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The Right People doing the Right Things, wisely investing the cash flow from the underlying Assets will create Value +.





Costs are only part of the equation.

SWN's focus is creating the netback!

The economic concept that is the foundation for all that we do is:





= Present Value Added per Dollar Invested

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= PV<sub>10</sub>
Investment
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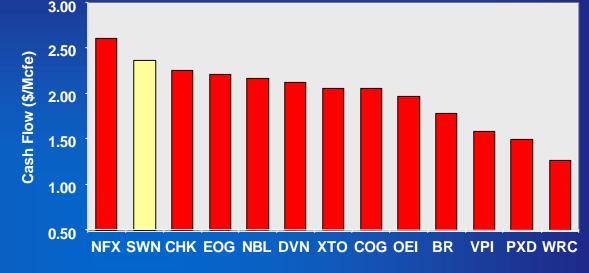
= PV₁₀ ((Price * Mcfe) - (Cost * Mcfe))
Investment

Cash Flow per Mcfe - SWN is Competitive

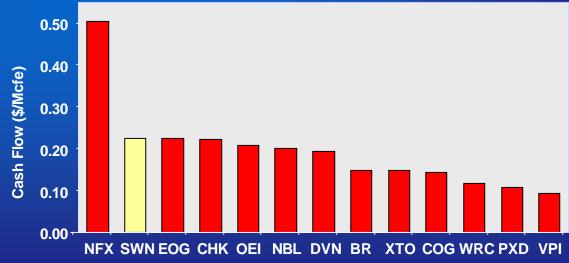


Cash Flow per Mcfe of Production

(3 year average)



Cash Flow per Mcfe of Reserves (3 year average)

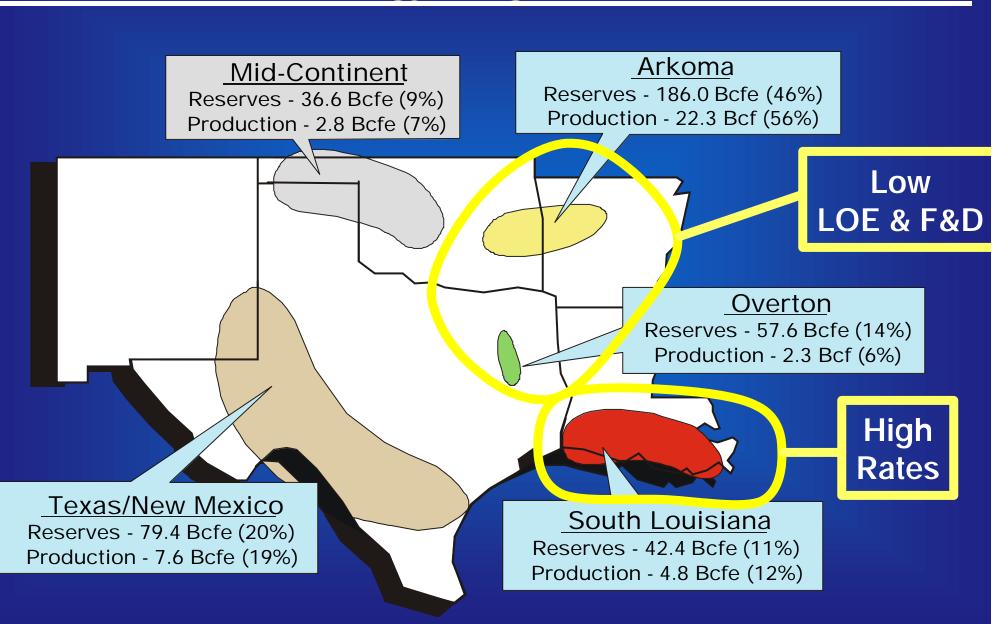


Notes: All data as of December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001. Cash Flow defined as Cash Flow from Operations before changes in working capital.

BR - Burlington Resources, CHK - Chesapeake Energy, COG - Cabot Oil & Gas, DVN - Devon Energy, EOG - EOG Resources, NFX - Newfield Exploration, NBL - Noble Affiliates, OEI - Ocean Energy, PXD - Pioneer Natural Resources, VPI - Vintage Petroleum, WRC - Westport Resources, XTO - XTO Energy.

