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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, 2002.
- () Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Commission file number 001-16009

SPINNAKER EXPLORATION COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

76-0560101
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1200 Smith Street, Suite 800
Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77002
(Zip Code)

(713) 759-1770
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 preceding 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 X No

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, on May 13, 2002 was 33,157,113.

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For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2002

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SPINNAKER EXPLORATION COMPANY

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
 (In thousands, except share and per share data)

	March 31, 2002
	----- (Unaudited)
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 7,193
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,059 at March 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001, respectively.....	26,863
Hedging assets.....	2,078
Other.....	12,957

Total current assets.....	49,091

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PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:

Oil and gas, on the basis of full-cost accounting:

Proved properties.....	627,418
Unproved properties and properties under development...	124,681
Other.....	7,839

	759,938
Less - Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization.....	(181,132)

Total property and equipment.....	578,806
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OTHER ASSETS.....	1,569
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Total assets.....	\$ 629,466
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable.....	\$ 45,890
Accrued liabilities and other.....	43,165
Hedging liabilities.....	5,408

Total current liabilities.....	94,463

LONG-TERM DEBT.....	37,000
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OTHER LIABILITIES.....	2,815
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DEFERRED INCOME TAXES.....	47,381
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COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

EQUITY:

Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001, respectively.....	-
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized; 27,414,181 shares issued and 27,399,397 shares outstanding at March 31, 2002 and 27,308,912 shares issued and 27,293,264 shares outstanding at December 31, 2001.....	274
Additional paid-in capital.....	368,186
Retained earnings.....	83,334
Less: Treasury stock, at cost, 14,784 and 15,648 shares at March 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001, respectively	(37)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(3,950)

Total equity.....	447,807

Total liabilities and equity.....	\$ 629,466
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

	For the Th Ended Ma
	----- 2002 -----
REVENUES.....	\$ 32,600
EXPENSES:	
Lease operating expenses.....	3,409
Depreciation, depletion and amortization - natural gas and oil properties.	17,377
Depreciation and amortization - other.....	173
General and administrative.....	2,678

Total expenses.....	23,637

INCOME FROM OPERATIONS.....	8,963
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):	
Interest income.....	44
Interest expense.....	(294)

Total other income (expense).....	(250)

INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES.....	8,713
INCOME TAX PROVISION.....	3,137

NET INCOME.....	\$ 5,576 =====
NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE:	
Basic.....	\$ 0.20 =====
Diluted.....	\$ 0.20 =====
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING:	
Basic.....	27,338 =====
Diluted.....	28,467 =====

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

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	For the End
	----- 2002 -----
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Net income.....	\$ 5,5
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization.....	17,5
Deferred income tax expense.....	3,4
Other.....	2
Change in components of working capital:	
Accounts receivable.....	(2,7
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities.....	16,0
Other current assets and other.....	(8,2

Net cash provided by operating activities.....	31,9
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Additions to oil and gas properties.....	(76,1
Purchases of other property and equipment.....	(5
Purchases of short-term investments	

Net cash used in investing activities.....	(76,7
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Proceeds from borrowings.....	37,0
Proceeds from exercise of stock options.....	8

Net cash provided by financing activities.....	37,8

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS.....	(6,8
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year.....	14,0

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period.....	\$ 7,1
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

SPINNAKER EXPLORATION COMPANY

Notes to Interim Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)
March 31, 2002

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of Spinnaker Exploration Company ("Spinnaker" or the "Company") have been prepared in

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accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting only of normal and recurring adjustments) necessary to present a fair statement of the results for the periods included herein have been made and the disclosures contained herein are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. Interim period results are not necessarily indicative of results of operations or cash flows for a full year. These consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001.

