

## NEWS RELEASE

### **RANGE REPORTS RECORD RESULTS**

**FORT WORTH, TEXAS, MAY 4, 2004...RANGE RESOURCES CORPORATION (NYSE: RRC)** today reported first quarter results. Revenues and cash flow in the period reached record levels. Revenues totaled \$63.5 million, a 14% increase over the prior-year period. Cash flow from operations before changes in working capital, a non-GAAP measure, rose 28% to \$42.2 million. The increases were due to rising production and higher prices. Net income fell 38% to \$5.9 million, solely as a result of non-cash charges. Net income per share totaled \$0.11 (\$0.10 fully diluted).

Net income in the quarter reflected a \$1.6 million non-cash expense associated with the ineffective portion of commodity hedges and a \$4.4 million non-cash expense related to the Company's increasing stock price and its impact on the accounting for shares held in the deferred compensation plan. First quarter 2003 results included non-cash items which increased net income by \$4.5 million composed primarily of the cumulative effect of adopting the new accounting rule on asset retirement obligations. Excluding such items, net income for the quarter would have reached \$9.9 million or \$0.17 per share (\$0.15 fully diluted), double the \$4.9 million comparable net income of the prior-year period. (See accompanying table for calculation of these non-GAAP measures.)

Oil and gas revenues totaled \$65.4 million, 20% above the prior year due to an increase in production volumes and realized prices. Production rose 15% to an average of 177.4 Mmcfe per day, comprised of 126 Mmcf and 8,548 barrels of oil and liquids. Wellhead prices after hedging averaged \$4.05 per mcf, a 3% increase. Gas prices increased 5% to \$4.15 per mcf, as oil prices increased 3% to \$24.38 per barrel. Hedging decreased average prices by \$1.05 per mcf.

Operating expenses per mcf decreased 10% during the period to \$0.62 per mcf as a result of lower field costs. Production taxes per mcf rose 4% due to higher prices. Exploration costs increased \$1.1 million primarily due to higher dry hole and seismic costs. General and administrative expenses fell slightly. Interest expense and preferred dividends decreased 12%, as a result of lower debt balances and interest rates. Depletion, depreciation and amortization per mcf declined 8% to \$1.31.

During the quarter, debt fell by \$9.6 million due to the application of excess cash flow to debt repayments. Capital expenditures, including acquisitions, of \$29 million were funded with only 70% of operating cash flow. The spending funded the drilling of 78 (48.1 net) wells and 15 (11 net) recompletions in the period. Nine (5.3 net) of the projects proved unproductive. By March 31, 34 of the 69 successful wells had come on line. The 35 remaining wells were in various stages of completion or waiting on pipeline. In the period \$1.8 million was spent on buying additional interest in existing properties.

In the Gulf Coast division, the Smith #1 well, the recently announced onshore exploratory success in Orange County, Texas was placed online in March and is currently producing 7.7 (3.8 net) Mmcfe per day. Subsequent to quarter-end, the L-13 Sidetrack, an offshore Louisiana development well in the West Delta 30 Field, reached a total measured depth of 9,686 feet. Range estimates the well encountered over 100 feet of gas pay in four sands. ExxonMobil is the operator of the well in which Range owns a 49% working interest (40.7% NRI). Completion is currently underway and first production is expected in June. In the Southwest division, 18 wells were drilled in the first quarter at the West Fuhrman-Mascho unit located in Sterling County, Texas. The drilling increased production from the Field to 17.3 (13.1 net) Mmcfe per day. In the Conger Field of West Texas, two rigs are in the process of drilling 25 wells scheduled for 2004. In Appalachia, the development program is slightly ahead of schedule, with 43 (19.6 net) wells out of a 259 (116.9 net) well program having been drilled.

Commenting, John H. Pinkerton, the Company's President, noted, "We are delighted that production is rising at an accelerated pace due to solid success in our drilling and acquisition programs. Despite the somewhat confusing impact of non-cash accounting adjustments on net income, the Company's financial results continue to improve. In the first quarter, cash flow reached a record high, debt declined and unit costs were materially reduced. These achievements, coupled with our substantial inventory of exploration and development projects, position us to generate record results throughout 2004 and for several years to come."

