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May 22, 2003

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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ON MAY 12, 2003, EL PASO CORPORATION BEGAN THE PROCESS OF MAILING ITS DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT, TOGETHER WITH A WHITE PROXY CARD. SHAREHOLDERS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO READ EL PASO'S PROXY STATEMENT AS IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

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RECONCILIATION OF EBIT AND EBITDA TO GAAP OPERATING INCOME

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FIRST QUARTER 2003

	PIPELINE GROUP	PRODUCTION	FIELD SERVICES	MERCHANT ENERGY	CORPORATE AND OTHER
GAAP operating income	\$ 384	\$ 235	\$ --	\$ (514)	\$ (44)
Equity and other income	45	9	27	(242)	(24)
Reported EBIT	429	244	27	(756)	(68)
Non-recurring items	--	12	1	663	22
PRO FORMA EBIT	\$ 429	\$ 256	\$ 28	\$ (93)	\$ (46)
DD&A	95	205	10	29	22
PRO FORMA EBITDA					

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\$ 524	\$ 461	\$ 38	\$ (64)	\$ (24)
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RECONCILIATION OF EBIT AND EBITDA
TO GAAP OPERATING INC

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FIRST QUARTER 2002

	PIPELINE GROUP	PRODUCTION	FIELD SERVICES	MERCHANT ENERGY	CORPORATE AND OTHER
GAAP operating income	\$ 357	\$ 175	\$ 38	\$ 455	\$ (13)
Equity and other income	42	1	13	(362)	7
Reported EBIT	399	176	51	93	(6)
Non-recurring items	--	33	--	342	--
PRO FORMA EBIT	\$ 399	\$ 209	\$ 51	\$ 435	\$ (6)
DD&A	91	207	19	34	14
PRO FORMA EBITDA	\$ 490	\$ 416	\$ 70	\$ 469	\$ 8
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RECONCILIATION OF EBIT AND EBITDA
TO GAAP OPERATING INCOME

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FOURTH QUARTER 2002

	PIPELINE GROUP	PRODUCTION	FIELD SERVICES	MERCHANT ENERGY	CORPORATE AND OTHER
GAAP operating income	\$ (103)	\$ 170	\$ 177	\$ (1,525)	\$ (238)
Equity and other income	(103)	2	16	(95)	(33)

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Reported EBIT	(206)	172	193	(1,620)	(271)
Non-recurring items	561	6	(166)	972	169
PRO FORMA EBIT	\$ 355	\$ 178	\$ 27	\$ (648)	\$ (102)
DD&A	94	192	11	30	21
PRO FORMA EBITDA	\$ 449	\$ 370	\$ 38	\$ (618)	\$ (81)

PROGRESS AND
NEW INITIATIVES

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PROGRESS AGAINST 2003 OPERATIONAL
AND FINANCIAL PLAN

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- o \$2.3 billion (67%) of \$3.4 billion asset sales program announced or completed
- o Significant improvement in liquidity
- o Simplification of balance sheet
- o Proposed Western energy settlement
- o Extension of \$3 billion bank facility
- o \$1.9 billion of financings
- o Sale of European natural gas trading book

NEXT STEPS

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- o The Board of Directors has formed a long-range planning committee to ensure that El Paso maximizes all opportunities inherent in its core businesses
- o Undertaking top-to-bottom analysis to achieve substantial further cost reductions and design most cost-efficient structure possible for our businesses
- o Targeting at least \$250 MM of additional pre-tax cost savings and

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business efficiencies beyond \$150 MM previously announced by the end of 2004

- Expected from corporate expense reductions and budgeted cost savings and revenue enhancements at business unit level

LONG RANGE PLANNING PROCESS

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- o Initial review of appropriate leverage capability of core assets
 - Self-sustaining leverage to allow for maintenance and growth capital
 - Investment grade ratio comparison
- o Evaluating options to achieve additional debt reduction
- o Process will streamline and optimize core businesses
 - Reduce costs
 - Minimize capital
 - Generate free cash flow

WE WILL PROVIDE DETAILED UPDATE TO THE INVESTMENT COMMUNITY UPON COMPLETION OF THIS PROCESS

BUSINESS UNIT UPDATE

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PIPELINE GROUP

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- o Continuing improvement in capacity values
 - Return to normal or slightly colder-than-normal winter weather
 - Record low storage inventories at the end of 1st quarter
 - Recognition by LDCs and state utility commissions of increased value of long-term capacity
- o Excellent expansion inventory

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- Southern Natural Gas
- Tennessee Gas Pipeline
- ANR Pipeline
- Colorado Interstate Gas

PRODUCTION COMPANY

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- o Significant property sales since early 2002 have reduced production volumes
- o Current production forecast of 525 Bcfe for full year 2003
- o New discoveries to come online by year end total almost 400 MMcfe/d
 - 225 MMcfe/d net from 5 deep shelf, 3 South Texas and 1 North Louisiana discoveries
 - 64 MMcfe/d net from 5 Western Canada discoveries
 - 100 MMcfe/d net expected from development wells on these discoveries
- o Continue to focus on core areas, lengthening R/P ratio, reducing capital demand

FIELD SERVICES

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- o Growth through GulfTerra Energy Partners (formerly El Paso Energy Partners)
- o GulfTerra has underway \$900 MM of deepwater trend and platform infrastructure projects
 - These projects bring new strategic supplies to El Paso's pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico
- o Contribution from GulfTerra to Field Services doubled in 1Q vs. 2002

