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Prospectus

Comstock Resources, Inc.

OFFER TO EXCHANGE AND CONSENT SOLICITATION

Senior Secured Toggle Notes due 2020 and

Warrants For Shares of Common Stock

for

Any and All 10% Senior Secured Notes due 2020

(CUSIP Nos. 205768 AK0 and U2038J AC1)

and

7 3/4% Convertible Secured PIK Notes due 2019

for

Any and All 73/4% Senior Notes due 2019

(CUSIP No. 205768 AH7)

and

 $9\frac{1}{2}\%$ Convertible Secured PIK Notes due 2020

for

Any and All 9 1/2 % Senior Notes due 2020

(CUSIP No. 205768 AJ3)

In accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus and related letter of transmittal, as each may be amended from time to time, Comstock Resources, Inc. is offering to exchange (collectively, the Exchange Offer) (a) its Senior Secured Toggle Notes due 2020 (the New Senior Secured Notes) and warrants exercisable for shares of common stock for any and all outstanding 10% Senior Secured Notes due 2020 (the Old Senior Secured Notes), (b) its 3/4% Convertible Secured PIK Notes due 2019 (the New 2019 Convertible Notes) for any and all outstanding 7 3/4% Senior Notes due 2019 (the Old 2019 Notes) and (c) its 3/2% Convertible Secured PIK Notes due 2020 (the New 2020 Convertible Notes and together with the New Senior Secured Notes and the New 2019 Convertible Notes, the new notes) for any and all outstanding 3/2% Senior Notes due 2020 (the Old 2020 Notes and together with the Old Senior Secured Notes and the Old 2019 Notes, the old notes). See the Summary Offering Table. The New 2019 Convertible Notes and the New 2020 Convertible Notes are collectively referred to herein as the New Convertible Notes.

THE EXCHANGE OFFER AND THE CONSENT SOLICITATION (AS DEFINED BELOW) WILL EXPIRE AT 11:59 P.M., NEW YORK CITY TIME, ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2016, UNLESS EXTENDED OR EARLIER TERMINATED BY US WITH RESPECT TO ANY OR ALL SERIES (SUCH DATE AND TIME, AS THE SAME MAY BE EXTENDED, THE EXPIRATION DATE). TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE APPLICABLE EARLY EXCHANGE CONSIDERATION (AS DEFINED HEREIN), ELIGIBLE HOLDERS MUST TENDER THEIR OLD NOTES (AS DEFINED HEREIN) AT OR PRIOR TO 11:59 P.M., NEW YORK CITY TIME, ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2016 UNLESS EXTENDED (SUCH TIME AND DATE WITH RESPECT TO AN EXCHANGE OFFER AND CONSENT SOLICITATION, AS IT MAY BE EXTENDED FOR SUCH EXCHANGE OFFER, THE EARLY TENDER DATE). TENDERS MAY BE WITHDRAWN AT ANY TIME BEFORE 11:59 P.M., NEW YORK CITY TIME, ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2016 (SUCH DATE AND TIME, AS THE SAME MAY BE EXTENDED, THE WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE).

IF YOU ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXCHANGE OFFER AND COMSTOCK SUBSEQUENTLY FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY, YOUR NOTES MAY BE WORTHLESS BECAUSE THEY WILL RANK JUNIOR TO ALL OF THE NEW NOTES.

Subject to the tender acceptance procedures described herein: (i) for each \$1,000 principal amount of old notes tendered at or prior to the Early Tender Date, accepted for exchange and not validly withdrawn, holders of old notes will be eligible to receive the applicable early exchange consideration set forth in the table on page ii of this prospectus (the Early Exchange Consideration); and (ii) for each \$1,000 principal amount of old notes tendered after the Early Tender Date and prior to the Expiration Date and accepted for exchange, holders of old notes will be eligible to receive the applicable late exchange consideration set forth in such table (the Late Exchange Consideration). The Early Tender Date and the Expiration Date are currently the same. Accordingly, all holders whose old notes are tendered and not validly withdrawn prior to the Expiration Date will receive the applicable Early Exchange Consideration. However, if we extend the Expiration Date past the Early Tender Date, holders whose old notes are tendered and not validly withdrawn prior to the Expiration Date but after the Early Tender Date will receive the applicable Late Exchange Consideration.

Payment of accrued and unpaid interest on the old notes will be made in cash on the date on which the Exchange Offer is completed (the Closing Date).

