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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

x **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2013

OR

.. **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 0-23530

TRANS ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Nevada **93-0997412**
(State or other jurisdiction of **(I.R.S. Employer**
incorporation or organization) **Identification No.)**
210 Second Street, P.O. Box 393, St. Marys, West Virginia 26170

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone no., including area code: (304) 684-7053

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the past 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.) Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

| Class | Outstanding as of May 15, 2013 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value | 13,236,228 |

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Item 1. Financial Statements

TRANS ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**Consolidated Balance Sheets**

| | March 31, 2013 Unaudited | December 31, 2012 Audited |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash | \$ 26,004,155 | \$ 1,009,084 |
| Accounts receivable, trade | 2,292,348 | 3,143,766 |
| Accounts receivable, related parties | 18,500 | 18,500 |
| Advance Royalties | 221,452 | 221,452 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 827,778 | 407,596 |
| Deferred financing costs, net of amortization of \$565,426 and \$402,525 | 669,998 | 603,788 |
| Total Current Assets | 30,034,231 | 5,404,186 |
| OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES, USING SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS ACCOUNTING | | |
| Proved properties | 48,574,629 | 47,730,848 |
| Unproved properties | 12,961,909 | 12,008,550 |
| Pipelines | 1,387,440 | 1,387,440 |
| Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization | (9,425,389) | (8,809,022) |
| Oil and gas properties, net | 53,498,589 | 52,317,816 |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net of accumulated depreciation of \$261,438 and \$239,277, respectively | 649,594 | 665,874 |
| OTHER ASSETS | | |
| Assets held for sale | | 3,013,000 |
| Deferred financing costs | 616,917 | 735,662 |
| Other assets | 302,404 | 301,923 |
| Total Other Assets | 919,321 | 4,050,585 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 85,101,735 | \$ 62,438,461 |

See notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**TRANS ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Balance Sheets (continued)**

| | March 31, 2013 Unaudited | December 31, 2012 Audited |
|---|---|--|
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts payable, trade | \$ 138,004 | \$ 187,089 |
| Accounts payable due to drilling operator | 1,002,134 | 839,456 |
| Accounts payable, related party | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Accrued expenses | 1,767,157 | 1,642,718 |
| Revenue payable | 285,617 | 225,674 |
| Notes payable - current | 17,908 | 19,825 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 3,212,320 | 2,916,262 |
| LONG-TERM LIABILITIES | | |
| Notes payable, net | 73,486,900 | 48,225,848 |
| Asset retirement obligations | 29,237 | 28,317 |
| Liabilities held for sale | | 388,005 |
| Warrant derivative liability | 2,684,601 | 2,808,278 |
| Total Long-Term Liabilities | 76,200,738 | 51,450,448 |
| Total Liabilities | 79,413,058 | 54,366,710 |
| COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES | | |
| STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Preferred stock; 10,000,000 shares authorized at \$0.001 par value; -0- shares issued and outstanding | | |
| Common stock; 500,000,000 shares authorized at \$0.001 par value; 13,238,228 and 13,238,228 shares issued, respectively, and 13,236,228 and 13,236,228 shares outstanding, respectively | 13,238 | 13,238 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 41,441,698 | 41,131,636 |
| Treasury stock, at cost, 2,000 shares | (1,950) | (1,950) |
| Accumulated deficit | (35,764,309) | (33,071,173) |
| Total Stockholders Equity | 5,688,677 | 8,071,751 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | \$ 85,101,735 | \$ 62,438,461 |

See notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**TRANS ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)**

| | For the Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| REVENUES | \$ 3,609,326 | \$ 2,917,528 |
| COSTS AND EXPENSES | | |
| Production Costs | 2,319,640 | 1,621,166 |
| Depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion | 639,449 | 1,010,998 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 1,560,338 | 1,412,775 |
| Total costs and expenses | 4,519,427 | 4,044,939 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of assets | (8,787) | 61,855 |
| LOSS FROM OPERATIONS | (918,888) | (1,065,556) |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES) | | |
| Interest Income | 4,821 | 7,193 |
| Interest Expense | (1,902,746) | (438,744) |
| Gain on derivative contracts | 123,677 | 639 |
| Total other income (expenses) | (1,774,248) | (430,912) |
| NET LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAXES | (2,693,136) | (1,496,468) |
| INCOME TAXES | | |
| NET LOSS | \$ (2,693,136) | \$ (1,496,468) |
| NET LOSS PER SHARE BASIC AND DILUTED | \$ (0.20) | \$ (0.12) |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES BASIC AND DILUTED | 13,236,228 | 12,979,828 |

See notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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TRANS ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statement of Stockholders Equity

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2013

(Unaudited)

| | Common Stock | | Additional Paid in Capital | Treasury Stock | Accumulated Deficit | Total |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| | Shares | Amount | | | | |
| Balance, Dec. 31, 2012 | 13,238,228 | \$ 13,238 | \$ 41,131,636 | \$ (1,950) | \$ (33,071,173) | \$ 8,071,751 |
| Share based compensation expense | | | 310,062 | | | 310,062 |
| Net Loss | | | | | (2,693,136) | (2,693,136) |
| Balance, March 31, 2013 | 13,238,228 | \$ 13,238 | \$ 41,441,698 | \$ (1,950) | \$ (35,764,309) | \$ 5,688,677 |

See notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**TRANS ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows****(Unaudited)**

| | For the Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---|--------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Net loss | \$ (2,693,136) | \$ (1,496,468) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion | 639,449 | 1,010,998 |
| Share-based compensation | 310,062 | 238,233 |
| Loss (gain) on sale of assets | 8,787 | (61,855) |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs and debt discount | 427,604 | 237,500 |
| Unrealized gain on derivative contracts | (123,677) | |
| Interest and legal expense added to principal | | 437,934 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable, trade | 851,418 | 907,853 |
| Accounts receivable due from non-operator, net | | (864,311) |
| Advance royalties and other assets | (481) | |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | (420,182) | (101,091) |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | (183,663) | (1,797,752) |
| Accounts payable related party | | (650) |
| Revenue payable | 59,943 | (451,825) |
| Net cash used by operating activities | (1,123,876) | (1,941,434) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Proceeds from sale of assets | 2,618,025 | 274,947 |
| Expenditures for oil and gas properties | (1,377,891) | (1,466,178) |
| Expenditures for property and equipment | (5,251) | (35,614) |
| Net cash provided (used) by investing activities | 1,234,883 | (1,226,845) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Financing costs paid | (110,365) | (201,425) |
| Payments on notes payable | (5,571) | (8,100) |
| Proceeds from notes payable | 25,000,000 | |
| Net cash provided (used) by financing activities | 24,884,064 | (209,525) |
| NET CHANGE IN CASH | 24,995,071 | (3,377,804) |
| CASH, BEGINNING OF PERIOD | 1,009,084 | 7,885,652 |
| CASH, END OF PERIOD | \$ 26,004,155 | \$ 4,507,848 |
| SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES FOR CASH FLOW INFORMATION: | | |
| CASH PAID FOR: | | |
| Interest | \$ 1,638,040 | \$ 465 |
| Income taxes | | |
| Non-cash investing and financing activities: | | |
| Due to operator for expenditures for oil and gas properties | 162,678 | |
| Increase in asset retirement obligation | 920 | 5,471 |

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TRANS ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

NOTE 1 BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared by Trans Energy, Inc., (Trans Energy we, our, us, or the Company), in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 8-03 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. The information furnished in the interim consolidated financial statements includes normal recurring adjustments and reflects all adjustments, which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair presentation of such financial statements. Although management believes the disclosures and information presented are adequate to make the information not misleading, it is suggested that these interim consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with Trans Energy's most recent audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in its December 31, 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2013.

Nature of Operations and Organization

Trans Energy is an independent energy company engaged in the acquisition, exploration, development, exploitation and production of oil and natural gas. Its operations are presently focused in the State of West Virginia.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include Trans Energy and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Prima Oil Company, Inc., Ritchie County Gathering Systems, Inc., Tyler Construction Company, Inc., American Shale Development, Inc., and Tyler Energy, Inc., and interests with joint venture partners, which are accounted for under the proportional consolidation method. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Company's financial statements are based on a number of significant estimates, including oil and gas reserve quantities which are the basis for the calculation of depreciation, depletion, amortization, and impairment of oil and gas properties and timing and costs associated with its asset retirement obligations. Reserve estimates are by their nature inherently imprecise.

Cash

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to a concentration of credit risk include cash. At times, amounts may exceed federally insured limits and may exceed reported balances due to outstanding checks. Management does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk on cash.

Receivables

Accounts receivable are carried at their expected net realizable value. The allowance for doubtful accounts is based on management's assessment of the collectability of specific customer accounts and the aging of the accounts receivables. If there were a deterioration of a major customer's creditworthiness, or actual defaults were higher than historical experience, estimates of the recoverability of the amounts due to us could be overstated, which could have a negative impact on operations. No allowance for doubtful accounts is deemed necessary at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 by management and no bad debt expense was incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

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In connection with obtaining new financing in February 2013 and April 2012, the Company incurred \$110,365 in fees during 2013 and \$1,741,976 in 2012. These fees were recorded as financing costs and are being amortized over the life of the loan using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. Amortization of financing costs for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 were \$162,901 and \$0, respectively.

Derivatives

Derivatives and embedded derivatives, if applicable, are measured at fair value and recognized in the consolidated balance sheet as an asset or a liability. Derivatives are classified in the balance sheet as current or non-current based on whether net-cash settlement is expected to be required within 12 months of the balance sheet date. The changes in the fair value of the derivatives are included in other income (expense) in the consolidated statement of operations. The pricing models used for valuation often incorporate significant estimates and assumptions, which may impact the level of precision in the financial statements.

The Company has determined that the warrant and related put option issued for one of its wholly-owned subsidiaries is a derivative liability. The Company also enters into derivative commodity contracts at times to manage or reduce commodity price risk related to its production. Usually these commodity contracts are not designated as a hedge, so changes in the fair value are recognized in other income (expense).

Asset Retirement Obligations

The Company records the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation in the period in which it is incurred if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. For the Company, these obligations include dismantlement, plugging and abandonment of oil and gas wells and associated pipelines and equipment. The associated asset retirement costs are capitalized as part of the carrying amount of the long-lived asset. The liability is accreted to its then present value each period, and the capitalized cost is depleted over the estimated useful life of the related asset.

The following is a description of the changes to Trans Energy's asset retirement obligations for the three months ended March 31:

| | 2013 | 2012 |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Asset retirement obligations at beginning of period | \$ 28,317 | \$ 256,651 |
| Liabilities incurred during the period | | |
| Accretion expense | 920 | 5,471 |
| Asset retirement obligations at end of period | \$ 29,237 | \$ 262,122 |

At March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company's current portion of the asset retirement obligation was \$0. In addition, asset retirement obligations related to the shallow wells sold in 2013 were reported as liabilities held for sale at December 31, 2012.

