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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In connection with the proposed spin-off and merger, Key and Cimarex filed with the SEC on May 9, 2002, a Registration Statement No. 333-87948 on Form S-4. Investors and security holders are urged to carefully read the Registration Statement regarding the proposed transaction because it contains important information. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the Registration Statement and other documents containing information about Key and H&P's oil and gas division, without charge, at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. Copies of the Registration Statement and the SEC filings incorporated by reference therein may also be obtained for free by directing a request to either: Key Production Company, Inc., 707 Seventeenth Street, Suite 3300, Denver, Colorado 80202, Attention: Sharon M. Pope, Assistant Corporate Secretary; telephone 303-295-3995, fax: 303-295-3494, or Helmerich & Payne, Inc, Utica at Twenty-First Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114, Attention: Steven R. Mackey, Corporate Secretary; telephone 918-742-5531, fax 918-743-2671.

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PARTICIPANTS IN SOLICITATION

H&P and Cimarex and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Key's shareholders in connection with the proposed merger. Hans Helmerich, Douglas E. Fears and Steven R. Mackey are currently directors of Cimarex, and each of them and Steven R. Shaw are currently officers of Cimarex (the "Cimarex Participants"). None of the Cimarex

Participants beneficially owns any shares of Cimarex common stock. The Cimarex Participants are all executive officers of H&P. Information concerning H&P's participants in the solicitation is set forth in H&P's proxy statement dated January 25, 2002, which is filed with the SEC. Key's shareholders may obtain additional information about the interests of all such participants in the proposed merger by reading Registration Statement No. 333-87948 on Form S-4 which was filed with the SEC on May 9, 2002. Investors should read the Registration Statement carefully before making any voting or investment decisions.

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A New Look For An 82 Year Old Company

> H&P to Become a "Pure Play"
Contract Drilling Company

> H&P's Total Rig Fleet to Increase by 33% from 2001 To 2003	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003E
	90	90	88	96	111	128
> Sold \$41.5 Million of Portfolio Securities and Arranged \$200 Million of 5, 7, 10, and 12 Year Notes	Pro Forma Post Spin Equity				Debt	
	82%				18%	

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Helmerich & Payne, Inc. (pre-transaction)

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Contract Drilling
E&P
Portfolio

- > - \$1.7 billion market cap
- > - 50 million shares outstanding

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Exploration & Production Division
Spun Off As Cimarex Energy Co.

To H & P
Shareholders
September 30, 2002

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Spin/Merge Goals

- > Increase focus and visibility
- > Use financial strength to enhance shareholder value
- > Strengthen E&P division's position
- > Capture tax efficiency

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Why Key Production?

- > Impressive people and organization
- > Complementary and overlapping asset base

> Strong balance sheet

> Similar philosophies and cultures

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	Combined Properties	
Helmrich & Payne, Inc.		
Proved reserves (Bcfe)	245	
% Natural gas	87%	
Production (MMcfe/d)	116	
Net undeveloped acres	150,401	
Key Production Company		
Proved reserves (Bcfe)	147	
% Natural gas	62%	
Production (MMcfe/d)	74	
Net undeveloped acres	119,251	

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(\$ in millions)	Cimarex Energy		
	Key	H&P	Combined
YE01 Proved reserves, Bcfe	147	245	392
2002E Production, MMcfe/d	74	116	190
% Gas Production	65%	90%	80%

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What makes H&P attractive as a "pure play" contract drilling company?

- > Unique Strategy
- > Expanding Rig Fleet
- > Strong balance sheet
- > Additional analyst coverage and ownership interest

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Helmerich & Payne, Inc.

