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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2010

TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-32167

VAALCO Energy, Inc.

(Exact name of small business issuer as specified in its charter)

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Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	76-0274813 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
4600 Post Oak Place Suite 309 Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)	77027 (Zip code)
(713) 623-0801 (Issuer's telephone number, including area code)	

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the past 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No .

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if applicable, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit & post such filings). Yes No .

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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Non-accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company <input type="checkbox"/>

Indicate by a check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). Yes No .

As of July 31, 2010, there were outstanding 56,427,253 shares of common stock, \$0.10 par value per share, of the registrant.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited)

(in thousands of dollars, except number of shares and par value amounts)

	June 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 80,791	\$ 80,570
Funds in escrow	5,539	5,572
Receivables:		
Trade	21,948	8,175
Accounts with partners	8,772	13,558
Other	6,295	5,171
Crude oil inventory	326	286
Materials and supplies	416	160
Prepayments and other	2,912	1,217
Total current assets	126,999	114,709
Property and equipment - successful efforts method:		
Wells, platforms and other production facilities	144,456	137,122
Undeveloped acreage	13,252	13,252
Work in progress	5,506	1,784
Equipment and other	5,034	3,668
	168,248	155,826
Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(88,178)	(80,260)
Net property and equipment	80,070	75,566
Other assets:		
Deferred tax asset	1,349	1,349
Funds in escrow	10,874	10,873
Other long term assets		502
Total Assets	\$ 219,292	\$ 202,999
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 27,939	\$ 33,728
Accounts with partners	4,127	
Total current liabilities	32,066	33,728
Other liabilities	1,880	1,500
Asset retirement obligations	11,427	10,666
Total Liabilities	45,373	45,894

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VAALCO Energy, Inc. shareholders' equity:

Common stock, \$0.10 par value, 100,000,000 authorized shares, 62,282,991 and 61,809,024 shares issued with 5,855,738 and 5,453,942 shares in treasury at June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively	6,228	6,157
Additional paid-in capital	61,903	57,550
Retained earnings	125,258	109,249
Less treasury stock, at cost	(24,472)	(21,515)
Total VAALCO Energy, Inc. shareholders' equity	168,917	151,441
Noncontrolling interest	5,002	5,664
Total Equity	173,919	157,105
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 219,292	\$ 202,999

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Revenues:				
Oil and gas sales	\$ 33,675	\$ 32,148	\$ 63,681	\$ 53,406
Operating costs and expenses:				
Production expenses	6,128	4,490	11,066	10,178
Exploration expense	407	13,506	1,419	33,972
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	4,422	5,621	8,318	11,276
General and administrative expenses	2,625	3,940	4,906	3,851
Other operating income		(1,984)		(1,984)
Total operating costs and expenses	13,582	25,573	25,709	57,293
Operating income (loss)	20,093	6,575	37,972	(3,887)
Other income (expense):				
Interest income	(25)	261	63	645
Interest expense		(126)		(141)
Other, net	22	574	(227)	1,041
Total other income (expense)	(3)	709	(164)	1,545
Income (loss) before income taxes	20,090	7,284	37,808	(2,342)
Income tax expense	8,676	7,323	19,470	9,702
Net income (loss)	11,414	(39)	18,338	(12,044)
Less net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(1,378)	(1,642)	(2,334)	(2,256)
Net income (loss) attributable to VAALCO Energy, Inc.	\$ 10,036	\$ (1,681)	\$ 16,004	\$ (14,300)
Earnings per share - basic:				
Net income (loss) attributable to VAALCO Energy, Inc. common shareholders	\$ 0.18	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.28	\$ (0.25)
Earnings per share - diluted:				
Net income (loss) attributable to VAALCO Energy, Inc. common shareholders	\$ 0.18	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.28	\$ (0.25)
Basic weighted shares outstanding	56,427	58,260	56,425	58,261
Diluted weighted shares outstanding	57,028	58,260	56,727	58,261

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(unaudited)

(in thousands of dollars)

Six Months Ended June 30, 2010

	VAALCO Energy, Inc. Shareholders					Noncontrolling Interest	Total
	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock			
Balance at January 1, 2010	\$ 6,157	\$ 57,550	\$ 109,249	\$ (21,515)	\$ 5,664	\$ 157,105	
Proceeds from stock issuance	71	2,655		(2,603)		123	
Stock based compensation		1,698		(354)		1,344	
Net income			16,004		2,334	18,338	
Redemption of rights agreement			5			5	
Distribution to noncontrolling interest					(2,996)	(2,996)	
Balance at June 30, 2010	\$ 6,228	\$ 61,903	\$ 125,258	\$ (24,472)	\$ 5,002	\$ 173,919	

