

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K/A  
(Amendment No. 1)**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 2, 2009 (October 14, 2009)**

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**Magellan Petroleum Corporation**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-5507**  
(Commission File Number)

**06-0842255**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**7 Custom House Street, Portland, Maine**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**04101**  
(Zip Code)

**(207) 619-8500**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**10 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06106**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets**

This Current Report on Form 8-K/A (“Amendment No. 1”) hereby amends and supplements the Current Report on Form 8-K (the “Report”) of Magellan Petroleum Corporation (the “Company”) originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 19, 2009 regarding the Company’s acquisition of an 83.5% controlling ownership interest in Nautilus Poplar, LLC, a Montana limited liability company (“Nautilus Poplar”) (such acquisition, referred to herein as the “Nautilus Transaction”) from White Bear LLC, a Montana limited liability company (“White Bear”) and YEP I, SICAV-FIS, a Luxembourg entity (“the YEP I Fund”, and collectively with White Bear, the “Sellers”), pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the “Nautilus Purchase Agreement”) dated October 14, 2009.

The information previously reported in the Report is incorporated by reference into this Amendment No. 1.

The historical financial statements of Nautilus Poplar required to be filed pursuant to Rule 3-05 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, are included in this Amendment No. 1 under Item 9.01.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(a) Financial statements of businesses acquired.

Filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 are the independent auditors report dated November 23, 2009 and the historical financial statements of Nautilus Poplar as of December 31, 2008, and for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008, as required to be filed pursuant to Rule 3-05 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
23.1	Consent of Hanson & Co., independent auditors.
99.1	Independent Auditors Report dated November 23, 2009 and financial statements of Nautilus Poplar LLC, for the year ended December 31, 2008.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION

By:           /s/ DANIEL J. SAMELA            
Name: **Daniel J. Samela**  
Title: **Chief Financial Officer,  
Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer**

Dated: December 2, 2009

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**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statement No. 333-162668 on Form S-8 of our report dated November 23, 2009 relating to the historical financial statements of Nautilus Poplar LLC, appearing in this current report on Form 8-K of Magellan Petroleum Corporation dated December 2, 2009.

/s/ Hanson & Co., CPAs

Hanson & Co., CPAs

Denver, Colorado

December 2, 2009

*FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*  
*AND*  
*INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT*  
*NAUTILUS POPLAR LLC*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2008*

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To the Members  
Nautilus Poplar LLC

***Independent Auditors' Report***

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Nautilus Poplar LLC as of December 31, 2008, and the related statements of operations and changes in members' equity and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit of these financial statements provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Nautilus Poplar LLC as of December 31, 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Hanson & Co., CPAs

Hanson & Co., CPAs

Denver, Colorado

November 23, 2009



**NAUTILUS POPLAR LLC**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**December 31, 2008**

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 433,798
Accounts receivable	
Oil sales	217,511
Joint interest owners	362,196
Related party	200,000
Current portion of note receivable	88,527
Inventory	355,039
Other current assets	<u>24,188</u>
Total current assets	1,681,259
OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES	
Proved oil and gas properties - subject to depletion	10,099,471
Undeveloped oil and gas properties - not subject to depletion	286,187
Less accumulated depletion	<u>(1,191,444)</u>
Net oil and gas properties	9,194,214
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET	80,854
OTHER ASSETS	
Certificates of deposit - restricted	234,200
Note receivable	<u>131,000</u>
Total other assets	<u>365,200</u>
Total assets	<u>\$11,321,527</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
Current portion long-term debt	\$ 811,398
Accounts payable	1,192,611
Accrued liabilities	<u>446,597</u>
Total current liabilities	2,450,606
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>	
Asset retirement obligation	1,204,388
Long-term debt	<u>915,869</u>
Total long-term liabilities	2,120,257
<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>	
Total members' equity	<u>6,750,664</u>
Total liabilities and members' equity	<u>\$11,321,527</u>