E&P Assets and Strategy - Organic Growth





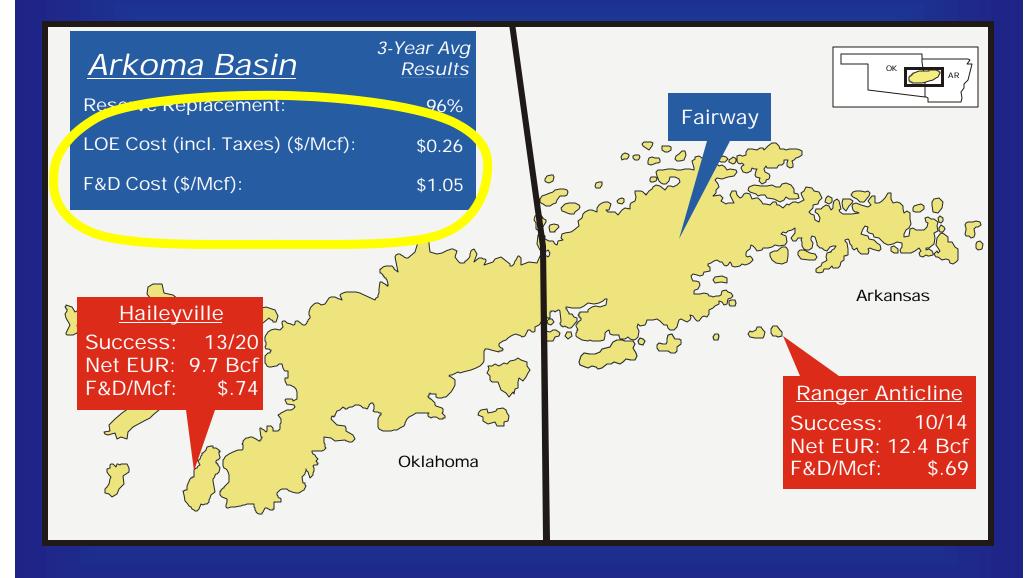
Strategy



- Invest in the highest PVI projects. In 2002, add \$1.30 to \$1.50 of discounted value for each dollar invested.
 - Focus is on adding value through drilling;
 - Not on acquisitions not buying just to get bigger.
- Maximize cash flow to fund E&P program and pay down debt.
- Over a multi-year program, achieve 10% annual growth in production and reserves.
- Reduce debt-to-total capital ratio over time to 50%.

