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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

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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, Cimarex, Key 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. Information concerning Key's participants in the solicitation is set forth in Key's proxy statement dated April 26, 2001, which is filed with the SEC. 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

| | Contract Drilling | E&P | Portfolio |
|----|-------------------|-----|-----------|
| HP | 70 | 20 | 10 |

>> H&P's Total Rig Fleet to Increase by 33% from 2001 To 2003

| | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002E | 2003E |
|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| East | 90 | 90 | 88 | 96 | 113 | 128 |

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Helmerich & Payne, Inc.
(pre-transaction)

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Contract Drilling - 104 rigs
E&P - 245 Bcfe
Portfolio - \$300MM

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- >> ~ \$2.0 billion market cap
- >> ~ 50 million shares outstanding

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Exploration & Production Division Spun Off As Cimarex Energy Co.

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Exploration and Production division spun off to H&P Shareholders as Cimarex Energy Co.

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Spin/Merge Goals

- >> Use financial strength to enhance shareholder value
- >> Increase focus and visibility
- >> 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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Key Production Record Of Growth

| (\$ in millions) | 1992 | 2001 |
|------------------------|------|-------|
| | ---- | ---- |
| Market Cap | \$25 | \$240 |
| Debt | \$3 | \$34 |
| Stock price (\$/share) | \$3 | \$17 |
| Reserves (Bcfe) | 38 | 147 |
| Reserves (Mcfe/share) | 3.6 | 10.5 |
| Production (Bcfe) | 8.3 | 26.0 |

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Combined Properties

Helmerich & Payne, Inc.

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Proved reserves (Bcfe) | 245 |
| % Natural gas | 87% |
| Production (MMcfe/d) | 116 |
| Net undeveloped acres | 150,401 |

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Key Production Company

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Proved reserves (Bcfe) | 147 |
| % Natural gas | 62% |
| Production (MMcfe/d) | 74 |
| Net undeveloped acres | 119,251 |

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Cimarex Energy

| (\$ in millions) | Key | H&P | Combined |
|----------------------------|------|-------|----------|
| YE01 Proved reserves, Bcfe | 147 | 245 | 392 |
| 2002E Production, MMcfe/d | 74 | 116 | 190 |
| % Gas Production | 65% | 90% | 80% |
| 2001 EBITDAX | \$80 | \$146 | \$226 |
| Employees | 95 | 150 | 245 |

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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 | |
| East | 90 | 90 | 88 | 96 | 113 | 128 | |

[graphic omitted]

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Rig Locations

[graphic omitted]

| | |
|-----|----------------------|
| 71 | U.S. Rigs |
| 33 | International Rigs |
| -- | |
| 104 | Total H & P Rigs |
| 4 | Management Contracts |

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HELMERICH & PAYNE
INTERNATIONAL DRILLING CO.

FlexRig(TM)

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The BEST VALUE rig
for a wide
range of wells

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The Market For FlexRig(TM)*

- o The customer needs BEST VALUE from the contractor to achieve lowest total well cost.
- o H&P believes BEST VALUE will come from investments in new rigs, innovative ideas and applications of new technologies - not from renovating the last used rig available.

* FlexRig(TM) hereinafter referred to as FlexRig

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The FlexRig's 8 - 18,000' Capacity
is Aimed at a Market Need

U.S. Rigs Drilling 1982-2001*

[graphic omitted]

| | 0-10,000' | 10,001-15,000' | 15,001-17,500' | 17,501-20,000' | >20,000' |
|------|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| 1983 | 62% | 29% | 5% | 3% | 1%4 |
| 2001 | 44% | 43% | 7% | 4% | 2% |

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FlexRig Offers Continuity Over 8 - 18,000' well depths

Wells drilled by R166 (FlexRig1) for Chevron
May '98 - Nov '01

| 8-9,000' | 9-11,000' | 11-14,000' | 14-18,000' |
|----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 9 | 28 | 8 | 4 |

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FlexRig Offers Continuity Over 8 - 18,000' well depths

Wells drilled by R168 (FlexRig1) for Shell
Nov '99 - April '02 (Continuing)

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| 8-9,000' | 9-11,000' | 11-14,000' | 14-18,000' |
|----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 5 | 1 | 10 | 7 |

[graphic omitted]

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H&P Goals
For Improving Value

- o Reduce safety and environmental incidents.
- o Improve productivity
- o Build the right rig at the best value cost

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Reduce Safety &
Environmental Incidents

- o Use "safety by design" to minimize or eliminate incidents.
- o Develop new ideas such as patented round mud tanks to reduce incidents.
- o Since 1998, mobile and FlexRigs have a Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR) 28% lower than H&P conventional rigs.

5 - Year Average TRIR (1998-1Q02)

[graphic omitted]

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IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY

- o Reduce crew turnover.
- o Mobile and FlexRig rig turnover rate is 73% lower than H&P conventional rigs.

H&P Crew Turnover - Mobile and FlexRigs* vs. Conventional Rigs
15 Months
Jan. '01 - Mar. '02

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Capture & Use
Organizational Learnings

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graphic shows:

Maintenance
Safety
Environment
Communications
Training
Supply Chain Management

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Apply New Ideas & Technology

[Graphic omitted]

graphic shows:

V-ICIS eD Controls
Round Mud Tanks
Integrated Top Drive
P-Quip System
VFD AC Drainworks
BoP Handling

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Reduce Well Cycle Time

South Texas move times - 1500 HP Rigs

Average days per 40 mile move:

FlexRigs (257 moves) - 2.4 days

Conventional (49 moves) - 6.7 days

[graphic omitted]

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Reduce Total Well Cost

[graphic omitted]

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Build The Right Rig
At The Best Value Cost

- o 1997 industry estimate*: \$12.45MM for new 2000HP land rig w/o top drive. Related estimate: \$11MM for new 1500HP land rig w/o top drive.
- o H&P created value in FlexRig: Lower investment and enhanced capabilities

| Year | Rig | # Rigs | New Cost (\$MM) | Top Drive |
|--------|----------|--------|-----------------|-----------|
| ---- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| 1998 | FlexRig1 | 6 | 6.7A | No |
| 2001 | FlexRig2 | 12 | 8.0A | No |
| 2002-3 | FlexRig3 | 25 | 10.5E | Yes |

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* Source: Oil & Gas Journal, 22 September 1997

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Reliability of New Technology

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Sources of Improvements

- o Support from H&P field operations
- o Learning curve
- o Varco - H&P collaboration
- o Varco command center using H&P WAN
- o Daily conference call to share organizational learnings
- o Software and hardware upgrades
- o "No Retreat" attitude

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Rig Status as of 20 May 2002

| | Rigs Available | Working / Contracted |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| | ----- | ----- |
| U.S. Land, Mobile & FlexRigs(tm) | 30 | 100% |
| U.S. Land, Conventional | 29 | 72% |
| U.S. Platform | 12 | 75% |
| International Land | 33 | 55% |
| | --- | --- |
| Total | 104 | 75% |

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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 | 39 | 54 |

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EBITDA (\$MM)

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| | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
|---------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| EBITDA | 32.889 | 46.48 | 52.745 | 53.762 | 85.461 | 114.086 | 142.1 | 127.3 | 118.9 | 180.8 | 180.8 |
| Peak Run Rate | | | | | | | | | | | |

[graphic omitted]