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Conoco nabs Total's Surmont stake for \$3B, imperiling Suncor deal

ConocoPhillips announced May 26 that it is exercising its preemption right to acquire the remaining 50% WI in its operated Surmont steam-assisted gravity drainage project from TotalEnergies for C\$4 billion (\$3 billion). Conoco could also be on the hook for up to C\$440 million of contingent payments over a five-year term based on WCS pricing once the deal closes in H2. The move undercuts Suncor's acquisition of Total's Canadian upstream assets for C\$5.5 billion that was announced in late April,

Dotentially leading to that deal's cancellation.

"Long-life, low sustaining capital assets like Surmont play an important role in our deep, durable and diverse low cost of supply

Will add \$600MM of FCF in 2024 at \$60/bbl WTI, inclusive of \$100MM annual capex.

portfolio," ConocoPhillips chairman and CEO Ryan Lance said. "Upon close, we look forward to leveraging our position as 100% owner and operator of Surmont to further optimize the asset while progressing toward our overall interim and long-term emissions intensity objectives. We will remain on track to achieve our previously announced accelerated GHG intensity reduction target of 50-60% by 2030, using a 2016 baseline." **Read more...**

Chevron doubles down on DJ with \$7.6B PDC deal

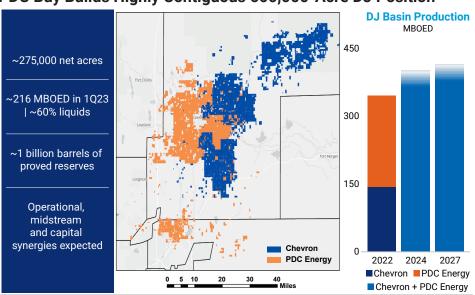
Chevron Corp. is acquiring PDC Energy Inc. in an all-stock transaction valued at \$7.6 billion, including debt. The supermajor said PDC brings strong free cash flow, low-breakeven production and development opportunities adjacent to its existing DJ Basin position, acquired in 2020 through the \$13 billion purchase of Noble Energy, as well as additional acreage to its leading Permian position.

The bulk of PDC's assets are in the DJ, where it holds 275,000 net acres primarily in Weld County, Colorado, with 1 Bboe of proved reserves and produced 216,000 boe/d (60% liquids) in Q1. Chevron CEO Mike Wirth said the assets are significantly derisked, as PDC's healthy inventory of permitted locations enables development at current levels in Weld County into 2028. PDC exited 2022 with more than 1,100 drilling permits and DUCs in the DJ, following the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's approval of its 450-well Guanella comprehensive area plan in December.

Chevron is also picking up about 25,000 net acres in the Delaware Basin. Located in Reeves County, Texas, the acreage is HBP and yielded 28,000 boe/d (62% liquids) in Q1.

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PDC Buy Builds Highly Contiguous 600,000-Acre DJ Position



Source | Chevron 05/22/23 presentation via Enverus docFinder

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Eastern Regional Data (04/30/23-05/27/23)

Overview by State/Region	Permits	Δ	Spuds Δ	Rigs	Δ Operator	s Δ
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Marcellus		31	55	53	48	24
Bradford		8	11	15	1	2
Cooper		6	8	2	4	-
Utica		5	-	-	-	14
Point Pleasant		2	2	9	14	5
Others		15	39	62	64	15
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Top Completions by IP24	Operator	County	Reservoir	Lateral (ft)	boe/d	Oil (%)
Marbaker #26HC	Chesapeake	Susquehanna, PA	Marcellus	12,542	7,323	0%
Marbaker #25HC	Chesapeake	Susquehanna, PA	Marcellus	12,850	6,343	0%
Marbaker #124HC	Chesapeake	Susquehanna, PA	Marcellus	13,537	6,025	0%
Eisaman #7H	Apex Energy	Westmoreland, PA	Marcellus	12,950	2,682	0%
Eisaman #6H	Apex Energy	Westmoreland, PA	Marcellus	13,760	2,502	0%

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Note | Operators in the top table and Rigs in all tables are based on active rigs as of the last date in the period covered. Source | Enverus Foundations, state data for Top Completions

EOG reports 20-30% YOY drilling improvement in Utica Combo

Early drilling operations in the Utica Combo play unveiled by EOG Resources in November are seeing improvements from the "compounding effects of sharing technology across our multiple plays," COO Llyod Helms Jr. said on a May 5 earnings call. The company started its 2023 drilling program in mid-February and continues to have one rig running in the Ohio play's northern area. Helms said "drilling performance of recent wells is improving on the order of 20% to 30% compared to last year's results" and attributed the improvements to a proprietary drilling motor program and precision targeting. He anticipates similar improvements in the completion program, which won't commence until Q3.

Since 2021, EOG has completed five Utica Combo wells, with the results confirming its reservoir model. The company has calibrated its reservoir model through extensive data, including 18 operated legacy wells. Data lags have made providing additional color on these wells challenging, but two wells brought online last year have three months of production reported.

