



# News Release

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**CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION ANNOUNCES PRICING OF OFFER  
TO EXCHANGE COMMON STOCK FOR 5.00% CUMULATIVE  
CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, MAY 31, 2006 – Chesapeake Energy Corporation (NYSE:CHK) today announced the pricing for its offer to exchange shares of its common stock for each outstanding share of its 5.00% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (Series 2003) (NYSE:CHKPrB, the “Preferred Stock”) (CUSIP No. 165167800).

Chesapeake is offering to exchange 6.1847 shares of its common stock for each share of the outstanding Preferred Stock tendered in the exchange offer. The number of shares of common stock to be exchanged for each share of Preferred Stock (the “Exchange Ratio”) was fixed after 5:00 p.m. New York City time on Tuesday, May 30, 2006 (the “Pricing Date”), on the basis of the pricing formula set forth herein. The Exchange Ratio is equal to the sum of (i) 6.0962 shares of common stock, the number of shares into which the Preferred Stock is presently convertible, and (ii) a number of additional shares of common stock equal to \$2.64 divided by \$29.84, which is the arithmetic daily volume-weighted average price of our common stock over the eleven-day trading period beginning on May 15, 2006, and ending on the Pricing Date. The exchange offer is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions.

The exchange offer will expire at 5:00 p.m. New York City time on Thursday, June 1, 2006, unless extended or earlier terminated by Chesapeake. Holders may withdraw tendered shares of Preferred Stock at any time before the exchange offer expires, or if not previously returned, a holder may withdraw any tendered shares of Preferred Stock that are not accepted by Chesapeake on or before June 29, 2006. The tender and withdrawal of shares of Preferred Stock pursuant to the offer to exchange held in "street" name are subject to compliance with the appropriate procedures of the

automated tender offer procedures, or ATOP, system of The Depository Trust Company.

The exchange offer is being made pursuant to an offer to exchange and related letter of transmittal, copies of which may be obtained without charge from the information agent for the exchange offer, Global Bondholder Services Corporation, who may be reached at 866-924-2200 (US toll-free) and 212-430-3774 (collect). The offer to exchange and other related documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Schedule TO may be obtained for free at the Commission's web site, <http://www.sec.gov>.

Holders of Preferred Stock are urged to read the offer to exchange and related letter of transmittal as they include important information.

The securities offered have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. This press release is not an offer to purchase or an offer to exchange or a solicitation of acceptance of the offers to purchase or offer to exchange, which may be made only pursuant to the terms of the applicable offer to purchase or offer to exchange and related letters of transmittal.

*Chesapeake Energy Corporation is the second largest independent producer of natural gas in the U.S. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, the company's operations are focused on exploratory and developmental drilling and corporate and property acquisitions in the Mid-Continent, Permian Basin, South Texas, Texas Gulf Coast, Barnett Shale, Ark-La-Tex and Appalachian Basin regions of the United States. The company's Internet address is [www.chkenergy.com](http://www.chkenergy.com).*