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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

LOCKHEED MARTIN CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

52-1893632

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

6801 Rockledge Drive

Bethesda, Maryland 20817

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Lockheed Martin Corporation Salaried Savings Plan,

Lockheed Martin Corporation Performance Sharing Plan for Bargaining Employees,

Lockheed Martin Corporation Hourly Employee Savings Plan Plus,

Lockheed Martin Corporation Operations Support Savings Plan,

Lockheed Martin Corporation Retirement Savings Plan for Salaried Employees,

Lockheed Martin Corporation Supplemental Savings Plan,

Lockheed Martin Corporation Performance Sharing Plan for Puerto Rico Employees,

Sandia Corporation Savings and Income Plan, and

Sandia Corporation Savings and Security Plan (collectively, the Plans)

(Full Title of each Plan)

David A. Dedman, Esquire

Vice President and Associate General Counsel

Lockheed Martin Corporation

6801 Rockledge Drive

Bethesda, Maryland 20817

(Name and address of agent for service)

(301) 897-6000

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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 (Check one):	large accelerated filer,	accelerated filer	and	smaller reporting company	in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer "

Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company "

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

		Proposed		
		Maximum	Proposed	Amount of
		Offering Price	Maximum	registration
Title of Each Class of Securities To Be registered	Amount to Be Registered (1)	Per Share (1)	Aggregate Offering Price (1)	fee (1)
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Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share(2)	40,000,000	\$70.39	\$2,815,600,000	\$157,111
Deferred Compensation Obligations (3)	\$125,000,000	100%	\$125,000,000	\$6,975

- (1) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(h) based on the average of the high and low prices reported on the New York Stock Exchange as of October 21, 2009.
- (2) The shares of common stock being registered are to be issued pursuant to the Plans named above. Pursuant to Rule 416((c), this registration statement also is deemed to register an indeterminate amount of interests in the Plans.
- (3) The Deferred Compensation Obligations are unsecured obligations of Lockheed Martin Corporation to pay deferred compensation in accordance with the terms of the Plans.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The documents containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to employees eligible to participate in the Plans as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). In accordance with the instructions of Part I of Form S-8, such documents will not be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 of the Securities Act. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation Of Documents By Reference.

The following documents filed with the Commission are incorporated herein by reference:

Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008;

Registrant s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 29, 2009, June 28, 2009, and September 27, 2009:

Registrant s Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 22, 2009, January 28, 2009, April 21, 2009, April 27, 2009, July 21, 2009, August 4, 2009, September 24, 2009, October 20, 2009, and October 28, 2009 (except that the portions thereof which are furnished and not filed shall not be deemed incorporated);

the description of Registrant s common stock, \$1.00 par value per share, contained in Registrant s Registration Statement on Form 8-B, filed on March 6, 1995 pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)(as amended on Form 8-B/A filed on March 9, 1995), and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description;

Form 11-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 for the following Plans, but only to the extent applicable to each plan: Lockheed Martin Corporation Salaried Savings Plan;

Lockheed Martin Corporation Performance Sharing Plan for Bargaining Employees;

Lockheed Martin Corporation Hourly Employee Savings Plan Plus;

Lockheed Martin Corporation Operations Support Savings Plan;

Lockheed Martin Corporation Retirement Savings Plan for Salaried Employees;

Lockheed Martin Corporation Performance Sharing Plan for Puerto Rico Employees;

Sandia Corporation Savings and Income Plan; and

Sandia Corporation Savings and Security Plan

In addition, any and all documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the withdrawal (if any) of the Registration Statement shall, to the extent required by law, be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof (except that any portions thereof which are furnished and not filed shall not be deemed incorporated).

