# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): February 25, 2015

# **GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 000-19514 (Commission File Number) 73-1521290 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

14313 North May Avenue
Suite 100
Oklahoma City, OK
(Address of principal executive offices)

73134 (Zip code)

(405) 848-8807 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 25, 2015, Gulfport Energy Corporation issued a press release reporting its financial and operational results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2014 and providing an update on its 2015 activities. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 25, 2015, Gulfport Energy Corporation issued a press release reporting its proved reserves for the year ended December 31, 2014. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### (d) Exhibits

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99.2	Press release dated February 25, 2015 entitled "Gulfport Energy Corporation Reports 305% Increase in Total Proved Reserves to 933.6 Bcfe."

# **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to 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.

Date: February 25, 2015

GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ MICHAEL G. MOORE

Michael G. Moore Chief Executive Officer and President

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#### Press Release

#### Gulfport Energy Corporation Reports Fourth Quarter and Year-End 2014 Results

**OKLAHOMA CITY** (February 25, 2015) Gulfport Energy Corporation (NASDAQ: GPOR) ("Gulfport" or the "Company") today reported financial and operational results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2014 and provided an update on its 2015 activities. Key information is as follows:

- Full-year 2014 production totaled 87.7 Bcfe, or 240.3 MMcfepd, in 2014, as compared to 24.7 Bcfe, or 67.7 MMcfepd, in 2013, representing an increase of 255% year-over-year.
- Fourth quarter 2014 production totaled 35.1 Bcfe, or 381.9 MMcfepd, in the fourth quarter of 2014, as compared to 9.2 Bcfe, or 100.0 MMcfepd, in the fourth quarter of 2013, representing an increase of 282% quarter-over-quarter.
- Net income of \$110.1 million, or \$1.28 per diluted share, in the fourth quarter of 2014.
- Adjusted net income (as defined below) of \$10.7 million, or \$0.12 per diluted share, in the fourth quarter of 2014.
- Gulfport spud 85 gross (67.2 net) wells and turned-to-sales 63 gross (47.4 net) wells in the Utica during 2014.
- Forecasted 2015 full-year production estimated to be 432 to 480 MMcfepd and 2015 E&P capital expenditures budgeted to be \$545 to \$595 million, with 96% allocated to activities in the Utica Shale.

Michael G. Moore, Chief Executive Officer and President, commented, "2014 was a transformational year for Gulfport and I am proud of the accomplishments of each member of the Gulfport team. Gulfport achieved triple digit growth in production with full-year production increasing 255% over 2013, predominately driven by our best-in-class well performance in the Utica Shale. Our continued focus on optimizing well performance and reducing costs through operating efficiencies has led to further improvements as we develop this highly economic play. As we enter 2015, these improvements are critical to our 2015 planned activity levels in this lower commodity price environment."

"Gulfport is pleased to announce our 2015 capital budget, with estimated production growth of approximately 80% to 100% over 2014 while also maintaining our strong balance sheet. We are confident in our ability to achieve this despite a significant decrease in year-over-year spending, which we believe to be prudent in the current commodity price environment. In the Utica, we have a high quality asset with a low cost structure that provides some of the best returns in the United States, even at today's pricing levels. Our superior firm agreements provide pricing of approximately 90% of our expected Utica gas volumes to premium markets. We also have a robust hedging

program that has locked in a significant portion of expected cash flows during 2015. We believe our operating cash flow plus strong liquidity position entering the year will allow us to fully fund our 2015 program. Despite the commodity price backdrop, Gulfport is well positioned to deliver peer-leading returns while maintaining a strong balance sheet as we continue the development of our Utica Shale position in 2015."

#### **Financial Results**

For the fourth quarter of 2014, Gulfport reported net income of \$110.1 million on oil and natural gas revenues of \$268.0 million, or \$1.28 per diluted share. For the fourth quarter of 2014, EBITDA (as defined below) was \$270.2 million and cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital was \$118.6 million.

For full year 2014, Gulfport reported net income of \$247.4 million on oil and gas revenues of \$670.8 million, or \$2.88 per diluted share. For 2014, EBITDA was \$690.9 million and cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital was \$386.7 million.

Gulfport's 2014 fourth quarter financial results include an aggregate non-cash gain of \$98.1 million due to hedge ineffectiveness. Excluding the impact of the hedge ineffectiveness, oil and natural gas revenues for the fourth quarter of 2014 would have been \$169.9 million. Gulfport's 2014 fourth quarter financial results also include an aggregate loss of \$9.6 million in connection with Gulfport's equity interest in Diamondback Energy, Inc. ("Diamondback"), a NASDAQ Global Select Market listed company, which Gulfport monetized in the fourth quarter of 2014. In addition, Gulfport's 2014 fourth quarter financial results include an aggregate gain of \$84.5 million in connection with the Company's contribution of certain equity investments to Mammoth Energy Partners LP ("Mammoth") and an aggregate loss of \$12.1 million in connection with the impairment of certain of the Company's Thailand assets. Associated with this adjusted taxable income was \$6.4 million of income tax expense. Excluding the effects of these items, adjusted net income for the fourth quarter of 2014 would have been \$10.7 million, or \$0.12 per diluted share.

