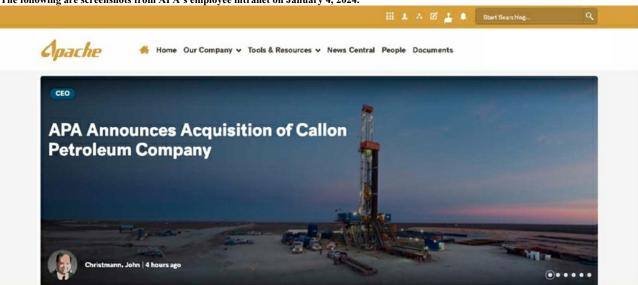
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APA Announces Acquisition of Callon Petroleum 📀 🐠 Company





By Christmann, John CEO and President - Thu. Jan 4, 2024 5:15 AM -





Colleagues,

This morning, we announced an agreement to acquire Callon Petroleum in an all-stock transaction valued at approximately \$4.5 billion, inclusive of debt. A copy of the news release and investor presentation can be found here and here.

Callon is a well-established, Permian pure-play exploration and production (E&P) company that has built an attractive asset base comprising 119,000 acres in the Delaware Basin and 26,000 acres in the Midland Basin. In the 2023 third quarter, its net production was 102,000 barrels of oil equivalent (BOE) perday, of which 57% was oil.

Importantly, this acquisition complements our strong Midland Basin business with a similar scope of opportunities in the Delaware Basin. It will immediately expand our position in the region, increasing cash flow, net asset value, and daily production, while providing longer-term opportunities for more efficient operations.

As such, this transaction will strengthen APA's position as a large-cap, independent E&P company. If the transaction were completed today, APA's enterprise value would be \$21 billion and daily production would be ~500,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day.

Strategic Alignment

Today's announced acquisition is consistent with our strategy (click here for an overview). Specifically, adding to our existing base in the Permian supports our efforts to "build and grow a high-quality portfolio," and we are confident we can safely and effectively integrate these new assets into our organization and deliver the same operational and capital efficiency to this expanded Permian opportunity set, while benefitting from economies of scale.

The Permian Basin has long been a key component of our overall global portfolio, and Callon's assets bring high-quality, oil-weighted inventory, profitable production, and scale to our current position. Our increased size following the transaction will help to improve our trading multiple, balance sheet durability, cost of capital, and operating efficiencies, among other benefits.

Also, the commitment to our capital returns framework does not change, as this deal provides resilience in our ability to continue returning capital to shareholders via dividends and share repurchases. Given this is a stock-for-stock exchange, Callon's debt will become APA debt upon closing. We have plans for refinancing that debt and it will have a minor negative impact on our debt metrics.

An immediate impact of this acquisition is the increase in our production from West Texas. Longer term, it's a natural balance to our production profile as other developments advance in the portfolio, whether it's growth in our legacy areas such as Egypt, a final investment decision and production commencement in Suriname, or other projects in early stages of exploration, for example, Alaska and Uruguay.

Next Steps

A deal integration team will be established under the Business Excellence department to begin to work through integration planning for the postclose organization. All communications with Callon counterparts will be managed through the integration team.

We expect to complete the transaction during the second quarter of 2024, subject to the approval of APA and Callon shareholders, antitrust clearance, and other customary closing conditions. Importantly, until the closing of this transaction, APA and Callon will operate as independent companies.

We will share additional details as the transaction progresses and invite you to Join us for an investor call, we are hosting today, details below:

United States United Kingdom Egypt

7:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.

Central Time Greenwich Mean Time Eastern European Time

Click here to join the call. A replay will be made available following the call.

I want to thank the full multi-disciplinary team of employees from a cross the organization who worked diligently to make today's announcement possible. I appreciate all your hard work, particularly around the holidays.

I look forward to sharing more in the coming weeks about this exciting announcement. In the meantime, please continue to focus on safe operations and maintaining business as usual.

Thank you,

JOHN CHRISTMANN

CEO and President

Forward-Looking Statements

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Additional Information about the Merger and Where to Find It

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