The Brookfield NBK15 3A in Noble County was completed with a 12,280-ft lateral fractured with 2,478 lb/ft of proppant and 58 bbl/ft of fluid. In the first three months, the well produced 124,778 boe (71% oil), equivalent to 1,386 boe/d or 113 boe/d per 1,000 ft. The Rose 0816 2H in Carroll County, completed with 2,540 lb/ft of proppant and 60 bbl/ft of fluid across a 7,542-ft lateral, delivered an IP90 of 62,416 boe (66% oil), equivalent to 694 boe/d or 92 boe/d per 1,000 ft. The four wells that the company brought online last year "continue to deliver our expected performance," E&P EVP Kenneth Boedeker said.

EOG plans to drill and complete 15 wells in the play this year. The company splits its acreage into two areas: North Utica with 190,000 net acres and South Utica with 215,000 net acres, including 135,000 mineral acres. The company continues to "look for low-cost opportunities to add to our position," Boedeker said. The company said it acquired its 405,000 net acres for less than \$600/acre and picked up the mineral ownership in the southern area for \$1,800/acre.

National Fuel Gas Co.

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EQT clears backlog, generates record free cash flow in Q1

After experiencing third-party midstream constraints in 2022, the issues have abated and EQT has caught up on its backlog of 30 TILs that were moved from last year into Q1. The abatement was also seen through operational efficiencies as the company's frac crew pumping hours in Q1 were up 35% YOY and efficiencies achieved in Q4 were carried forward. EQT credited the efficiency gains for driving its quarterly output 2% above the midpoint of guidance at 5.1 Bcf/d, while capex of \$464 million was 7% below the midpoint. Also of note from Q1, the company generated a quarter-record \$774 million in free cash flow.

"Our capital efficiency for the quarter came in at \$1.01 per Mcfe, which was approximately 10% better than what was implied by the midpoint of our guidance ranges, driven by outperformance on both production and capital spending," CFO David Khani said on an April 27 earnings call. "Note that, as we complete the excess TILs that were shifted from last year, our second-half capital efficiency should

improve by double-digits relative to the first half."

EQT maintained its 2023 capex guidance at \$1.7-1.9 billion excluding the acquisition of Tug Hill, which it is still working to complete. Of the

Production 2% above midpoint guidance, while capex was 7% below midpoint.

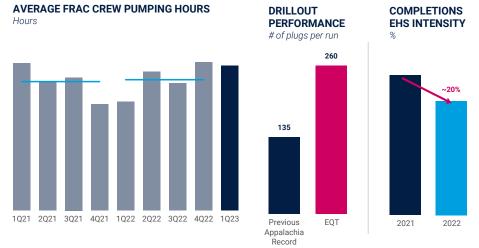
capex total, \$100 million is related to the 30 TILs moved from 2022. The guidance also anticipates 10-15% YOY oilfield service cost inflation. However, CEO Toby Rice notes that the company had seen "a notable trend of flattening out in oilfield service costs as industry activity moderates, and we believe the stage is set for some degree of softening in the second half of the year, which, if manifested, would provide upside to our current outlook." The company has seen a flattening or softening in steel costs and long-haul logistics pricing, as well as signs that prices for sand and water hauling may be trending downward.

EQT is currently running two operated drilling rigs and anticipates operating three to four frac crews this year. The company says it is able to moderate its completion cadence and choke management program if prices deteriorate, but EQT plans on keeping its pace steady.

"I think the default plan for EQT is to continue a steady pace operationally, even given what we see in the commodity outlook. We have the luxury of keeping a steadier plan because of the fact that we are the low-cost operator. And so, we'll be able to capture some of the efficiencies that come along with that steady activity plan," said Rice.

"As far as production is concerned, if we see local prices get below the cost it takes for us to produce, then you're going to see us curtail volumes. So, that will be a game-time decision, and we'll watch how the setup continues to evolve and operate our business accordingly."

EQT's Operational Execution Returning to Peak Levels



STRONG OPERATIONS CARRIED INTO 2023

Maintained frac crew pumping hours in Q1, in-line with peak completion efficiencies

OUTPERFORMED BASIN DRILLOUT RECORD BY >90% WHILE IMPROVING COMPLETION
OPERATIONS SAFETY PERFORMANCE BY ~20% Y/Y

DOE seeks bids for up to 3 MMbbl of sour crude to restock SPR

The U.S. Department of Energy plans to purchase up to 3 MMbbl of sour crude to restock the Strategic Petroleum Reserve at the Big Hill site in Jefferson County, Texas, as part of a three-stage replenishment strategy, according to a May 15 posting. The government is seeking to repurchase barrels at lower prices than the average \$95/bbl at which it sold volumes from the reserve during 2022. Proposals will be accepted through May 31, and the government will notify the high bidders June 9. The delivery period for the volumes will be Aug. 1-31. The SPR consists of the Big Hill and Bryan Mound salt domes in Texas and the Bayou Choctaw and West Hackberry salt domes in Louisiana.

SPR at its lowest level since September 1983 after 2022 emergency sales.