Six Months Ended June 30, 2009

	VAALCO Energy, Inc. Shareholders					Noncontrolling Interest	Total
	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock			
Balance at January 1, 2009	\$ 6,112	\$ 53,983	\$ 117,205	\$ (11,422)	\$ 7,914	\$ 173,792	
Proceeds from stock issuance		23				23	
Stock based compensation		1,142				1,142	
Treasury stock purchase				(608)		(608)	
Net income (loss)			(14,300)		2,256	(12,044)	
Distribution to noncontrolling interest					(2,997)	(2,997)	
Balance at June 30, 2009	\$ 6,112	\$ 55,148	\$ 102,905	\$ (12,030)	\$ 7,173	\$ 159,308	

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CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

(in thousands of dollars)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	2009
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income (loss)	\$ 18,338	\$ (12,044)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	8,318	11,276
Unrealized foreign exchange gain	(1,289)	(363)
Dry hole costs	251	31,984
Stock based compensation	1,344	1,142
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Trade receivables	(13,773)	(1,051)
Accounts with partners	8,913	(8,896)
Other receivables	(1,564)	(1,401)
Crude oil inventory	(40)	1,050
Materials and supplies	(256)	25
Prepayments and other	(1,745)	848
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and other liabilities	(4,018)	(1,784)
Other long term assets	502	(179)
Net cash provided by operating activities	14,981	20,607
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Funds in escrow	32	(449)
Property and equipment expenditures	(13,422)	(59,369)
Reimbursement of property and equipment expenditures by partner		5,737
Net cash used in investing activities	(13,390)	(54,081)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from the issuance of common stock	123	23
Redemption of rights plan	5	
Purchase of treasury shares		(608)
Distribution to noncontrolling interest	(1,498)	(2,997)
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,370)	(3,582)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	221	(37,056)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	80,570	125,425
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 80,791	\$ 88,369
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information		
Income taxes paid	\$ 18,268	\$ 8,633

Interest paid			15
Supplemental disclosure of non cash transactions			
Noncontrolling interest distribution declared during the period but not paid at period end	\$	1,498	\$
Property and equipment additions incurred during the period but not paid at period end		3,253	904

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements of VAALCO Energy, Inc. and subsidiaries (collectively, VAALCO or the Company), included herein are unaudited, but include all adjustments consisting of normal recurring accruals which the Company deems necessary for a fair presentation of its financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim period. Such results are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for the full year. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, which also contain a summary of the significant accounting policies followed by the Company in the preparation of its consolidated financial statements. These policies were also followed in preparing the quarterly report included herein. The Company follows the successful efforts method of accounting for oil and gas exploration and development costs.

VAALCO is a Houston-based independent energy company, principally engaged in the acquisition, exploration, development and production of crude oil and natural gas. VAALCO owns producing properties and conducts exploration activities as operator of consortiums internationally in Gabon and Angola and as a non-operator in the British North Sea. In Gabon and Angola, VAALCO serves as the operator for groups of companies which own the working interest in the production sharing contract, collectively referred to as a consortium. Domestically, the Company has interests in the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast area.

VAALCO's active subsidiaries include VAALCO Gabon (Etame), Inc., VAALCO Production (Gabon), Inc., VAALCO Angola (Kwanza), Inc., VAALCO UK (North Sea), Ltd., and VAALCO Energy (USA), Inc.

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued. No material subsequent events came to our attention during this period.

2. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share (EPS) is calculated using the average number of shares of common stock outstanding during each period. Diluted EPS assumes the exercise of all stock options having exercise prices less than the average market price of the common stock using the treasury stock method. For purposes of computing EPS in a loss period, potential common shares are excluded from the computation of weighted average common shares outstanding as their effect is antidilutive. For the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2009, 502,195 and 224,422 potential common shares were excluded, respectively because they would be antidilutive.

Diluted shares consist of the following:

Item	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 30, 2010	June 30, 2009	June 30, 2010	June 30, 2009
Basic weighted average common stock issued and outstanding	56,427,253	58,260,074	56,424,810	58,260,741
Dilutive options	601,245		302,090	
Total diluted shares	57,028,498	58,260,074	56,726,900	58,260,741

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Options to purchase 1,420,940 and 1,427,606 shares were excluded in the three months and six months ended June 30, 2010, respectively, because they would have been anti-dilutive. Options to purchase 2,085,612 and 1,697,640 shares were excluded in the three months and six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively, because they would have been anti-dilutive.

3. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Consolidation Effective January 1, 2010, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Update No. 2009-17, *Consolidations (Topic 810) Improvements to Financial Reporting by Enterprises Involved with Variable Interest Entities*. This statement amends FASB Interpretation No. (FIN) 46(R), *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities*, to replace the quantitative-based risks and rewards calculation for determining which enterprise has a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity with a qualitative approach. This new approach focuses on identifying which enterprise has the power to direct the activities of a variable interest entity that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance and (1) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity or (2) the right to receive benefits from the entity. It also requires ongoing assessments of whether an enterprise is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity, and it requires additional disclosures about an enterprise's involvement in variable interest entities. The adoption of this standard did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated results of operations or financial condition, as the Company does not have any variable interests in variable interest entities.

4. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Stock options are granted under the Company's long-term incentive plan and have an exercise price that may not be less than the fair market value of the underlying shares on the date of grant. In general, stock options granted will become exercisable over a period determined by the Compensation Committee which in the past has been a five year life, with the options vesting over a three year period. A portion of the stock options granted in March 2010 were vested immediately with the others vesting over a three year period. In addition, stock options will become exercisable upon a change in control, unless provided otherwise by the Compensation Committee. At June 30, 2010, there were 476,396 shares subject to options authorized but not granted.

For the three months and six months ended June 30, 2010, the Company recognized non-cash compensation expense of \$0.6 million and \$1.7 million respectively, related to stock options. For the three months and six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company recognized non-cash compensation expense of \$0.4 million and \$1.1 million, respectively. These amounts were recorded as general and administrative expense. Because the Company does not pay significant United States federal income taxes, no amounts were recorded for tax benefits related to excess stock based compensation deductions.

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A summary of the option activity for the six months ended June 30, 2010 is provided below:

	Number of Shares Underlying Options (in thousands)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in millions)
Outstanding at beginning of period	3,786	\$ 5.42	2.65	
Granted	1,565	4.28	4.68	
Exercised	(474)	3.85		
Forfeited	(72)	4.83	2.99	
Outstanding at end of period	4,805	5.21	3.22	\$ 2.69
Exercisable at end of period	3,597	\$ 5.53	2.91	\$ 1.92

During the six months ended June 30, 2010, 442,300 options were exercised on a cashless basis, resulting in 40,504 shares being issued to employees and 401,796 shares being added to treasury stock.

The intrinsic value of a stock option is the amount by which the current market value of the underlying stock exceeds the exercise price of the option.

As of June 30, 2010, unrecognized compensation costs totaled \$1.2 million. The expense is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.5 years. Stock options vested during the six months ended June 30, 2010 totaled 1.2 million options.

5. GUARANTEES

In October 2007, the Company entered into an amendment with the owner of the Floating Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) facility chartered for the Etame Marin block to extend the contract until September 2015. In connection with the charter of the FPSO, the Company as operator of the Etame Marin block guaranteed the charter payments through the same time period. The charter continues for two years beyond that period unless one year's prior notice is given to the owner of the FPSO. The Company obtained several guarantees from its partners for their share of the charter payment. The Company's share of the charter payment is 28.1%. The Company believes the need for performance under the charter guarantee is remote. The estimated obligations for the annual charter payment and the Company's share of the charter payments through the end of the charter are as follows (*in thousands*):

Year	Full Charter Payment	Company Share
2010 (remainder)	\$ 8,656	\$ 2,430
2011	\$ 16,971	\$ 4,764
2012	\$ 16,879	\$ 4,739
2013	\$ 16,833	\$ 4,726
2014	\$ 16,833	\$ 4,726
2015	\$ 11,621	\$ 3,263

The Company has recorded a liability of \$0.5 million at June 30, 2010 representing the guarantee's fair value.

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6. COMMITMENTS

In November 2009, the Company negotiated and signed the sixth exploration period extension on the Etame Marin block. The three year extension expires in July 2014. The Company committed to the drilling of two exploration wells and acquiring and processing 150 square kilometers of 3D seismic with a \$17.5 million minimum financial commitment (\$5.3 million net to the Company). One of the two required exploration wells is expected to be drilled in the fourth quarter of 2010 on the Omangou prospect.

In November 2005, the Company signed a production sharing contract for the Mutamba Iroru block onshore Gabon. The contract awards the Company exploration rights along the central coast of Gabon. During the two-year extension which expires in May 2011, the Company is obligated to acquire specified levels of seismic data and there is no remaining monetary drilling obligation as it has already been met by the drilling of the second exploration well in 2009.

In November 2006, the Company signed a production sharing contract (PSA) for Block 5 offshore Angola. The four year primary contract with an optional three year extension awards the Company exploration rights to 1.4 million acres offshore central Angola. The Company's working interest in the contract is 40%. Additionally, the Company is required to carry the Angolan National Oil Company, Sonangol P&P, for 10% of the work program. During the first four years of the contract the Company is required to acquire and process 1,000 square kilometers of 3-D seismic, drill two exploration wells and expend a minimum of \$29.5 million (\$14.8 million net to the Company). During the optional three year extension to the contract, the Company is required to acquire 600 square kilometers of 3-D seismic data, drill two exploration wells and expend a minimum of \$27.2 million (\$13.6 million net to the Company). The Company acquired the 1,175 square kilometers of 3-D data called for in the first exploration period at a cost of \$7.5 million (\$3.75 million net to the Company) in January 2007. Subsequently, the Company acquired 524 square kilometers of proprietary 3-D seismic data on the block during the fourth quarter of 2008 at a cost of \$6.0 million (\$3.0 million net to the Company), and has been interpreting seismic data in preparation for the drilling of the two required exploration wells.