The New Senior Secured Notes will bear interest at a rate of 10.0% per annum, if we elect to pay interest in cash, or $12\frac{1}{4}\%$ per annum, if we elect to pay interest in kind, in each case payable semi-annually, but no more than \$75.0 million of cash interest may be replaced by the payment in kind of the New Senior Secured Notes. As a result, we may issue up to approximately \$91.9 million of New Senior Secured Notes as payment of interest in kind. The New Senior Secured Notes will mature on March 15, 2020. See Description of New Senior Secured Notes.

The New 2019 Convertible Notes will bear interest at a rate of $7\frac{3}{4}\%$ per annum, payable semi-annually. Interest will be paid only by the issuance of additional New 2019 Convertible Notes. The New 2019 Convertible Notes will mature on April 1, 2019 and will be convertible at the option of the holders, and in certain instances mandatorily convertible, in each case into shares of our common stock, subject to certain circumstances. See Description of New Convertible Notes.

The New 2020 Convertible Notes will bear interest at a rate of $9\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum, payable semi-annually. Interest will be paid only by the issuance of additional New 2020 Convertible Notes. The New 2020 Convertible Notes will mature on June 15, 2020 and will be convertible at the option of the holders, and in certain instances mandatorily convertible, in each case into shares of our common stock, subject to certain circumstances. See Description of New Convertible Notes.

The new notes will be guaranteed on a senior basis by all of our current and certain of our future subsidiaries (the Guarantors). Other than with respect to the payment of interest on the New 2019 Convertible Notes and New 2020 Convertible Notes in kind, the provisions relating to the second priority liens on the collateral, the provisions regarding the conversion of such notes into our common stock, a prohibition with respect to the New 2019 Convertible Notes and the New 2020 Convertible Notes on incurring any liens securing indebtedness other than permitted liens and the addition of permitted investments in unrestricted subsidiaries and joint ventures in an amount not to exceed \$25 million, the restrictive covenants in the respective indentures governing the New 2019 Convertible Notes and the New 2020 Convertible Notes will be substantially similar to the covenants in the indenture governing the Old 2020 Notes. Other than with respect to our ability to pay up to \$75.0 million of cash interest by issuing New Senior Secured Notes in kind, the restrictive covenants in the indenture governing the New Senior Secured Notes will be substantially similar to the covenants in the indenture governing the Old Senior Secured Notes. For a more detailed description of the new notes, see Description of New Senior Secured Notes and Description of New Convertible Notes.

Concurrently with this Exchange Offer, we are also soliciting consents (the Consent Solicitation) from holders for certain amendments to the indentures governing the old notes to eliminate or amend certain of the restrictive covenants, release the collateral securing the Old Senior Secured Notes and modify various other provisions contained in the existing indentures (collectively, the Proposed Amendments). We refer to the Exchange Offer and the Consent Solicitation collectively in this prospectus as the Exchange Offer. See Proposed Amendments to Existing Indentures and Old Notes.

It is a condition to the consummation of this Exchange Offer, among other things, that (i) (x) holders of not less than 67% in aggregate principal amount of the Old Senior Secured Notes having validly tendered (and not validly withdrawn) their old notes in the Exchange Offer and (y) holders of not less than 90% in total aggregate principal amount of the Old 2019 Notes and Old 2020 Notes (on a combined basis) having validly tendered (and not validly withdrawn) their old notes in the Exchange Offer (collectively, the Minimum Condition), (ii) consents with respect to more than 50% of the aggregate principal amount of each series of the old notes approving the Proposed Amendments (other than the consent regarding a release of the collateral with respect to the Old Senior Secured Notes, which requires the consent of at least $66\frac{2}{3}\%$ of the aggregate principal amount of the Old Senior

Secured Notes) are delivered and not revoked prior to the Expiration Date in connection with the consent solicitation described below and (iii) the Exchange Offer is completed by September 15, 2016. With respect to the condition described in clause (ii) of the preceding sentence, since the Minimum Condition threshold is greater than the threshold required to approve the Proposed Amendments and because consents to the Proposed Amendments are required if holders tender their old notes, the minimum threshold for the consents will automatically be achieved if the Minimum Condition is satisfied.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol CRK. There is no market for the new notes or warrants and we do not intend to list the new notes or warrants on the NYSE or any national or regional securities exchange.

If we are unable to complete the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation and address our near term liquidity needs, we will consider other restructuring alternatives available to us at that time. Those alternatives include seeking asset dispositions, joint ventures, additional debt and relief under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, all of which involve uncertainties, potential delays and other risks.

