to provide to the Alaskan asset transaction. \$500,000 of this came from related parties; Director and Chief Executive Officer Scott Boruff and Director Deloy Miller. Interest on the Notes is paid quarterly and the principal is due December 4, 2016. The Note contains a convertible feature which the Note holder has the right, but not the obligation, at the Holder's option, at any time prior to payment in full of the principal balance of the Note, to convert the unpaid principal amount of the Note, in whole or in part, into fully paid and nonassessable shares of Miller's Common Stock at the conversion price of \$0.55 per share, which was a 10% discount to the market on December 4, 2009.

On December 10, 2009, the Company appointed Ford F. Graham as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Miller and as President of the Company. Mr. Graham is to receive a signing bonus of \$200,000, an annual initial salary of \$200,000 and initial stock warrants to purchase 1,000,000 shares of Company stock which exercise prices ranging from \$0.01 to \$2.00.

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### ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We are a high-growth oil and natural gas exploration, production and drilling company operating in multiple exploration and production projects in North America. Our focus is in Cook Inlet, Alaska and in the heart of Tennessee's prolific and hydrocarbon-rich Appalachian Basin. We are a Tennessee registered company that has been in existence for over 40 years and been publicly traded for 12 years. We have partial ownership in 194 producing oil wells and 263 producing gas wells. In addition to our engineering and geological capabilities, we have work-over rigs, dozers, roustabout crews and equipment to set pumping units, tanks and lay flow lines, winch trucks and trailers for traveling support, backhoes, ditchers, fusion machines and welders for pipeline and compression installation, as well as other equipment necessary to take a drilling program from the development stage to completion.

During the first six months of fiscal year 2009 we completed two transactions which we believe had both a positive impact on our balance sheet and will assist us in our continued growth. These transactions included:

#### ACQUISITION OF KY-TENN OIL, INC. ASSETS

On June 8, 2009 we acquired certain assets from Ky-Tenn Oil, Inc., a Kentucky

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corporation ("KTO"), an unrelated third party, including KTO's:

- o undivided interest in approximately 170 oil and gas wells in Morgan, Scott and Fentress counties Tennessee, together with all property, fixtures and improvements, leasehold interest and contract rights related to these wells;
- o undivided interest in approximately 35,325 acres of oil and gas leases in Scott and Morgan counties, Tennessee;
- o interest in an operating agreement with the Tennessee State Energy Development Partnership;
- o interest in a gas gathering pipeline system; and
- o other rights related to these assets, including royalty and working interests, licenses and permits and similar incidental rights.

As consideration for these assets we issued KTO 1,000,000 shares of our common stock valued at \$320,000 and we granted the seller piggy-back registration rights covering these shares. Pursuant to this FASB guidance, we originally valued these assets at \$252,455 and recorded a loss on the transaction of \$67,545. However, as previously stated, we completed the determination of the value of all undeveloped reserves for this acreage during the quarter ended October 31, 2009 and accordingly we recorded an additional gain of \$1,057,564 on this transaction.

### ACQUISITION OF EAST TENNESSEE CONSULTANTS

On June 18, 2009 we acquired 100% of the stock of East Tennessee Consultants, Inc., a Tennessee corporation ("ETC") and 100% of the membership interests in East Tennessee Consultants II, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company ("LLC") from the owners of these entities. Pursuant to SFAS 141(R), we have valued these companies at \$1,862,369 and have recorded a gain on the transaction of \$828,745. As consideration for these companies we issued the sellers, who were unrelated third parties, 1,000,000 shares of our common stock valued at \$250,000. We granted the sellers registration rights covering these shares. ETC was formed in 1983 to provide oil and gas well operating services and it represented various working interest owners and the LLC was formed in 1996.

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Following the closing, it is anticipated that these subsidiaries will operate the wells they own as well as the recently purchased wells from KTO. It is also anticipated that the old wells will be reworked and that new wells will be drilled from the extensive acreage now owned by us. The Chattanooga Shale, which is present in a majority of the wells acquired, is a candidate for stimulation. Completion and reworking of existing oil zones should add to reserves at a relatively inexpensive price.

Under the terms of the stock purchase agreement, the sellers agreed not to engage in oil and gas operations for a period of three years following the closing date. We also agreed that each of the sellers, Messrs. Eugene D. Lockyear, Douglas G. Melton and Jerry G. Southwood, would continue their employment with the acquired companies for at least three years from the closing date of the transaction at their same compensation and benefit levels to which they were entitled in May 2009. In addition, Mr. Lockyear was appointed Vice President of Operations of our company. We also agreed that if any or all of the sellers incur any income tax liability as a result of the receipt of the above shares as consideration for the stock purchase, we agreed to pay a bonus to such seller equal to the amount of his tax liability within 30 days from the closing

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date.