The Company will host a conference call on Wednesday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m. ET to review its results. To participate, please dial 877-207-5526 about 5-10 minutes prior to the start of the call and ask for the Range Resources First Quarter Conference Call. A simultaneous webcast of the call may be accessed over the Internet at [www.rangeresources.com](http://www.rangeresources.com) or [www.vcall.com](http://www.vcall.com). To listen, please go to either website at least 15 minutes prior to the call to register and install any necessary software. The webcast will be archived for replay on the Company's website for 30 days. A replay of the call will be available through May 12 at 800-642-1687. The conference ID is 7003199.

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measure:

Earnings for first quarter 2004 include ineffective commodity hedging losses of \$1.6 million, non-cash deferred compensation expense of \$4.4 million and amortization of interest rate swap gains of \$799,000. Excluding such items, pretax income would have been \$15.6 million, a 73% increase from the prior year. Adjusting for the after-tax effect of these items, the Company's earnings would have been \$9.9 million in 2004 or \$0.17 per share (\$0.15 per diluted share). If similar items were excluded, 2003 earnings would have been \$4.9 million or \$0.09 per share (\$0.09 per diluted share). (See reconciliation of non-GAAP earnings in the accompanying table.) The Company believes results excluding these items are more comparable to estimates provided by security analysts and, therefore, are useful in evaluating operational trends of the Company and its performance relative to other oil and gas producing companies.

Cash flow from operations before changes in working capital as defined in this release represents net cash provided by operations before changes in working capital and exploration expense adjusted for certain non-cash compensation items. Cash flow from operations before changes in working capital is widely accepted by the investment community as a financial indicator of an oil and gas company's ability to generate cash to internally fund exploration and development activities and to service debt. Cash flow from operations before changes in working capital is also useful because it is widely used by professional research analysts in valuing, comparing, rating and providing investment recommendations of companies in the oil and gas exploration and production industry. In turn, many investors use this published research in making investment decisions. Cash flow from operations before changes in working capital is not a measure of financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to cash flows from operations, investing, or financing activities as an indicator of cash flows, or as a measure of liquidity. A table is included which reconciles Net cash provided by operations to Cash flow from operations before changes in working capital as used in this release. On its website, the Company provides additional comparative information on prior periods.

**RANGE RESOURCES CORPORATION (NYSE: RRC)** is an independent oil and gas company operating in the Permian, Midcontinent, Appalachian and Gulf Coast regions of the United States.

*Except for historical information, statements made in this release, including those relating to inventory of projects, anticipated future production and anticipated record results are 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. These statements are based on assumptions and estimates that management believes are reasonable based on currently available information; however, management's assumptions and the Company's future performance are subject to a wide range of business risks and uncertainties and there is no assurance that these goals and projections can or will be met. Any number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, the volatility of oil and gas prices, the costs and results of drilling and operations, the timing of production, mechanical and other inherent risks associated with oil and gas production, weather, the availability of drilling equipment, changes in interest rates, litigation, uncertainties about reserve estimates, and environmental risks. The Company undertakes no*

*obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements. Further information on risks and uncertainties is available in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which are incorporated by reference.*

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## RANGE RESOURCES CORPORATION

### STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited, in thousands except per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2004	2003	
<b>Revenues</b>			
Oil and gas sales .....	\$ 65,368	\$ 54,330	
Transportation and gathering.....	467	1,027	
Gain (loss) on retirement of securities .....	-	(315)	
Ineffective hedging gains (losses) (a).....	(1,554)	804	
Other (b).....	(748)	45	
	<u>63,533</u>	<u>55,891</u>	+14%
<b>Expenses</b>			
Direct operating .....	9,995	9,552	
Production and ad valorem taxes.....	4,250	3,476	
Exploration.....	3,567	2,453	
General and administrative.....	4,436	4,461	
Non-cash deferred compensation adjustment (c).....	4,385	385	
Interest .....	4,145	5,544	
Accretion expense (d).....	1,096	1,107	
Depletion, depreciation and amortization .....	21,152	19,860	
	<u>53,026</u>	<u>46,838</u>	+13%
Pretax income.....	10,507	9,053	+16%
<b>Income taxes (benefit)</b>			
Current .....	-	4	
Deferred .....	3,887	4,086	
	<u>3,887</u>	<u>4,090</u>	
Income before accounting change .....	6,620	4,963	+33%
Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax (d) .....	-	4,491	
Net income .....	6,620	9,454	-30%
Preferred dividends .....	(738)	-	
Net income available to common shareholders.....	<u>\$ 5,882</u>	<u>\$ 9,454</u>	-38%
<b>Net income available to common shareholders before change in accounting principle.....</b>			
	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.10	
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle.....	-	0.08	
Net income per common share - basic.....	<u>\$ 0.11</u>	<u>\$ 0.18</u>	
<b>Earnings per common share .....</b>			
	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.09	
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle.....	-	0.08	
Net income per common share - diluted.....	<u>\$ 0.10</u>	<u>\$ 0.17</u>	
<b>Weighted average shares outstanding as reported</b>			
Basic .....	54,974	53,869	
Diluted.....	57,738	55,609	

(a) Included in Other revenues in 10-Q.

(b) Includes net losses of \$667 for 2004 and \$79 for 2003 from IPF.

(c) Included in General and administrative expenses in 10-Q. The amount is based on increases in Company's stock price during the quarter.

(d) Applicable to the new accounting rule adopted on January 1, 2003 regarding asset retirement obligations.

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### OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2004	2003	
Average daily production			
Oil (bbl).....	6,009	5,434	+11%
Natural gas liquids (bbl) .....	2,539	1,045	+143%
Gas (mcf) .....	126,115	115,093	+10%
Equivalents (mcf) (a) .....	177,402	153,969	+15%
Prices realized			
Oil (bbl).....	\$ 24.38	\$ 23.64	+3%
Natural gas liquids (bbl) .....	\$ 18.99	\$ 20.17	-6%
Gas (mcf) .....	\$ 4.15	\$ 3.95	+5%
Equivalents (mcf) (a) .....	\$ 4.05	\$ 3.92	+3%
Operating costs per mcf			
Field expenses.....	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.67	-13%
Workovers.....	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.02	+100%
Total .....	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.69	-10%

(a) Oil and natural gas liquids are converted to gas equivalents on a basis of six mcf per barrel.

### BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands)

	March 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
	(Unaudited)	
Assets		
Current assets.....	\$ 50,003	\$ 46,221
Current deferred tax asset.....	30,159	19,871
IPF receivables .....	6,640	8,193
Oil and gas properties.....	723,294	723,382
Transportation and field assets .....	21,879	22,306
Unrealized hedging gain and other.....	10,345	10,118
	<u>\$ 842,320</u>	<u>\$ 830,091</u>
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities .....	\$ 41,170	\$ 46,805
Current asset retirement obligation .....	5,333	5,814
Current unrealized hedging loss .....	76,604	54,345
Senior debt.....	171,100	178,200
Nonrecourse debt of subsidiaries .....	67,500	70,000
Subordinated notes .....	110,011	109,980
Total long-term debt.....	<u>348,611</u>	<u>358,180</u>
Deferred taxes.....	15,374	10,843
Unrealized hedging loss .....	20,039	17,027
Deferred compensation liability .....	21,556	16,981
Long term asset retirement obligation.....	46,133	46,030
Preferred stock.....	50,000	50,000
Common stock and retained deficit.....	284,949	276,215
Stock in deferred compensation plan .....	(9,478)	(9,297)
	<u>325,471</u>	<u>316,918</u>
Other comprehensive loss .....	(57,971)	(42,852)
Stockholders' equity.....	<u>267,500</u>	<u>274,066</u>
	<u>\$ 842,320</u>	<u>\$ 830,091</u>

