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

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

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

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