You should carefully consider the risks set forth under <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page 21 of this prospectus before you decide whether to participate in the Exchange Offer.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THE SECURITIES BEING OFFERED IN EXCHANGE FOR OUR OLD NOTES OR THIS TRANSACTION, PASSED UPON THE MERITS OR FAIRNESS OF THIS TRANSACTION OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Dealer Manager

BofA Merrill Lynch

The date of this prospectus is September 2, 2016.

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SUMMARY OFFERING TABLE

This summary offering table indicates the new notes and warrants, as the case may be, to be offered in the Exchange Offer. For the purposes of this prospectus, the term exchange consideration refers to the new notes and in certain cases warrants being offered to holders of the old notes.

		Early Exchange Consideration	
			Late Exchange Consideration
		per \$1,000 Principal Amount of	
		Old Notes	per \$1,000 Principal Amount of Old Not
		if Tendered and Not Withdrawn	if Tendered After the Early Tender Date
	Aggregate Principal		and Not Withdrawn Prior to the
	Amount	Prior to	
Title of Old Notes to be Tendered	Outstanding ⁽¹⁾	Early Tender Date ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	Expiration Date $^{(2)(3)(4)(5)}$
10% Senior Secured Notes due 2020	\$ 700,000,000	\$1,000 principal amount of Senior Secured Toggle Notes due 2020 and warrants exercisable for 2.75 shares of common stock of the Company	\$950 principal amount of Senior Secured Toggle Notes due 2020 and warrants exercisable for 2.75 shares of common stock of the Company
7 3/4% Senior Notes due 2019	\$ 288,516,000	\$1,000 principal amount of 7 \(^3\)/4\% Convertible Secured PIK Notes due 2019	\$950 principal amount of 7 \(^3\)4\% Convertible Secured PIK Notes due 2019
9 ½% Senior Notes due 2020	\$ 174,607,000	\$1,000 principal amount of 9 ½% Convertible Secured PIK Notes due 2020	\$950 principal amount of 9 ½% Convertible Secured PIK Notes due 2020

- (1) The outstanding principal amount reflects the aggregate principal amount outstanding as of August 29, 2016.
- (2) Any accrued and unpaid interest on the old notes up to, but not including, the closing date of the Exchange Offer will be paid in cash.
- (3) Subject to certain conditions, the New 2019 Convertible Notes and New 2020 Convertible Notes will be convertible into shares of common stock. The warrants issued in connection with the New Senior Secured Notes will be exercisable for shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share. See Description of New Senior Secured Notes, Description of New Convertible Notes and Description of Warrants.
- (4) The share and per share data reflects the one-for-five (1:5) reverse stock split that became effective on July 29, 2016.

(5) The Early Tender Date and the Expiration Date are currently the same. Accordingly, all holders whose old notes are tendered and not validly withdrawn prior to the Expiration Date will receive the applicable Early Exchange Consideration. However, if we extend the Expiration Date past the Early Tender Date, holders whose old notes are tendered and not validly withdrawn prior to the Expiration Date but after the Early Tender Date will receive the applicable Late Exchange Consideration.

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NONE OF THE COMPANY, ITS SUBSIDIARIES, THE COMPANY S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE TRUSTEE NOR THE INFORMATION AND EXCHANGE AGENT HAS MADE ANY RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HOLDERS SHOULD TENDER THEIR OLD NOTES FOR EXCHANGE PURSUANT TO THE EXCHANGE OFFER. YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN DECISION WHETHER TO EXCHANGE ANY OLD NOTES PURSUANT TO THE EXCHANGE OFFER, AND, IF YOU WISH TO EXCHANGE OLD NOTES, THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OLD NOTES TO TENDER.

This prospectus does not constitute an offer to participate in the Exchange Offer to any person in any jurisdiction where it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitations. The Exchange Offer is being made on the basis of this prospectus and is subject to the terms described herein and those that may be set forth in any amendment or supplement thereto or incorporated by reference herein. Any decision to participate in the Exchange Offer should be based on the information contained in this prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto or specifically incorporated by reference herein. In making an investment decision or decisions, prospective investors must rely on their own examination of us and the terms of the Exchange Offer and the securities being offered and the terms of the amendments being sought, including the merits and risks involved. Prospective investors should not construe anything in this prospectus as legal, business or tax advice. Each prospective investor should consult its advisors as needed to make its investment decision and to determine whether it is legally permitted to participate in the Exchange Offer under applicable legal investment or similar laws or regulations.