## RANGE RESOURCES CORPORATION

### CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS

(Unaudited, in thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2004	2003	
Net income .....	\$ 6,620	\$ 9,454	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operations:			
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle .....	-	(4,491)	
Deferred income taxes (benefit) .....	3,887	4,086	
Depletion, depreciation and amortization .....	22,248	20,967	
Exploration expense .....	1,219	384	
Unrealized hedging losses .....	755	(733)	
Adjustment to IPF receivables/allowance for bad debts .....	529	334	
Amortization of deferred issuance costs .....	204	229	
(Gain) loss on retirement of securities .....	-	315	
Deferred compensation adjustments .....	4,558	564	
Loss (gain) on sale of assets .....	193	(87)	
Changes in working capital:			
Accounts receivable .....	2,964	(18,725)	
Inventory and other .....	(6,444)	(390)	
Accounts payable .....	(2,242)	922	
Accrued liabilities .....	(2,269)	3,236	
Net changes in working capital .....	(7,991)	(14,957)	
Net cash provided by operations .....	\$ 32,222	\$ 16,065	+101%

### RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2004	2003	
Net cash provided by operations .....	\$ 32,222	\$ 16,065	
Net change in working capital .....	7,991	14,957	
Exploration expense .....	2,348	2,069	
Non-cash adjustments .....	(365)	(179)	
Cash flow from operations before changes in working capital – non-GAAP measure .....	\$ 42,196	\$ 32,912	+28%

### ADJUSTED WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2004	2003	
Basic:			
Weighted average shares .....	56,646	55,196	
Stock held by deferred compensation plan .....	(1,672)	(1,327)	
	54,974	53,869	+2%
Dilutive:			
Weighted average shares outstanding .....	56,646	55,196	
Dilutive stock options under treasury method .....	1,092	413	
Dilutive effect of 5.9% preferred .....	-	-	
	57,738 (a)	55,609	+4%

(a) Additional 5,882 dilutive effect if EPS exceeds \$0.125 per share in the quarter.

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**RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME BEFORE ACCOUNTING CHANGE  
AS REPORTED TO NET INCOME BEFORE ACCOUNTING CHANGE  
EXCLUDING CERTAIN ITEMS – NON-GAAP MEASURE  
(Unaudited)**

	Three Months Ended		
	March 31,		
	2004	2003	
Pretax income as reported.....	\$ 10,507	\$ 9,053	
Adjustment for certain items			
(Gain) loss on retirement of securities .....	-	315	
Ineffective commodity hedging (gain) loss .....	1,554	(804)	
Amortization of ineffective interest hedges (gain) loss .....	(799)	71	
Deferred compensation adjustment .....	4,385	385	
Pretax income as adjusted.....	15,647	9,020	+73%
Income taxes (benefit) adjusted			
Current .....	-	4	
Deferred .....	5,789	4,074	
Net income before accounting change excluding certain items, a non-GAAP measure.....	<u>\$ 9,858</u>	<u>\$ 4,942</u>	+99%
Non-GAAP earnings per share before accounting change			
Basic .....	<u>\$ 0.17</u>	<u>\$ 0.09</u>	
Diluted .....	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<u>\$ 0.09</u>	

**HEDGING POSITION <sup>(a)</sup>**

As of May 4, 2004

		<u>Gas</u>		<u>Oil</u>		<u>NGLs</u>	
		Volume Hedged (MMBtu/d)	Average Hedge Prices	Volume Hedged (Bbl/d)	Average Hedge Prices	Volume Hedged (Bbl/d)	Average Hedge Prices
2Q - 4Q 2004	Swaps	89,745	\$4.00	2,643	\$25.91	1,377	\$21.88
2Q - 4Q 2004	Collars	7,131	\$4.45 - \$6.12	2,336	\$24.21 - \$28.21	-	-
Calendar 2005	Swaps	50,695	\$4.21	940	\$25.11	658	\$19.20
Calendar 2005	Collars	26,688	\$4.28 - \$6.47	2,415	\$25.28 - \$32.24	-	-
Calendar 2006	Swaps	3,288	\$4.85	-	-	-	-
Calendar 2006	Collars	13,288	\$4.25 - \$6.29	682	\$25.91 - \$31.45	-	-

(a) For the remainder of 2004, 16% of hedges are collars with collars being 41% for 2005 and 84% for 2006.