2. Earnings Per Share

The basic and diluted net income per common share calculations are based on the following information (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2002	2001
Numerator:		
Net income.....	\$ 5,576	\$ 28,148
Denominator:		
Basic weighted average number of shares.....	27,338	26,772
Dilutive securities:		
Stock options.....	1,129	1,424
Diluted adjusted weighted average number of shares and assumed conversions.....	28,467	28,196
Net income per common share:		
Basic.....	\$ 0.20	\$ 1.05
Diluted.....	\$ 0.20	\$ 1.00

3. Credit Facility

On December 28, 2001, the Company replaced its \$75.0 million credit facility with an unsecured \$200.0 million credit facility ("Credit Facility") with a group of seven banks. The three-year facility has an initial borrowing base of \$125.0 million that is re-determined on or about April 30 and September 30 each year. The banks and Spinnaker also have the option to request one additional re-determination each year. The Company has the option to elect to use a base interest rate as described below or the LIBOR rate plus, for each such rate, a spread based on the percent of the borrowing base used at that time. The base interest rate under the Credit Facility is a fluctuating rate of interest equal to the higher of either the Toronto-Dominion Bank's base rate for dollar advances made in the United States or the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5%

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per annum. The commitment fee rate ranges from 0.3% to 0.5%, depending on the borrowing base usage. The Credit Facility contains various covenants and restrictive provisions. At March 31, 2002, the Company was in compliance with the covenants and restrictive provisions and had outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility of \$37.0 million. On April 3, 2002, the Company repaid its outstanding borrowings of \$37.0 million with a portion of the proceeds from a public offering of 5,750,000 shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock").

4. Equity Offering

On April 3, 2002, the Company completed a public offering of 5,750,000 shares of Common Stock at \$41.50 per share, including the over-allotment option consisting of 750,000 shares. After payment of underwriting discounts and commissions, the

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Company received net proceeds of \$227.9 million. The March 31, 2002 financial statements do not reflect the closing of the offering. On April 3, 2002, the Company used a portion of the proceeds from the offering to repay outstanding borrowings of \$37.0 million. The remainder of the net proceeds are invested in short-term high quality investments and will be used to fund a portion of the costs to develop the Company's deep water oil discovery at Green Canyon Blocks 338/339 ("Front Runner"), to fund a portion of exploration and other development activities and for general corporate purposes, including possible acquisitions of properties or seismic data.

5. Derivatives and Hedging

The Company enters into New York Mercantile Exchange ("NYMEX") related swap contracts and collar arrangements from time to time. The Company's swap contracts will settle based on the reported settlement price on the NYMEX for the last trading day of each month for natural gas. In a swap transaction, the counterparty is required to make a payment to the Company for the difference between the fixed price and the settlement price if the settlement price is below the fixed price. The Company is required to make a payment to the counterparty for the difference between the fixed price and the settlement price if the settlement price is above the fixed price. Some of the master agreements require the Company to make margin payments to counterparties when net exposure exceeds a certain threshold. As of May 13, 2002, Spinnaker's commodity price risk management positions in fixed price natural gas swap contracts were as follows:

Period	Average Daily Volume (MMBtu)	Weighted Average Price (Per MMBtu)
Second Quarter 2002.....	93,407	\$ 3.20
Third Quarter 2002.....	80,000	\$ 3.37
Fourth Quarter 2002.....	86,685	\$ 3.64
Full Year 2003.....	40,000	\$ 3.44

On January 1, 2001, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 133, as amended, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." SFAS No. 133 established accounting and reporting standards requiring that all derivative instruments be recorded in the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value. SFAS No. 133 requires that changes in a derivative's fair value be realized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. Accounting for qualifying hedges allows derivative gains and losses to offset related results

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on the hedged item in the statement of operations and requires a company to formally document, designate and assess the effectiveness of transactions that qualify for hedge accounting.

Based upon the Company's assessment of its derivative contracts at March 31, 2002, it reported a net liability of \$6.1 million. The components of the net liability include a current asset of \$2.1 million, a current liability of \$5.4 million and a noncurrent liability of \$2.8 million. The Company also reported a loss in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) of \$4.0 million, net of income taxes of \$2.1 million. The ineffective component of the derivatives recognized in earnings was less than \$0.1 million in the first quarter of 2002. Using natural gas forward prices as of May 10, 2002, the Company would have reported a net liability of \$18.3 million.