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

The Opinion of Counsel as to the legality of the securities being registered (constituting Exhibit 5) has been rendered by counsel who is a full-time employee of the Registrant and who participates in the Lockheed Martin Corporation Salaried Savings Plan and the Lockheed Martin Corporation Supplemental Savings Plan.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The Maryland General Corporation Law authorizes Maryland corporations to limit the liability of directors and officers to the corporation or its stockholders for money damages, except (a) to the extent that it is proved that the person actually received an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services, for the amount of the benefit or profit in money, property or services actually received, (b) to the extent that a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the person is entered in a proceeding based on a finding that the person s action or failure to act was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and was material to the cause of action adjudicated in the proceeding or (c) in respect of certain other actions not applicable to the Registrant. Under the Maryland General Corporation Law, unless limited by charter, indemnification is mandatory if a director or an officer has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any proceeding by reason of his or her service as a director unless such indemnification is not otherwise permitted as described in the following sentence. Indemnification is permissive unless it is established that (a) the act or omission of the individual was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and was committed in bad faith or was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, (b) the individual actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services or (c) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director had reasonable cause to believe his or her act or omission was unlawful. In addition to the foregoing, a court of appropriate jurisdiction may, under certain circumstances, order indemnification if it determines that the director or officer is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification in view of all the relevant circumstances, whether or not the director or officer has met the standards of conduct set forth in the preceding sentence or has been adjudged liable on the basis that a personal benefit was improperly received in a proceeding charging improper personal benefit to the director or officer. If the proceeding was an action by or in the right of the corporation or involved a determination that the director or officer received an improper personal benefit, however, no indemnification may be made if the individual is adjudged liable to the corporation, except to the extent of expenses approved by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Article XI of the Charter of the Registrant limits the liability of directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the Maryland General Corporation Law. Article XI of the Charter of the Registrant also authorizes the Registrant to adopt bylaws or resolutions to provide for the indemnification of directors and officers. Article VI of the Bylaws of the Registrant provides for the indemnification of the Registrant s directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the Maryland General Corporation Law. In addition, the Registrant s directors and officers are covered by certain insurance policies maintained by the Registrant.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

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5	Opinion of David A. Dedman, Esquire
15	Acknowledgement of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
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The Registrant undertakes that it will submit or has submitted each of the Plans which are subject to ERISA and qualification under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code and any amendment thereto to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in a timely manner and has made or will make all changes required by the IRS in order to qualify such plans, to the extent required.

Item 9. Undertakings.

- (a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:
- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:
- (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement:
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the Registration Statement is on Form S-3 or Form S-8, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from the registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

- (b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant s annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan s annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

The Registrant. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Bethesda, State of Maryland, on this 28th day of October, 2009.

LOCKHEED MARTIN CORPORATION

By: /s/ David A. Dedman

David A. Dedman

Vice President and Associate General Counsel

The Plans. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the trustees (or other persons who administer the Plan) have duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Bethesda, State of Maryland, on this 28th day of October, 2009.

Lockheed Martin Corporation Salaried Savings Plan

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Lockheed Martin Corporation Hourly Employee Savings Plan Plus

Lockheed Martin Corporation Operations Support Savings Plan

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By: /s/ STEPHEN W. BRINCH
Stephen W. Brinch
Vice President, Human Resources Services

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the trustees (or other persons who administer the Plan) have duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Albuquerque, State of New Mexico, on this 28th day of October, 2009.

Sandia Corporation Savings and Income Plan, and

Sandia Corporation Savings and Security Plan (collectively, the Plans)

By Sandia Corporation

/s/ Elizabeth D. Krauss By: Elizabeth D. Krauss

Vice President, General Counsel and

Corporate Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

	Signature	Title	Date
/s/	ROBERT J. STEVENS*	Chairman, Director and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	October 28, 2009
	Robert J. Stevens		
/s/	Bruce L. Tanner*	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial	October 28, 2009
	Bruce L. Tanner	Officer)	
/s/	Mark R. Bostic*	Vice President of Accounting and Acting Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	October 28, 2009
	Mark P Roctic		

Mark R. Bostic

This Registration Statement also has been signed on the date indicated by the following directors, who constitute a majority of the Board of Directors:

E.C. Pete Aldridge, Jr.* Joseph W. Ralston* Nolan D. Archibald* Frank Savage* David B. Burritt* James M. Schneider * James O. Ellis, Jr.* Anne Stevens* Gwendolyn S. King* Robert J. Stevens* James M. Loy* James R. Ukropina* Douglas H. McCorkindale*

/s/ David A. Dedman October 28, 2009 By: *David A. Dedman

(Attorney-in-fact**)

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** By authority of Powers of Attorney filed with this Registration Statement on Form S-8.