The last solicitation of bids, for replenishment of up to 3 MMbbl of sour crude, was issued Dec. 18, for volumes to be injected into Big Hill during February. The DOE rejected all bids.

There are 359.6 MMbo in the SPR as of May 12, the lowest level since September 1983. The Biden administration sold off volumes from March 2022 through YE22 to combat high motor gasoline prices. The reserves exited 2022 with 221 MMbo fewer than at the beginning of that year. Another 12 MMbo have been withdrawn this year, and the SPR hasn't seen an injection since January 2021.

DOE's The replenishment strategy includes using revenues 2022 emergency sales to fund the new purchases at a lower price than the DOE sold the 2022 barrels. The department has secured cancellation of 140 MMbo in congressionally mandated sales scheduled for fiscal 2024-2027. The goal is to "have the same number of barrels in reserve by the end of FY 2027 that it would have had emergency barrels not been sold in 2022," the DOE said.

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Gulf Coast Regional Data (04/30/23-05/27/23)

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Louisiana	53	18	32		32	36	V (1	1)	19		4
Mississippi	7	_	5		5	4	. `	1	5	A	1
Gulf Coast Texas (RRC 1)	76	14	43		43	23	▼ (2)	19	A	5
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New Permits by Formation	Last 4 Wk	Pre	v 4 Wk		Yr A	.go	2 `	Yr Ago	F	Rigs	
Eagle Ford	96		79		10	0		80		41	
Haynesville	49		32		88	3		37		51	
Austin Chalk	24		16		27	7		23		11	
Wilcox	6		5		2			8		1	
Cotton Valley	5		8		7			2		13	
Others	58		78		14	3		70		27	
Total	238		218		36	7		220		144	
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Webb, TX	24		12		17	7		6		11	
DeSoto, LA	18		13		24			12		12	
La Salle, TX	16		6		13			9		2	
DeWitt, TX	15		11		17			1		4	
Karnes, TX	13		27		27			20		12	
Gonzales, TX	12		6		9			12		3	
McMullen, TX	12		8		7			8		5	
Dimmit, TX	12		19		19	9		12		7	
Atascosa, TX	10		3		7			19		3	
Zavala, TX	8		3		5			-		2	
Top Operators by New Permits	Last 4 Wk	Pre	v 4 Wk		Yr A	.go	2 `	Yr Ago	ı	Rigs	
EOG Resources	24		13		8			11		8	
ConocoPhillips	14		15		10)		-		6	
Chesapeake Energy	14		10		18	3		3		7	
Comstock Resources	12		9		6			4		7	
Trinity Operating	11		3		7			6		4	
Callon Petroleum	9		-		2			-		1	
Marathon Oil	7		12		6			17		5	
Repsol	6		-		8			-		1	
Lewis Oil	6		-		2			4		2	
Silver Hill Energy	5		-		4			-		2	
Top Completions by IP24	Operat	or	County/F	Pari	sh	Reserv	oir	Lateral (ft)	boe/d		Oil (%)
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Chesapeake's 2023 Haynesville IP90s trending 8% above 2022

Initial 90-day volumes from Chesapeake Energy's 2023 Haynesville completions are outperforming the company's 2022 wells by 8%, CEO Domenic Dell'Osso Jr. said on a May 3 earnings call. He credits new gas gathering and incremental treating capacity additions for the improvements. Lower pressure on gathering systems has allowed the company to optimally manage its chokes, and the access to additional infrastructure has provided flexibility that has minimized downtime driven by third-party outages.

Drilled 690 ft per day in complex southern area of the play during Q1.

COO Josh Viets said Chesapeake is exceeded its Q1 Haynesville production guidance in part because "as we see third-party maintenance occurring across the field, we have more opportunity now to offload gas into adjacent gathering and treating systems, which is minimizing the impacts of those third-party outages." He added, "We're going to continue to be working that to ensure that the capacity we have in our midstream space is matching the production we expect from the asset."

Chesapeake's 2022 wells averaged IP90s of 1.7 Bcf from 8,760-ft laterals, or 19.3 MMcf/d, according to state data. While three months of production data is not yet available for the 2023 wells, IP24s from 22 reported completions have averaged 25.5 MMcf/d from 8,380-ft laterals, or 3.1 MMcf/d per 1,000 ft.

During Q1, Chesapeake drilled "three of the five fastest all-time footage-per-day wells in the geologically complex southern portion of our Haynesville acreage position," Dell'Osso said. The company drilled 690 ft per day on the acreage during the quarter, which Dell'Osso said was 30% faster than the closest offset operators. "In addition, we've deployed a continuous pumping wellhead technology that enabled our teams to pump a record 36 consecutive hours on a Haynesville frac," he added.

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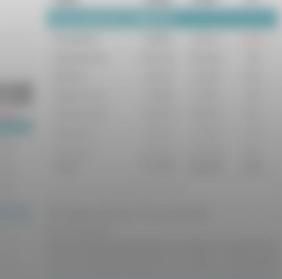
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