The government-assigned working interest partner was delinquent on paying their share of the costs several times in 2009 and consequently was placed in a default position which has impacted the timing for drilling the two commitment wells. In early 2010, the Company began working with the government of Angola to obtain both a replacement partner and a time extension for the drilling of the commitment wells. Following a meeting in June 2010, Sonangol confirmed in writing the decision has been made to remove InterOil Exploration and Production Africa AS as a party to the Block 5 PSA and requested assistance from VAALCO to help identify and secure a replacement partner to the venture. At the meeting, Sonangol stated it would be reasonable to provide VAALCO with a one year time extension for drilling the wells once the new partner becomes a party to the PSA. The Company is in the process of obtaining written confirmation of the time extension intention from Sonangol. While the Company believes the government of Angola will grant such extension, management can provide no assurances. If the government of Angola were to deny a time extension, the Company risks forfeiture of its \$10 million funds in escrow if the wells are not drilled by November 2010 plus the Company may be required to impair its leasehold costs and other investments with a carrying amount of \$11.0 million as of June 30, 2010. If the Company is granted the time extension, the Company estimates the drilling of the two exploration wells will take place in the first half of 2011 on this block in Angola.

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7. TAX AUDIT

During the second quarter of 2009, the Gabon Ministry of Finance initiated a withholding tax audit for the Company's Gabon operations for the period 2005 through 2007. The results of the audit were received in September 2009 and the Ministry of Finance asserted a claim of \$9.4 million (\$2.7 million net to the Company) plus penalties of \$4.7 million (\$1.3 million net to the Company). The Company contested portions of the claim for the underpayment of withholding tax primarily on the basis that withholding tax did not apply for certain types of services. However, in preparing its response, the Company identified some invoices which were paid to certain vendors without calculating and paying the appropriate withholding tax to the Republic of Gabon. An estimated liability of \$3.3 million net to the Company was recorded in 2009 to accrue for this potential liability for the audited period as well as 2008 and 2009. In April 2010, a negotiated settlement with the government of Gabon was agreed upon for the time period 2005 - 2009. The settlement resulted in a payment of \$9.1 million (\$2.6 million net to the Company) in June 2010.

8. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company's operations are based in Gabon, Angola, the British North Sea and in the United States. Management reviews and evaluates the operation of each geographic segment separately. The operations of all segments include exploration for and production of hydrocarbons where commercial reserves have been found and developed. Revenues are based on the location of hydrocarbon production. The Company evaluates each segment based on income (loss) from operations. Segment activity for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 are as follows: *(in thousands)*

Three months ended June 30,	Gabon	Angola	North Sea	Corporate and Other	Total
<u>2010</u>					
Revenues	\$ 33,647	\$	\$	\$ 28	\$ 33,675
Income (loss) from operations	22,446	(414)	(91)	(1,848)	20,093
<u>2009</u>					
Revenues	\$ 32,133	\$	\$	\$ 15	\$ 32,148
Income (loss) from operations	17,708	(1,688)	(6,804)	(2,641)	6,575

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Six months ended June 30,	Gabon	Angola	North Sea	Corporate and Other	Total
<u>2010</u>					
Revenues	\$ 63,616	\$	\$	\$ 65	\$ 63,681
Income (loss) from operations	42,665	(1,266)	(208)	(3,219)	37,972
<u>2009</u>					
Revenues	\$ 53,363	\$	\$	\$ 43	\$ 53,406
Income (loss) from operations	9,871	(2,137)	(9,248)	(2,373)	(3,887)

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

This report includes forward looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act). All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this report (and the exhibits hereto), including without limitation, statements regarding the Company's financial position and estimated quantities and net present values of reserves, and statements preceded by, followed by or that otherwise include the word believes, expects, anticipates, intends, projects, target, goal, objective, should, or similar expressions or variations of such are forward looking statements. The Company can give no assurances that the assumptions upon which such statements are based will prove to have been correct. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's expectations (Cautionary Statements) include the volatility of oil and natural gas prices; future production costs; future production quantities; the uncertainty of estimates of oil and natural gas reserves; the impact of competition; the availability and cost of seismic, drilling and other equipment; operating hazards inherent in the exploration for and production of oil and natural gas; difficulties encountered during the exploration for and production of oil and natural gas; difficulties encountered in delivering oil to commercial markets; general economic conditions; changes in customer demand and producers' supply; the uncertainty of the Company's ability to attract capital; compliance with, or the effect of changes in, the foreign governmental regulations regarding the Company's exploration and production, including those related to climate change; action of operators of the Company's oil and natural gas properties; political turmoil in the Republic of Gabon; weather conditions; and statements set forth in the Risk Factors section included in this report and in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. All subsequent written and oral forward looking statements attributable to the Company or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified by the Cautionary Statements.