In connection with monthly settlements, the Company recognized net hedging gains of \$8.3 million in revenues in the first quarter of 2002. Based on future natural gas prices as of March 31, 2002, the Company would reclassify a net loss of \$3.3 million from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) to earnings within the next twelve months. The amounts ultimately reclassified into earnings will vary due to changes in the fair value of the open derivative contracts prior to settlement.

6. Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income was \$1.6 million in the first quarter of 2002. The following represents components of the Company's comprehensive income (in thousands):

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	2002	

Net income.....	\$	5,
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:		
Cumulative effect of accounting change for derivative financial instruments.....		
Net change in fair value of derivative financial instruments.....		(9,
Financial derivative settlements taken to income, net of tax.....		5,

Comprehensive income.....	\$	1,
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7. New Accounting Principle

In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 143, "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations." SFAS No. 143 requires that the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation be recognized in the period in which it is incurred with the associated asset retirement costs being capitalized as a part of the carrying amount of the long-lived asset. SFAS No. 143 also includes disclosure requirements that provide a description of asset retirement obligations and reconciliation of changes in the components of those obligations. The Company currently records its plugging and abandonment costs, net of salvage value, with respect to its

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natural gas and oil properties as additional depreciation, depletion and amortization expense ("DD&A") using the units-of-production method. This statement will require the Company to recognize a liability for the fair value of its plugging and abandonment liability, excluding salvage value, with the associated costs as part of its natural gas and oil property balance. The Company is evaluating the future financial effects of adopting SFAS No. 143 and expects to adopt the standard effective January 1, 2003.

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

Cautionary Statement About Forward-Looking Statements

Some of the information in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q contains 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. The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of the words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "will," "contemplate," "would" and similar expressions that contemplate future events. These future events include the following matters:

- . financial position;
- . business strategy;
- . budgets;
- . amount, nature and timing of capital expenditures, including future development costs;
- . drilling of wells;
- . natural gas and oil reserves;
- . timing and amount of future production of natural gas and oil;
- . operating costs and other expenses;
- . cash flow and anticipated liquidity;
- . prospect development and property acquisitions; and
- . marketing of natural gas and oil.

Numerous important factors, risks and uncertainties may affect the Company's operating results, including:

- . the risks associated with exploration;
- . delays in anticipated start-up dates;
- . the ability to find, acquire, market, develop and produce new properties;
- . natural gas and oil price volatility;
- . uncertainties in the estimation of proved reserves and in the

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projection of future rates of production and timing of development expenditures;

- . operating hazards attendant to the natural gas and oil business;
- . downhole drilling and completion risks that are generally not recoverable from third parties or insurance;
- . potential mechanical failure or under-performance of significant wells;
- . climatic conditions;
- . availability and cost of material and equipment;
- . actions or inactions of third-party operators of the Company's properties;
- . the ability to find and retain skilled personnel;
- . availability of capital;
- . the strength and financial resources of competitors;
- . regulatory developments;
- . environmental risks; and
- . general economic conditions.

Any of the factors listed above and other factors contained in this quarterly report could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from the results implied by these or any other forward-looking statements made by the Company or on its behalf. The Company cannot provide assurance that future results will meet its expectations. You should pay particular attention to the risk factors and cautionary statements described in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States 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. Significant estimates include DD&A of proved natural gas and oil properties. Natural gas and oil reserve

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estimates, which are the basis for unit-of-production DD&A and the full cost ceiling test, are inherently imprecise and are expected to change as future information becomes available. The Company's critical accounting policies are as follows:

Natural Gas and Oil Properties

The Company uses the full cost method of accounting for its investment in natural gas and oil properties. Under this method, all acquisition, exploration

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and development costs, including certain related employee costs, incurred for the purpose of exploring for and developing natural gas and oil are capitalized. Such amounts include the cost of drilling and equipping productive wells, dry hole costs, lease acquisition costs, delay rentals and costs related to such activities. Exclusive of field-level costs, Spinnaker capitalized \$1.5 million and \$1.1 million of general and administrative costs in the first quarter of 2002 and 2001, respectively. These capitalized costs are directly related to exploration and development activities and include salaries, employee benefits, costs of consulting services and other related expenses. Costs associated with production and general corporate activities are expensed in the period incurred. Sales of natural gas and oil properties, whether or not being amortized currently, are accounted for as adjustments of capitalized costs, with no gain or loss recognized, unless such adjustments would significantly alter the relationship between capitalized costs and proved reserves of natural gas and oil.