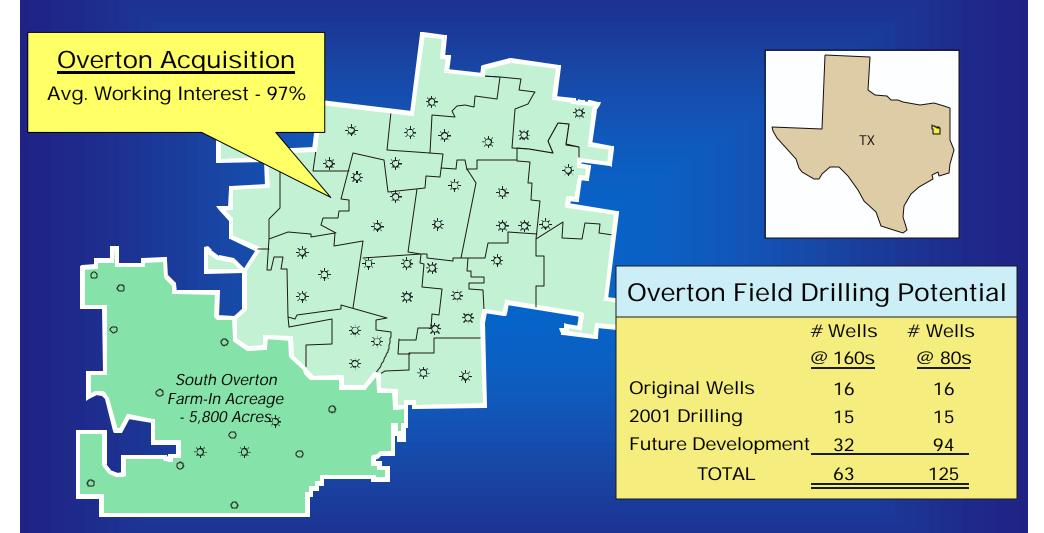
Arkoma Basin





Overton Field - Multi-Year Drilling Program





- Purchased 7.5 Bcfe for \$6.1 million in 2000 (developed at 640-acre spacing).
- Downspacing to 160 acre units. Have drilled 7 wells in the first half of 2002.
- Opportunity to downspace to 80-acre spacing (87 wells).

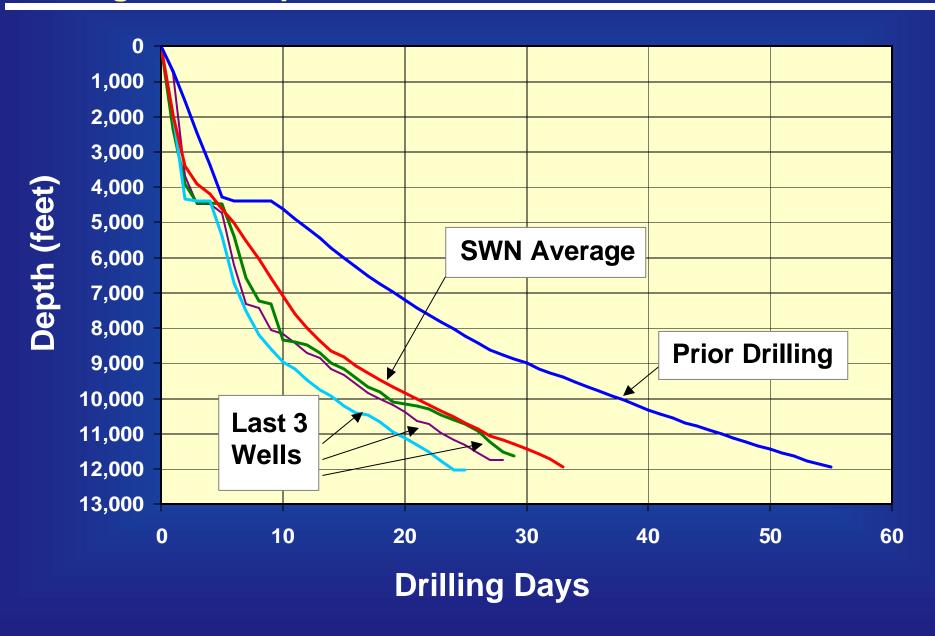
Overton Gross Production Rate





Drilling Time Improvement at Overton





Overton Drilling Economics



Revenues \$3.75 per Mcfe

Production costs \$0.40 per Mcfe

Cash netback \$3.35 per Mcfe

F&D costs \$0.85 per Mcfe

Results:

Completed Well Cost	Pretax ROR	Pretax PVI
\$1.5 MM ⁽¹⁾	43%(2)	2.1 ⁽²⁾

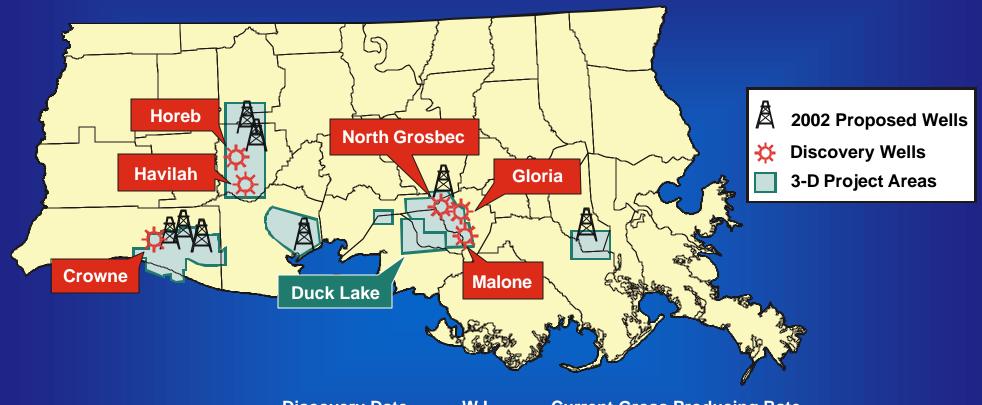
Forward-Looking Statement

⁽¹⁾ Current completed well cost estimate facilitated by pricing program.

⁽²⁾ Assumes \$3.75 per Mcf flat pricing and gross EUR of 2.3 Bcfe per well.

South Louisiana Exploration





	Discovery Date	<u>W.I.</u>	Current Gross Producing Rate
Gloria	Dec 1999	50%	1.0 MMcfd and 27 Bopd
North Grosbec	Feb 2000	25%	22.1 MMcfd and 802 Bopd
Havilah	Nov 2000	28%	4.2 MMcfd and 263 Bopd
Malone	Feb 2001	33%	10.3 MMcfd and 188 Bopd
Horeb	Nov 2001	21%	2.0 MMcfd and 30 Bopd
Crowne #1	Dec 2001	40%	3.0 MMcfd and 11 Bopd