INTRODUCTION

The Company operates oil production sharing contracts in Gabon and Angola, and has non-active interests in two blocks in the British North Sea. In addition, the Company has minor onshore and offshore domestic United States production in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Company's primary source of revenue is from the Etame Production Sharing Contract related to the Etame Marin block located offshore the Republic of Gabon. The Company produces from the Etame, Avouma, South Tchibala and Ebouri fields on the block. Oil production commenced from the Etame field in September 2002, from the Avouma and South Tchibala fields in January 2007 and from the Ebouri field in January 2009. In May 2010, the third development well in the Ebouri field was completed and began producing oil. During the first six months of 2010, the Etame, Avouma, South Tchibala and Ebouri fields produced approximately 3.6 million bbls (0.9 million bbls net to the Company).

In November 2009, the Company signed the sixth exploration period extension on the Etame Marin block. The three year extension expires in July 2014. Beginning in March 2010, drilling began on the first of four wells located within the Etame Marin block. The first of these wells was a development well drilled from the Ebouri platform which began producing oil in May 2010. The second well was a successful workover of the Ebouri 3-H well to replace submersible pumps. The third well was an exploration effort in the Southeast Etame area which discovered five meters of Gamba sandstone which logged oil full to base. Two sidetracks were drilled and analysis of logging and pressure data is required to estimate the size of the discovery and to assess potential development strategies. The fourth well in the drilling program will be a subsea completed development well in the Etame field. In July 2010, the consortium exercised the option on the drilling rig to drill an additional two wells. The fifth well in the drilling program will be a development well in the South Tchibala field and the sixth well will be an exploration well on the Omangou prospect. The Omangou well will count as one of the two exploration wells required per the terms of the sixth exploration period extension. The six well drilling program is expected to be completed in 2010.

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Onshore Gabon, the Company has a 100% working interest in the Mutamba Iroru block located near the coast in central Gabon. The Mutamba Iroru block contains approximately 270,000 acres for exploration. The Company acquired aeromagnetic gravity data in 2008 and, together with seismic data acquired from previous operators over the block in 2006 and 2007, drilled two unsuccessful exploration wells on the block in 2009. A two year extension of the block was entered into in 2009 and the exploratory period now ends in May 2011. A further one year extension has been requested and is expected to be finalized with the Republic of Gabon in the third quarter of 2010. Contingent upon obtaining the extension and approval by the Republic of Gabon, an agreement with a third party has been reached and is expected to be completed in August 2010 which will establish a joint operation on the block. The intentions of the joint operation include seismic reprocessing in 2010 followed by the drilling of a well in 2011.

In November 2006, the Company signed a production sharing contract (PSA) for a 40% working interest in Block 5 offshore Angola. The four year primary contract with an optional three year extension awards the Company exploration rights to approximately 1.4 million acres along the central coast of Angola. The Company has acquired approximately 1,700 square kilometers of seismic data over a portion of Block 5 and has identified drilling objectives.

The government-assigned working interest partner was delinquent on paying their share of the costs several times in 2009 and consequently was placed in a default position which has impacted the timing for drilling the two commitment wells. In early 2010, the Company began working with the government of Angola to obtain both a replacement partner and a time extension for the drilling of the commitment wells. Following a meeting in June 2010, Sonangol confirmed in writing the decision has been made to remove InterOil Exploration and Production Africa AS as a party to the Block 5 PSA and requested assistance from VAALCO to help identify and secure a replacement partner to the venture. At the meeting, Sonangol stated it would be reasonable to provide VAALCO with a one year time extension for drilling the wells once the new partner becomes a party to the PSA. The Company is in the process of obtaining written confirmation of the time extension intention from Sonangol. While the Company believes the government of Angola will grant such extension, management can provide no assurances. If the government of Angola were to deny a time extension, the Company risks forfeiture of its \$10 million funds in escrow if the wells are not drilled by November 2010 plus the Company may be required to impair its leasehold costs and other investments with a carrying amount of \$11.0 million as of June 30, 2010. If the Company is granted the time extension, the Company estimates the drilling of the two exploration wells will take place in the first half of 2011 on this block in Angola.

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CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY

Cash Flows

Net cash provided by operating activities for the six months ended June 30, 2010 was \$15.0 million, as compared to \$20.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009. The decrease in cash provided by operating activities for the six months ended June 30, 2010 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2009 was primarily due to lower discretionary cash flow of \$27.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010, compared to discretionary cash flows of \$32.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and changes in working capital other than cash which used \$12.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010, compared to a usage of \$11.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009.

Net cash used in investing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2010 was \$13.4 million, compared to net cash used in investing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2009 of \$54.1 million. For the six months ended June 30, 2010, capital expenditures were primarily related to the drilling of a development well in the Ebouri field, an exploratory well in Southeast Etame area, and equipment purchases for an additional well to be drilled in the third quarter. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company incurred \$32.0 million in dry hole costs and the remainder was primarily invested in the appraisal well and two development wells in the Ebouri field.