The Company computes the provision for DD&A of natural gas and oil properties using the unit-of-production method based upon production and estimates of proved reserve quantities. Unevaluated costs and related carrying costs are excluded from the amortization base until the properties associated with these costs are evaluated. In addition to costs associated with evaluated properties, the amortization base includes estimated future development costs and dismantlement, restoration and abandonment costs, net of estimated salvage values. Certain future development costs may be excluded from amortization when incurred in connection with major development projects expected to entail significant costs to ascertain the quantities of proved reserves attributable to the properties under development. The amounts that may be excluded are applicable portions of the costs that relate to the major development project and have not previously been included in the amortization base and the estimated future expenditures associated with the development project. Such costs may be excluded from costs to be amortized until the earlier determination of whether additional reserves are proved or impairment occurs. The Company has excluded from amortization a portion of the estimated future expenditures associated with common development costs on its deep water discovery at Front Runner based on existing proved reserves to total proved reserves expected to be established upon completion of the deep water project.

Capitalized costs of natural gas and oil properties, net of accumulated DD&A and related deferred taxes, are limited to the estimated future net cash flows from proved natural gas and oil reserves, including the effects of hedging activities, discounted at 10%, plus the lower of cost or fair value of unproved properties, as adjusted for related income tax effects (the full cost ceiling). If capitalized costs exceed the full cost ceiling, the excess is charged to write-down of natural gas and oil properties in the quarter in which the excess occurs. Given the volatility of natural gas and oil prices, it is reasonably possible that the Company's estimate of discounted future net cash flows from proved natural gas and oil reserves will change in the near term. If natural gas and oil prices decline, even if for only a short period of time, or if the Company has downward revisions to its estimated proved reserves, it is possible that write-downs of natural gas and oil properties could occur in the future.

The costs associated with unevaluated leasehold acreage, unamortized seismic data, wells currently drilling and capitalized interest are not initially included in the amortization base. Leasehold costs are either transferred to the amortization base with the costs of drilling the related well or are assessed quarterly for possible impairment or reduction in value. Leasehold costs are transferred to the amortization base if a reduction in value has occurred.

In June 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 143, "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations." SFAS No. 143 requires that the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation be recognized in the period in

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which it is incurred with the associated asset retirement costs being capitalized as a part of the carrying amount of the long-lived asset. SFAS No. 143 also includes disclosure requirements that provide a description of asset retirement obligations and reconciliation of changes in the components of those obligations. The Company currently records its plugging and abandonment costs, net of salvage value, with respect to its natural gas and oil properties as additional DD&A expense using the units-of-production method. This statement will require the Company to recognize a liability for the fair value of its plugging and abandonment liability, excluding salvage value, with the associated costs as part of its natural gas and oil property balance. The Company is evaluating the future financial effects of adopting SFAS No. 143 and expects to adopt the standard effective January 1, 2003.

Overview

Financial and operational results in the first quarter of 2002 compared to the same period in 2001 included:

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- . Production of 9.8 billion cubic feet gas equivalent ("Bcfe"), down 21%.
- . Revenues of \$32.6 million, down 52%.
- . Income from operations of \$9.0 million, down 79%.
- . Net income of \$5.6 million, or \$.20 per diluted share, down 80%.
- . Cash flows from operating activities, before working capital changes, of \$26.9 million, down 57%.

