

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Basis of Presentation

The following is management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") of Arsenal Energy Inc.'s ("Arsenal" or the "Company") unaudited operating and financial results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009. It should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 and other operating and financial information contained herein. This MD&A is dated August 12, 2009.

The financial data presented herein has in part been derived from the Company's annual audited consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") and in accordance with accounting policies as set out in Notes 3 and 4 to the Company's annual consolidated financial statements. The reporting currency is the Canadian dollar.

Additional information regarding Arsenal's financial and operating results may be obtained on the internet at www.sedar.com.

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Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company has established disclosure controls and procedures for the timely and accurate preparation of financial and other reports. Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that material information required to be disclosed is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the periods specified by applicable securities regulations and that information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to the appropriate members of management and properly reflected in the Company's filings. Consistent with the concept of reasonable assurance, the Company recognizes that the relative cost of maintaining these disclosure controls and procedures should not exceed their expected benefits. As such, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures can only provide reasonable assurance, and not absolute assurance, that the objectives of such controls and procedures are met. The Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer oversee this evaluation process and have concluded that the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures are not effective in providing reasonable assurance that material information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports filed with Canadian securities regulators is accurate and complete and filed within the periods required due to the material weaknesses identified in internal controls over financial reporting as noted below. The Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have individually signed certifications to this effect. There were no changes during the first six months of 2009 in disclosure controls and procedures.

Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Arsenal are responsible for designing and ensuring the operating effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting or causing them to be designed and operating effectively under their supervision in order to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with Canadian GAAP. Arsenal's management has assessed the design and operating effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting.

While Arsenal's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer believe the Company's internal controls and procedures provide a reasonable level of assurance that they are reliable, an internal control system cannot prevent all errors and fraud. It is management's belief that any control system, no matter how well conceived or operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met.

During the design and operating effectiveness assessment certain material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting were identified, as follows:

- Management is aware that there is a lack of segregation of duties due to the small number of employees dealing with general administrative and financial matters. However, management believes that at this time the potential benefits of adding employees to clearly segregate duties do not justify the costs associated with such increase;
- Many of Arsenal's information systems are subject to general control deficiencies including a lack of effective controls over spreadsheets, access and documentation. The Company expects that these deficiencies will continue into the future; and
- Arsenal does not have full-time in-house personnel to address all complex and non-routine financial and tax issues that may arise. It is not deemed as economically feasible at this time to have such personnel. Arsenal relies on external experts for review and advice on complicated financial and tax issues and for tax planning, tax provision and compilation of corporate tax returns.

These weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting result in a more than remote likelihood that a material misstatement would not be prevented or detected. Management and the Board of Directors work to mitigate the risk of material misstatement; however, management and the Board do not have reasonable assurance that this risk can be reduced to a remote likelihood of a material misstatement. There were no changes during the first six months of 2009 to material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained within the Management's Discussion and Analysis, and in certain documents incorporated by reference into this document, constitute forward looking statements. These statements relate to future events or our future performance. All statements other than statements of historical fact may be forward looking statements. Forward looking statements are often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as 'seek', 'anticipate', 'budget', 'plan', 'continue', 'estimate', 'expect', 'forecast', 'may', 'will', 'project', 'predict', 'potential', 'targeting', 'intend', 'could', 'might', 'should', 'believe' and similar expressions. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward looking statements.

In particular, this MD&A contains the following forward-looking statements pertaining to, without limitation, the following: Arsenal's production volumes and the timing of when additional production volumes will come on stream; Arsenal's realized price of commodities in relation to reference prices; future commodity prices; the Company's future royalty rates and the realization of royalty incentives; the impact of the New Royalty Framework on the Company's future royalties; Arsenal's expectation of reducing operating costs on a per unit basis; the relationship of Arsenal's interest expense and the Bank of Canada interest rates; increases in general and administrative expenses and recoveries; future development and exploration activities and the timing thereof; the future tax liability of the Company; the expected decrease in the depletion, depreciation and accretion rate; the estimated future contractual obligations of the Company and the amount expected to be incurred under its farm-in commitments; the future liquidity and financial capacity of the Company; and its ability to fund its working capital and forecasted capital expenditures. In addition, statements relating to 'reserves' or 'resources' are deemed to be forward looking statements, as they involve the implied assessment, based on certain estimates and assumptions, that the resources and reserves described can be profitably produced in the future.

With respect to the forward-looking statements contained in the MD&A, Arsenal has made assumptions regarding: future commodity prices; the impact of royalty regimes and certain royalty incentives, the timing and the amount of capital expenditures; production of new and existing wells and the timing of new wells coming on-stream; future

proved finding and development costs; future operating expenses including processing and gathering fees; the performance characteristics of oil and natural gas properties; the size of oil and natural gas reserves; the ability to raise capital and to continually add to reserves through exploration and development; the continued availability of capital, undeveloped land and skilled personnel; the ability to obtain equipment in a timely manner to carry out exploration and development activities; the ability to obtain financing on acceptable terms; the ability to add production and reserves through exploration and development activities; and the continuation of the current tax and regulation.

We believe the expectations reflected in those forward looking statements are reasonable but no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct and such forward looking statements included in, or incorporated by reference into, this MD&A should not be unduly relied upon. These statements speak only as of the date of this MD&A or as of the date specified in the documents incorporated by reference into this Management's Discussion and Analysis, as the case may be. The actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward looking statements as a result of the risk factors set forth below and elsewhere in this Management's Discussion and Analysis: volatility in market prices for oil and natural gas; counterparty credit risk; access to capital; changes or fluctuations in production levels; liabilities inherent in oil and natural gas operations; uncertainties associated with estimating oil and natural gas reserves; competition for, among other things, capital, acquisitions of reserves, undeveloped lands and skilled personnel; stock market volatility and market valuation of Arsenal stock; geological, technical, drilling and processing problems; limitations on insurance; changes in environmental or legislation applicable to our operations, and our ability to comply with current and future environmental and other laws; changes in income tax laws or changes in tax laws and incentive programs relating to the oil and gas industry; and the other factors discussed under "Risk Factors" in the following annual MD&A. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing lists of factors are not exhaustive. The forward looking statements contained in this MD&A and the documents incorporated by reference herein are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement. The forward-looking statements contained in this document speak only as of the date of this document and Arsenal does not assume any obligation to publicly update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances, except as may be required pursuant to applicable securities laws.

Boe Presentation

For the purpose of calculating unit costs, natural gas is converted to barrel of oil equivalent ("Boe" or "boe") using six thousand cubic feet ("Mcf") of natural gas to one barrel of oil unless otherwise stated. Boe may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A Boe conversion ratio of six Mcf to one barrel ("Bbl") is based on an energy equivalency method primarily at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead. (This conversion conforms to National Instrument 51-101). References to natural gas liquids ("NGLs") in this MD&A include condensate, propane, butane and ethane and one barrel of NGLs is considered to be equivalent to one barrel of crude oil equivalent (Boe).

Non-GAAP Financial Measurements

Within the MD&A, references are made to terms having widespread use in the oil and gas industry in Canada. The measures discussed are widely accepted measures of performance and value within the industry, and are used by investors and analysts to compare and evaluate oil and gas exploration and producing entities. "Funds from operations", "funds from operations per share", "netbacks" and "netbacks per Boe" are not defined by GAAP in Canada and are regarded as non-GAAP measures. Funds from operations is determined by cash flow from operations before the change in non-cash operating working capital and asset retirement expenditures. Funds from operations should not be considered as an alternative to, or more meaningful than cash flow from operating activities as determined in accordance with GAAP as an indicator of the Company's performance. The Company's determination of funds from operations may not be comparable to that reported by other companies. Funds from operations per share is calculated based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding consistent with the calculation of earnings per share.