Exploration Potential - 251 Net Bcfe

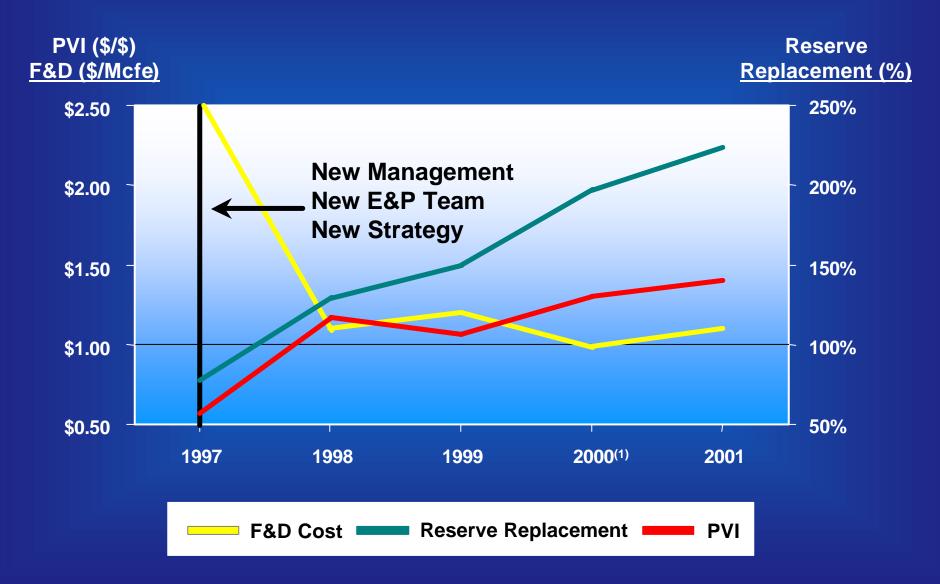


		Spud	Working			Gross Res. Potential	Net Res. Potential
Prospect Name	Operator	<u>Date</u>	Interest	<u>Depth</u>	<u>Objective</u>	(Bcfe)	(Bcfe)
Arkoma Basin							
Midway	SWN	4Q	80.5%	11,400	Atoka	39.0	27.0
Permian Basin							
N. Roepke	SWN	Producing	88.0%	8,100	Devonian	3.0	2.0
Birds of Prey	SWN	Evaluating	100.0%	5,000	Cherry Canyon	6.0	5.0
High Lonesome	SWN	Prod/Eval	25.0%	11,000	Morrow	15.0	3.0
Gaucho Deep	Devon	1Q 2003	50.0%	15,000	Devonian	30.0	12.0
Gulf Coast							
Crowne	SWN	Prod/Eval	40.0%	13,500	Planulina	35.0	10.1
Tulleymore	SWN	Dry	40.0%	12,500	Planulina		-
Bushmills	SWN	Dry	70.0%	15,200	Planulina	- 1	-
W. Grand Chenier	Ballard	Completing	25.7%	6,700	Big hum	2.0	0.4
Middle Chenier	Ballard	Completing	25.7%	13,500	Planulina	45.0	8.6
SE Grand Lake	Ballard	Drilling	25.7%	14,000	Planulina	65.0	12.4
Little Chenier Bayou	Ballard	3Q	25.7%	11,000	Siph D	35.0	6.7
W. Grand Chenier Deep	Ballard	4Q	25.7%	12,500	Siph D	40.0	7.6
Piedmont	SWN	3Q	62.5%	12,700	Planulina	28.3	14.0
Jericho	SWN	1Q 2003	35.0%	14,200	Frio	72.0	18.9
Shiloh	SWN	1Q 2003	62.5%	13,500	Planulina	164.0	79.9
Ben Nevis	SWN	1Q 2003	50.0%	12,900	Miocene	45.0	16.0
Tigris	SWN	1Q 2003	50.0%	13,600	Frio	74.0	27.8
Forward Looking Statement				Total Re	serve Potential	698.3	251.2

Forward-Looking Statement

The Right People Doing the Right Things





Note: PVI metrics calculated using pricing in effect at year-end (except for 2000 which was calculated at \$3.00 per Mcf natural gas price). All metrics calculated exclude reserve revisions.

E&P Results - Standing Out



For the Periods Ended December 31, 2001



Note: Reserve data excludes reserve revisions.

Keys to "Netback"



The Right People

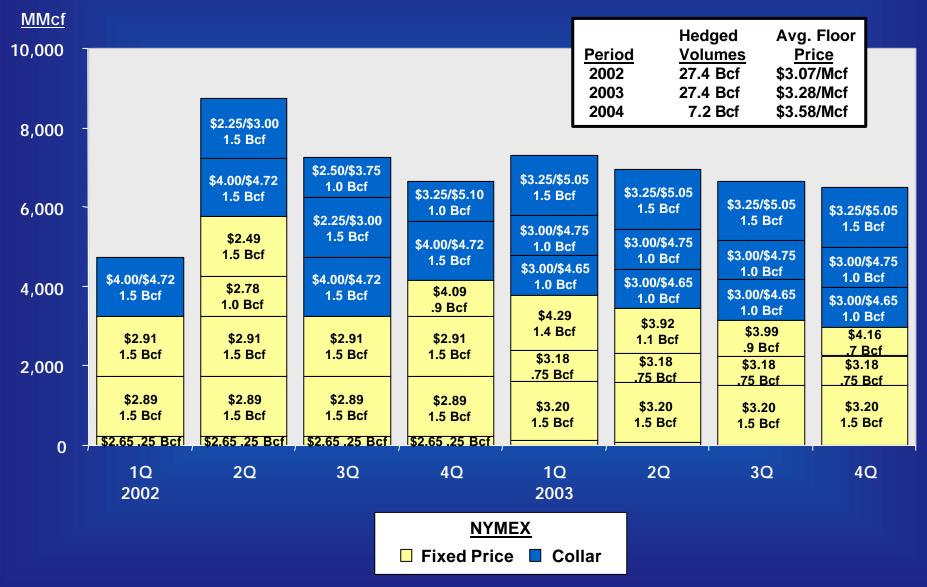
- Creative and Innovative People.
- Appropriate Incentives for Employees and Contractors.

Doing the Right Things

- Focus on PVI.
 - ▶ Low Cost Operating Areas.
 - Areas of High Potential per \$ of Investment.
- Apply Latest Technology.
- Find Gas.

Gas Hedges in Place Through 2003





Approximately .2 Bcf hedged at a fixed NYMEX price of \$2.75 per Mcf in first six months of 2003. Southwestern also has approximately 280,000 barrels of oil hedged at a fixed WTI price of \$20.07 per barrel in 2002.

Forward-Looking Statements



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