For the six months ended June 30, 2010, cash used in financing activities was \$1.4 million consisting of distributions to a noncontrolling interest of \$1.5 million and the receipt of \$0.1 million in proceeds from the issuance of common stock upon the exercise of stock options. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, cash used in financing activities of \$3.6 million consisted of distributions to a noncontrolling interest owner of \$3.0 million and repurchase of shares of \$0.6 million.

Capital Expenditures

During the six months ended June 30, 2010, the Company incurred \$12.4 million of net property and equipment additions, primarily associated with the drilling of the development well in the Ebouri field totaling \$7.2 million, the successful drilling of the exploration well in the Southeast Etame area totaling \$4.0 million, and for the purchase of equipment for a well to be drilled in the third quarter of 2010. During the remainder of 2010 in the Etame Marin block, the Company anticipates drilling two development wells and one exploration well in the Etame Marin concession at an estimated cost of \$20.0 million net to the Company. Additionally, the locations and timing for drilling the two commitment wells in Block 5 Angola remain uncertain, but capital expenditures of \$5.0 million net to the Company are budgeted for 2010 in anticipation of the drilling activity.

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Oil and Gas Exploration Costs

The Company uses the successful efforts method of accounting for its oil and gas exploration and development costs. All expenditures related to exploration, with the exception of costs of drilling exploratory wells are charged as an expense when incurred. The costs of exploratory wells are capitalized pending determination of whether commercially producible oil and gas reserves have been discovered. If the determination is made that a well did not encounter potentially economic oil and gas quantities, the well costs are charged as an expense. During the six months ended June 30, 2010, the Company spent \$4.0 million on an exploration well in the Southeast Etame area which has been capitalized.

Liquidity

The Company's primary source of capital has been cash flows from operations. At June 30, 2010, the Company had unrestricted cash of \$80.8 million. The Company believes that this cash combined with cash flow from operations will be sufficient to fund the Company's remaining 2010 capital expenditure budget and additional investments in working capital resulting from potential growth. As operator of the Etame Marin block and Block 5 in Angola, the Company enters into project related activities on behalf of its working interest partners. The Company generally obtains advances from its partners prior to significant funding commitments.

Substantially all of the Company's crude oil and gas is sold at the well head at posted or index prices under short-term contracts. In Gabon, the Company markets its crude oil under an agreement with Vitol S.A. While the loss of Vitol S.A. as a buyer might have a material adverse effect on the Company in the near term, management believes that the Company would be able to obtain other customers for its crude oil.

Domestically, the Company produces from wells in Brazos County Texas and offshore Louisiana in the Gulf of Mexico, which contributed \$65,000 to revenues in the six months ended June 30, 2010. Domestic production is sold via separate contracts for oil and gas. The Company has access to several alternative buyers for oil and gas sales domestically.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Three months ended June 30, 2010 compared to three months ended June 30, 2009

Revenues

Total revenues were \$33.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$32.1 million for the comparable period in 2009. The Company sold approximately 443,000 net barrels of oil equivalent at an average price of \$76.00 per barrel in the three months ended June 30, 2010. In the three months ended June 30, 2009, the Company sold approximately 544,000 barrels of oil equivalent at an average price of \$59.10 per barrel. Crude oil production from the Etame, Avouma, South Tchibala and Ebouri fields averaged approximately 20,200 BOPD compared to approximately 24,000 BOPD in the three months ended June 30, 2009. The production decrease in the three months ended June 30, 2010 was due to curtailed production from the Ebouri 3-H well which underwent a workover during the quarter and increased water cuts from mature wells. Crude oil sales are a function of the number and size of crude oil liftings in each quarter from the FPSO and thus crude oil sales do not always coincide with volumes produced in any given quarter.

Operating Costs and Expenses

Total production expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2010 were \$6.1 million compared to \$4.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2009. The Company matches production expenses with crude oil sales. Any production expenses associated with unsold crude oil inventory are capitalized. Production expenses in the three months ended June 30, 2010 were higher compared to the three months ended June 30, 2009 primarily due to workover expenses of \$1.2 million associated with the Ebouri 3H well to replace failed submersible pumps.

Exploration expense was \$0.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$13.5 million in the comparable period in 2009. For the three months ended June 30, 2010, exploration expense consisted primarily of seismic reprocessing and site survey work on the Etame Marin block. Exploration expense for the three months ended June 30, 2009 consisted primarily of dry hole costs totaling \$12.1 million. The dry hole costs included \$6.7 million for a well in the British North Sea, \$5.0 million for two wells in onshore Gabon and \$0.3 million for a well in offshore Gabon.

Depreciation, depletion and amortization expenses were \$4.4 million in the three months ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$5.6 million in the three months ended June 30, 2009. The lower depreciation, depletion and amortization expense during the three months ended June 30, 2010 compared to the three months ended June 30, 2009 was primarily due to lower net production.