Spinnaker's results of operations and financial position were significantly impacted by lower natural gas production and prices in the first quarter of 2002. Natural gas revenues decreased \$58.4 million in the first quarter of 2002. Of the total decrease in natural gas revenues, \$24.9 million was attributable to a decrease in natural gas production volumes of 2.6 Bcf and \$33.5 million was due to lower average natural gas prices, excluding the effects of hedging activities. The Company had \$7.2 million in cash and cash equivalents and outstanding borrowings of \$37.0 million at March 31, 2002.

On April 3, 2002, the Company completed a public offering of 5,750,000 shares of Common Stock at \$41.50 per share, including the over-allotment option consisting of 750,000 shares. After payment of underwriting discounts and commissions, the Company received net proceeds of \$227.9 million. On April 3, 2002, the Company used a portion of the proceeds from the offering to repay outstanding borrowings of \$37.0 million. The remainder of the net proceeds is invested in short-term high quality investments and will be used to fund a portion of the costs to develop the Company's deep water oil discovery at Front Runner, to fund a portion of exploration and other development activities and for general corporate purposes, including possible acquisitions of properties or seismic data.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth certain operating information with respect to the natural gas and oil operations of the Company:

For the Three Months En

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	March 31,	
	2002	2001
Production:		
Natural gas (MMcf).....	9,345	11,967
Oil and condensate (MBbls).....	73	7
Total (MMcfe).....	9,785	12,433
Revenues (in thousands):		
Natural gas.....	\$23,020	\$ 81,457
Oil and condensate.....	1,367	2,167
Net hedging income (loss).....	8,258	(16,600)
Other.....	(45)	43
Total.....	\$32,600	\$ 67,457
Average sales price per unit:		
Natural gas revenues from production (per Mcf).....	\$ 2.46	\$ 6.80
Effects of hedging activities (per Mcf).....	0.89	(1.33)
Average price (per Mcf).....	\$ 3.35	\$ 5.47
Oil and condensate revenues from production (per Bbl).....	\$ 18.60	\$ 28.14
Effects of hedging activities (per Bbl).....	-	-
Average price (per Bbl).....	\$ 18.60	\$ 28.14
Total revenues from production (per Mcfe).....	\$ 2.49	\$ 6.77
Effects of hedging activities (per Mcfe).....	0.85	(1.33)
Total average price (per Mcfe).....	\$ 3.34	\$ 5.44
Expenses (per Mcfe):		
Lease operating expenses.....	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.28
Depreciation, depletion and amortization - natural gas and oil properties.....	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.50
Income from operations (in thousands).....	\$ 5,576	\$ 42,790

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Three Months Ended March 31, 2002 as Compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2001

Revenues, including the effects of hedging activities, decreased \$34.9 million in the first quarter of 2002 compared to the first quarter of 2001. Excluding the effects of hedging activities, natural gas revenues decreased \$58.4 million and oil and condensate revenues decreased \$0.8 million. Revenues from natural gas hedging activities improved by \$24.3 million in the first quarter of 2002 compared to the first quarter of 2001.

Production decreased approximately 2.6 Bcfe in the first quarter of 2002 compared to the first quarter of 2001. Average daily production in the first quarter of 2002 was 109 million cubic feet gas equivalent ("MMcfe") compared to 138 MMcfe in the same period of 2001. Natural gas revenues decreased \$58.4 million in the first quarter of 2002. Of the total decrease in natural gas revenues, \$24.9 million was attributable to a decrease in natural gas production volumes of 2.6 Bcf and \$33.5 million was due to lower average natural gas prices, excluding the effects of hedging activities. Oil and condensate revenues

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decreased \$0.8 million. Of the total decrease in oil and condensate revenues, \$0.3 million was attributable to a decrease in oil and condensate production volumes of 4 thousand barrels ("MBbls") and \$0.5 million was due to lower average oil and condensate prices. The rapid production declines of certain producing wells and less than anticipated results from workovers resulted in lower production in the first quarter of 2002 compared to the first quarter of 2001.

Lease operating expenses increased \$0.7 million in the first quarter of 2002 compared to the first quarter of 2001. Of the total increase in lease operating expenses, approximately \$0.5 million was attributable to wells on new blocks that commenced production subsequent to March 31, 2001. Lease operating expenses per Mcfe included \$0.09 per Mcfe related to workover activities in the first quarter of 2002.