#### **Production**

For the fourth quarter of 2014, Gulfport's production mix was approximately 74% natural gas and 26% oil and natural gas liquids ("NGLs"). For fourth quarter 2014, Gulfport recorded net production of 26,127,331 Mcf of natural gas, 676,118 barrels of oil and 34,646,345 gallons of (NGL, or 35,133,517 Mcfe.

Gulfport's 2014 fourth quarter realized prices include an aggregate non-cash gain of \$98.1 million due to hedge ineffectiveness. Before the impact of derivatives, realized prices for the fourth quarter of 2014, including transportation costs, were \$67.48 per barrel of oil, \$3.37 per Mcf of natural gas and \$0.87 per gallon of NGL, for a total equivalent of \$4.66 per Mcfe. Before the impact of derivatives, realized prices for the full-year 2014, including transportation costs, were \$89.88 per barrel of oil, \$3.81 per Mcf of natural gas and \$1.09 per gallon of NGL, for a total equivalent of \$6.40 per Mcfe.

Gulfport's full-year 2014 natural gas realized price before the impact of derivatives of \$3.81 per Mcf represents a price realization of approximately 86% of the NYMEX gas settlement prices for the full-year 2014.

# GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION PRODUCTION SCHEDULE

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended December 31,					onths Ended nber 31,		
Production Volumes:		2014		2013		2014		2013
Oil (MBbls)		676.1		674.5	2	2,683.8		2,316.8
Natural gas (MMcf)		6,127.3	4	4,175.1	5	9,318.0		8,891.2
NGL (MGal)		4,646.3		5,851.3	_	6,092.1		3,416.5
Gas equivalent (MMcfe)		5,133.5		9,200.9		7,719.4	2	4,708.8
Gas equivalent (Mcfe per day)	3	381,866	1	00,010	2	240,327		67,695
Average Realized Prices								
(before the impact of derivatives):								
Oil (per Bbl)	\$	67.48	\$	96.35	\$	89.88	\$	104.50
Natural gas (per Mcf)	\$	3.37	\$	3.45	\$	3.81	\$	3.73
NGL (per Gal)	\$	0.87	\$	1.35	\$	1.09	\$	1.27
Gas equivalent (per Mcfe)	\$	4.66	\$	9.64	\$	6.40	\$	11.83
Average Realized Prices:								
(including cash-settlement of derivatives and excluding non-								
cash hedge ineffectiveness):								
Oil (per Bbl)	\$	72.39	\$	90.70	\$	90.01	\$	99.20
Natural gas (per Mcf)	\$	3.48	\$	3.54	\$	3.61	\$	3.77
NGL (per Gal)	\$	0.87	\$	1.35	\$	1.09	\$	1.27
Gas equivalent (per Mcfe)	\$	4.84	\$	9.26	\$	6.27	\$	11.35
Average Realized Prices:								
Oil (per Bbl)	\$	70.59	\$	84.62	\$	92.18	\$	96.74
Natural gas (per Mcf)	\$	7.28	\$	0.48	\$	5.55	\$	2.36
NGL (per Gal)	\$	0.87	\$	1.35	\$	1.09	\$	1.27
Gas equivalent (per Mcfe)	\$	7.63	\$	7.43	\$	7.65	\$	10.61

Subsequent to the fourth quarter of 2014, net production for the month of January 2015 averaged approximately 376.2 MMcfepd. For the period February 1, 2015 through February 24, 2015, production averaged approximately 395.1 Mcfepd. Gulfport's January and February 2015 production has been adversely impacted by downtime as a result of winter weather conditions. Gulfport currently estimates that first quarter 2015 production will range from 378 MMcfepd to 390 MMcfepd.

#### **Derivatives**

Gulfport continues to hedge a significant portion of its expected production to lock in prices and returns that provide certainty of cash flow to execute on its capital plans. "The addition of hedges to our portfolio has increased our total hedged amount during 2015, locking in approximately 60% of our anticipated 2015 natural gas production at an attractive NYMEX price of \$4.03 per MMBtu," explained Mr. Moore. The table below sets forth the Company's hedging positions as of February 24, 2015.

# GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION COMMODITY DERIVATIVES - HEDGE POSITION AS OF FEBRUARY 24, 2015 (Unaudited)

	1Q2015	2Q2015	3Q2015	4Q2015
Natural gas (NYMEX):				
Swap contracts				
Volume (BBtupd)	191	198	227	263
Price (\$ per MMbtu)	\$ 4.12	\$ 4.05	\$ 4.02	\$ 3.96
Oil (LLS):				
Swap contracts				
Volume (Bblpd)	344	1,000	1,000	1,000
Price (\$ per Bbl)	\$62.25	\$62.25	\$62.25	\$62.25
Michcon Basis:				
Basis Swap Contract				
Volume (BBtupd)	14	40	40	40
Differential (\$ per MMBtu)	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02
	2015	2016	2017	2018
Natural gas (NYMEX):	2015	2016	2017	2018
Natural gas (NYMEX): Swap contracts	2015	2016	2017	2018
Swap contracts Volume (BBtupd)	<u>2015</u> 220	198	<u>2017</u>	30
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## Year-End 2014 Financial Position and Liquidity

The Bank of Nova Scotia, as Sole Lead Arranger and Administrative Agent of our credit facility, as part of the regular Spring 2015 borrowing base redetermination process, will be recommending to the lending syndicate an increase of the borrowing base from \$450 million to \$575 million. We expect final approval and implementation of the borrowing base increase to be completed within the next 30 to 45 days by the lending syndicate. On December 31, 2014, the Company had \$100 million outstanding under the revolving credit facility and \$43.6 million in letters of credit had been issued, leaving \$306.4

million of availability. Pro forma for the proposed increase to the Company's borrowing base, the Company would have had \$431.4 million of availability under its revolving credit facility. In addition, at December 31, 2014, the Company had cash on hand of approximately \$142.3 million.

#### Operational Update and 2015 Outlook

#### Utica Shale

In the Utica Shale, Gulfport spud 85 gross (67.2 net) wells and turned-to-sales 63 gross (47.4 net) wells during 2014. During the fourth quarter, net production from Gulfport's Utica acreage averaged approximately 353.4 MMcfepd, an increase of 450% over the fourth quarter of 2013. "Our Utica Shale production for the fourth quarter of 2014 increased 55% sequentially over the third quarter of 2014, driven by the strong well performance of the 22 gross wells that were turned-to-sales during the quarter. We continue to be pleased with the results of our managed pressure program, and during the fourth quarter of 2014 we turned-to-sales our first four well pad in the dry gas phase window of play under the program. While we continue to monitor the data, the wells are performing in line with expectations," stated Mr. Moore.

At present, Gulfport has four operated horizontal rigs drilling in the play but plans to release one of these rigs by the end of the first quarter. During 2015, Gulfport has budgeted \$400 million to \$430 million to drill approximately 46 to 52 gross (28 to 32 net) horizontal wells and turn-to-sales 49 to 53 gross (42 to 46 net) horizontal wells in the Utica. In addition, Gulfport anticipates spending \$125 million to \$140 million on non-operated activities taking place on its acreage by other operators who plan to drill approximately 11 to 16 gross (4 to 6 net) horizontal wells and turn-to-sales 50 to 64 gross (7 to 9 net) horizontal wells. Mr. Moore commented, "During 2015, we currently expect all Utica Shale drilling activities to take place in the wet gas and dry gas phase windows, the highest rate of return areas of the play. We continue to see improvements on the ground and as a result of operating efficiencies and the service cost reductions we have received to date, we currently expect approximately 15% lower well costs during 2015."

Today, the Company currently has approximately 188,000 gross (184,000 net) acres under lease in the Utica Shale.

#### Canadian Oil Sands

In the Canadian Oil Sands, Grizzly produced approximately 1,400 barrels of bitumen per day at its Algar Lake SAGD project during the fourth quarter of 2014. Production during the fourth quarter was lower than anticipated due to a steam plant turnaround requiring more time than expected. Grizzly anticipates the first phase of this facility to reach its peak production potential of approximately 6,000 barrels of bitumen per day in the fourth quarter of 2015.

#### Southern Louisiana

At its West Cote Blanche Bay and Hackberry fields, Gulfport spud 45 wells during 2014, completing 37 wells as productive with three waiting on recompletion at the end of the year. Five wells were nonproductive. In addition, Gulfport performed 161 recompletions at the fields. During the fourth quarter, net production at the fields totaled approximately 4,559 Boepd.

During 2015, Gulfport has budgeted \$20 million to \$25 million for maintenance capital expenditures and recompletions at the fields.

#### 2015 Capital Budget and Production Guidance

Gulfport estimates capital E&P expenditures to be in the range of \$545 million to \$595 million, with approximately 96% allocated to its activity in the Utica Shale. Additionally, Gulfport anticipates spending approximately \$85 million to \$95 million on leasehold acquisitions in the Utica Shale during 2015, with its efforts primarily focused on bolt-on acquisitions to existing units included in its long-term development plans. "We are focused on preserving our strong balance sheet metrics and intend to fund our 2015 activities from within cash flow and current sources of liquidity. To do so, we intend to allocate capital predominantly to drilling and completion activity in the wet and dry gas windows of the Utica Shale while limiting leasehold acquisition, non-operated activity and non-core asset spending," stated Mr. Moore.