General and administrative expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were \$2.6 million and \$3.9 million, respectively. Included in the general and administrative expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 was an accrual for retirement benefits of \$0.3 million and \$1.2 million, respectively. Also during the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, the Company incurred stock based compensation expense of \$0.6 million and \$0.4 million, respectively. In both of the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, the Company benefited from overhead reimbursement associated with production and development operations on the Etame Marin block.

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Other operating income for the three months ended June 30, 2010 was nil compared to \$2.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2009. The amount attributable to the three months ended June 30, 2009 was due to receipt of proceeds from a joint venture partner that originally elected to not participate in two wells drilled in the Ebouri field, offshore Gabon. The partner later elected to participate and paid for their proportionate share of the capital expenditures for the wells. The \$2.0 million represented a portion of the Company's share of an agreed risk premium benefiting the other joint venture partners that originally participated in those two wells. Additional proceeds of \$4.5 million were received and recognized as other operating income in the third quarter of 2009.

Other Income (Expense)

Other income for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were nil and \$0.7 million, respectively. Interest income received on amounts on deposit was nil in the three months ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$0.3 million in the three months ended June 30, 2009. The decrease in interest income received on amounts on deposit reflects an interest rate adjustment and lower interest rates and amounts invested in 2010. Also included in other income for the three months ended June 30, 2009 was a foreign exchange gain of \$0.6 million.

Income Taxes

Income tax expense amounted to \$8.7 million and \$7.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. In the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, the income taxes were all paid in Gabon. Income taxes in the three months ended June 30, 2010 were higher due to higher oil prices and a higher percentage of oil allocated as profit oil versus cost oil which increased taxable revenues.

Net Income (Loss)

Net income for the three months ended June 30, 2010 was \$11.4 million, compared to a net loss of \$39,000 for the same period in 2009. Higher oil prices partially offset by lower oil sales volume and lower exploration costs for dry hole write-offs contributed to the higher net income in the second quarter of 2010. Net income allocated to noncontrolling interest was \$1.4 million and \$1.6 million in the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The noncontrolling interest is associated with VAALCO Energy (International), Inc., a subsidiary that is 90.01% owned by the Company.

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Six months ended June 30, 2010 compared to six months ended June 30, 2009

Revenues

Total revenues were \$63.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$53.4 million for the comparable period in 2009. The Company sold approximately 846,000 net barrels of oil equivalent at an average price of \$75.20 per barrel in the six months ended June 30, 2010. In the six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company sold approximately 1,047,000 net barrels of oil equivalent at an average price of \$50.95 per barrel. Crude oil production from the Etame, Avouma, South Tchibala and Ebouri fields averaged 19,800 BOPD compared to approximately 22,700 BOPD in the six months ended June 30, 2009. The production decrease in the six months ended June 30, 2010 was due to lower production from the Ebouri 3-H well which underwent a workover during the second quarter of 2010 and increased water cuts from mature wells. Crude oil sales are a function of the number and size of crude oil liftings in each quarter from the FPSO and thus crude oil sales do not always coincide with volumes produced in any given quarter.

Operating Costs and Expenses

Total production expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2010 were \$11.1 million compared to \$10.2 million in the six months ended June 30, 2009. The Company matches production expenses with crude oil sales. Any production expenses associated with unsold crude oil inventory are capitalized. Expenses in the six months ended June 30, 2010 were higher primarily due to workover expenses of \$1.2 million associated with the Ebouri 3H well to replace failed submersible pumps.

Exploration expense was \$1.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$34.0 million in the comparable period in 2009. Exploration expense for the six months ended June 30, 2010 included seismic reprocessing costs in Angola of \$0.4 million, seismic reprocessing and site survey work on the Etame Marin block totaling \$0.4 million and onshore Gabon exploration expense of \$0.4 million, which included \$0.2 million of dry hole costs associated with the two 2009 unsuccessful exploration wells. Exploration expense for the six months ended June 30, 2009 included \$32.0 million of dry hole costs. The dry hole costs included \$9.1 million for a well in the British North Sea, \$20.2 million for two wells in onshore Gabon and \$2.7 million for a well in offshore Gabon.

Depreciation, depletion and amortization expenses were \$8.3 million in the six months ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$11.3 million in the six months ended June 30, 2009. The lower depreciation, depletion and amortization expenses during the six months ended June 30, 2010 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2009 was due to lower volumes of oil sold.

General and administrative expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were \$4.9 million and \$3.9 million, respectively. Included in the general and administrative expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 was an accrual for retirement benefits of \$0.3 million and \$1.2 million, respectively. During the six months ended June 30, 2010, the Company incurred \$1.7 million of stock based compensation compared to \$1.1 million incurred in the six months ended June 30, 2009. Included in the general and administrative expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2009 was an offset for a retroactive compensation adjustment of \$0.9 million that benefited the Company by charging the adjustment to the Gabon partners. In both of the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, the Company benefited from overhead reimbursement associated with production and development operations on the Etame Marin block.