DD&A decreased \$1.9 million in the first quarter of 2002 compared to the first quarter of 2001. Of the total decrease in DD&A, \$4.1 million related to lower production volumes of 2.6 Bcfe, offset in part by \$2.2 million related to an increase in the DD&A rate in the first quarter of 2002 compared to the first quarter of 2001.

General and administrative expenses increased approximately \$0.1 million in the first quarter of 2002 compared to the first quarter of 2001. The increase in general and administrative expenses was primarily due to higher employment-related costs resulting from the Company's recent growth.

Interest income decreased \$1.3 million in the first quarter of 2002 compared to the first quarter of 2001 primarily due to lower average cash and cash equivalent balances and lower interest rates in the first quarter of 2002. Interest expense increased \$0.1 million in the first quarter of 2002 compared to the first quarter of 2001 primarily due to outstanding borrowings of \$37.0 million in the first quarter of 2002. On April 3, 2002, the Company repaid all of its outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility with a portion of the proceeds from the public offering of 5,750,000 shares of Common Stock.

Income tax provision decreased \$12.7 million in the first quarter of 2002 compared to the first quarter of 2001 and primarily relates to lower earnings. Income taxes were accrued at a 36% effective tax rate in the first quarter of 2002 and 2001.

The Company recognized net income of \$5.6 million, or \$0.20 per basic share and \$0.20 per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2002 compared to net income of \$28.1 million, or \$1.05 per basic share and \$1.00 per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2001.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company has experienced and expects to continue to experience substantial capital requirements, primarily due to its active exploration and development programs in the Gulf of Mexico. Capital expenditures in 2001 were \$288.8 million. Spinnaker has capital expenditure plans for 2002 totaling approximately \$300 million. During 2001, Spinnaker participated in a significant deep water oil discovery, Front Runner, with a 25% non-operator working interest. The Company participated in six consecutive successful wells and sidetracks in testing the reservoirs on these blocks. Spinnaker has incurred capital expenditures associated with Front Runner of approximately \$35 million through March 31, 2002 and expects to incur an aggregate of approximately \$105 million in future development costs during the remainder of 2002 and 2003. The 2002 capital expenditure plans include approximately \$35 million related to the Front Runner production facilities. The Company is considering various financing alternatives for the cost of these facilities, including a lease.

Natural gas and oil prices have a significant impact on the Company's cash flows available for capital expenditures and its ability to borrow and raise additional capital. The amount the Company can borrow under its Credit Facility is subject to periodic re-determination based in part on changing expectations of future prices. Lower prices may also reduce the amount of natural gas and oil that the Company can economically produce. Additionally, the rapid production declines of certain producing wells and less than anticipated results from workovers resulted in lower production in the first quarter of 2002 compared to the prior quarter.

On April 3, 2002, the Company completed a public offering of 5,750,000 shares of Common Stock at \$41.50 per share, including the over-allotment option consisting of 750,000 shares. After payment of underwriting discounts and commissions, the Company received net proceeds of \$227.9 million. On April 3, 2002, the Company used a portion of the proceeds from the offering to repay outstanding borrowings of \$37.0 million. The remainder of the net proceeds is invested in short-term high quality investments and will be used to fund a portion of the costs to develop the Company's deep water oil discovery at Front Runner, to fund a portion of exploration and other development activities and for general corporate purposes, including possible acquisitions of properties or seismic data.

While the Company believes that proceeds from the Common Stock offering, working capital, cash flows from operations and available borrowings under its Credit Facility will be sufficient to meet its capital requirements in the next twelve months, additional debt or equity financing may be required in the future to fund its growth and exploration and development programs. In the event additional capital resources are unavailable, the Company may curtail its drilling, development and other activities or be forced to sell some of its assets on an untimely or unfavorable basis.