Total Rigs

33% Increase

1998	1999	2000	2001	2002E	2003E
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Rig Locations

Venezuela 14

Colombia 3

Ecuador 8

Bolivia 6

Argentina 2

73 U.S. Rigs
33 International Rigs
106 Total H & P Rigs
4 Management Contracts

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Rig Status as of 4 September 2002

	Rigs Available	Working / Contracted
US Land, Mobile & FlexRigs(TM)	35	100%
US Land, Conventional	29	72%
US Platform	12	58%
International Land	33	36%
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Total	109	69%

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US Land Rig Activity July 2001 - August 2002

Recent Peak US Land Rigs
1,114 on July 13, 2001

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US Land Daily Cash Operating Margins

	(\$000's)			
	H&P	Nabors	Grey Wolf	Patterson
1Q00	1.456	1.435	1.569	1.375
2Q00	2.480	1.860	1.463	1.680
3Q00	2.612	1.975	1.945	2.030
4Q00	3.644	2.550	3.285	2.793

Source - A. Vietor w/Stifel, Nicolaus

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Safety - US Land Operations
January 1997 - June 2002

Incidents Per 200,000 mhhrs.:

TRIR LTIR

H&P US Land 3.30 0.33
IADC US Land 9.81 2.37

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Safety - US Offshore Operations
January 1997 - June 2002

Incidents Per 200,000 mhhrs.:

TRIR LTIR

H&P US Offshore 1.11 0.06
 IADC US Offshore 3.24 0.6

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Distinctive Field Performance

Data for Texas, Louisiana & Oklahoma

Conditions:
 Calendar Year 2001
 Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana
 All land wells > 8,000'
 permitted depth (graphic omitted) From spud to release

	H&P All Rigs	Avg Depth (ft)									J All Other Wells 82 Contractors	All Wells (Less H&P)
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I		
# Wells	344	697	115	1,141	151	325	1,867	144	53	158	1,495	6,146
Avg Depth	13,291	11,882	12,032	12,431	10,594	11,643	10,363	10,083	13,801	9,746	10,162	10,982

Source: RigData report Year 2001

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US Land Operations

H&P Rig Moves from 1998 to July 2002

	1200 HP Existing Mobile Rigs	1500 HP FlexRigs	1000 HP	1500 HP	2000 HP	3000 HP
Average Rig Move Days	2.26	2.62	5.8	6.41	8.13	10.05
# Moves	540	360	158	107	96	60

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Ten Year Drilling CAPEX 1994 - 2003B

Fiscal Year	Total CAPEX
1994	\$57
1995	88
1996	80
1997	108
1998	211
1999	72
2000	39
2001	172
2002E	300
2003B	200
TOTAL	-----
	\$1,327 MM

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Newest Fleet in Industry

1. Built or Upgraded	1999	Aug 2002	July 2003
1980-1989	44	16	16
1990-1994	20	23	23
1995-1999	25	39	39)
2000-2003	-	31	50)70%
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	Total Rigs	89	109	128
2.	Electric Rigs (SCR & AC)		90%	92%
3.	Varco top drives		58	102

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H&P Rig 205
On location in
Gulf of Mexico

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H&P Rig 206
On location in
Gulf of Mexico

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**FlexRig3 Construction Program
25 New Rigs**

1. Estimated cost: \$10.75 MM per rig
2. First six rigs are working
3. First eight rigs are contracted
4. First eight rigs delivered by 30 September 2002
5. Next 17 rigs delivered by July 2003
6. Deliver two rigs per month

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Forecast Economics for FlexRigs

**Estimated 10 Year
IRRAT**

- A. FlexRig1 (1998) 12 to 23% 6 Rigs @ \$6.7 MM ea
- B. FlexRig2 (2001-2002) 14 to 28% 12 Rigs @ \$8.0 MM ea
- C. FlexRig3 (2002-2003) 9 to 28% 25 Rigs @ \$10.75 MM ea

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H&P Rig 211
On location in
South Texas

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[Graphic Omitted]

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Apply New Ideas & Technology

[Graphic Omitted]

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Inside the Driller's Cabin - H&P FlexRig 211

[Graphic Omitted]

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Total H&P Rigs Available

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002E	2003E
Offshore Rigs	11	10	10	10	12	12
Conventional Land Rigs	63	62	61	61	62	62
Mobile & FlexRigs	16	17	17	25	37	54
Total	90	89	88	96	111	128

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The Path Ahead

1. Good strategy and good execution are delivering the best value to our customers
2. Our customers are responding with high activity and high margins
3. The FlexRig3 program is adding leverage
4. Improve activity for platform rigs
5. Improve activity in South America
6. Seek opportunities outside North & South America

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