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trol, including, wit	hout limitation:
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recoverable reserves;

exploration potential;

future oil and natural gas prices;

operating costs; and

potential environmental and other liabilities.

In connection with such an assessment, we perform a review of the subject properties that we believe to be generally consistent with industry practices. The resulting assessments are inexact and their accuracy uncertain, and such a review may not reveal all existing or potential problems, nor will it necessarily permit us to become sufficiently familiar with the properties to fully assess their merits and deficiencies. Inspections may not always be performed on every well, and structural and environmental problems are not necessarily observable even when an inspection is made.

Additionally, significant acquisitions can change the nature of our operations and business depending upon the character of the acquired properties, which may be substantially different in operating and geologic characteristics or geographic location than our existing properties. While our current operations are focused in the Gulf of Mexico, East Texas/North Louisiana, Southeast Texas, South Texas, the Illinois Basin and the Mid-Continent regions, we may pursue acquisitions or properties located in other geographic areas.

We have substantial debt and debt service requirements which could adversely affect our operations and limit our growth.

Large Amount of Debt

We have substantial debt and debt service requirements. As of December 31, 2003, our ratio of total debt to total capitalization was approximately 51%.

Consequences of Debt

Our substantial debt will have important consequences, including, without limitation:

a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations will be required to make debt service payments;

our ability to borrow additional amounts for working capital, capital expenditures (including acquisitions) or other purposes will be limited; and

our debt could limit our ability to capitalize on significant business opportunities, our flexibility in planning for or reacting to changes in market conditions and our ability to withstand competitive pressures and economic downturns.

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In addition, future acquisition or development activities may require us to alter our capitalization significantly. These changes in capitalization may significantly increase our debt. Moreover, our ability to meet our debt service obligations and to reduce our total debt will be dependent upon our future performance, which will be subject to general economic conditions and financial, business and other factors affecting our operations, many of which are beyond our control. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow from operations in the future to service our indebtedness and to meet other commitments, we will be required to adopt one or more alternatives, such as refinancing or restructuring our indebtedness, selling material assets or seeking to raise additional debt or equity capital. We cannot assure you that any of these actions could be effected on a timely basis or on satisfactory terms or that these actions would enable us to continue to satisfy our capital requirements.

Restrictive Debt Covenants

Our bank credit facility contains a number of significant covenants. These covenants will limit our ability to, among other things:

borrow additional money;

merge, consolidate or dispose of assets;

make certain types of investments;

enter into transactions with our affiliates; and

pay dividends.

Our failure to comply with any of these covenants would cause a default under our bank credit facility and the indenture governing the notes. A default, if not waived, could result in acceleration of our indebtedness, in which case the debt would become immediately due and payable. If this occurs, we may not be able to repay our debt or borrow sufficient funds to refinance it. Even if new financing is available, it may not be on terms that are acceptable to us. Complying with these covenants may cause us to take actions that we otherwise would not take or not take actions that we otherwise would take.

We may not have sufficient funds to meet our substantial capital requirements.

We make, and will continue to make, substantial capital expenditures for the acquisition, development and exploration of oil and natural gas reserves. Historically, we have financed these expenditures primarily with cash generated by operations, bank borrowings and the sale of equity securities and non-strategic assets. We believe that we will have sufficient cash provided by operating activities to fund anticipated capital expenditures other than significant acquisitions. We intend to borrow under our bank credit facility or to obtain other debt or equity financing as needed to finance future acquisitions. If revenues or our borrowing base decrease as a result of lower oil and natural gas prices, operating difficulties or declines in reserves, our ability to obtain the capital necessary to undertake or complete future development programs and to pursue acquisition opportunities may be limited. We cannot assure you that additional debt or equity financing or cash generated from operations will be available to meet these requirements. If we need additional funds, our inability to raise such funds may adversely affect our operations.

Our future production and revenues depend on our ability to replace our reserves.

Our future production and revenues depend upon our ability to find, develop or acquire additional oil and natural gas reserves that are economically recoverable. Our proved reserves will generally decline as reserves are depleted, except to the extent that we conduct successful exploration or development activities or acquire properties containing proved reserves, or both. To increase reserves and production,

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we must continue our acquisition and drilling activities. We cannot assure you, however, that our acquisition and drilling activities will result in significant additional reserves or that we will have continuing success drilling productive wells at low finding and development costs. Furthermore, while our revenues may increase if prevailing oil and natural gas prices increase significantly, our finding costs for additional reserves could also increase.