### LEASES

During the first two quarters of fiscal 2010 these two acquisitions resulted in additional leases for an additional 40,017 acres for aggregate consideration of approximately \$603,285, bringing the total oil and gas leases held by us to approximately 54,506 acres. The terms of these new leases have a net revenue interest ranging from 0.1% to 100.0% and run from three to five years. We are presently reviewing these leases, as well as our other existing leases, to determine the capital requirements and timing for drilling additional wells. To expand our operations by drilling on these leases will require additional capital. As a part of our fiscal 2009 sale to Atlas Energy, we retained a 5% royalty interest on a 1,930 acre tract that we expect to be the subject of Atlas Energy drilling. When wells are developed on this acreage, we stand to share in any profit they create. Additionally, we retained the right to participate in up to ten wells with a 25% working interest without promote.

### OUR CURRENT FOCUS

With the closing of these three acquisitions, our management is now able to focus the majority of its efforts on growing our company. In addition to capital raising we are also continuing to focus our short-term efforts on five distinct areas, including:

- o Investment partnership management pursuant to which we will seek to drill additional wells, concentrating on the East Tennessee portion of the Southern Appalachian Basin with emphasis in horizontal drilling in Devonian Shale,
- o Organically growing production through drilling for own benefit on existing leases, leveraging our 100,000 plus well log database with a view towards retaining the majority of working interest in the new wells,
- o Expanding our contract drilling and service capabilities and revenues, including through our drilling contract with Atlas Energy and through the purchase of an additional vertical and horizontal drilling rig,
- o Expand our leasing capabilities by implementing strategies unique to the gas and oil industry to secured leases and enter into new partnerships to increase monetary capabilities, and
- o Increase our overall production through economically viable acquisitions of additional wells.

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Our ability, however, to implement one or more of these goals is dependent both upon the availability of additional capital. To fully expand our operations as set forth above, we will need up to \$50 million to fund the balance of our expansion plans. To provide the expansion capital, we are seeking to leverage our existing assets as well as seek to raise additional capital through the sale of equity and/or debt securities. To facilitate these capital raising efforts, during fiscal 2009 we retained a broker-dealer and member of FINRA to assist us and are raising capital in a private offering. Our management has devoted significant time to these efforts during 2009 and in the first two quarters of 2010, we have had limited success in raising some of these funds. Our ability to fully implement our expanded business model, however, is dependent on our ability to raise the additional capital on a timely basis so as to take advantage of the opportunities we presently have available to us. We face a number of obstacles, however, in raising the additional capital, including the

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relative size of our company, the low trading price of our stock and the lack of liquidity in the capital markets in general and small-cap companies in particular. If we are not able to raise the capital as required, we will be unable to fully implement our expanded business model and will need to delay future expansion as well as further purchases of leases.

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### REVENUES

The following table shows the components of our revenues for the three and six months ended October 31, 2009 and 2008, together with their percentages of total revenue in 2009 and percentage change on a period-over-period basis.

	For the Three Months Ended			
	October 31, 2009	% of Revenue	October 31, 2008	% Change
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Oil and gas revenue	\$ 212,225	64%	\$ 196,147	8%
Service and drilling revenue	121,179	36%	288,429	(58)%
<b>Total Revenue</b> .....	<b>\$ 333,404</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 484,576</b>	<b>(31)%</b>

	For the Six Months Ended			
	October 31, 2009	% of Revenue	October 31, 2008	% Change
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Oil and gas revenue	\$ 616,617	72%	\$ 410,900	50%
Service and drilling revenue	244,407	28%	288,941	(15)%
<b>Total Revenue</b> .....	<b>\$ 861,024</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 699,841</b>	<b>23%</b>

Oil and gas revenue represents revenues generated from the sale of oil and natural gas produced from the wells in which we have a partial ownership interest. Oil and gas revenue is recognized as income as production is extracted and sold. We reported an 8% increase in oil and gas revenues for the three months ended October 31, 2009 over the three months ended October 31, 2008, and a 50% increase in oil and gas revenues for the six months ended October 31, 2009 over the six months ended October 31, 2008. The three month periods were only grew slightly even though we had more wells during the quarter ended October 31, 2009, but this was offset by the lower oil and gas prices experienced during the current quarter. The six month increase in oil and gas revenue was due to the Company having more wells producing oil and gas in 2009,

notwithstanding the end of period decrease in both oil and gas prices. At October 31, 2009 oil was priced at \$66.37 per barrel versus \$72.75 at October 31, 2008 and at October 31, 2009 natural gas was \$3.35 per Mcf as compared to \$7.16 per Mcf at October 31, 2008. However, we had 194 producing oil wells and

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263 producing gas wells on October 31, 2009 compared to 20 producing oil wells and 30 producing gas wells on October 31, 2008. For the three months ended October 31, 2009 we produced 3,482 barrels of oil and 23,527 Mcf of natural gas as compared to 1,277 barrels of oil and 10,416 Mcf of natural gas during the three months ended October 31, 2008. For the six months ended October 31, 2009 we produced 5,931 barrels of oil and 42,658 Mcf of natural gas as compared to 2,384 barrels of oil and 20,758 Mcf of natural gas during the three months ended October 31, 2008.