Income Taxes

At March 31, 2013, the Company had net operating loss carry forwards (NOLs) for future years of approximately \$31.0 million. These NOLs will expire at various dates through 2032. The current tax provision is -0- for the three months ended March 31, 2013 due to a net operating loss for the period. No tax benefit has been recorded in the consolidated financial statements for the remaining NOLs or Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) credit since the potential tax benefit is offset by a valuation allowance of the same amount. Utilization of the NOLs could be limited if there is a substantial change in ownership of the Company and is contingent on future earnings.

The Company has provided a valuation allowance equal to 100% of the total net deferred asset in recognition of the uncertainty regarding the ultimate amount of the net deferred tax asset that will be realized.

The Company has no material unrecognized tax benefits. No tax penalties or interest expense were accrued as of March 31, 2013 or 2012 or paid during the periods then ended. Trans Energy files tax returns in the United States and states in which it has operations and is subject to taxation. Tax years subsequent to 2008 remain open to examination by U.S. federal and state tax jurisdictions, however prior year net operating losses

remain open for examination.

Table of Contents**Commitments and Contingencies**

The Company operates exclusively in the United States, entirely in West Virginia, in the business of oil and gas acquisition, exploration, development, exploitation and production. The Company operates in an environment with many financial risks, including, but not limited to, the ability to acquire additional economically recoverable oil and gas reserves, the inherent risks of the search for, development of and production of oil and gas, the ability to sell oil and gas at prices which will provide attractive rates of return, the volatility and seasonality of oil and gas production and prices, and the highly competitive and, at times, seasonal nature of the industry and worldwide economic conditions. The Company's ability to expand its reserve base and diversify its operations is also dependent upon the Company's ability to obtain the necessary capital through operating cash flow, borrowings or equity offerings. Various federal, state and local governmental agencies are considering, and some have adopted, laws and regulations regarding environmental protection which could adversely affect the proposed business activities of the Company. The Company cannot predict what effect, if any, current and future regulations may have on the results of operations of the Company.

Revenue and Cost Recognition

Trans Energy recognizes gas revenues upon delivery of the gas to the customers' pipeline from Trans Energy's pipelines when recorded as received by the customer's meter. Trans Energy recognizes oil revenues when pumped and metered by the customer. Trans Energy recognized \$3,573,883 and \$2,771,982 in oil and gas revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Trans Energy uses the sales method to account for sales and imbalances of natural gas. Under this method, revenues are recognized based on actual volumes sold to purchasers. The volumes sold may differ from the volumes to which Trans Energy is entitled based on our interest in the properties. These differences create imbalances which are recognized as a liability only when the imbalance exceeds the estimate of remaining reserves. Trans Energy had no material imbalances as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012. Costs associated with production are expensed in the period incurred.

Revenue payable represents cash received but not yet distributed to third parties.

Transportation revenue is recognized when earned and we have a contractual right to receive payment. We recognized \$35,443 and \$93,313 of transportation revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

NOTE 2 OPERATIONS

Trans Energy has incurred cumulative operating losses through March 31, 2013, of \$35,764,309. Although the prior year revenues were not sufficient to cover our operating costs and interest expense, the Company is focusing on drilling Marcellus Shale wells which based upon projections, are expected to increase cash flow. In February 2013, the Company obtained additional financing in the amount of \$25 million to be used for capital expenditures. During the first quarter of 2013, we also increased operating revenues by selling the shallow wells owned by the Company. On January 24, 2013, the Company closed the sale of its interests in certain non-core assets for approximately \$2,625,000 of net cash proceeds. The interests sold consisted of the Company's working interest in all existing shallow wells, but the Company retained an overriding royalty interest of approximately 2.5% on most of the wells.

NOTE 3 OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES

Total additions for oil and gas properties for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 were \$1,377,891 and \$1,253,116, respectively. Depreciation, depletion, and amortization expenses on oil and gas properties were \$616,314 and \$944,717 for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

NOTE 4 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DUE TO DRILLING OPERATOR

Trans Energy has historically been the drilling operator for wells drilled on behalf of the Company and other third parties in which Trans Energy owns a working interest. In 2012, another owner became the drilling operator for wells in which Trans Energy owns a working interest. Trans Energy owed the drilling operator \$1,002,134 and \$839,456 for charges incurred, but not paid, as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

NOTE 5 NOTES PAYABLE

On June 22, 2007, Trans Energy finalized a financing agreement with CIT Capital USA Inc. (CIT) for an amount that was ultimately increased to \$30,000,000. Interest payment due dates are elected at the time of borrowing and range from monthly to three months. Principal payments were due at maturity on June 15, 2010, for all borrowing outstanding on that date. During the subsequent period up to and including April 2,

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2012, the Company and CIT made eight amendments to their initial agreement to, among other things, restructure the maturity date, confirm the principal amount following certain payments, and grant to CIT a 1.5% overriding royalty interest in each of the Stout #2H, Groves #1H and Lucey #1H wells, as well as a 1.5% overriding royalty interest in the next three horizontal wells drilled in the Marcellus Shale, which have commercial production for a period of at least 30 consecutive days and in which the Company, or any of its subsidiaries, has an interest. Each 1.5% overriding royalty interest is to be proportionately reduced to the extent the Company or its subsidiary owns less than the full working interest in the leases, or to the extent such oil and gas leases cover less than the full mineral interest.

On April 2, 2012, the Company paid \$125,000 on the principal amount outstanding and the remainder of the principal was paid with proceeds received from the American Shale Development, Inc. Credit Agreement (see further discussion below). CIT still retains ownership of the 1.5% overriding royalty interest after the payoff.