Our drilling activities are subject to many risks.

Our drilling activities are subject to many risks, including the risk that no commercially productive reservoirs will be encountered. We cannot assure you that new wells we drill will be productive or that we will recover all or any portion of our investment. Drilling for oil and natural gas may involve unprofitable efforts, not only from dry wells, but from wells that are productive but do not produce sufficient net revenues to return a profit after drilling, operating and other costs. The cost of drilling, completing and operating wells is often uncertain. Our drilling operations may be curtailed, delayed or canceled as a result of numerous factors, many of which are beyond our control, including, without limitation:

title problems;

adverse weather conditions;

compliance with governmental requirements; and

shortages or delays in the delivery of equipment and services.

Our operations are subject to operating hazards and uninsured risks.

Our operations are subject to all of the risks normally associated with the exploration for and the production of oil and natural gas, including, without limitation, blowouts, cratering, oil spills and fires, each of which could result in damage to or destruction of oil and natural gas wells, production facilities or other property, or injury to persons. In addition, we may from time to time conduct relatively deep drilling which will involve increased drilling risks of high pressures and mechanical difficulties, including stuck pipe, collapsed casing and separated cable. We cannot assure you that our insurance will adequately cover any losses or liabilities. Furthermore, we cannot predict the continued availability of insurance, or availability at commercially acceptable prices.

We operate in a highly competitive industry, and our failure to remain competitive with our competitors, many of which have greater resources than us, could adversely affect our results of operations.

The oil and natural gas industry is highly competitive in the search for and development and acquisition of reserves. Our competitors for the acquisition, development and exploration of oil and natural gas properties and capital to finance such activities, include companies that have greater financial and personnel resources than we do. These resources could allow those competitors to price their products and services more aggressively than we can, which could hurt our profitability. Moreover, our ability to acquire additional properties and to discover reserves in the future will be dependent upon our ability to evaluate and select suitable properties and to close transactions in a highly competitive environment.

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There are many uncertainties in estimating reserves and future net cash flows.

There are many uncertainties in estimating quantities and values of proved reserves, projecting future rates of production and timing of development expenditures, including many factors beyond our control. Reserve engineering is a subjective process of estimating the recovery from underground accumulations of oil and natural gas that cannot be precisely measured. The accuracy of any reserve estimate depends on the quality of available data, production history and engineering and geological interpretation and judgment. Because all reserve estimates are to some degree speculative, the quantities of oil and natural gas that are ultimately recovered, production and operating costs, the amount and timing of future development expenditures and future oil and natural gas prices may all differ materially from those assumed in these estimates. In addition, different reserve engineers may make different estimates of reserve quantities and cash flows based upon the same available data. The present value of the future net cash flows attributable to our proved oil and natural gas reserves set forth in this prospectus and in documents incorporated into this prospectus are estimates only and should not be construed as the current market value of the estimated oil and natural gas reserves attributable to our properties. Thus, the information set forth in this prospectus includes revisions of certain reserve estimates attributable to proved properties included in the preceding year s estimates. Such revisions reflect additional information from subsequent activities, production history of the properties involved and any adjustments in the projected economic life of such properties resulting from changes in product prices. Any future downward revisions could adversely affect our financial condition, borrowing base under our bank credit facility, future prospects and the market value of our securities.

If we are unsuccessful at marketing our oil and gas at commercially acceptable prices, our profitability will decline.

Our ability to market oil and gas at commercially acceptable prices depends on, among other factors, the following:

the availability and capacity of gathering systems and pipelines;

federal and state regulation of production and transportation;

changes in supply and demand; and

general economic conditions.

Our inability to respond appropriately to changes in these factors could negatively effect our profitability.

We are subject to extensive governmental regulation, including environmental regulations, that may adversely affect our costs.