Each prospective investor must comply with all applicable laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it participates in the Exchange Offer or possesses or distributes this prospectus and must obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for participation in the Exchange Offer under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject, and neither we nor any of our respective representatives shall have any responsibility therefor.

No action with respect to the offer of exchange consideration has been or will be taken in any jurisdiction (except the United States) that would permit a public offering of the offered securities, or the possession, circulation or distribution of this prospectus or any material relating to the Company or the offered securities where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, the offered securities may not be offered, sold or exchanged, directly or indirectly, and neither this prospectus nor any other offering material or advertisement in connection with the Exchange Offer may be distributed or published, in or from any such jurisdiction, except in compliance with any applicable rules or regulations of any such jurisdiction.

This prospectus contains summaries believed to be accurate with respect to certain documents, but reference is made to the actual documents for complete information. All of those summaries are qualified in their entirety by this reference. Copies of documents referred to herein will be made available to prospective investors upon request to us at the address and telephone number set forth in Prospectus Summary Corporate Information.

This prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference herein, and the related letters of transmittal contain important information that should be read before any decision is made with respect to participating in the Exchange Offer.

The delivery of this prospectus shall not under any circumstances create any implication that the information contained herein is correct as of any time subsequent to the date hereof or that there has been no change in the information set forth herein or in any attachments hereto or in the affairs of the Company or affiliates since the date hereof.

We are responsible only for the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus. No one has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations with respect to the matters described in this prospectus and the related letter(s) of transmittal, other than those contained in this prospectus and the related letter(s) of transmittal. If given or made, such information or representation may not be relied upon as having been authorized by us.

This prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about the Company that is not included in or delivered with this document. This information is available without charge to security

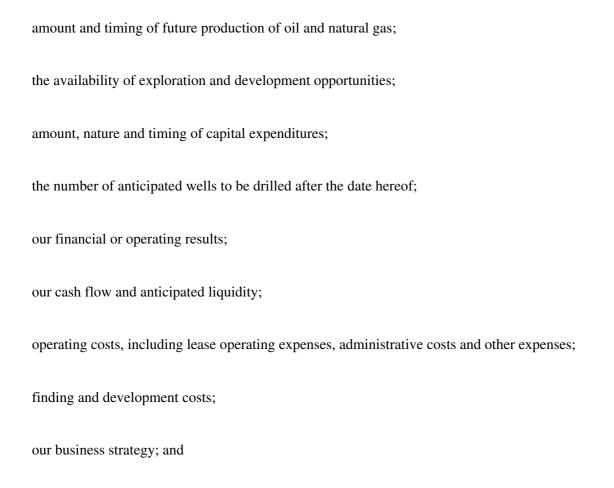
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holders upon written or oral request to the Company, which may be made in writing or by phone to the following address or telephone number: 5300 Town and Country Blvd., Suite 500, Frisco, Texas 75034, Tel. (972) 668-8800, Attention: Corporate Secretary. To obtain timely delivery of such information, security holders must request such information no later than August 31, 2016.

In making a decision in connection with the Exchange Offer, you must rely on your own examination of our business and the terms of the Exchange Offer, including the merits and risks involved. You should not construe the contents of this prospectus as providing any legal, business, financial or tax advice. You should consult with your own legal, business, financial and tax advisors with respect to any such matters concerning this prospectus and the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation contemplated hereby.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information contained in this prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference herein and our public releases, include certain forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are identified by their use of terms such as expect, estimate, anticipate, project, plan, intend, believe and similar terms. All state than statements of historical facts, included in this prospectus, are forward-looking statements, including statements regarding:



other plans and objectives for future operations.

Any or all of our forward-looking statements in this prospectus may turn out to be incorrect. They can be affected by a number of factors, including, among others:

the risks described in Risk Factors and elsewhere in this prospectus;

the volatility of prices and supply of, and demand for, oil and natural gas;

the timing and success of our drilling activities;

the numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of oil and natural gas reserves and actual future production rates and associated costs;

our ability to successfully identify, execute, or integrate future acquisitions effectively;

the usual hazards associated with the oil and natural gas industry, including fires, well blowouts, pipe failure, spills, explosions and other unforeseen hazards;

our ability to effectively market our oil and natural gas;

the availability of rigs, equipment, supplies and personnel;

our ability to discover or acquire additional reserves;

our ability to satisfy future capital requirements;

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changes in regulatory requirements, including those relating to environmental matters, permitting or other aspects of our operations;

general economic conditions, status of the financial markets and competitive conditions;

the adequacy and availability of capital resources, credit and liquidity, including, but not limited to, access to additional borrowing capacity and our inability to generate sufficient cash flow from operations to fund our capital expenditures and meet working capital needs;

the willingness and ability of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to set and maintain oil price and production controls;

counterparty credit risks;

competition in the oil and gas industry in general, and specifically in our areas of operations;

the success of our business and financial strategies, and hedging strategies;

our ability to retain key members of our senior management and other key employees; and

hostilities in the Middle East and other sustained military campaigns and acts of terrorism or sabotage that impact the supply of crude oil and natural gas.