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On April 26, 2012, (Funding Date), our newly created, wholly owned subsidiary, American Shale Development, Inc. (American Shale or ASD), closed a Credit Agreement transaction (hereafter the ASD Credit Agreement) that was entered into by and among American Shale, several banks and other financial institutions or entities that from time-to-time will be parties to the ASD Credit Agreement (the Lenders), and Chambers Energy Management, LP as the administrative agent (Agent). Trans Energy is a guarantor of the ASD Credit Agreement, as is Prima Oil Company, Inc. (Prima), another of our 100% wholly owned subsidiaries. The ASD Credit Agreement provides that Lenders will lend American Shale up to \$50 million, which funds will be used to develop wells and properties that we have transferred to American Shale. Trans Energy received a portion of the funds from the ASD Credit Agreement to repay CIT and certain outstanding debts.

In order to accommodate the terms of the ASD Credit Agreement we have transferred certain assets and properties to American Shale. Trans Energy is not a direct party to the ASD Credit Agreement, but is a guarantor of loans to be made thereunder and has received a portion of the loan proceeds to repay certain outstanding debts. The assets and properties transferred are referred to herein as the Marcellus Properties, which consist of working interests in 13 gross (7.60 net) producing Marcellus shale liquids-rich gas wells and approximately 22,000 net acres of Marcellus shale leasehold rights, located in Northwestern West Virginia in the counties of Wetzell, Marshall, Marion, Tyler, and Doddridge.

The ASD Credit Agreement is for a notional amount of \$50 million, which was received at closing net of a \$3 million Original Issue Discount (OID) and a \$50,000 administrative fee. These OID costs are netted against Notes Payable and are being amortized over the life of the loan using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. \$264,706 of the OID was amortized as interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2013. The administrative fee is due annually.

On February 28, 2013, ASD amended and restated the credit agreement that was previously entered into on February 29, 2012 by and among ASD, Lenders and Agent. The new credit agreement was entered into among the parties in order to facilitate an increase in the principal amount of the borrowings under the facility to \$75 million. The additional funds were received February 28, 2013. The other terms of the credit agreement were unchanged. Interest is due monthly at 10% plus the greater of 1% or the 3 month LIBOR rate (11% at March 31, 2013). Principal is due at maturity, February 28, 2015. There is no corresponding make-whole amount with respect to the \$25 million loan in the event of a prepayment. American Shale will be required to pay a Termination Fee with respect to the \$25 million loan upon the earliest to occur of (i) a Change of Control (as defined in the A&R Credit agreement), (ii) the exercise of the Warrant Put Option (as defined in the Warrants) and (iii) certain defaults under the A&R Credit Agreement related to seeking relief from creditors or generally being unable to repay debts as they come due. The Termination Fee will be equal to \$12.5 million less all interest payments actually made with respect to the \$25 million loan prior to such date.

The ASD Credit Agreement is collateralized by American Shale's natural gas and oil reserves and is guaranteed by Trans Energy. The ASD credit agreement includes reporting, financial and other restrictive covenants, as well as a contingent interest provision that adds 1% of the outstanding principal amount of the Loan to the loan balance for any quarter in which American Shale's Consolidated Leverage Ratio exceeds certain levels, as defined in the ASD Credit Agreement. ASD's Consolidated Leverage Ratio exceeded the allowed level at December 31, 2012. Therefore, the contingent interest provision has been applied which is equal to 1% of the outstanding principal amount of the Loan at the beginning of such fiscal quarter, and \$500,000 was added to the principal balance and interest expense. The Company has to pay interest through April 26, 2014, on any principal prepayments prior to April 26, 2014, at the time of the prepayment.

As of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company owed \$34,220 and \$15,155, respectively, for other loans, primarily for vehicles.

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NOTE 6 DERIVATIVE AND HEDGING FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

ASC 480-10-25-8 through 25-12, Derivative and Hedging Activities, as amended, establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments. As a part of the April 26, 2012 ASD Credit Agreement, the Company entered into a warrant agreement with Chambers which requires American Shale to sell the Lenders for a total of \$2 million a warrant for 19,500 shares representing 19.5% of ASD's stock at \$263.44 per share. The warrant expires on February 28, 2015. The warrant includes a put option whereby the Lender could require ASD to repurchase the warrant as of February 28, 2015, or earlier if certain events occur which is in accordance with the credit agreement. Under the put option, ASD would pay the excess of the fair market value per share of the stock over \$263.44 times the number of shares exercisable less any distributions or similar payments defined by the agreement. In certain circumstances ASD has the option to transfer working interest in all of its wells equal to the value of the put option instead of paying in cash.

The embedded derivative is recorded at fair value and reported as a Long-Term Liability on the Consolidated Balance Sheet with the change in fair value recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Operations in Other Income (Expenses). The gain on the change in fair value of the embedded warrant amounted to \$123,677 for the three months ended March 31, 2013. The Embedded Warrant Liability had a fair value of \$2,684,601 and \$2,808,278 as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

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NOTE 7 STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

Effective April 26, 2012, Trans Energy granted 60,000 shares of common stock to six employees under the long-term incentive bonus program. The 60,000 shares are not performance based and vest semi-annually over a three year period, subject to ongoing employment. These shares were valued at \$138,000 using fair market value of the common stock at the date of grant and will be amortized to compensation expense over three years.

Effective April 26, 2012, Trans Energy granted 804,000 common stock options to nine employees and four outside board members. These options vest semi-annually over five years and have a five year term. The stock options were granted at an exercise price of \$2.30 per common share which was equal to the fair market value of the common stock at the date of the grant and were valued using the Black Scholes valuation model. The model uses key estimates such as estimated useful lives of the options and the estimated volatility of our stock price. The options are being amortized to share-based compensation expense over the vesting period. As of August, 2012, a total of 18,000 of these options were cancelled due to separation from service.

In June 2012, Trans Energy, due to a severance agreement, granted 150,000 common stock options. These options vested immediately. These options were granted at an exercise price of \$2.30 per common share and were valued using the Black Scholes valuation model and similar assumptions as the April, 2012 options.