Service and drilling revenue represents revenues generated from drilling, maintenance and repair of third party wells. Service and drilling income is recognized at the time it is both earned and we have a contractual right to receive the revenue. Our service and drilling revenue decreased 58% for the three months ended October 31, 2009 as compared to the three months ended October 31, 2008 and decreased 15% for the six months ended October 31, 2009 as compared to the six months ended October 31, 2008. During the six months ended October 31, 2009 we had no drilling rig income, compared to \$208,325 for the three months ended October 31, 2008 and \$208,325 for the six months ended October 31, 2008 however subsequent to the quarter we are actively engaged in a ten well drilling program for Atlas Energy Resources, LLC.

### DIRECT EXPENSES

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The following tables show the components of our direct expenses for the three and six months ended October 31, 2009 and 2008. Percentages listed in the table reflect margins for each component of direct expenses and percentages of total revenue for each component of other expenses.

	For the Three Months Ended			
	October 31, 2009	Margin	October 31, 2008	Margin
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DIRECT EXPENSES				
Oil and gas .....	\$ 4,333	98%	\$ 28,988	85%
Service and drilling .....	214,153	(77)%	395,847	(37)%
Depletion expense .....	177,183	n/a	32,205	n/a
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Total direct expenses .....	\$ 395,669	(19)%	\$ 457,040	6%

	For the Six Months Ended			
	October 31, 2009	Margin	October 31, 2008	Margin
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DIRECT EXPENSES				
Oil and gas .....	\$ 28,377	95%	\$ 58,399	86%
Service and drilling .....	458,653	(88)%	502,346	(74)%
Depletion expense .....	294,617	n/a	68,457	n/a
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Total direct expenses .....	\$ 781,647	9%	\$ 629,202	10%

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We follow the successful efforts method of accounting for our oil and gas activities. Accordingly, costs associated with the acquisition, drilling and equipping of successful exploratory wells are capitalized. During the six months ended October 31, 2009 we capitalized approximately \$21,511 of costs associated with the acquisition, drilling and equipping of these wells as compared to \$310,000 during the six months ended October 31, 2008. However, geological and geophysical costs, delay and surface rentals and drilling costs of unsuccessful exploratory wells are charged to expense as incurred and are included in the cost of service and drilling revenue. Finally, costs of drilling development wells are capitalized. Upon the sale or retirement of oil and gas properties, the cost thereof and the accumulated depreciation or depletion are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is credited or charged to operations.

The cost of service and drilling revenue represents direct labor costs of employees associated with these services, as well as costs associated with equipment, parts and repairs. During the three and six months ended October 31, 2009 and 2008, we spent significant time and expense maintaining and repairing our drilling equipment. This is the primary reason this category reflects the negative margins.

Depletion of capitalized costs of proved oil and gas properties is provided on a pooled basis using the units-of-production method based upon proved reserves. Acquisition costs of proved properties are amortized by using total estimated units of proved reserves as the denominator. All other costs are amortized using total estimated units of proved developed reserves. During the three and six months ended October 31, 2009 depletion expense was \$177,183 or 53% of total revenue and \$294,617 or 34% of total revenue, respectively, as compared to 7% and 10%, respectively, for the three and six months ended October 31, 2008. As a result of these components, total direct expenses reflected a negative margin of 19% for the three months ended October 31, 2009, and a positive margin of 9% for the six months ended October 31, 2009. This represented a decreased margin of 25% experienced for the three months ended October 31, 2008 but a decrease of only 1% for the six months ended October 31, 2008.

### Other EXPENSES (REVENUES)

The following tables show the components of our other expenses (revenues) for the three and six months ended October 31, 2009 and 2008. Percentages listed in the table reflect percentages of total revenue for each component of other expenses.

	For the Three Months Ended			
	October 31, 2009	% of Revenue	October 31, 2008	% of Revenue
<b>OTHER EXPENSES (REVENUES)</b>				
Selling, general and administrative ....	\$ 1,028,840	309%	\$ 713,596	147%
Depreciation and amortization .....	100,240	30%	65,072	13%
Interest expense, net of interest income	(1,240)			