Other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated are discussed in Risk Factors included in this prospectus. Should one or more of the risks or uncertainties described above or elsewhere in this prospectus or in the documents incorporated by reference herein occur, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results and plans could differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. We specifically disclaim all responsibility to publicly update any information contained in a forward-looking statement or any forward-looking statement in its entirety and therefore disclaim any resulting liability for potentially related damages. We note, however, that the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 does not apply to statements made in connection with the Exchange Offer.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Old notes tendered and not validly withdrawn prior to the Withdrawal Deadline may not be withdrawn at any time after the Withdrawal Deadline, which is 11:59 P.M., New York City time, on September 2, 2016.

Old notes tendered for exchange, along with letters of transmittal and any other required documents, should be directed to the Information and Exchange Agent. Any requests for assistance in connection with the Exchange Offer or for additional copies of this prospectus or related materials should be directed to the Information and Exchange Agent. Contact information for the Information and Exchange Agent is set forth on the back cover of this prospectus. None of the Company, its subsidiaries, their respective boards of directors and the Information and Exchange Agent has made any recommendation as to whether or not holders should tender their old notes for exchange pursuant to the Exchange Offer.

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated is acting as Dealer Manager for the Exchange Offer. D.F. King & Co., Inc. is acting as the Information and Exchange Agent for the Exchange Offer.

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Exchange Offer, the exchange consideration to which an exchanging holder is entitled pursuant to the Exchange Offer will be paid on the Closing Date, which is the date promptly following the applicable expiration date of the Exchange Offer, subject to satisfaction or waiver (to the extent permitted) of all conditions precedent to the Exchange Offer. Under no circumstances will any interest be payable because of any delay in the transmission of the exchange consideration to holders by the Information and Exchange Agent.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Exchange Offer, our obligation to pay the exchange consideration for old notes validly tendered for exchange and not validly withdrawn pursuant to the Exchange Offer is subject to, and conditioned upon, the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions described under General Terms of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation.

Subject to applicable securities laws and the terms of the Exchange Offer, we reserve the right:

to waive any and all conditions to the Exchange Offer that may be waived by us;

to extend the Exchange Offer;

to terminate the Exchange Offer; or

otherwise to amend the Exchange Offer in any respect in compliance with applicable securities laws. If the Exchange Offer is withdrawn or otherwise not completed, the exchange consideration will not be paid or become payable to holders of the old notes who have validly tendered their old notes for exchange in connection with the Exchange Offer, and the old notes tendered for exchange pursuant to the Exchange Offer will be promptly returned to the tendering holders.

Only registered holders of old notes are entitled to tender old notes for exchange and give consents. Beneficial owners of old notes that are held of record by a broker, bank or other nominee or custodian must instruct such nominee or custodian to tender the old notes for exchange on the beneficial owner s behalf. A letter of instructions is included in the materials provided along with this prospectus, which may be used by a beneficial owner in this process to affect the tender of old notes for exchange. See General Terms of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation Procedures for Tendering Old Notes General.

Exchanging holders will not be obligated to pay brokerage fees or commissions to the Information and Exchange Agent or us. If a broker, bank or other nominee or custodian tenders old notes on behalf of a tendering holder, such broker, bank or other nominee or custodian may charge a fee for doing so. Exchanging holders who own old notes through a broker, bank or other nominee or custodian should consult their broker, bank or other nominee or custodian to determine whether any charges will apply.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Holders of old notes should note the following dates and times relating to the Exchange Offer, unless extended:

Event	Date and Time	Event Description	
Launch Date	August 1, 2016	Commencement of the Exchange Offer.	
Early Tender Date	11:59 P.M., New York City time, on September 2, 2016	The last time for you to validly tender old notes to qualify for payment of the applicable Early Exchange Consideration.	
Withdrawal Deadline	11:59 P.M., New York City time, on September 2, 2016	The last time for you to validly withdraw tenders of old notes. If your tenders are validly withdrawn, you will no longer receive the applicable consideration on the Closing Date (unless you validly retender such old notes at or before the Expiration Date).	
Expiration Date	11:59 P.M., New York City Time, on September 2, 2016	The last time for you to validly tender old notes. The Early Tender Date and the Expiration Date are currently the same. Accordingly, all holders whose old notes are tendered and not validly withdrawn prior to the Expiration Date will receive the applicable Early Exchange Consideration. However, if we extend the Expiration Date past the Early Tender Date, holders whose old notes are tendered and not validly withdrawn prior to the Expiration Date but after the Early Tender Date will receive the applicable Late Exchange Consideration.	
Closing Date	Promptly after the Expiration Date	Subject to the tender acceptance procedures described herein, payment of the Early	

Expected to be on or about September 6, 2016

Exchange Consideration and the Late Exchange Consideration, as applicable, plus the payment in cash of accrued and unpaid interest on old notes accepted for exchange from the applicable last interest payment date to, but not including, the Closing Date (subject to the right of holders on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date).

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE EXCHANGE OFFER

The following are some questions and answers regarding the Exchange Offer, including the Consent Solicitation. It does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. You should carefully read this prospectus to fully understand the terms of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation, as well as the other considerations that are important to you in making your investment decision. You should pay special attention to the information provided under the captions entitled Risk Factors and Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.

Who is making the Exchange Offer?

Comstock Resources, Inc., a Nevada corporation and the issuer of the old notes, is making the Exchange Offer. The mailing address of our principal executive offices is 5300 Town and Country Blvd., Suite 500, Frisco, Texas 75034. Our telephone number is (972) 668-8800. Our common stock is currently listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CRK. See General Terms of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation.

Why are we making the Exchange Offer?

We are making the Exchange Offer in order to restructure the terms of our consolidated outstanding indebtedness to enhance liquidity, add equity and pay-in-kind (PIK) interest components, to provide collateral security to certain unsecured debt obligations, to modify the restrictive covenants and to make other changes in such terms. We believe that restructuring our outstanding indebtedness will promote our long-term financial viability. See General Terms of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation Exchange Offer.

The Company continues to assess strategic alternatives to address our liquidity needs and capital structure and if we are not successful in our efforts to restructure our debt obligations, including because the response to the Exchange Offer is too limited, or if we are otherwise unable to extend the maturities of our debt obligations, we may consider seeking relief under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Even if we are successful with the Exchange Offer, avoidance of an in-court restructuring under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the future is not guaranteed and we expect to continue to restructure our remaining obligations and will likely attempt to undertake other financing and refinancing alternatives, the success of which cannot be predicted at this time.

What will happen to the Company if the Exchange Offer is not completed?

If we are unable to complete the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation and improve our near-term liquidity, we will consider other restructuring alternatives available to us at that time. Those alternatives include seeking asset dispositions, joint ventures, additional debt and relief under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, all of which involve uncertainties, potential delays and other risks. If we seek bankruptcy relief, there is a substantial risk that some holders of old notes would receive little or no consideration for their old notes and the ability of such holders to recover all or a portion of their investment would be substantially delayed and more impaired than under the Exchange Offer restructuring. For a more complete description of potential bankruptcy relief and the risks relating to our failure to complete the Exchange Offer, see Risk Factors Risks Relating to the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation.

What will happen to the old notes if the Company files for bankruptcy?

Any old notes that remain outstanding after the Exchange Offer is completed may be worthless in the event of our bankruptcy. That is because all of the new notes will rank ahead of any remaining old notes in a bankruptcy.

Why are we pursuing an out-of-court restructuring rather than an in-court restructuring?

An out-of-court restructuring through the Exchange Offer or an in-court restructuring pursuant to the U.S. Bankruptcy Code provide alternative means of restructuring our liabilities and seeking to achieve the survival and long-term viability of our business. We believe that there are advantages to restructuring the Company s indebtedness out-of-court. We believe that the successful consummation of the Exchange Offer out-of-court would, among other things:

enable us to continue operating our business without the negative impact that a bankruptcy could have on our relationships with our customers, suppliers, employees and others;

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reduce the risk of a potentially precipitous decline in our revenues in a bankruptcy; and

allow us to complete our restructuring in less time, with less cash and with less risk than any bankruptcy alternatives.

If we have to resort to bankruptcy relief, among other things, we expect that the ability of holders of old notes to recover all or a portion of their investment would likely be impaired to a greater degree than if the Exchange Offer is completed.