The following table reconciles cash from operating activities to funds from operations which is used in the MD&A:

(\$Cdn.)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
Cash provided by operating activities	3,996,635	8,349,029	(52)	10,974,620	9,457,744	16
Asset retirement expenditures	101,322	32,487	212	354,464	40,928	2,387
Change in non-cash working capital	(2,066,235)	(298,511)	(134)	1,017,908	2,382,479	(85)
Funds from operations	2,031,722	8,083,005	(75)	12,346,992	11,881,151	4

Netbacks equal total revenue less royalties, operating costs and transportation, calculated on a commodity and Boe basis. Total Boe is calculated by multiplying the daily production by the number of days in the year or quarter as the case may be.

Operational and Financial Highlights

During the second quarter, the Company reduced its total debt by \$3.0 million to \$37.1 million at June 30, 2009 due to increased cash flow over Q1 2009, the application of the proceeds of non-core property sales and due to reduced capital expenditures in the quarter.

In June 2009, the Company agreed to a \$40.0 million credit facility consisting of a revolving facility of \$31.0 million and a term facility of \$9.0 million. The term facility reduces at \$820,000 per month commencing July 31, 2009 resulting in the extinguishment of the facility on May 31, 2010.

During the second quarter, the Company sold non-core properties receiving \$2.3 million bringing the year to date total to \$3.2 million. Production from these properties totaled approximately 90 Boe per day.

In Q2 2009, the Company completed drilling and now has on production its second Bakken well (20% working interest) at Stanley and completed drilling and has on production its first Bakken well (15% working interest) on its acreage in Lindahl, North Dakota. In addition, during the quarter the Company received notification of the drilling of two additional Bakken wells (each at approximately 30% working interest) at Stanley, North Dakota.

Arsenal's production for the second quarter of 2009 averaged 2,236 Boe per day versus 2,330 Boe per day for the first quarter of 2009. The decline related to the sale of non-core properties and wells shut-in for economic reasons.

Funds flow from operations for the second quarter of 2009 was \$2.0 million or \$0.02 per basic and diluted share compared to \$8.1 million or \$0.09 per basic and diluted share in Q2 2008. Commodity price declines account for this decline.

During Q2 2009, no purchases were made by the Company under the Normal Course Issuer Bid announced in October 2008.

Arsenal Energy Inc.'s common shares are listed and posted for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "AEI" and on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the symbol "A1E".

The Company operates in the United States through its subsidiary, Arsenal Energy USA Inc., and produced an average of 440 Boe per day in Q2 2009 versus 378 Boe per day in Q2 2008 and in Canada under Arsenal Energy Inc., and produced an average of 1,796 Boe per day in Q2 2009 versus 1,531 Boe per day in Q2 2008. The increase relates to Bakken production in the US and GEOCAN production in Canada.

OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL RESULTS

PRODUCTION AND REVENUE

Average Daily Production

The Company has production in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan in Canada (80% of total Q2 2009 production) and in the state of North Dakota in the US (20% of total Q2 2009 production). The US production is expected to increase over time as a percentage of total production as the Company participates in the drilling of additional high impact Bakken oil wells in North Dakota.

Production for the second quarter of 2009 averaged 2,236 Boe per day versus 1,909 Boe per day in the second quarter of 2008. Production for the six month period increased from 1,817 Boe per day in 2008 to 2,283 Boe per day for 2009.

The increase in production for the quarter and for the six month period is primarily attributed to the acquisition of GEOCAN in October 2008 and increased production volumes from the Company's Bakken wells in North Dakota. Normal production declines were offset by 2008 drilling at Evi, Alderson and Galahad.

With the acquisition of GEOCAN in late 2008 natural gas production increased as a percentage of total production.

Production Profile and Per Unit Prices

Production	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
Heavy oil (bbl/d)	615	517	19	688	535	29
Light oil and NGLs (bbl/d)	890	957	(7)	942	909	4
Natural gas (mcf/d)	4,386	2,610	68	3,916	2,237	75
Total (boe/d)	2,236	1,909	17	2,283	1,817	26

Production split

Heavy oil	28%	27%	2	30%	29%	2
Light oil and NGLs	40%	50%	(21)	41%	50%	(18)
Natural gas	32%	23%	39	29%	21%	39

Crude oil is sold under 30-day evergreen contracts while natural gas production is sold in the spot market.

(\$Cdn.)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
Prices - Before Commodity Contracts	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
Heavy oil (bbl)	58.98	92.89	(37)	47.79	78.84	(39)
Light oil and NGLs (bbl)	60.77	113.66	(47)	50.56	100.62	(50)
Natural gas (mcf)	3.55	10.15	(65)	4.28	9.01	(52)
Total (boe)	47.35	96.02	(51)	42.61	84.65	(50)

(\$Cdn.)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
Reference Pricing	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
WTI Cushing (\$U.S./bbl)	59.51	123.96	(52)	51.01	110.94	(54)
Oil Edmonton Light (\$Cdn./bbl)	66.15	126.37	(48)	57.94	112.34	(48)
Heavy Oil Lloyd blend (\$Cdn./bbl)	60.29	102.79	(41)	51.31	89.64	(43)
AECO gas (\$Cdn./mcf)	3.47	10.19	(66)	4.45	9.08	(51)
NYMEX gas (\$U.S./mmbtu)	3.60	10.93	(67)	4.23	9.48	(55)
Foreign exchange (\$Cdn./\$U.S.)	0.86	0.99	(13)	0.83	1.00	(17)

The Company received an average price per Boe during Q2 2009 of \$47.35 per Boe a decrease of 51% from \$96.02 per Boe received during Q2 2008. For the six month period, the average price per Boe declined 50% to \$42.61 per Boe from \$84.65 per Boe.

The decreases in commodity prices received by the Company are reflective of the decline in commodity prices over the comparative periods. Commodity prices began increasing during Q1 2008 peaking in Q3 2008 and declining thereafter to current levels.

Production by Area

AREA	Three Months Ended June 30				Six Months Ended June 30			
	2009		2008		2009		2008	
	Boe/d	% of Total	Boe/d	% of Total	Boe/d	% of Total	Boe/d	% of Total
Canada								
Maidstone (heavy oil)	74	3	151	8	87	4	181	10
Galahad (light oil and solution gas)	199	9	317	17	204	9	211	12
Wildmere (heavy oil)	85	4	127	7	115	5	125	7
Chauvin/Ribstone (GEOCAN)	308	14	-	-	316	14	-	-
West Current (GEOCAN)	164	7	-	-	133	6	-	-
Evi (light oil)	137	6	354	19	149	7	276	15
Others	829	35	582	30	821	37	632	35
Total Canada	1,796	78	1,531	80	1,824	82	1,426	78
US								
Stanley (light oil)	138	6	116	6	180	8	119	7
Lindahl (light oil)	73	3	67	4	68	3	74	4
Tioga (light oil)	43	2	46	2	47	2	39	2
Others	186	7	149	8	164	7	159	9
Total US	440	19	378	20	459	20	391	22
Total boe/d production	2,236	97	1,909	100	2,283	102	1,817	100

As a result of the GEOCAN acquisition, the percentage of oil and natural gas production originating in Canada increased quarter over comparative quarter and for the comparative six month periods. Due to the ongoing development of Arsenal's high impact Bakken play in North Dakota it is expected that the percentage of production from the US will increase in the future.