The Company estimates that 2015 average daily production will be in the range of 432 MMcfe per day to 480 MMcfe per day, an increase of 80% to 100% over its 2014 average daily production. Production is expected to be 75% to 85% natural gas. Mr. Moore commented, "The goal is simple – deliver attractive returns in today's commodity price environment and exit the year with strong fourth quarter 2015 results as compared to fourth quarter 2014, while protecting balance sheet strength and preserving financial flexibility."

Gulfport estimates that its realized natural gas price, before the effect of hedges and inclusive of the Company's firm transportation expense, will be approximately \$0.52 to \$0.58 per MMBtu below NYMEX settlement prices in 2015. Before the effect of hedges, the Company estimates that its 2015 realized NGL price will be 45% to 50% of WTI and its 2015 realized oil price will be approximately \$10.00 per barrel below WTI.

The table below summarizes the Company's full-year 2015 guidance:

# GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION COMPANY GUIDANCE

	Year Ending 12/31/2015		
	Low	High	
Forecasted Production			
Average Daily Gas Equivalent (Mmcfepd)	432	480	
% Gas	75%	85%	
% Liquids	25%	15%	
Forecasted Realizations (before the effects of hedges)			
Natural Gas (Differential to NYMEX) - \$/MMBtu	\$(0.52)	\$(0.58)	
NGL (% of NYMEX WTI)	50%	45%	
Oil (Differential to NYMEX WTI) - \$/Bbl	(\$10.	.00)	
Projected Cash Operating Costs			
Lease Operating Expense - \$/Mcfe	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.32	
Midstream Processing and Marketing - \$/Mcfe	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.77	
Production Taxes - % of Revenue	3.5%	3%	
General and Administrative - \$MM	\$ 52	\$ 56	
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization - \$/Mcfe	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.00	
	Tota	al	
Budgeted Capital Expenditures - In Millions:			
Utica - Operated	\$ 400	\$ 430	
Utica - Non-Operated	\$ 125	\$ 140	
Southern Louisiana	<u>\$ 20</u>	<u>\$ 25</u>	
Total Budgeted E&P Capital Expenditures	\$ 545	\$ 595	
Budgeted Leasehold Expenditures - In Millions:	\$ 85	\$ 95	
Net Wells Drilled			
Utica - Operated	28	32	
Utica - Non-Operated	4	6	
Total	32	38	
Net Wells Turned-to-Sales			
Utica - Operated	42	46	
Utica - Non-Operated	7	9	
Total	49	55	

### Firm Transportation & Commitments Update

Gulfport currently has executed agreements to transport and/or sell 787 BBtu per day of the Company's gross Utica Shale gas production by year-end 2015, with the expected project online dates aligning with the Company's anticipated 2015 growth profile. Mr. Moore comments, "We were an early mover in securing firm commitments to price our products at attractive markets, which has served to be key during this commodity environment. During 2015, we estimate approximately 90% of Gulfport's expected Utica gas production is being sold at premium pricing points at a projected cost of \$0.59 per MMbtu. We believe our firm agreements, combined with our active hedging program, will provide us attractive realizations on our Utica Shale natural gas production."

## **Mammoth Contribution**

During the fourth quarter of 2014, Gulfport contributed its investments in Stingray Pressure Pumping LLC, Stingray Logistics LLC, Bison Drilling and Field Services LLC and Muskie Proppant LLC to Mammoth, in exchange for a 30.5% limited partner interest

in this newly formed limited partnership. Gulfport's fourth quarter 2014 and full-year 2014 financial statements include a non-cash gain of \$84.5 million recognized from their contribution of these investments to Mammoth. Mammoth has filed a registration statement on Form S-1 with the SEC in connection with a contemplated initial public offering, which it intends to pursue in 2015 subject to market conditions.

#### **Thailand Asset Impairment**

In the fourth quarter of 2014, the Company reviewed its investment in Tatex III and made the decision to allow the concession to expire in 2015. As such, the Company fully impaired the asset which resulted in a loss of \$12.1 million, effectively writing the investment to zero, which is reflected in fourth quarter 2014 financial results. The Company continues to hold its investment in Tatex II. While the investment in Tatex II has a carrying value of zero as the investment has paid out, the Company continues to receive periodic distributions from Tatex II and expects to continue to receive distributions in the future.

#### Presentation

An updated presentation has been posted to the Company's website. The presentation can be found at www.gulfportenergy.com under the "Webcasts & Presentations" section on the "Investor Relations" page. Information on the Company's website does not constitute a portion of this press release.

#### **Conference Call**

Gulfport will hold a conference call on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. CST to discuss its fourth quarter and full-year 2014 financial and operational results and to provide an update on the Company's recent activities.

