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# COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER 2021 FINANCIAL AND OPERATING RESULTS

**FRISCO, TEXAS, February 15, 2022** – Comstock Resources, Inc. ("Comstock" or the "Company") (NYSE: CRK) today reported financial and operating results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2021.

## Highlights of 2021's Fourth Quarter

- Generated free cash flow from operations of \$105 million in the quarter and \$262 million for the year.
- Generated free cash flow including acquisition and divestiture activity of \$204 million in the quarter and \$343 million for the year.
- Paid down \$190 million of debt in the quarter.
- Adjusted EBITDAX increased 41% to \$297 million.
- Operating cash flow (excluding working capital changes) increased 62% to \$250 million or \$0.90 per diluted share.
- Fourth quarter capital spending was \$140 million for drilling and completion activities and \$39 million for acquisition activities.
- Production increased 12% to 1,348 MMcfe per day (99% natural gas).
- Revenues, after realized hedging losses, were \$380 million, 37% higher than 2020's fourth quarter.
- Adjusted net income to common stockholders was \$99 million for the quarter or \$0.37 per diluted share.

#### Financial Results for the Three Months Ended December 31, 2021

Revenues in the fourth quarter of 2021 totaled \$379.9 million (inclusive of realized hedging losses of \$275.5 million). Net cash provided by operating activities (excluding changes in working capital) generated in the fourth quarter was \$249.8 million, and net income available to common stockholders for the fourth quarter

of 2021 was \$356.0 million (\$1.30 per diluted share). Net income in the quarter included a pre-tax \$469.8 million unrealized gain on hedging contracts held for risk management and a \$162.2 million loss on the sale of the Company's Bakken assets. Excluding these items and certain other unusual items, adjusted net income available to common stockholders for the fourth quarter of 2021 was \$98.8 million, or \$0.37 per diluted share.

Comstock's production cost per Mcfe in the fourth quarter was \$0.67 per Mcfe, which was comprised of \$0.28 for gathering and transportation costs, \$0.21 for lease operating costs, \$0.10 for production and other taxes and \$0.08 for cash general and administrative expenses. Production cost was \$0.65 per Mcfe in the third quarter of 2021 and \$0.60 in the fourth quarter of 2020. Comstock's unhedged operating margin was 87% in the fourth quarter of 2021 and 78% after hedging.

#### Financial Results for the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Revenues for the year ended December 31, 2021 totaled \$1.4 billion (inclusive of realized hedging losses of \$419.9 million). Net cash provided by operating activities (excluding changes in working capital) was \$908.2 million, and the Company reported a net loss available to common stockholders for the year ended December 31, 2021 of \$259.2 million (\$1.12 per share). The net loss during the year included a pre-tax \$140.9 million unrealized loss on the change in fair market value of the Company's hedging contracts, a \$352.6 million loss on the early retirement of the Company's 9.75% and 7.50% senior notes and a \$162.2 million loss on the sale of the Company's Bakken assets. Excluding these items and certain other unusual items, adjusted net income available to common stockholders for 2021 was \$303.0 million, or \$1.16 per diluted share.

#### Fourth Quarter Drilling Results

Comstock drilled nine (7.0 net) operated horizontal Haynesville/Bossier shale wells in the fourth quarter of 2021 which had an average lateral length of 11,163 feet. The Company also participated in an additional nine (0.5 net) non-operated Haynesville shale wells in the fourth quarter of 2021. Comstock turned 27 (8.6 net) wells to sales in the fourth quarter of 2021 and currently expects to turn an additional 13 (8.1 net) wells to sales in the first quarter of 2022.

Since its last operational update in November 2021, Comstock has turned 16 (12.2 net) new operated Haynesville/Bossier shale wells to sales. These wells had initial daily production rates that averaged 23 MMcf per day. The completed lateral length of these wells averaged 10,508 feet.

Included in the wells completed in the fourth quarter were the Company's first 15,000 foot lateral Haynesville shale wells. The Talley 32-29-20 #1 and Talley 32-29-20 #2 were drilled to a total measured depth of 26,848 feet and 27,357 feet, respectively, with completed lateral lengths of 14,685 feet and 15,155 feet, respectively. These wells had initial production rates of 41 and 48 MMcf per day.

## 2022 Drilling Budget

The Company currently plans to spend approximately \$750 million to \$800 million in 2022 on drilling and completion activities primarily focused on the continued development of its Haynesville/Bossier shale

properties, which includes \$60 million to \$65 million on infrastructure, workovers and other development costs. Under its current operating plan, Comstock expects to drill 67 (52.1 net) and complete 69 (56.0 net) operated horizontal wells utilizing five to seven rigs during 2022. Comstock also expects to spend an additional \$8 million to \$12 million on leasing activities in 2022.