Our business is affected by certain federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the development, production, marketing, pricing, transportation and storage of oil and natural gas. Our business is also subject to extensive and changing environmental and safety laws and regulations governing plugging and abandonment of wells, the discharge of materials into the environment or otherwise relating to environmental protection. Sanctions for noncompliance with these laws and regulations may include administrative, civil and criminal penalties, revocation of permits and corrective action orders. These laws sometimes apply retroactively. In addition, a party can be liable for environmental damage without regard to that party s negligence or fault. Therefore, we could have liability for the conduct of others, or for acts that were in compliance with all applicable laws at the time we performed them. Environmental laws have become more stringent over the years. In addition, the modification or interpretation of existing laws or regulations or the adoption of new laws or regulations

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curtailing exploratory or development drilling for oil and gas could limit well servicing opportunities. We cannot assure you that present or future regulation will not adversely affect our operations.

We depend on our key personnel and the loss of any of these individuals could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

We believe that the success of our business strategy and our ability to operate profitably depend on the continued employment of M. Jay Allison, President and Chief Executive Officer, and a limited number of other senior management personnel. Loss of the services of Mr. Allison or any of those other individuals could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

Shortage of rigs, equipment, supplies or qualified personnel may restrict our operations.

Our industry is cyclical and, from time to time, there is a shortage of drilling rigs, equipment, supplies or qualified personnel. During these periods, the costs and delivery times of rigs, equipment and supplies are substantially greater. In addition, demand for, and wage rates of, qualified drilling rig crews rise with increases in the number of active rigs in service. Shortages of drilling rigs, equipment or supplies could delay or restrict our exploration and development operations, which in turn could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Terrorist attacks and continued hostilities in the Middle East or other sustained military campaigns may adversely impact our business.

The terrorist attacks that took place in the United States on September 11, 2001 were unprecedented events that have created many economic and political uncertainties, some of which may materially adversely impact our business. The long-term impact that terrorist attacks and the threat of terrorist attacks may have on our business is not known at this time. Uncertainties surrounding continued hostilities in the Middle East or other sustained military campaigns may adversely impact our business in unpredictable ways.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The selling security holders will receive all of the proceeds from the sale of the shares of our common stock and we will not receive any proceeds from the sale of those shares.

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SELLING SECURITY HOLDERS

The following table sets forth information as of May 19, 2004 regarding the selling security holders and the shares of common stock owned by them and the shares that they (and their pledges, donees and transferees) may offer and sell from time to time under this prospectus.

Name and			Before	After
Address of Selling Security	Number of Shares Beneficially	Number of Shares	Offering Percentage of	Offering Percentage of
Holder	Owned(1)(2)	Offered(1)(2)	Common Stock	Stock
Gary W. Blackie 600 Travis St. Suite 6275 Houston Texas 77002 Sally L. Blackie 5900 Highway 290 East Brenham, Texas 77833 Wayne L. Laufer 20021 120th Ave. N.E.	1,185,000 288,058	955,000 281,833	3.3%	*
Suite 202 Bothell, Washington 98021 Gregory T. Marin 600 Travis St. Suite 6275	1,500,000	1,400,000	4.2%	*
Houston, Texas 77002	10,866	10,666	*	*
	2,983,924	2,647,499	8.0%	*

^{*} Less than one percent.

(2) Includes 720,000 warrants which have not vested pursuant to the terms of the Exploration Agreements.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

⁽¹⁾ Includes shares issuable upon exercise of common stock purchase warrants at exercise prices ranging from \$6.48 to \$18.70 per share.

We are registering the shares on behalf of the selling security holders. The shares may be sold by the selling security holders or by pledges, donees, transferees or other successors in interest. We are paying all costs, expenses and fees in connection with the registration of the shares offered hereby. Brokerage commissions, if any, attributable to the sale of shares will be borne by the selling security holders (or their pledges, donees, transferees or other successors in interest).

Sales of shares may be effected from time to time in transactions (which may include block transactions) on the New York Stock Exchange, in negotiated transactions, or a combination of such methods of sale, at fixed prices which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, or at privately negotiated prices. The selling security holders may effect such transactions by selling common stock directly to purchasers or to or through broker-dealers which may act as agents or principals. Such broker-dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the selling security holders and/or the purchasers of common stock for whom such broker-dealers may act as agents or to whom they sell as principal, or both (which compensation as to a particular broker-dealer might be in excess of customary commissions). To the extent required under the Securities Act of 1933, the aggregate amount of selling security holders—shares being offered and the terms of the offering, the names of any such agents, brokers, dealers or underwriters and any applicable commission with respect to a particular offer will be set forth in an accompanying prospectus supplement. Sales of selling security holders—shares may also be made pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, where applicable, and any other legally available means.