Interested parties may listen to the call via Gulfport's website at www.gulfportenergy.com or by calling toll-free at 877-291-1287 or 973-409-9250 for international callers. The passcode for the call is 60445680. A replay of the call will be available for two weeks at 855-859-2056 or 404-537-3406 for international callers. The replay passcode is 60445680. The webcast will be archived on the Company's website and can be accessed on the Company's "Investor Relations" page.

#### **About Gulfport**

Gulfport Energy Corporation is an Oklahoma City-based independent oil and natural gas exploration and production company with its principal producing properties located in the Utica Shale of Eastern Ohio and along the Louisiana Gulf Coast. In addition, Gulfport holds a sizeable acreage position in the Alberta Oil Sands in Canada through its 25% interest in Grizzly Oil Sands ULC.

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

This press release includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this press release that address

activities, events or developments that Gulfport expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future, future capital expenditures (including the amount and nature thereof), business strategy and measures to implement strategy, competitive strength, goals, expansion and growth of Gulfport's business and operations, plans, market conditions, references to future success, reference to intentions as to future matters and other such matters are forward-looking statements. These statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by Gulfport in light of its experience and its perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments as well as other factors it believes are appropriate in the circumstances. However, whether actual results and developments will conform with Gulfport's expectations and predictions is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, general economic, market, credit or business conditions; the opportunities (or lack thereof) that may be presented to and pursued by Gulfport; competitive actions by other oil and gas companies; changes in laws or regulations; and other factors, many of which are beyond the control of Gulfport. Information concerning these and other factors can be found in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K. Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements made in this news release are qualified by these cautionary statements and there can be no assurances that the actual results or developments anticipated by Gulfport will be realized, or even if realized, that they will have the expected consequences to or effects on Gulfport, its business or operations. Gulfport has no intention, and disclaims any obligation, to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future results or otherwise.

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure equal to net income, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, plus interest expense, income tax expense, accretion expense and depreciation, depletion and amortization. Cash flow from operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities is a non-GAAP financial measure equal to cash provided by operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities. Adjusted net income available is a non-GAAP financial measure equal to pre-tax net income less gain from hedge ineffectiveness and gain from contribution of equity investments to Mammoth and income (loss) in connection with Gulfport's equity interest in Diamondback, plus loss on Thailand asset impairment. The Company has presented EBITDA because it uses EBITDA as an integral part of its internal reporting to measure its performance and to evaluate the performance of its senior management. EBITDA is considered an important indicator of the operational strength of the Company's business. EBITDA eliminates the uneven effect of considerable amounts of non-cash depletion, depreciation of tangible assets and amortization of certain intangible assets. A limitation of this measure, however, is that it does not reflect the periodic costs of certain capitalized tangible and intangible assets used in generating revenues in the Company's business. Management evaluates the costs of such tangible and intangible assets and the impact of related impairments through other financial measures, such as capital expenditures, investment spending and return on capital. Therefore, the Company believes that EBITDA provides useful information to its investors regarding its performance and overall results of operations. EBITDA, adjusted net income, and cash flow from operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities are not intended to be performance measures that should be regarded as an alternative to, or more meaningful than, either net income as an indicator of operating performance or to cash flows from operating activities as a measure of liquidity. In addition, EBITDA, adjusted

net income and cash flow from operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities are not intended to represent funds available for dividends, reinvestment or other discretionary uses, and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. The EBITDA, adjusted net income and cash flow from operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities presented in this press release may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies, and may not be identical to corresponding measures used in the Company's various agreements.

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## GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

# (Unaudited)

	Th	Three Months Ended December 31,			T	Twelve Months Ended December 31,				
		2014		2013		2014		2013		
	(I	n thousands, e	xpect s	share data)	(	In thousands, e	xpect s	share data)		
Revenues:										
Oil and condensate sales	\$	47,730	\$	57,078	\$	247,381	\$	224,129		
Gas sales		190,215		2,001		329,254		21,015		
Natural gas liquids sales		30,073		9,253		94,127		17,081		
Other income (expense)		(321)		(265)		504		528		
		267,697		68,067		671,266		262,753		
Costs and expenses:										
Lease operating expenses		15,999		8,356		52,191		26,703		
Production taxes		5,235		6,552		24,006		26,933		
Midstream gathering and processing		27,204		5,090		64,467		11,030		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		80,151		37,066		265,431		118,880		
General and administrative		9,458		7,948		38,290		22,519		
Accretion expense		192		188		761		717		
(Gain) loss on sale of assets				(59)		(11)		508		
		138,239		65,141		445,135		207,290		
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS:		129,458		2,926		226,131		55,463		
OTHER (INCOME) EXPENSE:										
Interest expense		11,993		8,125		23,986		17,490		
Interest income		(28)		(86)		(195)		(297)		
Litigation settlement		_		_		25,500		_		
Gain on contribution of investments		(84,470)		<del>_</del>		(84,470)		_		
Loss (Income) from equity method investments		24,133		(50,418)	-	(139,434)		(213,058)		
		(48,372)		(42,379)		(174,613)		(195,865)		
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES		177,830		45,305		400,744		251,328		
INCOME TAX EXPENSE		67,757		21,027		153,341		98,136		
NET INCOME	\$	110,073	\$	24,278	\$	247,403	\$	153,192		
NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE:										
Basic net income per share	\$	1.29	\$	0.30	\$	2.90	\$	1.98		
Diluted net income per share	\$	1.28	\$	0.30	\$	2.88	\$	1.97		
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Basic weighted average shares outstanding		35,565,644		81,591,287		85,445,963		77,375,683		
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	8	35,996,137		82,030,579		85,813,182		77,861,646		

# GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION RECONCILIATION OF EBITDA AND CASH FLOW

(Unaudited)

	T	Three Months Ended December 31,				Twelve Months Ended December 31,			
	2014			2013		2014		2013	
		(In tho	usands)			(In tho	usands)		
Net Income	\$	110,073	\$	24,278	\$	247,403	\$	153,192	
Interest expense		11,993		8,125		23,986		17,490	
Income tax expense		67,757		21,027		153,341		98,136	
Accretion expense		192		188		761		717	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		80,151		37,066		265,431		118,880	
EBITDA	\$	270,166	\$	90,684	\$	690,922	\$	388,415	
	T	hree Months En	ded Dece	mber 31,	T	welve Months E	nded Dec	ember 31,	
		2014		2013		2014		2013	
		(In tho	usands)			(In tho	usands)		
Cash provided by operating activity	\$	123,498	\$	50,035	\$	409,873	\$	191,065	
Adjustments:									
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		(4,934)		(10,378)		(23,128)		(20,269)	
Operating Cash Flow	\$	118,564	\$	39,657	\$	386,745	\$	170,796	

# GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED NET INCOME (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)
Pre-tax net income	\$ 177,830
Adjustments:	
Gain from hedge ineffectiveness	(98,099)
Diamondback loss on equity investment	9,646
Mammoth gain on contribution of equity investment	(84,470)
Thailand asset impairment	12,148
Pre-tax net income excluding adjustments	<u>\$</u> 17,055
Tax expense excluding adjustments	6,401
Adjusted net income	\$ 10,654
Adjusted net income per common share:	
Basic	\$ 0.12
Diluted	\$ 0.12
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	85,565,644
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	85,996,137

# GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

	Ty	Twelve Months Ended De		
		2014 (In thou	icon d	2013
Assets		(III tilot	isanus	o)
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	142,340	\$	458,956
Accounts receivable - oil and gas	Ψ	103,858	Ψ	58,824
Accounts receivable - related parties		46		2,617
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		3,714		2,581
Deferred tax asset		5,711		6,927
Short-term derivative instruments		78,391		324
Note receivable - related party		70,371		875
Note receivable - related party				675
Total current assets		328,349		531,104
Property and equipment:				
Oil and natural gas properties, full-cost accounting, \$1,465,538 and \$1,020,835 excluded from amortization in 2014 and 2013, respectively		3,923,154		2,477,178
Other property and equipment		18,344		11,131
Accumulated depletion, depreciation, amortization and impairment		(1,050,879)		(784,717)
Property and equipment, net		2,890,619		1,703,592
Equity investments		369,581		440,068
Derivative instruments		24,448		521
Other assets		19,396		17,851
Other assets		19,390		17,031
Total other assets		413,425		458,440
Total assets	\$	3,632,393	\$	2,693,136
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	371,410	\$	190,707
Asset retirement obligation - current		75		795
Short-term derivative instruments		_		12,280
Deferred tax liability		27,070		
Current maturities of long-term debt		168		159
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Total current liabilities		398,723		203,941
Long-term derivative instruments		_		11,366
Asset retirement obligation - long-term		17,863		14,288
Deferred tax liability		203,195		114,275
Long-term debt, net of current maturities		716,316		299,028
Total liabilities		1,336,097		642,898
Commitments and contingencies		_		_
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value; 5,000,000 authorized, 30,000 authorized as redeemable 12% cumulative preferred stock, Series A; 0 issued and outstanding		_		_
Stockholders' equity:				
Common stock - \$.01 par value, 200,000,000 authorized, 85,655,438 issued and outstanding in		957		051
2014 and 85,177,532 in 2013		856 1,828,602		851
Paid-in capital				1,813,058
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(26,675)		(9,781)
Retained earnings		493,513		246,110
Total stockholders' equity		2,296,296		2,050,238
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	3,632,393	\$	2,693,136