In August 2012, Trans Energy granted 30,000 shares of common stock to an outside board member under the long-term incentive bonus program. The 30,000 shares are not performance based and vest semi-annually over a three year period, subject to ongoing employment. These shares were valued at \$52,500 using fair market value of the common stock at the date of grant and will be amortized to compensation expense over three years.

In August 2012, Trans Energy granted 60,000 common stock options to an outside board member. These options vest semi-annually over five years and have a five year term. The stock options were granted at an exercise price of \$2.30 per common share which was equal to the fair market value of the common stock at the date of the grant and were valued using the Black Scholes valuation model. The model uses key estimates such as estimated useful lives of the options and the estimated volatility of our stock price. The options are being amortized to share-based compensation expense over the vesting period.

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In December 2012, Trans Energy granted 9,900 shares of common stock to seventeen employees under the long-term incentive bonus program. The 9,900 shares vested immediately and the shares were valued using fair market value of the common stock at the date of grant.

In August 2006, Trans Energy granted 800,000 common stock options to two employees with an expiration date of August 16, 2011. Trans Energy extended those options in September 2011 to August 16, 2012. Trans Energy recorded \$11,831 of additional stock-based compensation in September 2011 related to the one year extension. In 2012 Trans Energy extended the expiration date of these options to August 16, 2014 due to provisions of severance agreements.

Due to severance agreements, effective in April 2012, certain employees became vested 100% on their stock options and stock awards.

The following are assumptions made in computing the 2013 option fair value:

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Average risk-free interest rate | 0.89% |
| Dividend yield | 0% |
| Expected term | 5 years |
| Average expected volatility | 78.40% |

In February 2013, Trans Energy granted 42,000 shares of stock to five employees under the long-term incentive bonus program. The 36,000 shares are not performance based and vest semi-annually over a three period and 6,000 shares are performance based and vest semi-annually over a three year period, subject to ongoing employment. The 42,000 shares were valued at \$2.50 using fair value of the common stock at the date of grant and will be amortized to compensation expense semi-annually over three years.

In February 2013, Trans Energy also granted 346,000 common stock options to seven employees and five outside board members. These options vest semi-annually over five years and have a five year term. These stock options were granted at an exercise price of \$2.50 per common share and were valued using the Black Scholes valuation model. The options are being amortized to share-based compensation expense semi-annually over the vesting period. Of the 346,000 shares granted, 12,000 of the share are performance based.

The stock-based compensation expense for the three months ending March 31, 2013 and 2012 is as follows:

Common stock awards

| Issue date | Total Shares Awarded | Average Issuance Price | 3/31/2013 | 3/31/2012 |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------|
| December 2010 | 136,500 | \$ 3.00 | \$ 11,625 | \$ 25,125 |
| May 2011 | 420,000 | 2.68 | 60,300 | 93,800 |
| December 2011 | 12,000 | 2.68 | 2,680 | 2,680 |
| April 2012 | 60,000 | 2.30 | 11,500 | |
| August 2012 | 30,000 | 1.75 | 4,375 | |
| February 2013 | 42,000 | 2.50 | 8,750 | |
| | | | \$ 99,230 | \$ 121,605 |

Stock option awards

| Issue date | Total Options Awarded | Average Strike Price | 3/31/2013 | 3/31/2012 |
|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| December 2010 | 368,000 | \$ 3.00 | \$ 30,283 | \$ 57,123 |
| May 2011 | 378,000 | 2.68 | 37,083 | 54,331 |
| December 2011 | 36,000 | 2.68 | 5,175 | 5,174 |
| April 2012 | 804,000 | 2.30 | 86,460 | |
| August 2012 | 60,000 | 2.30 | 6,600 | |
| February 2013 | 346,000 | 2.50 | 45,231 | |

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| | \$ 210,832 | \$ 116,628 |
| Total share-based expense | \$ 310,062 | \$ 238,233 |

NOTE 8 EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic income (loss) per share of common stock for the periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 is determined by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of shares of common stock during the period.

The Company's stock options were anti-dilutive for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

The Company paid no cash distributions to its stockholders during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

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On January 24, 2013, we closed the sale of our interests in certain non-core assets for approximately \$2,625,000 of net cash proceeds. The interests sold consisted of our working interest in all existing shallow wells, but we retained an overriding royalty interest of approximately 2.5% on most of the wells. The purchaser assumed the role of operator with respect to approximately 300 wellbores, and intends to commence a workover program with respect to a number of the existing wells. The wells produced at a rate of approximately 800 mcfe per day as of December 31, 2012, which was the effective date for the transaction. As of the December 31, 2011 reserve report, these wells had proven reserves of 2.5 Bcfe.

Additionally, we granted the purchaser (the shallow operator) the right to drill wells in or above conventional shallow Devonian formations, for leases where we currently hold rights to such depths. We did not farm out any of our rights to drill in deeper formations such as the Rhinestreet, Marcellus or Utica. We retained up to a 5% overriding royalty interest on any such wells drilled, depending on the net revenue interest.

The assets and liabilities related to the wells and equipment sold were reported as assets and liabilities held for sale at December 31, 2012. The Company wrote the assets down to their fair market value as of December 31, 2012 based on the sale proceeds and recorded an impairment on the assets of \$10, 132,702. The loss on sale of assets reported in 2013 is due to actual sale expenses being greater than the expenses accrued as of December 31, 2012.

NOTE 10 BUSINESS SEGMENTS

Trans Energy's principal operations consist of exploration and production with Trans Energy and Prima Oil Company, and pipeline transmission with Ritchie County Gathering Systems and Tyler Construction Company.