Spinnaker has an effective shelf registration statement relating to the potential public offer and sale by the Company or certain affiliates of up to \$61.3 million of any combination of debt securities, preferred stock, common stock, warrants, stock purchase contracts and trust preferred securities from time to time or when financing needs arise. The registration statement does not provide assurance that the Company will or could sell any such securities.

Cash and cash equivalents decreased \$6.9 million to \$7.2 million at March 31, 2002 from \$14.1 million at December 31, 2001. The decrease in cash and cash equivalents resulted from \$76.7 million used in investing activities, offset in part by \$32.0 million provided by operating activities and \$37.8 million provided by financing activities.

Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities in the first quarter of 2002 decreased 62% to \$32.0 million primarily as a result of lower natural gas production and prices. Cash flow from operations is dependent upon the Company's ability to increase production through its exploration and development programs and the prices of natural gas and oil. The Company has made significant investments to expand its operations in the Gulf of Mexico. These investments are expected to increase the Company's average daily production in the second half of 2002.

The Company sells its natural gas and oil production under fixed or floating market price contracts. Spinnaker enters into hedging arrangements from time to time to reduce its exposure to fluctuations in natural gas and oil prices and achieve more predictable cash flow. However, these contracts also

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limit the benefits the Company would realize if prices increase. See "Item 3A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk."

The Company's cash flow from operations also depends on its ability to manage working capital, including accounts receivable, other current assets, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The increase in accounts receivable of \$2.7 million was primarily due to an increase in joint interest billings relating to drilling activities operated by the Company. The increase in other current assets of \$9.3 million was primarily related to higher lease sale deposits of \$5.1 million and increased cash calls of \$2.4 million on properties where the Company is not operator. The net increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$6.0 million was primarily due to costs associated with increased drilling and development activities in the first quarter of 2002.

Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities in the first quarter of 2002 decreased 11% to \$76.7 million. Net oil and gas property capital expenditures were \$76.1 million. Additionally, other property and equipment capital expenditures were \$0.6 million.

The Company drilled six wells in the first quarter of 2002, five of which were successful. In 2001, the Company drilled 35 wells, 19 of which were successful. Since inception and through March 31, 2002, the Company has drilled 100 wells, 61 of which were successful, representing a success rate of 61%.

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The Company has capital expenditure plans for 2002 totaling approximately \$300 million, primarily for costs related to exploration and development programs. The 2002 budget includes development costs that are contingent on the success of exploratory drilling. The Company does not anticipate any significant abandonment or dismantlement costs in 2002. Actual levels of capital expenditures may vary due to many factors, including drilling results, natural gas and oil prices, the availability of capital, industry conditions, acquisitions, decisions of operators and other prospect owners and the prices of drilling rig dayrates and other oilfield goods and services.

Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities of \$37.8 million in the first quarter of 2002 included proceeds from borrowings under the Credit Facility of \$37.0 million. On December 28, 2001, the Company completed an unsecured \$200.0 million Credit Facility with a group of seven banks. The three-year facility has an initial borrowing base of \$125.0 million that is re-determined on or about April 30 and September 30 each year. The banks and Spinnaker also have the option to request one additional re-determination each year. The Company has the option to elect to use a base interest rate as described below or the LIBOR rate plus, for each such rate, a spread based on the percent of the borrowing base used at that time. The base interest rate under the Credit Facility is a fluctuating rate of interest equal to the higher of either the Toronto-Dominion Bank's base rate for dollar advances made in the United States or the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5% per annum. The commitment fee rate ranges from 0.3% to 0.5%, depending on the borrowing base usage. The Credit Facility contains various covenants and restrictive provisions. At March 31, 2002, the Company was in compliance with the covenants and restrictive provisions and had outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility of \$37.0 million. On April 3, 2002, the Company repaid its outstanding borrowings of \$37.0 million with a portion of the proceeds from the public offering of 5,750,000 shares of its Common Stock. As of May 13, 2002, the Company had no outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility.

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Item 3A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Interest Rate Risk

The Company is exposed to changes in interest rates. Changes in interest rates affect the interest earned on cash and cash equivalents and the interest rate paid on borrowings under the Credit Facility. The Company does not currently use interest rate derivative instruments to manage exposure to interest rate changes, but may do so in the future.