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*NAUTILUS POPLAR LLC*  
*Statement of Operations and Members' Equity*  
*Year Ended December 31, 2008*

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NET SALES	
Oil sales	\$5,493,268
Other	<u>23,998</u>
Total net sales	5,517,266
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Lease operations	2,723,819
Production taxes	877,279
Depletion and depreciation	842,734
General and administrative	<u>462,048</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>4,905,880</u>
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	611,386
OTHER EXPENSE	
Loss on settlement of ARO liability	2,908
Interest expense, net	<u>107,164</u>
Total other expense	<u>110,072</u>
NET INCOME	501,314
MEMBERS' EQUITY, beginning of year	6,668,337
Distributions to members	<u>(418,987)</u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY, end of year	<u>\$6,750,664</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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**NAUTILUS POPLAR LLC**  
**Statement of Cash Flows (Page 1 of 2)**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2008**

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<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Cash received from customers	\$ 5,150,052
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(3,251,618)
Interest received	48
Interest paid	<u>(107,212)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,791,270
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Acquisition of oil and gas properties	(23,762)
Capital expenditures for intangibles and well equipment	(746,742)
Payments received on notes receivable	561,723
Purchases of property and equipment	<u>(34,348)</u>
Net cash used for investing activities	(243,129)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net draws on line of credit	200,000
Payments on long-term debt	(1,017,756)
Distributions to members	<u>(418,987)</u>
Net cash used for financing activities	<u>(1,236,743)</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	311,398
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>122,400</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 433,798</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

*NAUTILUS POPLAR LLC*  
*Statement of Cash Flows (Page 2 of 2)*  
*Year Ended December 31, 2008*

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Net income	\$ 501,314
Reconciling adjustments:	
Depletion and depreciation	864,209
Accretion of discount on asset retirement obligation	71,153
Loss on settlement of asset retirement obligation	2,908
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable, oil sales	225,364
Accounts receivable, joint interest owners	4,474
Accounts receivable, related party	(200,000)
Inventories	(169,348)
Other assets	26,117
Accounts payable	601,679
Accrued liabilities	(98,265)
Asset retirement obligation	<u>(38,335)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>1,289,956</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$1,791,270</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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**NAUTILUS POPLAR LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

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**Note A – Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Nature of Operations**

Nautilus Poplar LLC (the Company) is a Limited Liability Company under the State Statutes of Montana and was organized on December 29, 2006, but had no activity until fiscal year 2007. The Company has an unlimited life. Under the LLC rules in Montana the liability of the Members is limited to their equity contributed. The Company is engaged in the acquisition of oil and gas properties and the production, development, and exploitation of oil and gas reserves in the United States. The Company also explores for oil and gas reserves with the use of 3-D seismic technology.

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the Company's financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts for assets, liabilities, income and disclosure amounts in these financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Company's financial statements are based on a number of significant estimates, including collectability of receivables, selection of the useful lives for property and equipment, asset retirement obligation, and oil reserve quantities which are the basis for the calculation of depreciation, depletion, and impairment of oil reserves. The Company's reserve estimates were determined by the Company. Management emphasizes that reserve estimates are inherently imprecise and that estimates of more recent discoveries are more imprecise than those for properties with long production histories. Accordingly, the Company's estimates are expected to change as future information becomes available.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Company's financial instruments consist of cash, trade receivables, trade payables, and accrued liabilities. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, and trade payables are considered to be representative of their fair market value, due to the short maturity of these instruments.

**Accounts Receivable**

The Company generates billings each month to its working interest partners in the properties the Company operates. The resulting receivables, net of royalty payments due to the working interest partners, are due within 30 days of receipt. Interest and other costs are provided for payments not timely received. The receivables are reviewed periodically and appropriate actions are taken on past due accounts, if any.