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In order to comply with the securities laws of certain states, if applicable, the shares will be sold in such jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in certain states the shares may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the applicable state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and is complied with.

The selling security holders and any broker-dealers that act in connection with the sale of the shares might be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act and any commission received by them and any profit on the resale of the shares of common stock as principal might be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act of 1933. The selling security holders may agree to indemnify any agent, dealer or broker-dealer that participates in transactions involving sales of the shares against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933. Liabilities under the federal securities laws cannot be waived.

Because the selling security holders may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act, the selling security holders will be subject to prospectus delivery requirements under the Securities Act. Furthermore, in the event of a distribution of the shares, such selling security holder, any selling broker or dealer and any affiliated purchasers may be subject to Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which Regulation would prohibit, with certain exceptions, any such person from bidding for or purchasing any security which is the subject of such distribution until his participation in that distribution is completed. In addition, Regulation M under the Exchange Act prohibits, with certain exceptions, any stabilizing bid or stabilizing purchase for the purpose of pegging, fixing or stabilizing the price of common stock in connection with this offering.

The selling security holders may be entitled under agreements entered into with us to indemnification against liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933.

SEC POSITION ON INDEMNIFICATION

Under our bylaws, our directors and officers are indemnified against certain causes of action. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the registrant, the registrant, has been informed that in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is therefore unenforceable.

LEGAL MATTERS

Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP, will issue an opinion for us regarding the legality of the securities offered by this prospectus and applicable prospectus supplement. If the securities are being distributed in an underwritten offering, certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriters by counsel identified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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EXPERTS

Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors, have audited our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, as set forth in their report, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement. Our financial statements are incorporated by reference in reliance on Ernst & Young LLP s report, given on their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

Our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2002 and for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2002, have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent accountants, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing. The audit report covering the December 31, 2001 consolidated financial statements refers to a change in our method for accounting for derivative financial statements.

With respect to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information for the three-month period ended March 31, 2004, incorporated by reference in this Prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement, Ernst & Young LLP have reported that they have applied limited procedures in accordance with professional standards for a review of such information. However, their separate report, included in Comstock Resources Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2004, and incorporated by reference, states that they did not audit and they do not express an opinion on that interim financial information. Accordingly, the degree of reliance on their report on such information should be restricted considering the limited nature of the review procedures applied. The independent auditors are not subject to the liability provisions of Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933 (the Act) for their report on the unaudited interim financial information because that report is not a report or a part of the Registration Statement prepared or certified by the auditors within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Act.

With respect to the unaudited interim financial information for the period ended March 31, 2003, incorporated by reference herein, KPMG LLP has reported that they applied limited procedures in accordance with professional standards for a review of such information. However, their separate report included in the Company s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2003, and incorporated by reference herein, states that they did not audit and that they do not express an opinion on that interim financial information. Accordingly, the degree of reliance on their report on such information should be restricted in light of the limited nature of the review procedures applied. The accountants are not subject to the liability provisions of Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933 (the 1933 Act) for their report on the unaudited interim financial information because that report is not a report or a part of the registration statement prepared or certified by the accountants within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the 1933 Act. The review report covering the March 31, 2003, financial statements refers to a change in the method f accounting for asset retirements obligations related to the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations .

Certain estimates of our oil and natural gas reserves and related information incorporated by reference in this prospectus have been derived from engineering reports prepared by Lee Keeling & Associates as of December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, and all such information has been so included on the authority of such firm as an expert regarding the matters contained in its reports.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and therefore we file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other documents with the SEC. You may read and copy any of the reports, proxy statements and any other information that we file at the SEC s Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. In addition, the SEC maintains a website at http://www.sec.gov that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC. We also maintain a website at http://www.comstockresources.com; however, the information contained at this website does not constitute part of this prospectus. Reports, proxy and information statements and other information about us may be inspected at the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, with respect to the securities offered in this prospectus. This prospectus is part of that registration statement and, as permitted by the SEC s rules, does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement. For further information about us and the securities that may be offered, we refer you to the registration statement and the exhibits that are filed with it. You can review and copy the registration statement and its exhibits and schedules from the SEC at the address listed above or from its web site.

INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus certain information we file with the SEC in other documents. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to other documents that we file with the SEC. The information may include documents filed after the date of this prospectus which update and supersede the information you read in this prospectus. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below, except to the extent information in those documents is different from the information contained in this prospectus, and all future documents filed by us with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 until the offering of the securities described herein is terminated:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003;

Our Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 14, 2004 for the 2004 annual meeting of stockholders;

Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2003 and 2004;

Our Registration Statement on Form 8-A registering our common stock filed with the SEC on September 6, 1996.

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Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus shall be deemed modified, superseded or replaced for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or in any subsequently filed document that also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus modifies, supersedes or replaces such statement. Any statement so modified, superseded or replaced shall not be deemed, except as so modified, superseded or replaced, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

We will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered, upon that person s written or oral request, a copy of any or all of the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus (other than exhibits to those documents, unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into the information that this prospectus incorporates). Requests should be directed to:

Comstock Resources, Inc.
Attention: Roland O. Burns, Senior Vice President 5300 Town and County Blvd., Suite 500
Frisco, Texas 75034
Telephone number: (972) 668-8800

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PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following table sets forth the costs and expenses, other than selling or underwriting discounts and commissions, to be incurred by us in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered hereby. With the exception of the SEC registration fee, all fees and expenses set forth below are estimates.

SEC registration fee	\$ 4,631
Legal fees and expenses	5,000
Accounting fees and expenses	7,500
Miscellaneous	869
Total	\$18,000

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 78.7502 of the General Corporation Law of Nevada permits a corporation to indemnify any person who was, or is, or is threatened to be made a party in a completed, pending or threatened proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (except an action by or in the right of the corporation), by reason of being or having been an officer, director, employee or agent of the corporation or serving in certain capacities at the request of the corporation. Indemnification may include attorneys fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement. The person to be indemnified must have acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action, such person must have had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

With respect to actions by or in the right of the corporation, indemnification may not be made for any claim, issue or matter as to which such a person has been finally adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be liable to the corporation or for amounts paid in settlement to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action was brought or other court of competent jurisdiction determines upon application that in view of all circumstances the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses as the court deems proper.

Unless indemnification is ordered by a court, the determination to pay indemnification must be made by the stockholders, by a majority vote of a quorum of our board of directors who were not parties to the action, suit or proceeding, or in certain circumstances by independent legal counsel in a written opinion. Section 78.751 of the General Corporation law of Nevada permits the articles of incorporation or bylaws to provide for payment to an indemnified person of the expenses of defending an action as incurred upon receipt of an undertaking to repay the amount if it is ultimately determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that the person is not entitled to indemnification.

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Section 78.7502 also provides that to the extent a director, officer, employee or agent has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any such action, he or she must be indemnified by the corporation against expenses, including attorneys fees, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense.

Article VI, Indemnification of Directors, Officers, Employees and Agents , of our bylaws provides as follows with respect to indemnification of our directors, officers, employees and agents:

Section 1. To the fullest extent allowed by Nevada law, any director of the Corporation shall not be liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for an act or omission in the director s capacity as a director, except that this Article VI does not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for:

- (a) an act or omission which involves intentional misconduct, fraud or a knowing violation of law; or
- (b) the payment of dividends in violation of N.R.S. 78.300.

