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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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April 21, 2004

New York, NY

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**Beta Oil & Gas Overview**

Proved Reserves @ 12/31/03 Netherland, Sewell and Associates, Inc. Report

30.2 Bcfe

22.4 Bcf

1.3 MMbbl

Daily Production @ Q4 2003

7.7 MMcfe/d

5.4 MMcf/d

384 Bbl/d

74% Natural Gas Proved Reserves  
70% Natural Gas Production

79% PDP, 5% PDNP, 16% PUD

11.5 year R/P based on 2003 actual production

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**Beta Oil & Gas Overview**

\$5 million capex budget for 2004

6 gross wells spud in 1Q 2004

West Broussard PUD currently drilling

Failla #1 (West Broussard) current gross production of 20.6 MMcfe/d

West Edmond Hunton Lime Unit (WEHLU)

\$2.4 million capex budget for 2004

Anticipate drilling an additional six wells in 2004

Continue to reactivate selected shut-in wells

South Central Kansas Program

Drilled 13 wells during 4Q 2003, 9 wells completed

Additional wells and seismic scheduled for 2004

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**Focus Areas**

11.5 year R/P

Based on 2003 actual production

61% of proved reserves operated

218 gross wells; 100 net wells

PDNP/PUD Development Cost \$0.78/Mcfe

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[Mid-Continent (82% of Proved Reserves)]

[Gulf Coast (18% of Proved Reserves)]

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**Beta Oil & Gas Trading History**

**Historical Share Price Performance**

(January 2, 2003 - April 14, 2004)

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	<b>Current</b>	<b>1 Week</b>	<b>1 Month</b>	<b>2 Months</b>	<b>3 Months</b>	<b>6 Months</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
Average Share Price	\$ 2.84	\$ 2.93	\$ 3.13	\$ 3.13	\$ 3.07	\$ 2.48	\$ 1.87
Average Daily Volume	50,800	58,140	65,008	105,526	94,300	84,033	48,995

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**Transaction with Petrohawk Energy, LLC**

**\$60 Million Recapitalization**

\$25 Million Common Stock

15.15 million shares @ \$1.65/share

Post-transaction ownership 55% Petrohawk

\$35 Million Subordinated Convertible Notes

8% coupon, 5 year maturity, 2 year no call/no conversion

Convertible into 17.5 million shares at \$2.00/share

10.0 Million Warrants

\$1.65/share strike price

5 year term

Board of Directors

4 independent directors

1 management director

2 new equity directors

Shareholder meeting and closing anticipated in May 2004

Floyd C. Wilson will become Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Beta

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**Pro Forma Balance Sheet**

(\$ in millions)

	(Audited) Actual	As of December 31, 2003		(Unaudited) Pro Forma
		(Unaudited) Adjustments		
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2.1	\$ 46.7		\$ 48.8
Other Current Assets	2.3	0.0		2.3
Total Current Assets	4.4	46.7		51.1
Net Oil and Gas Properties and Other	41.4	0.0		41.4
Other Assets	0.3	0.0		0.3
Total Assets	\$ 46.1	\$ 46.7		\$ 92.8
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders Equity</b>				
Short-Term Debt	\$ 0.1	\$ 0.0		\$ 0.1
Other Current Liabilities	2.4	1.8		4.2
Total Current Liabilities	2.5	1.8		4.3
Bank Debt	13.3	(13.3)		0.0
Subordinated Convertible Note	0.0	35.0		35.0
Other Liabilities	1.1	0.0		1.1
Stockholders Equity	29.3	23.2		52.5
Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity	\$ 46.1	\$ 46.7		\$ 92.8
FD Shares Outstanding	13.2(1)	19.7(1)		32.9(1)

Notes: Pro forma for the \$60 million Petrohawk transaction.

Notes to the Unaudited Pro Forma Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2003 may be accessed via the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

(1) Utilizes the Treasury Method to calculate fully-diluted shares outstanding (based on a \$3.00 stock price).

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**Petrohawk Energy, LLC**

**Houston-based E&P company formed in June 2003**

Initial capitalization ~\$60 million

Significant management investment

**Principals have a proven track record of creating shareholder value**

Acquisitions

Exploration

Capital markets

**Natural gas bias with operational control**

Geographic concentration

Drilling upside

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**Petrohawk Energy, LLC Management**

**Experienced Management Team and Highly Regarded Financial Sponsors**

<b>Floyd C. Wilson</b>	Former Chairman, CEO and founder of 3TEC Energy Will become Chairman, President and CEO of Beta Oil & Gas after closing
<b>Steve W. Herod</b>	Former EVP – Corporate Development and Director of 3TEC Energy Over 20 years of energy industry experience
<b>Shane M. Bayless</b>	Former VP – Controller and Treasurer of 3TEC Energy Over 15 years of energy industry and public accounting experience
<b>Richard K. Stoneburner</b>	Former VP – Exploration of 3TEC Energy Over 25 years of energy industry experience

Financial sponsors include EnCap Investments, L.P. and Liberty Energy Holdings, LLC

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**Summary Beta/Petrohawk**

**Beta is an excellent platform**

Concentrated asset base

Gas bias with operational control

**Transaction will result in a strong balance sheet**

Acquisition capacity

Substantial cash reserves; no near-term debt maturities

**Significant development drilling program underway**

West Broussard

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