**Inventory**

The Company maintains an inventory of crude oil, chemicals and certain downhole equipment. Oil in tanks is valued using the spot price at year end which is substantially the same as market. Chemicals are valued using the lower of cost (first in – first out method) or market. Downhole equipment is valued at current market prices when returned to yard.

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**NAUTILUS POPLAR LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

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**Note A – Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Revenue Recognition and Accounts Receivable, Oil and Gas Sales**

The Company recognizes revenue when oil and natural gas quantities are delivered to or collected by the respective purchaser. Management periodically reviews the difference between the dates of production and the dates on which the Company collects payment for such production to ensure that accounts receivable from those purchasers are collectible.

**Income Taxes**

As a limited liability company, the Company does not pay federal or state income taxes. The taxable income or loss of the Company, which may vary substantially from income or loss reported for financial reporting purposes, is included in the state and federal tax returns of the members. Therefore, the Company does not reflect a provision or liability for income taxes in the accompanying financial statements.

**Note B – Inventory**

Inventory consists of the following as of December 31, 2008:

Downhole equipment	\$183,371
Chemicals	131,617
Oil in tanks	<u>40,051</u>
	<u>\$355,039</u>

**Note C – Property and Equipment – At Cost**

Building	\$ 19,831
Computer equipment and software	18,260
Vehicles	<u>77,928</u>
Total property and equipment	116,019
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(35,165)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>\$ 80,854</u>

**Note D – Depletion, Depreciation, and Impairment**

**Oil and Gas Producing Operation**

The Company follows the successful efforts method of accounting for oil and gas operations. The use of this method results in the capitalization of those costs associated with the acquisition, exploration, and development of properties that produce revenue or are anticipated to produce future revenue. Costs of unsuccessful exploration efforts are expensed in the period it is

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**NAUTILUS POPLAR LLC**  
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**Note D – Depletion, Depreciation, and Impairment (continued)**

**Oil and Gas Producing Operation (continued)**

determined that such costs are not recoverable through future revenues. Geological and geophysical costs and delay rental are expenses as incurred. The cost of development wells are capitalized whether productive or nonproductive. Upon sale of proved properties, the cost and accumulated depletion are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is charged to income.

Depletion of capitalized costs of proved oil and gas properties is provided on a property-by-property basis using the units-of-production method, based upon proved reserves.

**Impairment of Long-Lived Assets**

Capitalized costs are evaluated for impairment based on an analysis of undiscounted future net cash flows in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*. If impairment is indicated, the asset is written down to its estimated fair value based on expected future discounted cash flows. No impairment was recognized for the year ended December 31, 2008.

**Asset Retirement Obligations**

The Company accounts for future obligations under 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, if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. The fair value of the liability is added to the carrying amount of the associated asset. This additional carrying amount is then depreciated over the life of the asset. The liability increases due to the passage of time based on the time value of money until the obligation is settled.

**Equipment and Other Property**

Other property and equipment are recorded at cost and are depreciated using the straight-line method based on the useful lives of the related assets varying from 5 to 7 years. Renewals and betterments which extend the useful life of assets are capitalized. Routine maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. Depreciation expense attributable to other property and equipment was \$21,475 for the year ended December 31, 2008 and is included in general and administrative expenses.

**Note E – Long-Term Debt**

At December 31, 2008, the Company's long-term debt consisted of the following:

Senior credit facility	\$1,487,500
Line of credit	200,000
Vehicle notes, varying terms	<u>39,767</u>
	1,727,267
Less current portion	<u>811,398</u>
Total long-term debt	<u>\$ 915,869</u>



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**NAUTILUS POPLAR LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

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**Note E – Long-Term Debt (continued)**

Future minimum payments are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	
2009	\$ 811,398
2010	611,422
2011	300,034
2010	<u>4,413</u>
	<u>\$1,727,267</u>

In February 2007 the Company entered into a revolving credit agreement (the Senior Credit Facility). The Senior Credit Facility provides for borrowing up to \$3,000,000, terminated on February 25, 2009 and was renewed subsequent to year end with substantially the same terms and matures December 25, 2011. The Senior Credit Facility is collateralized by substantially all of the Company's oil and gas properties.