Oil and Gas Revenue

(\$Cdn.)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
Heavy oil	3,300,991	4,370,425	(24)	5,951,711	7,675,355	(22)
Light oil and NGLs	4,921,822	9,897,963	(50)	8,621,188	16,642,780	(48)
Natural gas	1,415,285	2,410,256	(41)	3,035,112	3,669,660	(17)
Oil and gas revenues	9,638,098	16,678,644	(42)	17,608,011	27,987,795	(37)
Loss on commodity contracts	(718,604)	(7,158,941)	(90)	(423,417)	(7,683,827)	(94)
Oil and gas revenue after commodity contracts	8,919,494	9,519,703	(6)	17,184,594	20,303,968	(15)
Per Boe after commodity contracts	43.82	54.80	(20)	41.59	61.41	(32)

Total petroleum and natural gas revenues in Q2 2009 decreased 42% to \$9,638,098 from Q2 2008 and increased 21% from Q1 2009 (\$7,969,913). The Q2 2009 decrease from Q2 2008 is due to the 51% decrease in the average price per Boe received before commodity price contracts as production over the comparative periods increased 17%. The production increase was not sufficient to offset the significant price reductions realized over the comparative periods.

Total petroleum and natural gas revenues for the period ended June 30, 2009 decreased 37% to \$17,608,011 from the 2008 period (\$27,987,795). This decrease is attributed to a reduction of 50% or \$42.04 per Boe over the comparative periods. This price reduction offset a 26% increase in average production over the period.

Due to strengthening crude prices over Q2 2009, the Company lost \$718,604 (\$3.53 per Boe) on its commodity contracts eliminating its Q1 gain to a year to date loss of \$423,417 (\$1.02 per Boe).

The following table details the financial commodity contracts the Company has in-place as at June 30, 2009 and gain or loss recorded in the financial statements for the six month period ended June 30, 2009.

(\$Cdn.)				Six Months Ended June 30, 2009
Commodity	Production	CDN \$		Gain (Loss)
Sold	Per Day	Price	Terminates	Total
Oil (barrels)	200	97.55	Dec 31, 2009	(194,697)
Oil (barrels)	200	125.80	July 31, 2010	(351,301)
Oil (barrels)	100	72.60	April 30, 2010	(365,021)
Oil (barrels)	100	79.50	April 30, 2011	(327,015)
Oil (barrels)	400	81.50	Dec 31, 2010	(148,914)
Gas (GJ)	1,000	7.46	Dec 31, 2009	585,339
Gas (GJ)	1,000	6.78	Dec 31, 2010	356,389
Gas (GJ)	1,000	5.50	March 31, 2010	21,803
Gain (loss) on commodity contracts				(423,417)

Royalties

(\$Cdn.)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
Heavy oil	469,699	851,217	(45)	1,066,352	1,372,432	(22)
Light oil and NGLs	1,140,568	1,703,989	(33)	2,101,641	3,022,267	(30)
Natural gas sales	179,960	572,465	(69)	421,632	809,755	(48)
Total royalties	1,790,227	3,127,671	(43)	3,589,625	5,204,454	(31)
% of gross oil and gas revenue	19%	19%	28	20%	19%	28
Per boe	8.80	18.01	(51)	8.69	15.74	(45)

During Q2 2009, the Company paid \$1,790,227 or 19% of petroleum and natural gas revenues in royalties compared to \$3,127,671 or 19% in Q2 2008. Royalties paid over the six month period for 2009 of \$3,589,625 declined by 31% (\$5,204,454) when compared to the same period in 2008. The royalty rate over the six month period remained relatively comparable at 20% for 2009 compared to 19% for 2008. The decline in royalties paid reflects the lower prices received in the current periods.

For 2009 to date, the heavy oil royalty averaged 14%, the light oil and NGL royalty rate averaged 23% and natural gas royalties averaged 13%.

On a Boe basis, royalties decreased 51% for the quarter and 45% for the six month period due primarily to lower commodity prices.

In 2008, the Alberta Government announced its New Royalty Framework and subsequent thereto a number of changes and revisions to the New Royalty Framework that took effect January 1, 2009 and a Transitional Royalty Plan. It is not expected that these changes and revisions will have a major effect on the Company's royalties other than to result in some volatility in rates as commodity prices change. A Q1 2009 announcement by the Alberta

Government on a “three point incentive program” to encourage additional drilling reduces royalty rates on new wells drilled to 5% for a period of one year and provides a credit of \$200.00 per meter drilled. This program was later extended for an additional year. The Company is reviewing its projects and has identified some drilling locations that maximize the value of this program to the Company and will, if funds are available, attempt to drill these projects in late 2009.

Operating Expenses

(\$Cdn.)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
Heavy oil	544,482	1,167,192	(53)	1,644,113	2,958,659	(44)
Light oil and NGLs	2,164,683	1,879,331	15	3,955,498	3,465,421	14
Natural gas	674,198	715,043	(6)	1,439,316	893,114	61
Total operating expenses	3,383,363	3,761,566	(10)	7,038,927	7,317,194	(4)
Per boe	16.62	21.65	(23)	17.03	22.13	(23)

Operating costs decreased 10% to \$3,383,363 in Q2 2009 from \$3,761,566 in Q2 2008 despite a 17% increase in average production. For Q2 2009, operating costs averaged \$16.62 per Boe down from \$17.43 per Boe in Q1 2009 and from \$21.65 per Boe in Q2 2008.

For the six month period in 2009, operating costs totaled \$7,038,927 or \$17.03 per Boe down 23% from the comparative 2008 figures.

Operating costs on a Boe basis are down as a result of the Company’s ongoing operating cost review process, the sale or shut-in of high operating cost properties, the acquisition of GEOCAN whose operating costs on an Boe basis were lower than Arsenal’s and the addition of low operating cost production in North Dakota.

Transportation Expenses

(\$Cdn.)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
Heavy oil	92,796	-	-	208,317	-	-
Light oil and NGLs	54,306	-	-	97,517	-	-
Natural gas	75,032	-	-	127,674	-	-
Total transportation expenses	222,134	-	-	433,508	-	-
Per boe	1.09	-	-	1.05	-	-

(†) No transportation incurred in 2008

Transportation expenses totaled \$222,134 (\$1.09 per Boe) in Q2 2009 versus \$211,374 (\$1.01 per Boe) in Q1 2009. These expenses include gathering, processing and transmission in British Columbia, gas service costs (firm and interruptible) in Alberta and clean oil trucking in Alberta and Saskatchewan. These costs are primarily related to the GEOCAN properties.

