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ON MARCH 12, 2004, PXP AND NUEVO FILED A JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS WITH THE SEC. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ CAREFULLY THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS BECAUSE IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PXP, NUEVO AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. A DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS WILL BE SENT TO SECURITY HOLDERS OF PXP AND NUEVO SEEKING THEIR APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS MAY OBTAIN A FREE COPY OF THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED BY PXP AND NUEVO WITH THE SEC AT THE SEC'S WEB SITE AT WWW.SEC.GOV.

THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS (RELATING TO PXP) MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FOR FREE FROM PXP BY DIRECTING SUCH REQUEST TO: PLAINS EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION COMPANY, 700 MILAM, SUITE 3100, HOUSTON, TX 77002, ATTENTION: JOANNA PANKEY; TELEPHONE: (832) 239-6000; E-MAIL: JPANKEY@PLAINSP.COM. THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS (RELATING TO NUEVO) MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FOR FREE FROM NUEVO BY DIRECTING SUCH REQUEST TO: NUEVO ENERGY COMPANY, 1021 MAIN STREET, SUITE 2100, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002 ATTENTION: BARBARA FORBES; TELEPHONE: (713) 374-4870; E-MAIL: FORBESB@NUEVOENERGY.COM.

PXP, its directors, executive officers and certain members of management and employees may be considered participants in the solicitation of proxies from PXP's stockholders in connection with the acquisition. INFORMATION REGARDING SUCH PERSONS AND A DESCRIPTION OF THEIR INTERESTS IN THE ACQUISITION IS CONTAINED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-4.

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