#### Press Release

#### Gulfport Energy Corporation Reports 305% Increase in Total Proved Reserves to 933.6 Bcfe

**OKLAHOMA CITY** (February 25, 2015) Gulfport Energy Corporation (NASDAQ: GPOR) ("Gulfport" or the "Company") today reported year-end 2014 proved reserves of 933.6 Bcfe, an increase of 305% over year-end 2013. Key highlights include:

- Year-end 2014 total proved reserves of 933.6 Bcfe, as compared to 230.6 Bcfe in 2013, an increase of 305% year-over-year.
- Year-end 2014 total proved developed reserves of 453.8 Bcfe, as compared to 149.4 Bcfe in 2013, an increase of 204% year-over-year.
- Proved reserves by volume were 77% natural gas and 23% oil and natural gas liquids.
- Increased proved PV-10 value to \$1.8 billion at December 31, 2014.

"I am extremely pleased with our reserve growth during 2014. We increased total proved reserves 305% year-over-year and these outstanding results speak to the quality of the assets we have in our portfolio. With our existing acreage position in the core of the Utica Shale, Gulfport is well positioned to continue to achieve strong reserve growth for years to come," said Michael G. Moore, Chief Executive Officer and President.

#### Year-End 2014 Reserves

Gulfport reported year-end 2014 total proved reserves of 933.6 Bcfe, consisting of 719.0 Bcf of natural gas, 9.5 MMBbl of oil, and 26.3 MMBbl of natural gas liquids. Gulfport's year-end total proved reserves increased 305% over year-end 2013. The table below provides information regarding the components driving the 2014 reserve increase:

# GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION DECEMBER 31, 2014 PROVED RESERVE RECONCILIATION (Unaudited)

	Gas Equivalent BCFE
Proved Reserve balance at December 31, 2013	230.6
Purchases in oil and gas reserves in place	12.0
Extensions and discoveries	794.6
Revisions of prior reserve estimates	(15.8)
Current production	(87.7)
Proved Reserve balance at December 31, 2014	933.6

Proved developed reserves increased by 204% over 2013 to approximately 453.8 Bcfe, as of December 31, 2014. At year-end 2014, approximately 49% of Gulfport's proved reserves were classified as proved developed reserves. Proved undeveloped reserves increased by 491% over 2013 to approximately 479.8 Bcfe, as of December 31, 2014. The table below summarize the Company's 2014 reserves:

## GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION DECEMBER 31, 2014 NET RESERVES (Unaudited)

	Oil <u>MMBBL</u>	Natural Gas BCF	Natural Gas Liquids MMBBL	Gas Equivalent BCFE
Proved Developed Producing	3.5	344.1	12.4	439.4
Proved Developed Non-Producing	2.2	1.1	<del></del>	14.4
Proved Undeveloped	3.8	373.8	13.9	479.8
<b>Total Proved Reserves</b>	9.5	719.0	26.3	933.6
Probable Reserves	9.1	260.4	5.7	349.6
<b>Total Proved and Probable Reserves</b>	18.6	979.4	32.0	1,283.2

The following table presents Gulfport's 2014 total proved reserves by major operating areas:

# GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION DECEMBER 31, 2014 NET PROVED RESERVES BY ASSET AREA (Unaudited)

	2014 <u>BCFE</u>
Utica	907.0
Southern Louisiana	24.9
Other	<u>1.7</u>
<b>Total Proved Reserves</b>	933.6

In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") guidelines ("SEC Case"), at year-end 2014, reserve calculations were based on the average first day of the month price for the prior 12 months. The prices utilized for Gulfport's year-end 2014 reserve report were \$94.99 per barrel of oil and \$4.35 per MMBtu of natural gas, in each case as adjusted by lease for transportation fees and regional price differentials. Utilizing these prices, the present value of Gulfport's total proved reserves discounted at 10% (referred to as "PV-10") was \$1.8 billion at December 31, 2014. The PV-10 value of our total proved and probable reserves was \$2.4 billion at December 31, 2014. PV-10 is a non-GAAP measure because it excludes income tax effects. Management believes that the presentation of the non-GAAP financial measure of PV-10 provides useful information to investors because it is widely used by professional analysts and sophisticated investors in evaluating oil and gas companies. PV-10 is not a measure of financial or operating performance under GAAP. PV-10 should not be considered as an alternative to the standardized measure as defined under GAAP. We have included a reconciliation of PV-10 of proved reserves to the most directly comparable GAAP measure-standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows. With respect to the pre-tax PV-10 amounts for probable reserves, there does not exist any directly comparable GAAP measure, and such amount does not purport to present the fair value of Gulfport's probable reserves.

# GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION DECEMBER 31, 2014 PV-10 (Unaudited)

	SEC Case (\$MM)
Proved Developed Producing	\$ 1,154
Proved Developed Non-Producing	\$ 82
Proved Undeveloped	<u>\$ 605</u>
Total Proved Reserves	\$ 1,841
Probable Reserves	<u>\$ 578</u>
Total Proved and Probable Reserves	\$ 2,419

The following table reconciles the standardized measure of future net cash flows to the PV-10 value of Gulfport's proved reserves:

# GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION DECEMBER 31, 2014 PV-10 RECONCILIATION (Unaudited)

	SEC Case (\$MM)
Standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows (1) Add: Present value of future income tax discounted at 10%	\$ 1,427 \$ 414
PV-10 value	\$ 1,841

<sup>1</sup> The standardized measure represents the present value of estimated future cash inflows from proved oil and natural gas reserves, less future development, abandonment, production, and income tax expenses, discounted at 10% per annum to reflect timing of uture cash flows and using the same pricing assumptions as were used to calculate PV-10. Standardized measure differs from PV-10 because standardized measure includes the effect of future income taxes.

### **About Gulfport**

Gulfport Energy Corporation is an Oklahoma City-based independent oil and natural gas exploration and production company with its principal producing properties located in the Utica Shale of Eastern Ohio and along the Louisiana Gulf Coast. In addition, Gulfport holds a sizeable acreage position in the Alberta Oil Sands in Canada through its 25% interest in Grizzly Oil Sands ULC.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

This press release includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this press release that address activities, events or developments that Gulfport expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future, future capital expenditures (including the amount and nature thereof), business strategy and measures to implement strategy, competitive strength, goals, expansion and growth of Gulfport's business and operations, plans, market conditions, references to future success, reference to intentions as to future matters and

other such matters are forward-looking statements. These statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by Gulfport in light of its experience and its perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments as well as other factors it believes are appropriate in the circumstances. However, whether actual results and developments will conform with Gulfport's expectations and predictions is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, general economic, market, credit or business conditions; the opportunities (or lack thereof) that may be presented to and pursued by Gulfport; competitive actions by other oil and gas companies; changes in laws or regulations; and other factors, many of which are beyond the control of Gulfport. Information concerning these and other factors can be found in the Company's filings with the SEC, including its Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K. Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements made in this news release are qualified by these cautionary statements and there can be no assurances that the actual results or developments anticipated by Gulfport will be realized, or even if realized, that they will have the expected consequences to or effects on Gulfport, its business or operations. Gulfport has no intention, and disclaims any obligation, to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future results or otherwise.

#### **General Reserve Information Notes:**

Prior to 2010, the SEC generally permitted oil and gas companies, in their filings, to disclose only proved reserves that a company has demonstrated by actual production or conclusive formation tests to be economically and legally producible under existing economic and operating conditions. Beginning with year-end reserves for 2009, the SEC permits the optional disclosure of probable and possible reserves that meet the SEC definitions of such terms. The SEC defines "probable reserves" as those additional reserves that are less certain to be recovered than proved reserves but which, in sum with proved reserves, are as likely as not to be recovered. The SEC defines "possible reserves" as those additional reserves that are less certain to be recovered than probable reserves.

In this press release, Gulfport provides disclosure with respect to its probable reserves as of December 31, 2014. However, it its filings with the SEC, Gulfport discloses only estimated proved reserves. Gulfport's estimated proved reserves as of December 31, 2014 were prepared by Ryder Scott Company, L.P. ("Ryder Scott") with respect to Gulfport's assets in the Utica Shale in Eastern Ohio (97% of its proved reserves at December 31, 2014), by Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc. ("NSAI") with respect to Gulfport's WCBB, Hackberry and Niobrara fields (3% of its proved reserves at December 31, 2014) and by Gulfport's personnel with respect to its overriding royalty and non-operated interests (less than 1% of its proved reserves at December 31, 2014), and comply with definitions promulgated by the SEC. Each of Ryder Scott and NSAI is an independent petroleum engineering firm. In this press release, we may use the terms "unrisked resource potential," "unrisked resource," "contingent resource," or "EUR," or other descriptions of volumes of hydrocarbons to describe volumes of resources potentially recoverable through additional drilling or recovery techniques that the SEC's guidelines prohibit it from including in filings with the SEC. "Unrisked resource potential," "unrisked resource," "contingent resource," or "EUR," do not reflect volumes that are demonstrated as being commercially or technically recoverable. Even if commercially or technically recoverable, a significant recovery factor would be applied to these volumes to determine estimates of volumes of proved reserves. Accordingly, these estimates are by their nature more speculative than

estimates of proved reserves and accordingly are subject to substantially greater risk of being actually realized by the Company. The methodology for "unrisked resource potential," "unrisked resource," "contingent resource," or "EUR," may also be different than the methodology and guidelines used by the Society of Petroleum Engineers and is different from the SEC's guidelines for estimating probable and possible reserves.

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