Operating Netback

(\$Cdn.)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
Heavy						
Revenue	58.98	92.89	(37)	47.79	78.83	(39)
Royalty	8.39	18.09	(54)	8.56	14.10	(39)
Operating	9.73	24.81	(61)	13.20	30.39	(57)
Transportation	1.66	-	-	1.67	-	-
Netback per barrel	39.20	49.99	(22)	24.36	34.35	(29)
Light oil and NGL's						
Revenue	60.77	113.66	(47)	50.56	100.60	(50)
Royalty	14.08	19.57	(28)	12.33	18.27	(33)
Operating	26.73	21.58	24	23.20	20.95	11
Transportation	0.67	-	-	0.57	-	-
Netback per barrel	19.29	72.51	(73)	14.47	61.38	(76)
Gas						
Revenue	3.55	10.15	(65)	4.28	9.01	(52)
Royalty	0.45	2.41	(81)	0.59	1.99	(70)
Operating	1.69	3.01	(44)	2.03	2.19	(7)
Transportation	0.19	-	-	0.18	-	-
Netback per mcf	1.22	4.73	(74)	1.48	4.83	(69)
Boe						
Revenue	47.35	96.02	(51)	42.61	84.65	(50)
Royalty	8.80	18.01	(51)	8.69	15.74	(45)
Operating	16.62	21.65	(23)	17.03	22.13	(23)
Transportation	1.09	-	-	1.05	0.00	-
Netback per Boe	20.84	56.36	(63)	15.84	46.78	(66)

The operating netback (before commodity price contracts) for Q2 2009 was \$20.84 per Boe up 90% from \$10.99 for Q1 2009 but down 63% from \$56.36 per Boe for Q2 2008. This fluctuation in the commodity netback between periods is the result of fluctuating commodity prices over the comparative periods.

Increased oil and natural gas prices, and lower operating costs due to high operating cost heavy oil property sales and operational efficiencies were responsible for the increased netback in Q2 2009 versus Q1 2009. On an individual product basis, the net back for heavy oil declined the least (22%) during the current quarter to \$39.20 per barrel versus \$49.99 per barrel for Q2 2008. The decline is due to lower prices received during the current quarter versus the comparative quarter. Average light crude and NGL netback was \$19.29 per barrel for the current quarter versus \$10.10 per barrel for Q1 2009 and \$72.51 per barrel in the comparable quarter in 2008. For natural gas the Q2 2009 netback was \$1.22 versus \$ 1.81 for Q1 2009 and \$4.73 per mcf for Q2 2008. The decline in the company's netback for natural gas reflects the price deterioration of the commodity over the past year.

General and Administrative Expenses

(\$Cdn.)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
Gross expenditures	1,312,661	606,118	117	2,418,777	2,047,428	18
Overhead recovery	(143,843)	(93,255)	54	(197,843)	(205,692)	(4)
Capitalized overhead	(87,900)	(57,500)	53	(175,800)	(115,000)	53
Net general and administrative expense	1,080,918	455,363	137	2,045,134	1,726,736	18
Net general and administrative per boe	5.31	2.62	103	4.95	5.22	(5)

For Q2 2009, gross general and administrative expenditures increased 117% to total \$1,312,661 when compared to \$606,118 for Q2 2008. On a net basis, costs were also higher totaling \$1,080,918 for the current quarter versus \$455,363 for Q2 2008. For the current six month period, gross general and administrative expenditures increased 18% to total \$2,418,777 when compared to \$2,047,428 for the six month period ending in 2008. On a net basis, general and administrative expenses totaled \$2,045,134 for 2009 versus \$1,726,736 for 2008, an increase of 18%.

On a Boe basis, current quarter general and administrative expenses were \$5.31 per Boe versus \$2.62 in Q2 2008 and on a year to date basis, costs were down 5% to \$4.95 per Boe in 2009 versus \$5.22 per Boe in 2008.

In 2009, the Company has incurred costs related to the conversion to International Financial Reporting Standards, the conversion and upgrade of its accounting system and additional consulting and legal fees relating to the integration of GEOCAN. In addition, as a result of its move into the larger GEOCAN office space in Q4 2008, the Company has paid and may continue to pay higher costs associated with its office rent and has incurred increases in its annual and quarterly reporting fees due to its larger shareholder base.

Overhead recovery increased in the current quarter to \$143,843 from \$93,255 in Q2 2008. On a year to date basis, the overhead recovery decreased 4% due to the decline in Company operated projects. Overhead from operations increased due to the number of operated wells while overhead related to capital expenditures decreased due to the Company not operating any wells or projects during the first six months of 2009. The Company participated in the drilling of two wells in North Dakota, but did not operate either well.

The Company capitalizes overhead directly related to exploration and development activities. For Q2 2009, the Company's capitalized overhead, excluding stock based compensation, was \$87,900 versus \$57,500 in Q2 2008. For Q2 and 2009 year to date, capitalized direct overhead increased 53% due to the addition of a geologist in Q3 2008.

Finance Charges and Fees

(\$Cdn.)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
Financing charges and fees	537,964	118,812	353	764,813	261,563	192
Per boe	2.64	0.68	286	1.85	0.79	134

Financing charges include interest and fees paid on the Company's credit facility, interest paid on the Company's unspent flow-through share obligation and other interest charges. Financing charges and fees increased to \$537,964 for Q2 2009 (\$118,812 for Q2 2008) and to \$764,813 on the year to date period (\$261,563 for year to date 2008), primarily as a result of increased fees paid on the Company's renewed credit facility (paid in Q2 2009), the higher average balance outstanding during the periods (due to redemption of the convertible debenture in February 2009) offset by an Q1 2009 refund of interest paid on prior years flow-through share obligations.

Interest on the Company's non-revolving reducing term loan facility is at rates ranging from Canadian or US prime plus 1.25% to 2.25% on prime based loans, from the base rate plus 2.75% to 3.75% on guaranteed notes and from the Libor base rate plus 2.75% to 3.75% on Libor based loans. Interest on the Company's non-revolving reducing term loan facility is at Canadian or US prime plus 3.00% on prime based loans and from the base rate plus 4.75% on guaranteed notes and Libor based loans. Borrowings of guaranteed notes and Libor loans are limited under the non-revolving reducing term loan facility to 60% of the outstanding balance.

The interest rate is set based on the net debt to trailing funds flow (funds flow for the last quarter annualized) ratio.

During Q2 2009, bank borrowings were based on rates established under the previous facility of prime plus 0.25% for prime based loans and on a rate for guaranteed notes of the guaranteed note base rate plus 1.50%. Average

borrowing under the facility for the current quarter was approximately \$34.9 million versus approximately \$40.5 million during Q1 2009 and \$9.1 million for the comparative quarter in 2008. The reduction in the average borrowing under the facility during the quarter was from excess funds from operations and property sales. The GEOCAN acquisition accounted for the increase in the credit facility quarter over quarter.

Other Expense

(\$Cdn.)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
Other expense	590,000	438,056	35	590,000	438,056	35
Per boe	2.90	2.52	15	1.43	1.32	8

Other expense in Q2 2009 includes an assessment by Canada Revenue Agency ("CRA") of a tax return for a company acquired by Arsenal in 2006. The assessment of \$590,000 relates to a period, prior to the acquisition of the company, and involves the disallowance of ARTC and includes penalty and interest. The Company has filed a Notice of Objection with CRA, disputing the basis of the assessment. The outcome of the objection is indeterminable and a provision for the entire amount of the assessment has been made. In Q2 2008, the Company recorded a total of \$438,056 of other expenses that included \$213,056 of pre acquisition costs incurred in 2008 related to a corporate acquisition and costs to abandon wells not recorded in the Company's asset retirement account and \$225,000 related to a loan to a former officer and director that was forgiven in Q2 2008.

Interest on Convertible Debentures

(\$Cdn.)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
Interest on debentures	-	69,030	(100)	34,323	138,439	(75)
Per boe	-	0.40	(100)	0.08	0.42	(80)

The Company paid interest semi-annually on June 30 and December 31 at 8% per annum on the \$3,480,000 of convertible debentures acquired in a prior acquisition.