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Other operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2010 was nil compared to \$2.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009. The six months ended June 30, 2009 income was attributable to receipt of proceeds from a joint venture partner that originally elected to not participate in two wells drilled in the Ebouri field, offshore Gabon. The partner later elected to participate and paid for their proportionate share of the capital expenditures for the wells. The \$2.0 million payment represents a portion of the Company's share of an agreed risk premium benefiting the other joint venture partners that originally participated in those two wells. Additional proceeds of \$4.5 million were received and recognized as other operating income in the third quarter of 2009.

Other Income (Expense)

Other income (expense) for the six months ended June 30, 2010 was an expense for \$0.2 million compared to income of \$1.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009. The other expense recorded in the six months ended June 30, 2010 was primarily due to a foreign exchange loss of \$0.2 million, compared to a foreign exchange gain of \$1.0 million for the same period in 2009. Interest income received on amounts on deposit was \$0.1 million in the six months ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$0.6 million in the six months ended June 30, 2009. The decrease in interest income received on amounts on deposit reflects an interest rate adjustment and lower interest rates and amounts invested in 2010. Interest expense and financing charges was nil for the six months ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$0.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 associated with the Company's IFC loan, net of capitalized interest expense.

Income Taxes

Income tax expense amounted to \$19.5 million and \$9.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. In the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, the income taxes were all paid in Gabon. Income taxes in the six months ended June 30, 2010 were higher due to higher oil prices and a higher percentage of oil allocated as profit oil versus cost oil which increased taxable revenues.

Net Income (Loss)

Net income for the six months ended June 30, 2010 was \$18.3 million, compared to a net loss of \$12.0 million for the same period in 2009. Higher oil prices partially offset by lower oil sales volumes and lower exploration costs for dry hole write-offs contributed to the higher net income in the six months ended June 30, 2010. Net income allocated to noncontrolling interest in both the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 was \$2.3 million. The noncontrolling interest is associated with VAALCO Energy (International), Inc., a subsidiary that is 90.01% owned by the Company.

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ITEM 3. QUANTATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company's results of operations are dependent upon the difference between prices received for its oil and gas production and the costs to find and produce such oil and gas. Oil and gas prices have been and are expected in the future to be volatile and subject to fluctuations based on a number of factors beyond the control of the Company. The Company does not presently have any active hedges in place, but may do so in the future.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company's management, including the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Based on that evaluation, the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. There were no changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the Company's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Other than as described below, there have been no material changes to the disclosure on this matter in our annual report on form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

The default in payment of costs by a working interest partner in Angola has resulted in delays in our drilling of exploration wells, which could cause us to forfeit our interest in our Angola assets.

The government-assigned working interest partner was delinquent on paying their share of the costs several times in 2009 and consequently was placed in a default position which has impacted the timing for drilling the two commitment wells. In early 2010, the Company began working with the government of Angola to obtain both a replacement partner and a time extension for the drilling of the commitment wells. Following a meeting in June 2010, Sonangol confirmed in writing the decision has been made to remove Interoil Exploration and Production Africa AS as a party to the Block 5 PSA and requested assistance from VAALCO to help identify and secure a replacement partner to the venture. At the meeting, Sonangol stated it would be reasonable to provide VAALCO with a one year time extension for drilling the wells once the new partner becomes a party to the PSA. The Company is in the process of obtaining written confirmation of the time extension intention from Sonangol. Management can provide no assurances such extension will be granted. If the government of Angola were to deny a time extension, we would forfeit \$10 million held in escrow if the wells are not drilled by November 2010 and may be required to impair our leasehold costs and other investments with a carrying amount of \$11.0 million as of June 30, 2010.

The adoption and implementation of new statutory and regulatory requirements for derivative transactions could have an adverse impact on our ability to hedge risks associated with our business.

Although we have no hedges in place, if we were to enter into any hedges, the recently passed Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act could make those hedges more expensive than they are currently. Among other things, the act requires the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the SEC to enact regulations affecting derivative contracts, including the derivative contracts we could use to hedge our exposure to price volatility. We cannot predict the content of these regulations or the effect that these regulations will have on our business. Of particular concern, the act does not explicitly exempt end users (such as us) from the requirements to post margin in connection with hedging activities. While several Senators have indicated that it was not the intent of the act to require margin from end users, the exemption is not in the act. If the regulations ultimately adopted were to require that we post margin for our future hedging activities, hedging would become more expensive and would factor into our future hedging strategy.

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

(a) **Exhibits**

31. Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications

31.1 Certification pursuant to section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

31.2 Certification pursuant to section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Section 1350 Certificates

32.1 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act Of 2002.

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SIGNATURES

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

VAALCO ENERGY, INC.

(Registrant)

By */s/* GREGORY R. HULLINGER
Gregory R. Hullinger,
Chief Financial Officer

(on behalf of the Registrant and as the principal
financial officer)

Dated: August 9, 2010

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