Under the agreement, the loan requires monthly payments of \$50,000 plus interest with a balloon payment of \$1,850,000 due at maturity. The interest rate applicable to borrowings under the Senior Credit Facility adjusts with the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate. The rate as of December 31, 2008 was 4.00% and the Company recorded interest expense of \$124,115 for the year ended December 31, 2008.

As part of the purchase agreement for the initial properties of the Company, Hunter Energy, LLC ("Hunter") and Aspen Exploration Corporation ("Aspen") agreed to participate in the acquisition costs in exchange for a share in the working interest. These companies agreed to pay their respective portions of the debt Nautilus Poplar, LLC incurred for the acquisition. As of December 31, 2008, Aspen Exploration Corporation owed the Company \$219,527, which is reflected as a note receivable on the balance sheet. Hunter reimbursed the remainder of their share to the Company during 2008. Hunter and Aspen reimbursed the Company \$33,988 in interest for their share of the loan.

The Company paid \$8,329 in interest on the vehicle loans. See also Note H.

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**NAUTILUS POPLAR LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

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**Note F – Asset Retirement Obligation**

The Company's asset retirement obligations relate primarily to the retirement of oil and gas properties and related batteries, lines, and other equipment used at the wellsites. The following is a summary of changes in the Company's asset retirement obligation during the year ended December 31, 2008.

Asset retirement obligation, beginning of year	\$1,168,662
Settlement of liability	(38,335)
Loss on settlement of liability	2,908
Accretion of discount	71,153
	<u>71,153</u>
Asset retirement obligation, end of year	<u>\$1,204,388</u>

**Note G – Concentrations**

Substantially all of the Company's oil and gas production is sold to one purchaser. In the event that this purchaser ceases doing business with the Company, management believes that there are potential alternative customers with which new relationships could be established.

Financial instruments that pose off-balance-sheet risk of accounting loss include cash balances at financial institutions in excess of the federally insured limit of \$250,000. The cash in excess of this limit was \$453,618 as of December 31, 2008. The Company frequently maintains cash in financial institutions in excess of \$250,000 throughout the year.

**Note H – Related Party Transactions**

The Company leases its Denver facility from an entity whose part owner is the president of the Company. The lease is on a month to month basis and total costs for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$20,820.

The Company receives repair services from Oilfield Maintenance Services, Inc., a company whose part owner also has common ownership in Nautilus Technical Group, a Member of the Company. Total expenses incurred to the Company during the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$342,000 and the Company is owed \$9,997 recorded as a debit balance in accounts payable as of December 31, 2008.

The Company borrowed \$200,000 on its line of credit (See Note E) and advanced the amount to White Bear, LLC, a Member. The terms offered to White Bear, LLC were on the same basis as the amount borrowed. This amount is included in accounts receivable from joint interest owners. The Company paid \$8,756 in interest on this line of credit.

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**NAUTILUS POPLAR LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

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**Note I – Profit Sharing Plan**

The Company established a defined contribution plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, covering all eligible employees. Employees may contribute up to 15% of their eligible wages to the plan. The total 401(k) expense for 2008 was \$10,420, which represents discretionary matching contributions and administrative costs.

**Note J – Commitments and Contingencies**

**Letter of Credit**

The Senior Credit Facility also allows the issuance of Letters of Credit up to \$344,200 on behalf of the Company. At December 31, 2008, the Company had \$344,200 of Letters of Credit outstanding.