In Q1 2009, the Company paid \$34,323 of interest on the debentures and recorded \$16,911 of accretion expense relating to the amortization of the discount on the debentures. The debentures were redeemed on February 15, 2009.

Depletion Depreciation and Accretion

(\$Cdn.)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
Depletion, depreciation and accretion	6,741,852	3,929,111	72	13,325,100	7,395,159	80
Per boe	33.12	22.62	46	32.25	22.37	44

Depletion, depreciation and accretion for the current quarter totaled \$6,741,852 an increase of 72% from \$3,929,111 for Q2 2008. For the six month period, depletion, depreciation and accretion increased 80% to \$13,325,100 for the 2009 period. The 72% increase from Q2 2008 increase results from a 17% increase in production over the comparative periods and the 80% increase on a year to date basis results from a 26% increase in production in Q2 2008. In addition, the rate per Boe increased over both comparative periods.

On a Boe basis the rate increased 46% in Q2 2009 to \$33.12 per Boe versus \$22.62 per Boe for Q2 2008 and to \$32.25 per Boe for the six month period up from \$22.37 for the prior comparative period. The increase per Boe results primarily from higher industry finding and development costs during 2008 and early 2009, from property sales during the periods and from the acquisition of GEOCAN. Based on the purchase price allocation of

approximately \$60.3 million to property plant and equipment and proved reserves of 1.7 million Boe, the depletion and depreciation rate for the GEOCAN purchase is \$35.47 per Boe. The Company expects to convert some of the GEOCAN probable reserves to proven once prices recover and drilling restarts.

Stock-based Compensation Expense

(\$Cdn.)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
Stock-based Compensation expense	273,634	192,050	42	538,559	301,976	78

The Company accounts for its stock-based compensation program using the fair-value method. Under this method, compensation expense related to this program is recorded in the statement of loss over the vesting period of the options.

In 2009, the Company granted 1,688,000 options at a weighted average price of \$0.205 per share to directors, officers and employees. These options vest annually over three years.

Stock-based compensation expense for Q2 2009 increased 42% to \$273,634 and for the year to date, increased 78% to \$538,559. The increase in the 2009 comparative periods, results from the timing and valuation of options issued in 2008 and in Q1 of 2009.

During the first six months of 2009 the Company capitalized to property plant and equipment \$113,308 of stock based compensation representing stock based compensation relating to exploration overhead capitalized.

Income Taxes

The Company recorded a reduction in future income taxes of \$3,777,310 in Q2 2009. Low average commodity prices and higher depletion and depreciation charges in the quarter were primarily responsible for the loss before income taxes and the resultant reduction of future income taxes.

At June 30, 2009, \$123,965 has been recorded as a current future income tax asset and relates to the current portion of the unrealized risk management contract loss recorded in the financial statements. A future income tax liability of \$10,203,403 has been recorded as at June 30, 2009.

Arsenal does not expect to pay current tax in Canada during 2009 based on existing tax pools available to offset realized commodity contract gains, planned expenditures and current commodity prices. It may however be taxable in 2009 should commodity prices improve significantly over Q1 2009 averages.

In the US, due to the realization of a significant gain on the monetizing of a commodity contract and due to increasing production, the Company may be taxable in 2009. Efforts are underway to minimize the tax impact on the Company's operations.

Funds from Operations and Net Loss

(\$Cdn.)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change
Cash provided by operating activities	3,996,635	8,349,029	(52)	10,974,620	9,457,744	16
Funds from operations	2,031,722	8,083,005	(75)	12,346,992	11,881,151	4
Per share						
Basic	0.02	0.09	(78)	0.12	0.14	(11)
Diluted	0.02	0.09	(78)	0.12	0.14	(11)
Net loss	(3,235,660)	(1,925,853)	(68)	(6,307,371)	(2,413,879)	(161)
Per share						
Basic	(0.03)	(0.02)	(48)	(0.06)	(0.03)	(91)
Diluted	(0.03)	(0.02)	(48)	(0.06)	(0.03)	(91)

Q2 2009 funds from operations totaled \$2,031,722 (\$0.02 per share basic and diluted) down 75% from \$8,083,005 (\$0.09 per share basic and diluted share) in Q2 2008. This decrease is attributed to lower commodity prices that offset increased production and lower operating costs.

For the current six month period, funds from operations totaled \$12,346,992 (\$0.12 per share basic and diluted) up 4% from \$11,881,151 (\$0.14 per share basic and diluted) in the comparable 2008 period. This increase is attributable to increased period to date funds received in the 2009 period on settlement of risk management contracts versus the 2008 period. The effect of the 35% production increase was more than offset by the 47% decrease in average commodity prices received.

Net loss for Q2 2009 increased to \$3,235,660 (\$0.03 per share basic and diluted) from a loss of \$1,925,853 (\$0.02 per share basic and diluted) in Q2 2008. On a year to date basis, the 2009 to date loss totaled \$6,307,371 or \$0.06 per share basic and diluted versus \$2,413,879 or \$0.03 per share basic and diluted for the comparative period. The increased loss for the respective periods is attributed to lower average commodity prices during the current periods and higher per unit depletion and depreciation charges.

OUTLOOK

During the second quarter, the Company finalized the received notice from operators in North Dakota of their intention to drill (in Q3 2009) three additional Bakken wells at Stanley. The Company estimates of its share of capital to participate in these wells (two wells at approximately 30% working interest and one well at approximately 3% working interest) is approximately \$4.2 million Canadian. The Company expects additional wells to be drilled in Q4 2009 and Q1 2010. With the strengthening of crude prices and the commodity contracts the Company has in-place together with the operating cost efficiencies realized, it is expected that the Company will during the remainder of 2009 generate sufficient funds from operations to participate in the drilling of these wells and to meet the debt reduction conditions of its credit facility. Additional property sales or another source of funds will be required to commence drilling on some of its prospects in Canada to take advantage of the recently announced Alberta royalty reduction and drilling incentive program.

Over the next 12 months period, given that the current crude oil price remains at its current level or strengthens, the Company expects to participate in the drilling of up to 12 additional Bakken wells on its lands at Stanley, North Dakota at approximately 25% working interest in each well at a cost of approximately \$15.0 to 17.5 million US. In addition, the Company expects additional Bakken drilling to occur at Lindahl, North Dakota and expects development to commence on the Three Forks formation underlying the Company lands at Stanley, North Dakota. This new formation underlies the Bakken and drilling to date by operators in North Dakota has established production and reserves similar to the Bakken formation. Funds for these expenditures and for any additional expenditures required are expected to be generated primarily from funds from operations generated over this period.

Funds from operations for 2009 (including realized hedging gains of approximately \$9.0 million) are expected to be between \$20.0 million and \$22.0 million. This projection is based on an expected 2009 exit rate of approximately 2,600 Boe per day resulting in average production for 2009 of between approximately 2,300 and 2,400 Boe per day and utilizes the current 2009 WTI strip price of approximately \$72.50 US per barrel and a Canadian US exchange rate of \$0.925. Arsenal's expected 2009 mix of oil (76%) and natural gas (24%) is expected to generate revenue of approximately \$46.50 per Boe for 2009 before any adjustments to revenue for commodity contracts.