The program will be funded entirely through operating cash flow and the Company is expected to generate substantial free cash flow in 2022 which it will use to retire debt and initiate a return of capital program once the Company reaches its leverage target.

#### **Other Matters**

Comstock has planned a conference call for 10:00 a.m. Central Time on February 16, 2022, to discuss the fourth quarter of 2021 operational and financial results. Investors wishing to participate should visit the Company's website at www.comstockresources.com for a live webcast or dial 844-776-7840 (international dial-in use 661-378-9538) and provide access code 7758087 when prompted. If you are unable to participate in the original conference call, a web replay will be available approximately 24 hours following the completion of the call on Comstock's website at <u>www.comstockresources.com</u>. The web replay will be available for approximately one week. A replay of the conference call will be available beginning at 1:00 p.m. CT on February 16, 2022 and will continue until 1:00 p.m. CT on February 23, 2022. To hear the replay, call 855-859-2056 (404-537-3406 if calling from outside the US). The conference call access code is 7758087.

This press release may contain "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those described herein. Although the Company believes the expectations in such statements to be reasonable, there can be no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Information concerning the assumptions, uncertainties and risks that may affect the actual results can be found in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") available on the Company's website or the SEC's website at sec.gov.

Comstock Resources, Inc. is a leading independent natural gas producer with operations focused on the development of the Haynesville shale in North Louisiana and East Texas. The Company's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CRK.

# COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

		Three Mo Decem			Year Decem	Ended ber 31.			
		2021		2020		2021	001	2020	
Revenues:									
Natural gas sales	\$	641,985	\$	261,424	\$	1,775,768	\$	809,399	
Oil sales		13,391		13,347		74,962		48,796	
Total oil and gas sales		655,376		274,771		1,850,730		858,195	
Operating expenses:	-		_		_		-		
Production and ad valorem taxes		12,673		9,199		49,141		36,967	
Gathering and transportation		34,344		29,159		130,940		106,582	
Lease operating		26,317		23,342		103,467		102,452	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		110,075		104,284		469,388		417,112	
General and administrative		10,991		6,049		34,943		32,040	
Exploration		_		_		_		27	
Loss (gain) on sale of assets		162,170		(1)		162,077		(17)	
Total operating expenses		356,570		172,032		949,956	-	695,163	
Operating income		298,806		102,739		900,774		163,032	
Other income (expenses):									
Gain (loss) from derivative financial instruments		195,378		81,929		(560,648)		9,951	
Other income (expense)		(372)		287		636		1,080	
Interest expense		(47,840)		(66,065)		(218,485)		(234,829)	
Loss on early retirement of debt		_		_		(352,599)		(861)	
Total other income (expenses)		147,166		16,151		(1,131,096)		(224,659)	
Income (loss) before income taxes		445,972		118,890		(230,322)	-	(61,627)	
Benefit from (provision for) income taxes		(85,571)		(36,967)		(11,403)		9,210	
Net income (loss)		360,401		81,923	-	(241,725)		(52,417)	
Preferred stock dividends and accretion		(4,411)		(4,400)		(17,500)		(30,996)	
Net income (loss) available to common stockholders	\$	355,990	\$	77,523	\$	(259,225)	\$	(83,413)	
Net income (loss) per share:									
Basic	\$	1.53	\$	0.34	\$	(1.12)	\$	(0.39)	
Diluted	\$	1.30	\$	0.30	\$	(1.12)	\$	(0.39)	
Weighted average shares outstanding: Basic		231,972		231,377		231,633	-	215,194	
Diluted		276,713		275,127	-	231,633	_	215,194	

# COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands)

	As of December 31,					
		2021		2020		
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	30,663	\$	30,272		
Accounts receivable		267,738		145,786		
Derivative financial instruments		5,258		8,913		
Other current assets		15,077		14,839		
Total current assets		318,736		199,810		
Property and equipment, net		4,007,146		4,084,550		
Goodwill		335,897		335,897		
Derivative financial instruments		—		661		
Operating lease right-of-use assets		6,450		3,025		
Other assets				40		
	\$	4,668,229	\$	4,623,983		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Accounts payable	\$	314,569	\$	259,284		
Accrued costs		135,026		133,019		
Operating leases		2,444		2,284		
Derivative financial instruments		181,945		47,005		
Total current liabilities		633,984		441,592		
Long-term debt		2,615,235		2,517,149		
Deferred income taxes		197,417		200,583		
Derivative financial instruments		4,042		2,364		
Long-term operating leases		4,075		740		
Asset retirement obligation		25,673		19,290		
Other non-current liabilities		24		492		
Total liabilities		3,480,450		3,182,210		
Mezzanine Equity:						
Preferred stock		175,000		175,000		
Stockholders' Equity:						
Common stock		116,462		116,206		
Additional paid-in capital		1,100,359		1,095,384		
Accumulated earnings (deficit)		(204,042)		55,183		
Total stockholders' equity		1,012,779	_	1,266,773		
	\$	4,668,229	\$	4,623,983		

## COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. OPERATING RESULTS

(In thousands, except per unit amounts)

		Three Months Ended December 31,				Year Decem				
	-	2021		2020		2021		2020		
Gas production (MMcf)		123,002		109,013		489,274		450,836		
Oil production (Mbbls)		176		340		1,210		1,508		
Total production (MMcfe)		124,060		111,052		496,534		459,883		
Natural gas sales	\$	641,985	\$	261,424	\$	1,775,768	\$	809,399		
Natural gas hedging settlements (1)		(272,891)		240		(411,798)		122,036		
Total natural gas including hedging		369,094		261,664		1,363,970		931,435		
Oil sales		13,391		13,347		74,962		48,796		
Oil hedging settlements (1)		(2,588)		1,767		(8,077)		12,849		
Total oil including hedging		10,803		15,114		66,885		61,645		
Total oil and gas sales including hedging	\$	379,897	\$	276,778	\$	1,430,855	\$	993,080		
Average gas price (per Mcf)	\$	5.22	\$	2.40	\$	3.63	\$	1.80		
Average gas price including hedging (per Mcf)	\$	3.00	\$	2.40	\$	2.79	\$	2.07		
Average oil price (per barrel)	\$	76.09	\$	39.27	\$	61.95	\$	32.36		
Average oil price including hedging (per barrel)	\$	61.38	\$	44.47	\$	55.28	\$	40.88		
Average price (per Mcfe)	\$	5.28	\$	2.47	\$	3.73	\$	1.87		
Average price including hedging (per Mcfe)	\$	3.06	\$	2.49	\$	2.88	\$	2.16		
Production and ad valorem taxes	\$	12,673	\$	9,199	\$	49,141	\$	36,967		
Gathering and transportation		34,344		29,159		130,940		106,582		
Lease operating		26,317		23,342		103,467		102,452		
Cash general and administrative (2)		9,484		4,319	_	28,145		25,576		
Total production costs	\$	82,818	\$	66,019	\$	311,693	\$	271,577		
Production and ad valorem taxes (per Mcfe)	\$	0.10	\$	0.09	\$	0.10	\$	0.08		
Gathering and transportation (per Mcfe)		0.28		0.26		0.26		0.23		
Lease operating (per Mcfe)		0.21		0.21		0.21		0.22		
Cash general and administrative (per Mcfe)		0.08		0.04		0.06		0.06		
Total production costs (per Mcfe)	\$	0.67	\$	0.60	\$	0.63	\$	0.59		
Unhedged operating margin		87 %	)	76 %		83 %		68 %		
Hedged operating margin		78 %		76 %		78 %		73 %		
Dil and Gas Capital Expenditures:										
Proved property acquisitions	\$	21,781	\$	_	\$	21,781	\$	_		
Unproved property acquisitions		17,222		6,492		35,871		7,949		
Total oil and gas properties acquisitions	\$	39,003	\$	6,492	\$	57,652	\$	7,949		
Exploration and Development Development leasehold	\$	6,159	\$	5,659	\$	12,953	\$	13,022		
Exploratory drilling and completion	Ψ	6,966	Ψ		Ψ	6,966	Ψ			
Development drilling and completion		114,617		155,691		569,141		436,074		
				100,000		202,111		120,071		
Other development costs		12,373		8,480		39,168		34,572		

(1) Included in gain (loss) from derivative financial instruments in operating results.

(2) Excludes stock-based compensation.

### COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Mor Decem		Year I Decem			
	2021		020 2021			2020
ADJUSTED NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS:						
Net income (loss) available to common stockholders	\$ 355,990	\$	77,523	\$ (259,225)	\$	(83,413)
Unrealized (gain) loss from derivative financial instruments	(469,830)	(	80,158)	140,934		124,545
Non-cash interest amortization from adjusting debt assumed in acquisition to fair value	2,659		5,811	12,621		22,112
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	162,170		(1)	162,077		(17)
Loss on early retirement of debt				352,599		861
Non-cash accretion from adjusting preferred stock issued in acquisition to fair value	_			_		5,417
Impairment of unevaluated oil and gas properties						27
Adjustment to (provision for) benefit from income taxes	47,777		31,408	(106,000)		(19,930)
Adjusted net income available to common stockholders (1)	\$ 98,766	\$	34,583	\$ 303,006	\$	49,602
Adjusted net income available to common stockholders per share <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0.37	\$	0.14	\$ 1.16	\$	0.23
Diluted shares outstanding	276,713	2	75,127	275,663		278,554
ADJUSTED EBITDAX:						
Net income (loss)	\$ 360,401		81,923	\$ (241,725)	\$	
Interest expense <sup>(3)</sup>	46,811		66,301	218,322		235,218
Income taxes	85,571		36,967	11,403		(9,210)
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	110,075		104,284	469,388		417,112
Exploration		-				27
Unrealized (gain) loss from derivative financial instruments	(469,830	·	(80,158)	140,934		124,545
Stock-based compensation	1,508	3	1,730	6,799		6,464
Loss on early extinguishment of debt		-		352,599		861
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	162,170	_	(1)		_	(17)
Total Adjusted EBITDAX (4)	\$ 296,706	5 \$	211,046	\$1,119,797	\$	722,583

(1) Adjusted net income available to common stockholders is presented because of its acceptance by investors and by Comstock management as an indicator of the Company's profitability excluding loss on early retirement of debt, non-cash unrealized gains and losses on derivative financial instruments, gains and losses on sales of assets and other unusual items.

(2) Adjusted net income available to common stockholders per share is calculated to include the dilutive effects of unvested restricted stock pursuant to the two-class method and performance stock units and preferred stock pursuant to the treasury stock method.

(3) Includes realized gains or losses from interest rate derivative financial instruments.

<sup>(4)</sup> Adjusted EBITDAX is presented in the earnings release because management believes that adjusted EBITDAX, which represents Comstock's results from operations before interest, income taxes, and certain non-cash items, including loss on early retirement of debt, depreciation, depletion and amortization and exploration expense, is a common alternative measure of operating performance used by certain investors and financial analysts.

## COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC. NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended December 31.				Year Ended December 31.				
		2021	2020		2021		_	2020	
<b>OPERATING CASH FLOW</b> <sup>(1)</sup> :									
Net income (loss)	\$	360,401	\$	81,923	\$	(241,725)	\$	(52,417)	
Reconciling items:									
Unrealized (gain) loss from derivative financial instruments		(469,830)		(80,158)		140,934		124,545	
Deferred income taxes (benefit)		81,377		37,034		(3,565)		(9,409)	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		110,075		104,284		469,388		417,112	
Loss on early retirement of debt						352,599		861	
Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs		4,116		9,807		21,703		34,038	
Stock-based compensation		1,508		1,730		6,799		6,464	
Exploration		—		—		_		27	
(Gain) loss on sale of assets		162,170		(1)		162,077		(17)	
Operating cash flow	\$	249,817	\$	154,619	\$	908,210	\$	521,204	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable		(24,573)		(44,827)		(121,952)		34,555	
(Increase) decrease in other current assets		(2,883)		(1,272)		(2,033)		7,019	
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses		18,091		77,226		74,780		12,923	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	240,452	\$	185,746	\$	859,005	\$	575,701	

	 Three Mon Decem				Ended Iber 31,		
	 2021	2020		2021			2020
FREE CASH FLOW <sup>(2)</sup> :							
Operating cash flow	\$ 249,817	\$	154,619	\$	908,210	\$	521,204
Less:							
Exploration and development capital expenditures	(140,115)		(169,830)		(628,228)		(483,668)
Preferred dividends	(4,411)		(4,400)	_	(17,500)	_	(25,580)
Free cash flow from operations	\$ 105,291	\$	(19,611)	\$	262,482	\$	11,956
Acquisition of oil and gas properties	(39,003)		(6,492)		(57,652)		(7,949)
Proceeds from divestiture of oil and gas properties	 138,099				138,099		
Free cash flow after acquisition and divestiture activity	\$ 204,387	\$	(26,103)	\$	342,929	\$	4,007

<sup>(1)</sup> Operating cash flow is presented in the earnings release because management believes it to be useful to investors as a common alternative measure of cash flows which excludes changes to other working capital accounts.

<sup>(2)</sup> Free cash flow from operations and free cash flow after acquisition and divestiture activity are presented in the earnings release because management believes them to be useful indicators of the Company's ability to internally fund acquisitions and debt maturities after exploration and development capital expenditures, preferred dividend payments, proved and unproved property acquisitions and proceeds from divestiture of oil and gas properties.