**Environmental**

Oil and gas producing activities are subject to extensive Federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations. These laws, which are constantly changing, regulate the discharge of materials into the environment and may require the Company to remove or mitigate the environmental effects of the disposal or release of petroleum or chemical substances at various sites. Environmental expenditures are expensed or capitalized depending on their future economic benefit. Expenditures that relate to an existing condition caused by past operations and that have not future economic benefits are expensed. Liabilities for expenditures of a noncapital nature are recorded when economic assessment and/or remediation is probable, and the costs can be reasonably estimated.

**Contingencies**

The Company may from time to time be involved in various claims, lawsuits, disputes with third parties, actions involving allegations of discrimination, or breach of contract incidental to the operations of its business. The Company is not currently involved in any such incidental litigation which it believes could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations.

**Note K – Supplementary Oil and Gas Disclosure (Unaudited)**

The supplementary, oil and gas data that follows is presented in accordance with SFAS No. 69, *Disclosures about Oil and Gas Producing Activities*, and includes (1) costs incurred related to oil and gas producing activities, (2) net proved oil reserves, and (3) a standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows relating to proved oil reserves.

**Costs Incurred**

Costs incurred in oil and gas property acquisition, exploration and development activities that have been capitalized as of December 31, 2008 are as follows:

Acquisition of proved properties	\$ 8,719,006
Development costs	<u>1,666,652</u>
Net proved oil and gas properties	<u>\$10,385,658</u>

**NAUTILUS POPLAR LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

**Note K – Supplementary Oil and Gas Disclosure (Unaudited) (continued)**

**Oil and Gas Reserves**

The Company's estimated oil and gas reserves were prepared by the Company. These reserve estimates were prepared with the estimated average price of oil at \$30.04 per barrel at December 31, 2008 fluctuating over the economic lives of the respective properties. Lease operating expenses are held constant. As of December 31, 2008, total net proved reserves were assessed by the Company to be approximately 778,000 barrels of crude oil. The estimated future net reserve, using the above assumptions and discounted at 10%, was approximately \$2,510,820. The Company's net working interest was 534,937 barrels and \$1,726,189.

In addition to the uncertainties inherent in the reserve estimation process, the above amounts were affected by prices for oil and gas, which have typically been volatile. It is reasonably possible that the Company's oil and gas estimates will change in the forthcoming year.

Net proved reserves as of December 31, 2007	1,947,041
Revisions of previous estimates	(1,352,911)
Production	<u>(59,193)</u>
Net proved reserves as of December 31, 2008	<u>534,937</u>

All proved reserves of the Company are developed or are under development.

**Standardized Measure of Discounted Future Net Cash Flows**

The following information is based on our best estimate of the required data for the Standardized Measure of Discounted Future Net Cash Flows as of the periods indicated in accordance with SFAS No. 69, *Disclosures About Oil and Gas Producing Activities* which requires the use of a 10% discount rate. This information is not the fair market value, nor does it represent the expected present value of future cash flows of our proved oil and gas reserves.

Future cash inflows	\$16,069,446
Future production costs	<u>12,649,463</u>
Future net cash flows	3,419,983
10% annual discount for estimated timing of cash flows	<u>1,693,794</u>
Net proved reserves as of December 31, 2008	<u>\$ 1,726,189</u>

The principal changes in the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows relating to proven oil and natural gas properties were as follows:

Present value, beginning of year	\$ 21,404,996
Sales of oil produced, net	(1,049,436)
Net changes in prices and production costs	(17,195,893)
Revisions of previous quantity estimates	(1,340,555)
Accretion of discount	2,140,500
Other	<u>(2,233,423)</u>
Present value, end of year	<u>\$ 1,726,189</u>

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*NAUTILUS POPLAR LLC*  
*Notes to Financial Statements*

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*Note L – Subsequent Events*

Effective January 1, 2009, Aspen sold its working interest to Nautilus Technical Group, LLC, a current member, and Hunter Energy, LLC.

Effective October 15, 2009, two Members sold all of their interest in the Company that totaled 83% to Magellan Petroleum Corporation.

In December of 2009, the Company will refinance its senior credit facility. See also Note E.