Certain financial information concerning Trans Energy's operations in different segments is as follows:

| | For the Three Months Ended March 31 | Exploration and Production | Pipeline Transmission | Corporate | Total |
|---|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Revenue | 2013 | \$ 3,573,883 | \$ 35,443 | \$ | \$ 3,609,326 |
| | 2012 | 2,771,982 | 93,313 | 52,233 | 2,917,528 |
| Income (Loss) from operations | 2013 | 607,258 | 32,554 | (1,558,700) | (918,888) |
| | 2012 | 5,967 | 51,519 | (1,123,042) | (1,065,556) |
| Interest expense | 2013 | 1,897,900 | | 4,846 | 1,902,746 |
| | 2012 | 438,744 | | | 438,744 |
| Depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion | 2013 | 639,395 | 54 | | 639,449 |
| | 2012 | 1,010,918 | 80 | | 1,010,998 |
| Property and equipment acquisitions, including oil and gas properties | 2013 | 13,377,891 | | 5,281 | 13,383,172 |
| | 2012 | 1,073,617 | | | 1,073,617 |
| Total assets, net of intercompany accounts: | | | | | |
| March 31, 2013 | | 85,093,588 | 8,147 | | 85,101,735 |
| December 31, 2012 | | 62,408,692 | 29,769 | | 62,438,461 |

Property and equipment acquisitions include accrued amounts and reclassifications.

NOTE 11 SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On May 9, 2013 the company's subsidiary, American Shale Development, entered into costless collars covering approximately 85% of its expected natural gas production from wells that were considered proved developed producing (PDP) as of that date. Neither oil nor natural gas liquids have been hedged, but the BTU associated with the company's ethane production was essentially hedged, since it is sold as part of the natural gas stream. The costless collars consist of long put options (floor) with a strike price of \$4.00 per MMBtu and offsetting short calls (ceiling) with a strike price of \$4.28 per MMBtu. The aforementioned volumes are hedged beginning with the June 2013 contract and ending with the April 2015 contract. A total of 3,391,910 MMBtu are hedged over this period, with monthly volumes declining from a high of approximately 207,000 MMBtu in June 2013 to 113,000 MMBtu in April 2015.

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In April and May of 2013, the President of the Company and the Chairman of the Board, respectively, entered into change of control agreements. These agreements provide both individuals to receive a severance payment equal to twice their annual salary and 85,000 vested common shares if there is a change in control of the Company and they are terminated or demoted. Various other Company personnel also received change in control agreements in April that provide them severance payments equal to their salary for six to twelve months.

In May 2013, Trans Energy granted 100,000 common stock options to the Chairman of the Board. These options vest semi-annually over five years and have a five year term. The stock options were granted at an exercise price of \$3.00 per common share, which was equal to the fair market value of the common stock at the date of the grant.

Table of Contents**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

The following discussion will assist in the understanding of our financial position and results of operations. The information below should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements, the related notes to consolidated financial statements and our 2012 Form 10-K. Our discussion contains both historical and forward-looking information. We assess the risks and uncertainties about our business, long-term strategy and financial condition before we make any forward-looking statements but we cannot guarantee that our assessment is accurate or that our goals and projections can or will be met. Statements concerning results of future exploration, development and acquisition expenditures as well as revenue, expense and reserve levels are forward-looking statements. We make assumptions about commodity prices, drilling results, production costs, administrative expenses and interest costs that we believe are reasonable based on currently available information. Although we believe such estimates and assumptions to be reasonable, they are inherently uncertain and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that are beyond our control.

We intend to focus our development and exploration efforts in our West Virginia properties and utilize our attractive opportunities to expand our reserve base through continuing to drill higher risk/higher reward exploratory and development drilling in the Marcellus Shale for 2013 and beyond with our new financing as discussed under item 1. Management intends to use a portion of the proceeds from the Chambers facility financing to fund this drilling program. We will evaluate our properties on a continuous basis in order to optimize our existing asset base. We plan to employ the latest drilling, completion, and fracturing technology in all of our wells to enhance recoverability and accelerate cash flows associated with these wells. We believe that our extensive acreage position will allow us to grow through high risk drilling in the near term.

In summary, our strategy is to increase our oil and gas reserves and production while keeping our development costs and operating costs as low as possible. We will implement this strategy through drilling exploratory and development wells from our inventory of available prospects that we have evaluated for geologic and mechanical risk and future reserve or resource potential. The success of this strategy is contingent on various risk factors, as discussed in our 2012 Form 10-K.

Results of Operations**Three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to March 31, 2012**

The following table sets forth the relationship of total revenues of principal items contained in our Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

| | Three Months Ended | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | March 31, | |
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Total revenues | \$ 3,609,326 | \$ 2,917,528 |
| Total costs and expenses | (4,519,427) | (4,044,939) |
| (Loss) gain on sale of assets | (8,787) | 61,855 |
| Loss from operations | (918,888) | (1,065,556) |
| Other expenses | (1,774,248) | (430,912) |
| Income taxes | | |
| Net loss | \$ (2,693,136) | \$ (1,496,468) |

Total revenues of \$3,609,326 for the three months ended March 31, 2013 increased \$691,798 or 24% compared to \$2,917,528 for the three months ended March 31, 2012 due to an increase in natural gas production as a result of new drilling in 2012.

Revenue from natural gas sales increased by \$1,273,737 or 84% when compared to 2012 which was the result of higher production volumes and prices. Natural gas production volumes increased by 240,336 MCF, or 51%, to 708,520 from 468,184 in the first three months of 2012. The price of natural gas increased from an average of \$3.25/mcf for the three months ended March 31, 2012 to an average price of \$3.95/mcf for the three months ended March 31, 2013, representing a \$0.70 increase in the average price. Also the Doman 1H and Doman 2H were brought on-line in the first quarter of 2013.