When does the Exchange Offer expire?

The Exchange Offer will expire at 11:59 P.M., New York City time, on September 2, 2016 (unless extended). See General Terms of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation Early Tender Date, Expiration Date, Extensions, Amendments or Termination.

Can the Exchange Offer be extended?

Yes, we can extend the Exchange Offer. See General Terms of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation Early Tender Date, Expiration Date, Extensions, Amendments or Termination.

What securities are being sought in the Exchange Offer?

We are offering to exchange, for new notes and in certain cases warrants, upon the terms and subject to the conditions described in this prospectus, any and all of the \$1.2 billion in aggregate principal amount of outstanding old notes that are validly tendered and not validly withdrawn, as permitted under the terms of the Exchange Offer, on or prior to the Expiration Date. Our acceptance of validly tendered old notes and the closing of the Exchange Offer are subject to the conditions described under General Terms of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation Conditions of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation.

The old notes were issued pursuant to three existing indentures and have the following payment terms:

- (i) Old Senior Secured Notes: 10% Senior Secured Notes due March 15, 2020; interest payable semi-annually on each March 15 and September 15.
- (ii) Old 2019 Notes: 7 3/4% Notes due April 1, 2019; interest payable semi-annually on each April 1 and October 1.
- (iii) Old 2020 Notes: $9\frac{1}{2}\%$ Notes due June 15, 2020; interest payable semi-annually on each June 15 and December 15.

The Old Senior Secured Notes are secured on a first-priority basis equally and ratably with our revolving credit facility described under Description of Other Indebtedness, subject to certain payment priorities in favor of the revolving credit facility.

The old notes are guaranteed by all of our subsidiaries. Upon a change of control of the Company, we are obligated to offer to repurchase the old notes for cash at 101% of the aggregate principal amount tendered plus accrued and unpaid interest. The Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation, if completed, will not trigger this change of control repurchase obligation. For a description of the terms governing the old notes, see Description of Other Indebtedness.

What will I receive in the Exchange Offer?

Holders of old notes that are validly tendered and accepted in the Exchange Offer will, subject to the terms and conditions of the Exchange Offer, receive for each \$1,000 in principal amount of old notes exchanged, the following:

- (i) Holders of Old Senior Secured Notes will receive exchange consideration consisting of (a) new Senior Secured Toggle Notes due 2020 (the New Senior Secured Notes) and (b) warrants exercisable for 2.75 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share;
- (ii) Holders of Old 2019 Notes will receive exchange consideration consisting of new $7\frac{3}{4}\%$ Convertible Secured PIK Notes due 2019 (the New 2019 Convertible Notes); and

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(iii) Holders of Old 2020 Notes will receive exchange consideration consisting of new 9 ½% Convertible Secured PIK Notes due 2020 (the New 2020 Convertible Notes).

In each instance, if the tender is made by the Early Tender Date, you will receive \$1,000 principal amount of the applicable new notes. The Early Tender Date and the Expiration Date are currently the same. Accordingly, all holders whose old notes are tendered and not validly withdrawn prior to the Expiration Date will receive the applicable Early Exchange Consideration. However, if we extend the Expiration Date past the Early Tender Date, and if the tender is made after the Early Tender Date and prior to the Expiration Date, you will receive \$950 principal amount of the applicable new notes.

Payment of accrued and unpaid interest on the old notes tendered and accepted in the Exchange Offer will be made in cash on the Closing Date. The Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation are each subject to the conditions described under General Terms of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation Conditions of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation.

The exchange consideration will be in full satisfaction of the principal amount of the old notes that are tendered and accepted in the Exchange Offer, and any accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the Closing Date of the Exchange Offer on the old notes that are tendered and accepted in the Exchange Offer will be paid in cash on the date on which the Exchange Offer is completed.

When are the new notes convertible into shares of common stock of the Company?

The New Senior Secured Notes will not be convertible into shares of our common stock but holders of the New Senior Secured Notes will receive for each \$1,000 principal amount of old notes tendered warrants exercisable for 2.75 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share. The share and per share data reflects the one-for-five (1:5) reverse stock split that became effective on July 29, 2016.

The New 2019 Convertible Notes and the New 2020 Convertible Notes will be convertible, subject to and following receipt of required stockholder approval, at the option of the holder, into shares of our common stock at a conversion rate of 81.2 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of such new notes (equivalent to a conversion price of approximately \$12.32 per share of common stock), subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments.