Capital expenditures for 2009 are expected to total approximately \$11.0 million and include participation in additional wells in North Dakota and some capital for drilling in Canada. The final expenditure budget will depend on commodity prices, the number of wells to be drilled in North Dakota and on the number of wells to be drilled in Alberta to take advantage of the "three point incentive program". The Company is also attempting to sell additional non-core properties and continues to realize operational efficiencies. As a result, debt is expected to be reduced from the current level of \$37.1 million to between \$31.0 and \$33.0 million at 2009 year end.

Summary of Quarterly Results

(\$Cdn.)	2009		2008				2007	
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3
Oil and gas revenue	9,638,098	7,969,913	10,724,915	15,766,815	16,678,644	11,309,151	8,827,883	7,568,644
Net income (loss)	(3,235,660)	(3,071,711)	6,974,803	10,028,193	(1,925,853)	(488,026)	(2,944,193)	(3,029,332)
Per share - basic	(0.03)	(0.03)	0.08	0.11	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.04)	(0.04)
Per share - diluted	(0.03)	(0.03)	0.08	0.11	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.04)	(0.04)
Funds from operations	2,031,722	10,315,270	11,316,461	8,093,159	8,083,001	3,798,146	134,648	1,000,012
Per share - basic	0.02	0.10	0.13	0.09	0.09	0.05	-	0.01
Per share - diluted	0.02	0.10	0.13	0.09	0.09	0.05	-	0.01
Total assets	122,486,146	131,477,316	143,723,628	78,546,339	72,989,632	71,113,137	65,097,402	62,288,632
Total debt ⁽¹⁾	37,104,499	40,124,195	48,479,097	13,384,766	14,266,267	18,709,928	20,731,800	17,468,428
Shares outstanding	101,249,646	101,249,646	101,249,646	90,786,148	90,719,815	89,181,542	83,698,042	73,917,173

(1) Includes working capital and convertible debentures outstanding unless paid (paid February 2009) but excludes risk management contracts and future income taxes whether current or long term.

Arsenal's quarterly results have fluctuated significantly in the past eight quarters due to the GEOCAN acquisition, production increases, some significant unusual items such as tax audits being recorded and then reversed, ceiling test write-downs and the recognition of impairment of properties and goodwill. More recently, commodity prices have been very volatile and have been responsible for wide swings in realized and unrealized gains and losses thus impacting operating income. For Arsenal, quarterly results will continue to fluctuate somewhat and will depend on property dispositions, the movement in commodity prices particularly for oil and the differentials in heavy oil. Given a more stable commodity market and the establishment and maintenance of a core property base coupled with the recent implementation of various operational efficiencies and continued drilling success in North Dakota, the Company expects its established production base to increase steadily and lead to more comparative and stable results going forward.

Contractual Obligations

In the ordinary course of business, the Company enters into various contractual obligations, including the following:

- purchase of services
- royalty agreements
- operating agreements
- processing and treating agreements
- right-of-way and road use agreements
- lease obligations for office space and equipment
- flow-through share agreements

All such contractual obligations reflect market conditions at the time of contract and do not involve related parties.

Obligations with a fixed term are as follows:

(\$Cdn.)	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Demand operating loans	34,630,000	-	-	-	-
Lease of office premises	316,096	632,192	632,192	368,779	-
Equipment lease	10,411	19,086	-	-	-
Total	34,956,507	651,278	632,192	368,779	-

Summary of Results by Country

Six Months Ended June 30, 2009

	Canada	United States	Total Company
Revenue			
Petroleum and natural gas	13,869,115	3,738,896	17,608,011
Gain (loss) on financial commodity contracts	(1,703,130)	1,279,713	(423,417)
Royalties	(2,365,239)	(1,224,386)	(3,589,625)
	9,800,746	3,794,223	13,594,969
Other income (expense)	5,173	(1,976)	3,197
	9,805,919	3,792,247	13,598,166
Expenses			
Operating	5,588,507	1,450,420	7,038,927
Transportation	433,508	-	433,508
General and administrative	1,601,755	443,379	2,045,134
Finance charges and fees	668,133	96,680	764,813
Other expenses	590,000	-	590,000
Interest on convertible debentures	34,323	-	34,323
Foreign exchange gain	(837,456)	(266,972)	(1,104,428)
Convertible debenture accretion	16,911	-	16,911
Depletion, depreciation, and accretion	12,566,568	758,532	13,325,100
Stock-based compensation	538,559	-	538,559
	21,200,808	2,482,039	23,682,847
Income (loss) before income taxes	(11,394,889)	1,310,208	(10,084,681)
Income taxes			
Future income tax (reduction)	(3,867,921)	90,611	(3,777,310)
Net loss	(7,526,968)	1,219,597	(6,307,371)

Bank Debt, Liquidity and Capital Resources

Capital Management

In order to continue the Company's ongoing exploration and development program, the Company must maintain a strong capital base. A strong capital base results in increased market confidence, an essential factor in maintaining existing shareholders and in attracting new investors. The Company is committed to establishing and maintaining a strong capital base to ensure the Company has access to the equity and debt markets when deemed advisable. In order to maintain a strong capital base, the Company continually monitors the risk reward profile of its exploration and development projects and the economic indicators in the market including commodity prices, interest rates and foreign exchange rates. It then determines increases or decreases to its capital budget.

The Company considers shareholders equity, bank debt and working capital as components of its capital base. Arsenal's convertible debentures were redeemed in February 2009 funded by an increase in bank debt. The Company can access or increase capital through the issuance of shares, through bank borrowings that are based on reserves, and by building cash reserves by reducing its capital expenditure program.

The Company monitors its capital based primarily on its debt to annualized funds flow ratio and its debt to equity ratios. Debt includes bank debt, plus or minus working capital. Annualized funds flow is calculated as cash flow from operations before changes in non-cash working capital and asset retirement expenditures from the Company's most recent quarter multiplied by four adjusted, by increasing or decreasing commodity price expectations. The Company's goal is to target this ratio at 1 : 1 but it can and will fluctuate based on the timing of property transactions, commodity prices and on the mix of exploratory and development drilling. During periods of extreme commodity price declines, high drilling activity or after large property or corporate acquisitions, it is expected that the ratio would increase and during periods of high commodity prices and low activity levels, the ratio would decrease. The Company's focus in these instances is to concentrate on bringing the ratio back into line. The Company prepares an annual operating and capital expenditure budget. The budget is updated when critical factors change and actual results are realized. Critical factors include economic factors such as the state of equity markets, changes to commodity prices, interest rates and foreign exchange rates and non economic factors such as drilling results and production profiles. The Company's board of directors approves the budget and reviews changes thereto.

At June 30, 2009, the Company's debt (excluding the Company's risk management contracts and current future income taxes whether assets or liabilities) to funds flow (Q2 2009 annualized) was 4.57 : 1 and its debt to equity ratio was 0.69 : 1. The debt to forward cash flow ratio at June 30, 2009 is higher than the corporate goal of 1 : 1 as established in the management strategy goals and guidelines. The Company acquired GEOCAN at close to the peak of the last commodity price cycle and, because the Company was under levered at the time, used primarily debt to complete the acquisition. Since the acquisition, there was a significant deterioration of commodity prices which have recovered somewhat recently. This price decline has resulted in much lower future cash flows resulting in an increase in the debt to forward cash flow ratio. As prices increase and firm, management believes that the current ratio, while high is manageable and will be reduced through prudent fiscal management of cash in-flows and capital expenditures. An equity issue may be considered to further help with debt reduction. The Company expects to continue to participate in its Bakken drilling at Stanley, North Dakota utilizing a portion of funds generated from future cash flows and will continue to dedicate the remaining future cash flows and the proceeds from non-core property sales to debt reduction. Key factors that will determine when the Company will be within its established guidelines are increased production, commodity (particularly crude) prices and the magnitude of capital requirements to continue participation in the Bakken North Dakota drilling. The Company is continuing with its commodity risk management program to lock-in a portion of future cash flows and has nominated a portion of its debt in US dollars as a hedge against the foreign exchange fluctuations affecting certain elements of its business.