Commodity Price Risk

The Company's revenues, profitability and future growth depend substantially on prevailing prices for natural gas and oil. Prices also affect the amount of cash flow available for capital expenditures and the Company's ability to borrow and raise additional capital. Lower prices may also reduce the amount of natural gas and oil that the Company can economically produce. The Company sells its natural gas and oil production under fixed or floating market price contracts. Spinnaker enters into hedging arrangements from time to time to reduce its exposure to fluctuations in natural gas and oil prices and to achieve more predictable cash flow. However, these contracts also limit the benefits the Company would realize if prices increase. These financial arrangements take the form of swap contracts or costless collars and are placed with major trading counterparties the Company believes represent minimum credit risks. Spinnaker cannot provide assurance that these trading counterparties will not become credit risks in the future. Under its current hedging practice, the Company generally does not hedge more than 66 2/3% of its estimated twelve-month production quantities without the prior approval of the risk management committee of the board of directors.

The Company enters into NYMEX related swap contracts and collar arrangements from time to time. The Company's swap contracts will settle based on the reported settlement price on the NYMEX for the last trading day of each month for natural gas. In a swap transaction, the counterparty is required to make a payment to the Company for the difference between the fixed price and the settlement price if the settlement price is below the fixed price. The Company is required to make a payment to the counterparty for the difference between the fixed price and the settlement price if the settlement price is above the fixed price. Some of the master agreements require the Company to make margin payments to counterparties when net exposure exceeds a certain threshold. As of May 13, 2002 Spinnaker's commodity price risk management positions in fixed price natural gas swap contracts were as follows:

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Period	Average Daily Volume (MMBtu)	Weighted Average Price (Per MMBtu)
Second Quarter 2002.....	93,407	\$ 3.20
Third Quarter 2002.....	80,000	\$ 3.37
Fourth Quarter 2002.....	86,685	\$ 3.64
Full Year 2003.....	40,000	\$ 3.44

Based upon the Company's assessment of its derivative contracts at March 31, 2002, it reported a net liability of \$6.1 million. The components of the net liability include a current asset of \$2.1 million, a current liability of \$5.4 million and a noncurrent liability of \$2.8 million. The Company also reported a loss in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) of \$4.0 million, net of income taxes of \$2.1 million. The ineffective component of the derivatives

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recognized in earnings was less than \$0.1 million in the first quarter of 2002. Using natural gas forward prices as of May 10, 2002, the Company would have reported a net liability of \$18.3 million.

In connection with monthly settlements, the Company recognized net hedging gains of \$8.3 million in revenues in the first quarter of 2002. Based on future natural gas prices as of March 31, 2002, the Company would reclassify a net loss of \$3.3 million from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) to earnings within the next twelve months. The amounts ultimately reclassified into earnings will vary due to changes in the fair value of the open derivative contracts prior to settlement.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits

12.1 - Calculation of Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Dividends

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

- 1) A Current Report on Form 8-K dated and filed on January 22, 2002 reported an update of the Company's commodity price risk management positions.
- 2) A Current Report on Form 8-K dated and filed on March 22, 2002 reported an update of the Company's operations activities and commodity price risk management positions.
- 3) A Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 27, 2002 and filed on March 28, 2002 reported that the Company entered into an underwriting agreement on March 27, 2002 in connection with the issuance and sale by the Company of up to 5,750,000 shares of Common Stock.
- 4) A Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 5, 2002 and filed on April 11, 2002 reported that the Company decided to dismiss Arthur Andersen LLP as its independent public accountants and engaged KPMG LLP to serve as its independent public accountants for 2002.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

SPINNAKER EXPLORATION COMPANY

Date: May 13, 2002

By: /s/ ROBERT M. SNELL

Robert M. Snell
Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Secretary

Date: May 13, 2002

By: /s/ JEFFREY C. ZARUBA

Jeffrey C. Zaruba
Vice President, Treasurer and
Assistant Secretary

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