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Revenues from oil and natural gas liquid (NGL) sales for the three months ended March 31, 2013 decreased by \$471,837 when compared to the three months ended March 31, 2012. Oil sales decreased \$146,199 or 67% in 2013 due to lower production volumes associated with the sale of the shallow wells in January 2013 and lower product prices when comparing 2013 to 2012. Oil volumes decreased from 1,847 bbls for the three months ended March 31, 2012 to 840 bbls for the three months ended March 31, 2013, or a 1,007 bbl decrease in production. The price of oil decreased from an average of \$117.99/bbl for the three months ended March 31, 2012 to an average price of \$85.43/bbl for the three months ended March 31, 2013, representing a \$32.56 decrease in the average price.

Natural gas liquid sales decreased \$325,638, or 32% to \$705,722 from \$1,031,360 due to lower product prices. The average price of NGLs decreased from \$1.84 per gallon for the three months ended March 31, 2012 to \$0.67 per gallon for the three months ended March 31, 2013. Total production of NGLs was 1,045,944 gallons for the three months ended March 31, 2013, which was an increase of 484,372 gallons or 86% compared to 561,572 gallons for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

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Production costs increased \$698,474 for the three months ended March 31, 2013 as compared to the same period for 2012, primarily due to an increase in severance tax expense and an increase in transportation fees and natural gas liquid processing fees, associated with the increased production in 2013.

Depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion expense decreased \$371,549 or 37% for the three months ended March 31, 2013 as compared to the same period for 2012, primarily due to the selling of the shallow wells in January 2013.

Selling, general and administrative expense increased \$147,563 or 10% for the three months ended March 31, 2013 as compared to the comparable period in 2012, due to an increase in share based compensation expense as well as increased legal and professional fees.

Interest expense increased \$1,464,002 or 334% for the three months ended March 31, 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012 due to the higher loan balance.

Gain on derivative for 2013 was \$123,677 as compared to \$639 in the same period in 2012. The gain for 2013 is the result of recording the change in the value of the put option associated with our warrant derivative liability.

Net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2013 was \$2,693,136 compared to a net loss of \$1,496,468 for the comparable period in 2012. This increase in the net loss is primarily due to the increase in interest expense which was offset partially by a decrease in loss from operations.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Historically, we have satisfied our working capital needs with operating revenue, outside financing and the proceeds of acreage sales. At March 31, 2013, we had positive working capital of \$26,821,911 compared to positive working capital of \$2,487,924 at December 31, 2012. This increase in working capital is due to the additional loan proceeds received in February, 2013.

During the first three months of 2013, net cash used by operating activities was \$1,123,876 compared to \$1,941,434 for the same period of 2012. This increase in cash flow from operations was primarily due to a decrease in the amount paid on our accounts payable and revenue payable during the first three months of 2013 when compared to the same period in 2012 which was offset by a decrease in the net cash generated from sales of hydrocarbons, after associated production expenses in 2013 when compared to the same period in 2012.

We expect our cash flow provided by operations for 2013, compared to the comparable period in 2012, to improve because of higher projected production from the drilling program. However, if our drilling or realized commodity prices miss expectation, our cash flow provided by operations may differ materially from our expectations.

Excluding the effects of significant unforeseen expenses or other income, our cash flow from operations fluctuates primarily because of variations in oil and gas production and prices, or changes in working capital accounts and actual well performance. In additions, our oil and gas production may be curtailed due to factors beyond our control, such as downstream activities on major pipelines causing us to shut-in production for various lengths of time.

During the first three months of 2013, net cash provided by investing activities was \$1,234,883 compared to net cash used of \$1,226,845 in the same period in 2012. The change was due to the cash proceeds received from the sale of the shallow wells.

During the first three months of 2013, net cash proceeds provided by financing activities was \$24,884,064 compared to net cash used of \$209,525 in the same period in 2012. The change was due to the cash proceeds received from our additional financing.

We anticipated meeting our working capital needs with revenues from our ongoing operations, particularly from our wells in Marshall and Wetzel counties in West Virginia and our additional \$25 million financing which was funded February 28, 2013.

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Critical accounting policies

We consider accounting policies related to our estimates of proved reserves, accounting for derivatives, share-based payments, accounting for oil and natural gas properties, asset retirement obligations and accounting for income taxes as critical accounting policies. The policies include significant estimates made by management using information available at the time the estimates are made. However, these estimates could change materially if different information or assumptions were used. These policies are summarized in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Inflation

In the opinion of our management, inflation has not had a material overall effect on our operations.

Forward-looking and Cautionary Statements

This report includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These forward-looking statements may relate to such matters as anticipated financial performance, future revenues or earnings, business prospects, projected ventures, new products and services, anticipated market performance and similar matters. When used in this report, the words may, will, expect, anticipate, continue, estimate, project, intend, and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements regarding events, conditions, and financial trends that may affect our future plans of operations, business strategy, operating results, and our future plans of operations, business strategy, operating results, and financial position. We caution readers that a variety of factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from the anticipated results or other matters expressed in forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, include:

varying demand for oil and gas;

fluctuations in price;

competitive factors that affect pricing;

attempts to expand into new markets;

the timing and magnitude of capital expenditures, including costs relating to the expansion of operations;

hiring and retention of key personnel;

changes in generally accepted accounting policies, especially those related to the oil and gas industry; and

new government legislation or regulation.