The Company's credit facility has a financial covenant that, without the written consent of the lender, would result in a breach of the agreement. The Company cannot permit:

the working capital ratio (as defined in the agreement to include the unutilized portion of the facility) to fall to below 1 : 1.

At June 30, 2009, the Company is in compliance with this covenant.

The Company's share capital is not subject to external restrictions.

There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the period.

Credit Facility

At June 30, 2009, the Company had a \$40.0 million credit facility consisting of a demand revolving operating loan facility in the amount of \$31.0 million and a non-revolving reducing term loan facility in the amount of \$9.0 million. The facility can be utilized in either Canadian or US dollars. Reductions in the non-revolving reducing term loan facility are set at \$820,000 per month commencing July 31, 2009. The non-revolving reducing term loan facility is payable in full on May 31, 2010. Debt under the facility, that includes bank debt and working capital but excludes

the risk management contracts and future income tax (whether assets or liabilities) amounted to \$37.1 million at June 30, 2009. Included in debt under the facility is U.S. \$10,000,000 (CAD - \$11,630,000) Libor based loan.

Interest on the Company's non-revolving reducing term loan facility is at rates ranging from Canadian or US prime plus 1.25% to 2.25% on prime based loans, from the base rate plus 2.75% to 3.75% on guaranteed notes and from the Libor base rate plus 2.75% to 3.75% on Libor based loans. Interest on the Company's non-revolving reducing term loan facility is at Canadian or US prime plus 3.00% on prime based loans and from the base rate plus 4.75% on guaranteed notes and Libor based loans. Borrowings of guaranteed notes and Libor loans are limited under the non-revolving reducing term loan facility to 60% of the outstanding balance.

The interest rate is set based on the net debt to trailing funds flow (funds flow for the last quarter annualized) ratio.

The credit facility is secured by a fixed and floating charge debenture providing a fixed charge over all present and after acquired petroleum and natural gas interests and a floating charge over all lands, a continuing guarantee from the Company's US subsidiary in the form of a Mortgage Security Agreement and Letter of Undertaking limited to \$13,000,000.

The Company is in compliance with its bank covenants at June 30, 2009.

Liquidity

The sudden and severe decline in commodity prices in that commenced in Q4 2008 and lasted until near the end of Q1 2009 and the limited access to equity markets have affected management's approach and operating strategy. It appears however that, as a result of the apparent economic recovery, not only have crude prices improved they have seem to have established an acceptable floor. The Company continues to take a cautious approach and remains focused on debt reduction.

At current commodity prices, the Company will generate excess funds from operations. These excess funds will, depending on various factors, be allocated to debt reduction and essential capital programs.

The Company believes it will have the financial resources necessary to both reduce debt to an acceptable level and to complete its 2009 proposed capital program. In the event that commodity prices, interest or exchange rates, or other factors negatively impact funds flow from operations, the Company would plan to reduce the proposed 2009 capital program so that the Company's debt stays within its expected credit facility.

In order to ensure that funds were available for its 2009 capital program, the Company has in-place certain commodity hedges.

At June 30, 2009 the Company had the following commodity contracts in-place:

Commodity Sold	Notional volume	Remaining term	Pricing	Fair value
Natural Gas	1,000 GJ per day	Jan 1, 2010 - Dec 31, 2010	6.78 per GJ \$	356,389
Natural Gas	1,000 GJ per day	Nov 1, 2009 - Mar 31, 2010	5.50 per GJ	21,803
Oil	100 bbl per day	July 1, 2009 - Apr 30, 2010	72.60 per bbl	(360,873)
Oil	100 bbl per day	May 1, 2010 - Apr 30, 2011	79.50 per bbl	(327,015)
Oil	400 bbl per day	Aug 1, 2009 - Dec 31, 2009	81.50 per bbl	(148,914)
			\$	(458,610)

On August 11, 2009, the Company entered into a crude oil commodity price contract, to sell 200 barrels of production per day from January 1, 2010 until December 31, 2010 at a price of \$85.05 Canadian per barrel.

Commodity contracts may be monetized or additional commodity contracts may be put in-place, depending on changes in commodity prices and the expected level of the Company's capital expenditure program.

Share Capital

At June 30, 2009 and as of the date of this MD&A, the Company has 101,249,646 common shares and 8,399,000 options outstanding. In January 2009, the Company issued 1,688,000 options at \$0.21 to directors, officers and employees. No shares or options have been issued since June 30, 2009.

Common shares	Six Months Ended June		Year Ended December 31	
	Shares	Amount (\$)	Shares	Amount (\$)
Balance - beginning of period	101,249,646	93,515,925	83,698,042	81,676,603
Issued to acquire Geocan	-	-	10,623,498	8,445,681
Issued on exercise of options	-	-	283,251	90,217
Allocated from contributed surplus	-	-	-	60,490
Private placement of common shares	-	-	1,249,300	787,059
Private placement of flow-through shares	-	-	5,555,555	4,000,000
Tax effect of flow-through shares	-	(1,040,000)	-	(1,356,625)
Share issue costs	-	-	-	(392,062)
Tax effect of share issue costs	-	-	-	127,425
Forgiveness of loan	-	-	-	225,000
Normal course issuer bid	-	-	(160,000)	147,863
Balance - end of period	101,249,646	92,475,925	101,249,646	93,515,925

In October 2008, the Company announced approval to purchase up to 4,539,307 of its common shares by way of a normal course issuer bid (NCIB) through the facilities of the Toronto Stock Exchange. The 4,539,307 shares represent approximately 4.5% of the 101,249,646 currently issued and outstanding common shares of the Corporation. In accordance with the rules of the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") the daily repurchase limit under the NCIB is 40,463 shares. In November 2008, the TSX increased that daily limit to 80,926 until March 31, 2009. The purchases may commence on October 16, 2008 and will terminate on October 15, 2009, or on such earlier date as the Corporation may complete its purchases pursuant to a notice of intention to be filed with the Toronto Stock Exchange or provide notice of termination. Purchases will be made by Arsenal in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements and the price which Arsenal will pay for any such common shares will be the market price of such shares at the time of acquisition. No shares have been purchased under the bid to date on 2009. The Company had purchased and cancelled 160,000 at an average price of \$0.195 per share in 2008.

In March 2009, the board of directors adopted a shareholder rights plan which is designed to ensure fair treatment of the Company's shareholders by providing shareholders more time than is afforded under existing Canadian legislation to properly evaluate any unsolicited takeover bid and to seek possible alternatives to maximize value for all shareholders. The Company is not aware of any pending or contemplated takeover bids.

Related Party Transactions

An officer of the Company is a partner in a law firm that provides legal services to the Company. To June 30, 2009, the Company incurred a total of \$44,783 (2008 – 267,524) for legal fees and disbursements.