Section 2. The Corporation shall indemnify each director, officer, employee and agent, now or hereafter serving the Corporation, each former director, officer, employee and agent, and each person who may now or hereafter serve or who may have heretofore served at the Corporation s request as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or other business enterprise, and the respective heirs, executors, administrators and personal representatives of each of them against all expenses actually and reasonably incurred by, or imposed upon, him in connection with the defense of any claim, action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, against him by reason of his being or having been such director, officer, employee or agent, except in relation to such matters as to which he shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction after exhaustion of all appeals therefrom in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of duty. For purposes hereof, the term expenses shall include but not be limited to all expenses, costs, attorneys fees, judgments (including adjudications other than on the merits), fines, penalties, arbitration awards, costs of arbitration and sums paid out and liabilities actually and reasonably incurred or imposed in connection with any suit, claim, action or proceeding, and any settlement or compromise thereof approved by the Board of Directors as being in the best interests of the Corporation. However, in any case in which there is no disinterested majority of the Board of Directors available, the indemnification shall be made: (1) only if the Corporation shall be advised in writing by counsel that in the opinion of counsel (a) such officer, director, employee or agent was not adjudged or found liable for gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of duty as such director, officer, employee or agent or the indemnification provided is only in connection with such matters as to which the person to be indemnified was not so liable, and in the case of settlement or compromise, the same is in the best interests of the Corporation; and (b) indemnification under the circumstances is lawful and falls within the provisions of these Bylaws; and (2) only in such amount as counsel shall advise the Corporation in writing is, in his opinion, proper. In making or refusing to make any payment under this or any other provision of these Bylaws, the Corporation, its directors, officers, employees and agents shall be fully protected if they rely upon the written opinion of counsel selected by, or in the manner designated by, the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board of Directors upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in these Bylaws.

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Section 4. The Corporation may indemnify each person, though he is not or was not a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, who served at the request of the Corporation on a committee created by the Board of Directors to consider and report to it in respect of any matter. Any such indemnification may be made under the provisions hereof and shall be subject to the limitations hereof, except that (as indicated) any such committee member need not be nor have been a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation.

Section 5. The provisions hereof shall be applicable to actions, suits or proceedings (including appeals) commenced after the adoption hereof, whether arising from acts or omissions to act occurring before or after the adoption hereof.

Section 6. The indemnification provisions herein provided shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, or by law or statute, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

Section 7. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, and persons described in Section 4 of this Article VI above, against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of these Bylaws.

Item 16. Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
3.1(a)	Restated Articles of Incorporation of Comstock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Comstock s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995).
3.1(b)	Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Articles of Incorporation of Comstock dated July 1, 1997 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Comstock s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1997).
3.2	Bylaws of Comstock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Comstock s Registration Statement on Form S-3, dated October 25, 1996).
4.1*	Specimen Stock Certificate.
4.2	Rights Agreement dated as of December 14, 2000, by and between Comstock and American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, as Rights Agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 1 to our Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated January 11, 2001).

4.3 Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2 to our Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated January 11, 2001).

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Exhibit No.	Description
10.12	Exploration Agreement dated July 31, 2001 by and between Comstock and Bois d Arc Offshore Ltd. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2001).
10.13	Warrant Agreement dated July 31, 2001 by and between Comstock and Gary W. Blackie and Wayne L. Laufer (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2001).
5.1*	Opinion of Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP as to the validity of the common stock being registered hereunder.
15.1	Letter of Ernst & Young LLP as to unaudited interim financial information.
15.2	Letter of KPMG LLP as to unaudited interim financial information.
23.1*	Consent of Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP (Included in Exhibit 5.1).
23.2	Consent of KPMG LLP.
23.3	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.
24.1*	Power of Attorney (Included on the Signature Page to the Registration Statement).

^{*} Included in our Form S-3 filed on January 22, 2004 and incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 17. Undertakings.

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
 - (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this registration statement;
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement; provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.
 - (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
 - (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Company s annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing

provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and **Exchange Commission such** indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Frisco, State of Texas, on May 19, 2004.

COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC.

By: /s/ M. JAY ALLISON

M. Jay Allison President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ M. JAY ALLISON	President, Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board	May 19,
M. Jay Allison	of Directors, Director (Principal Executive Officer)	2004
/s/ ROLAND O. BURNS	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Director	May 19,
Roland O. Burns	- (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	2004
DAVID K. LOCKETT*	Director	May 19, 2004
David K. Lockett	_	2004
CECIL E. MARTIN, JR.*	Director	May 19, 2004
Cecil E. Martin, Jr.	_	
DAVID W. SLEDGE*	Director	May 19, 2004
David W. Sledge	_	

^{*} The undersigned has executed this Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on behalf of each of the persons

named above pursuant to the Powers of Attorney filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ ROLAND O. BURNS

Roland O. Burns, Attorney-in-Fact

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