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Any of the above factors or a significant downturn in the oil and gas industry or with the economic conditions generally, could have a negative effect on our business and on the price of our common stock.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to be effective in providing reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in our reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

In designing and evaluating disclosure controls and procedures, management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute assurance of achieving the desired objectives. Also, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of

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fraud, if any, have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. The design of any system of controls is based, in part, upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our principal executive officer and chief financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act. Based upon that evaluation, management concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to cause the information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods prescribed by SEC, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

During the period ended, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

We are committed to continuing to improve our internal control processes and will continue to review our financial reporting controls and procedures. As we continue to evaluate and work to improve our internal control over financial reporting, we will identify measures to address the material weakness. Our management, with the oversight of the audit committee of our board of directors, will continue to assess and take steps to enhance the overall design and capability of our control environment in the future. More specifically, the Company intends to remediate the material weakness in the internal control over financial reporting identified above by adding additional controls over derivative accounting and the application of relevant accounting guidance. As necessary, we will engage consultants in the future in order to ensure proper accounting for our consolidated financial statements.

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PART II

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Certain material pending legal proceedings to which we are a party or to which any of our property is subject, is set forth below:

On May 11, 2011, we filed an action in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia against EQT Corporation, a Pennsylvania corporation (Trans Energy, Inc., et al. v. EQT Corporation). The action relates to our attempt to quiet title to certain oil and gas properties referred to as the Blackshere Lease, consisting of approximately 22 oil and/or gas wells on the Blackshere Lease. The defendant, EQT Corporation, has filed with the Court an answer and counterclaim wherein it claims it holds title to the natural gas within and underlying the Blackshere Lease. We believe that we will ultimately prevail in the action, but it is too early in the proceedings to accurately assess the final outcome. Currently the Company has no plans to drill on this acreage. On September 5, 2012, the parties filed competing motions seeking summary judgment in this case. On November 26, 2012, the Court granted our motion for summary judgment and denied the defendant's motions for declaratory judgment and summary judgment. At this time, the defendant has appealed the Court's decision.

On March 6, 2012, James K. Abcouwer (Abcouwer), former Chief Executive Officer of the Company, filed an action in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia against the Company (James K. Abcouwer vs. Trans Energy, Inc). The action relates to the Stock Option Agreement (the Agreement) entered into between the Company and Abcouwer on February 7, 2008. By his complaint, Abcouwer alleges that the Company has breached the Agreement by not permitting Abcouwer to exercise options that are the subject of the Agreement. The Company believes that per the terms of the Agreement all options and other rights described in the Agreement terminated ninety (90) days after the termination of Abcouwer's employment with the Company. Mr. Abcouwer is requesting an amount for his loss of the value of the stock options that are subject to the Agreement. Said amount has not been determined.

On January 14, 2013, Abcouwer filed an action in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia against the Company, and two individual defendants currently on the Board of Directors of the Company William F. Woodburn (Woodburn) and Loren E. Bagley (Bagley). The matter is identified as Civil Action No. 13-C-56 and was assigned to the Honorable Carrie L. Webster. In his complaint, Abcouwer alleges that Plaintiff and Defendants entered into a verbal agreement that required the Company to enter into a third party sales transaction which would have allegedly caused Abcouwer to make significant profit as the result of his ownership of Company stock. Abcouwer alleges that he lost approximately \$30 million as a result of the fact that no sale of the Company ever took place. The Company believes that no such agreement existed and that Abcouwer's claims are wholly without merit. On March 25, 2013, the Company filed an answer denying the existence of any liability and asserting, in the alternative, counterclaims for fraud and breach of fiduciary duty. The Company's counterclaims allege that, to the extent a binding agreement between Abcouwer and the Company existed, Abcouwer failed to disclose such agreement to the Company despite a duty to do so.

On September 28 and December 17, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued to the company seven administrative compliance orders and a request for information. The orders and request relate to our compliance with Clean Water Act (CWA) permitting requirements at seven pond and/or well site locations in Marshall and Wetzel Counties, West Virginia and concern the alleged discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States. The company is actively cooperating with the EPA to resolve these matters in a timely manner. The CWA provides authority for significant civil and criminal penalties for the placement of fill in a jurisdictional stream or wetland without a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers, including for civil penalties as high as \$37,500 per day per violation. Monetary civil and/or criminal penalties can be substantial for non-compliance with CWA requirements. The CWA sets forth criteria, including degree of fault and history of prior violations, which may influence CWA penalty assessments. The EPA may also seek to recover any economic benefit derived from non-compliance with the CWA.

Resolution of the EPA's compliance orders may include monetary sanctions. However, we presently do not have sufficient information to determine whether the potential liability with respect to these matters will have a material effect on our financial position, on the results of operations, or on cash flow.

We may be engaged in various other lawsuits and claims, either as plaintiff or defendant, in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, based upon advice of counsel, the ultimate outcome of these lawsuits will not have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Not Applicable

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

On March 30, 2012, the Company and CIT entered into the Eighth Amendment to the Credit Agreement. The Eighth Amendment waived specific items of default, and eliminated the current ratio covenant. As a result, the company was not in default under the CIT Credit Agreement as of March 31, 2012.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not Applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

- Exhibit 31.1 Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- Exhibit 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- Exhibit 32.1 Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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| Exhibit 32.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| **101.INS | XBRL Instance Document |
| **101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema |
| **101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase |
| **101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase |
| **101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase |
| **101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase |

** Filed herewith. XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language) information is furnished and not filed or a part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, is deemed and note filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and otherwise is not subject to liability under these sections.

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SIGNATURES

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

TRANS ENERGY, INC.

Date: May 15, 2013

By /s/ John G. Corp
JOHN G. CORP
Principal Executive Officer

Date: May 15, 2013

By /s/ John S. Tumis
JOHN S. TUMIS
Chief Financial Officer