All related party transactions occur in the normal course of operations and have been recorded at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

Capital Expenditures

(\$ Cdn.)	Three Months	Three Months	Year to Date
	Ended March 31	Ended June 30	
	2009	2009	2009
Property dispositions	(839,375)	(2,376,749)	(3,166,124)
Land	348,298	(54,996)	293,302
Seismic	29,157	79,130	108,287
Drilling and completions	1,748,748	815,529	2,564,277
Capitalized general and administrative	87,900	87,900	175,800
Production equipment, facilities and tie-ins	360,958	207,882	568,840
Other	102,647	51,264	153,911
Total property plant and equipment additions	2,677,708	1,186,709	3,864,417
Non-cash additions	(102,647)	(46,864)	(149,511)
Capital expenditures	2,575,061	1,139,845	3,714,906

During the quarter, the Company disposed of two properties (Maidstone and Lamond) for proceeds of \$2,326,749 bringing the year to date property sale total to \$3,166,124. Production from all properties sold totaled approximately 80 Boe per day. In addition to proceeds received on the sale of these properties, the Company reduced its asset retirement obligations by \$2,231,849.

During Q2 2009, the Company did not participate in the drilling of any wells. In Q1 2009, the Company participated in the drilling of 2 gross (0.33 net) wells. The wells were both drilled in North Dakota. To date in Q3 2009, the Company has drilled one Bakken well in North Dakota and is expecting another to spud during the quarter.

Capital expenditures for Q2 2009 totaled \$1,139,845 (Q2 2008 \$4,792,985) lower than in previous 2008 quarters as the Company reduced its spending in response to lower commodity prices and restricted capital and credit availability. Of the total expended in Q2 2009, most of the spending related to the Bakken North Dakota wells that were drilling over the prior quarter end. To date in 2009, the Company has spent \$3,714,906 (\$9,677,825 Q2 2008) on the drilling of the North Dakota wells and recompleting wells in BC.

Commitments and Contingencies

Outstanding lawsuits

Various lawsuits have been filed against the Company for incidents which arose in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management and legal counsel, the outcome of the lawsuits, now pending, is not determinable or not material to the Company's operations. Should any loss result from the resolution of these claims, such loss will be charged to operations in the year of resolution.

Risk Management

Commodity price risk

Commodity price risk is defined as fluctuations in crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquid prices. The Company uses derivative instruments as part of its risk management approach to manage commodity price fluctuations and stabilize cash flows available for future development programs. The Company does not enter into derivative contracts for speculative purposes. During 2008, the Company entered into four crude oil derivative contracts and one natural gas derivative contract. These contracts were monetized during late 2008 and Q1 2009.

See "Liquidity" for the Company's current commodity contracts.

Production risk

Production risk relates to the Company's ability to produce, process and transport crude oil and natural gas. To manage this risk to an acceptable level, the Company performs regular and proactive maintenance on its wells, facilities and pipelines. The Company operates approximately 80% of its production, which affords greater control over operations. Approximately 20% of the Company's production is in the United States.

Natural Decline and Reserve Replacement Risk

Natural decline risk relates to the Company's ability to replace reserves in excess of annual production declines through development activities such as drilling, well completions, well workovers and other capital activities. The Company manages its business using a portfolio approach whereby capital is allocated across a number of areas so that significant capital is not risked on any one activity. Capital is spent only after strict economic criteria for production and reserve additions are assessed.

The Company's reserves are evaluated on an annual basis by independent third-party consultants reporting to the Company's Reserves Committee of the Board of Directors. The Company's approach is to invest in mature, long-life properties with a high proved producing component combined with low-risk development opportunities where the reserve risk is generally lower and cash flows are more stable and predictable. The Company will engage in wildcat exploration activities only after considerable due diligence has been completed on the play, including geological, geophysical and total capital required.

Environmental Health and Safety Risk

Environment, health and safety risks relate primarily to field operations associated with oil and gas assets. To mitigate this risk, a preventative environmental, health and safety program is in place as well as operational loss insurance coverage. Arsenal employees and contractors adhere to the Company's environment, health and safety program, which is routinely reviewed and updated to ensure that the Company operates in a manner consistent with best practices in the industry. The Board of Directors is actively involved in the risk assessment and risk mitigation process.

Regulation, Tax and Royalty Risk

Regulation, tax and royalty risk relates to changing government royalty regulations, income tax laws and incentive programs impacting the Company's financial and operating results. Management, with the assistance of legal and accounting professionals, stay informed of proposed changes in laws and regulations and proactively responds to and plan for the effects of these changes.

Capital Market Risk

The Company's ability to maintain its financial strength and liquidity is dependent upon its ability to access Canadian capital markets. If Canadian debt or equity markets were to become less accessible to the Company, it may affect the ability of Arsenal to continue to replace production.

Change in Accounting Policies

Accounting Changes

Translation of foreign currencies

Effective April 1, 2009, the Company determined that the functional currency of its U.S. operations had changed from the Canadian dollar to the U.S. dollar due to significant changes in facts and circumstances, being the recent financing for and cash flow generated from U.S. operations being denominated in U.S. dollars and being self-

sustaining from that of the Company (parent). Accordingly, the accounts of self-sustaining foreign operations are translated using the current rate method commencing April 1, 2009, whereby assets and liabilities are translated at period-end exchange rates, while revenues and expenses are translated using average rates for the period. Translation gains and losses related to the operations are included in other comprehensive income and included in accumulated other comprehensive income as a separate component of shareholders' equity. Previously, U.S. operations were considered to be integrated and translated using the temporal method. Under the temporal method, monetary assets and liabilities were translated at the period end exchange rates, other assets and liabilities at the historical rates and revenues and expenses in the period they occur. This change was applied prospectively beginning April 1, 2009.

Goodwill and intangible assets

New standards for Goodwill and Intangible Assets effective for fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 2008, provide guidance on the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure for goodwill and intangible assets, other than the initial recognition of goodwill or intangible assets acquired in a business combination. Retroactive application to prior-period financial statements will be required. The Company is still assessing the impact of this new standard on its financial statements. The adoption of this standard has had no impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

Future Accounting Changes

Business combinations

New standards for Business Combinations and related standards for non-controlling interests and consolidated financial statements are effective January 1, 2011 and apply prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the first annual reporting period beginning on or after January 1, 2011 for the Company. Early adoption is permitted. These standards harmonize the Canadian standards with IFRS.

International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS")

In February 2008, the CICA Accounting Standards Board ("AcSB") confirmed the changeover to IFRS from Canadian GAAP will be required for publicly accountable enterprises interim and annual financial statements effective for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The eventual changeover to IFRS represents a change due to new accounting standards. The transition from current Canadian GAAP to IFRS is a significant undertaking that may materially affect the Company's reported financial position and results of operations.

The International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") has approved amendments and exemptions to IFRS 1 in order to make it more useful to Canadian entities adopting IFRS for the first time. One such exemption relating to full cost oil and gas accounting reduces the administrative burden in the transition from the current Canadian Accounting Guideline 16 (related to the full cost method of accounting for oil and gas activities) to IFRS. The amendment will permit the Company to apply IFRS prospectively to their full cost pool, rather than the retrospective assessment of capitalized exploration and development expenses, with the proviso that a ceiling test, under IFRS standards, be conducted at the transition date.

Although the Company has not completed development of its IFRS changeover plan, when finalized it will include project structure and governance, resourcing and training, an analysis of key GAAP differences and a phased plan to assess accounting policies under IFRS as well as potential IFRS 1 exemptions. The Company anticipates completing its project scoping, which will include a timetable for assessing the impact on data systems, internal controls over financial reporting, and business activities, such as financing and compensation arrangements, during 2009.