MERCHANT ENERGY GROUP

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- o Making good progress on liquidation of trading book

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- Managing for cash, not earnings
- o Power assets performing as expected
- o Petroleum assets reported strong results in the 1st quarter due to improved refining margins

FIRST QUARTER RESULTS

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1ST QUARTER SUMMARY

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\$ MILLIONS, EXCEPT EPS

	MARCH 31, 2003	QUARTER ENDED	
		DECEMBER 31, 2002	MARCO
Reported diluted earnings per share	\$ (.66)	\$ (2.92)	\$
Non-recurring items	.90	2.23	
Pro forma diluted earnings per share	\$.24	\$ (.69)	
Funds from operations	\$ 585	\$ 446	\$
Working capital and other	\$ (674)	\$ (1,169)	\$
Cash provided (used) from operations	\$ (89)	\$ (723)	\$

CORE BUSINESS
POSTED STRONG RESULTS

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\$ MILLIONS

	MARCH 31, 2003	QUARTER ENDED	
		DECEMBER 31, 2002	M
Pipelines	\$ 429	\$ 355	\$

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Production	256	178	
Field Services	28	27	
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PRO FORMA EBIT	\$ 713	\$ 560	\$
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Pipelines	\$ 524	\$ 449	\$
Production	461	370	
Field Services	38	38	
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PRO FORMA EBITDA	\$ 1,023	\$ 857	\$
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1ST QUARTER CONSOLIDATED RESULTS
OPERATING CASH FLOW

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\$ MILLIONS

	2003	2002
Net income (loss)	\$ (394)	\$ 383
Non-cash adjustments to net income	979	356
Subtotal	585	739
Working capital changes and other	(674)	(653)
Cash flow from operating activities	(89)	86
Cash flow from investing activities	(477)	(346)
Cash flow from financing activities	757	380
CHANGE IN CASH	\$ 191	\$ 120

1ST QUARTER WORKING CAPITAL USE

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\$ MILLIONS

CATEGORY	TARGET	PROJECTED USE	
Trade book and Production hedges (gas price exposure)	\$40 for \$.10/Mcf FN1	\$ 216	\$
Stress demand	\$ 2,200 FN2	400	

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Normal 1st quarter	-	\$	50	\$
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TOTAL		\$	666	\$
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WORKING CAPITAL OUTLOOK FOR
APRIL-DECEMBER 2003

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EXPECT WORKING CAPITAL RECOVERY OF
\$1.2 BILLION FOR REMAINDER OF 2003

- o \$500 MM from letters of credit backed by \$3 billion facility
- o \$225 MM roll off of production hedges
- o \$300 MM impact of higher prices on production, or return of margin on production hedges if prices fall
- o \$(60) MM settlements from trading book
- o \$200 MM related to petroleum asset sales

FINANCIAL REVIEW

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LIQUIDITY UPDATE

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\$ BILLIONS

	DECEMBER 31, 2002	MARCH 31, 2003
BALANCE SHEET CASH	\$ 1.6	\$ 1.8
Available cash	\$ 1.1	\$ 1.5
Availability under \$3 billion bank facility	1.5	1.5

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Available under \$1 billion bank facility

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NET AVAILABLE LIQUIDITY	\$ 3.1	\$ 3.0

Note: \$3 billion bank facility matures in June 2005 and \$1 billion bank facility matures in

PRO FORMA BALANCE SHEET

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\$ BILLIONS

	FINANCING OBLIGATIONS AND NOTES PAYABLE	MINORITY AND PREFERRED INTERESTS FN1	G
Balance at March 31, 2003	\$ 20.7	\$ 2.2	\$
ELECTRON AND GEMSTONE:			
Gemstone notes due 2004	1.0	-	
Gemstone project debt	0.1	-	
Electron project and restructuring debt	1.6	-	
Intercompany eliminations	(0.4)	(0.4)	
Linden sale	(0.6)	-	
BANK FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Clydesdale refinancing	0.8	(0.8)	
Operating leases	0.6	-	
Coastal Securities Company, Ltd	0.1	(0.1)	
PRO FORMA BALANCE AT MARCH 31, 2003	\$ 23.9	\$ 0.9	\$

1 FAS 150 may require reclassification of \$625 MM of trust preferred securities to debt.

DEBT REDUCTION PLAN

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\$ BILLIONS

Pro forma obligations senior to common at March 31, 2003

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Less:	\$	25.0
		(1.0)
Cash in excess of \$500 MM		(1.9)
Remaining 2003 asset sales		(2.5)
Other asset sales identified for debt reduction		(1.3)
Return of trading and hedge margin		(.6)
Conversion of equity security units (mandatory August 2005)		-----
Target obligations senior to common	\$	17.7
Less non-recourse obligations:		
Utility Contract Funding		(.8)
Mohawk River Funding		(.1)
Cedar Brakes I and II		(.7)
Other project debt		(.3)

Target recourse obligations senior to common	\$	15.8
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SUMMARY

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- o El Paso's core businesses performing very well
- o Continued solid execution of operational and financial plan
- o Aggressively pursuing \$400 MM cost reduction target
- o Asset sales and working capital recovery will yield significant debt reduction
- o Long range planning committee will deliver final part of restructuring process
 - Deliver solid earnings power of core business
 - Reduce debt to appropriate level
 - Generate free cash flow while investing prudently in core businesses
- o We WILL deliver shareholder value