Provided that required stockholder approval has been obtained for the convertibility of the New Convertible Notes, any holder of New Convertible Notes who would beneficially own (as determined in accordance with Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder) in excess of 9.99% of the outstanding shares of our common stock or otherwise be deemed an affiliate of the Company upon conversion of such holder s New Convertible Notes (all such holders, the affected holders) will be required to provide 61 days written notice to the Company prior to any optional conversion. Further, after the consummation of the Exchange Offer and upon request by any affected holder, we will agree to file a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 with respect to the resale of shares of our common stock issued pursuant to the conversion of such New Convertible Notes. Such undertaking will be pursuant to a registration rights agreement to be entered into between us and the affected holders. Our obligation to maintain any such shelf registration statement will not extend for longer than one year after effectiveness thereof and will terminate if the applicable affected holder is no longer considered an affiliate of the Company.

In addition, subject to and following receipt of required stockholder approval, the New 2019 Convertible Notes and New 2020 Convertible Notes will be mandatorily convertible into shares of our common stock at the conversion rate of 81.2 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of such notes (equivalent to a conversion price of approximately \$12.32 per share of common stock) on or before the third business day following required notice of the

15 consecutive trading day period during which the daily volume weighted average price on the NYSE for our common stock is equal to or greater than \$12.32 per share, subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments.

If the required stockholder approval is not obtained by December 31, 2016, the New 2019 Convertible Notes and New 2020 Convertible Notes will not be convertible into common stock, and such failure to obtain stockholder

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approval will result in a default under such notes. If such default continues for 90 days, it will become an Event of Default. Such default may in turn result in a default under the New Senior Secured Notes.

Interest shall cease to accrue on any new notes on the date such new notes have been converted (the Conversion Date). All accrued and unpaid interest on new notes that are being converted will be paid in cash on any Conversion Date. See Description of New Senior Secured Notes and Description of New Convertible Notes.

What percentage of the ownership of the Company will holders receive or be entitled to if the Exchange Offer is completed?

Assuming all \$1.2 billion in outstanding old notes are validly tendered and accepted in the Exchange Offer, we will reserve for issuance, (i) subject to stockholder approval, up to approximately 48.8 million shares of common stock to be issuable upon conversion of the New 2019 Convertible Notes and New 2020 Convertible Notes and (ii) up to approximately 1.93 million shares of common stock to be issuable upon exercise of the warrants. If the conversion of the New Convertible Notes was to occur immediately after receipt of stockholder approval, approximately 37.6 million shares of common stock would be issued, which would represent in the aggregate approximately 72.3% of our outstanding common stock. If the conversion of the New Convertible Notes was to occur immediately prior to their respective maturity date, approximately 48.8 million shares of common stock would be issued, which would represent in the aggregate approximately 77.1% of our outstanding common stock. Exercise of the warrants would represent in the aggregate approximately 3.7% of our outstanding common stock. If the maximum number of shares of common stock were issued upon conversion of the New Convertible Notes and exercise of the warrants, it would represent approximately 80.8% of our outstanding shares. The foregoing assumes (i) all \$1.2 billion in outstanding old notes are validly tendered and accepted in the Exchange Offer, (ii) all of the New Convertible Notes are converted into and all warrants are exercised for common stock and (iii) the number of outstanding shares of our common stock prior to such conversion or exercise is equal to 12,504,562, which is the approximate number of outstanding shares on August 29, 2016.

Who may participate in the Exchange Offer?

All holders of the old notes may participate in the Exchange Offer.

Is there a minimum tender condition to the Exchange Offer?

Yes. The Exchange Offer is conditioned upon holders of not less than (i) 67% in aggregate principal amount of the Old Senior Secured Notes and (ii) 90% in total aggregate principal amount of the Old 2019 Notes and Old 2020 Notes (on a combined basis) having validly tendered (and not validly withdrawn) their old notes in the Exchange Offer.

Are there any other conditions to the Exchange Offer?

Yes. The Exchange Offer is conditioned on the closing conditions described under General Terms of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation. We will not be required, but we reserve the right, to the extent legally permitted, to accept for exchange any old notes tendered (or, alternatively, we may terminate the Exchange Offer) if any of the conditions of the Exchange Offer as described under General Terms of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation Conditions of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation remain unsatisfied.

What rights will I lose if I exchange my old notes in the Exchange Offer?

If you validly tender your old notes and we accept them for exchange, you will have rights as a holder of new notes and/or a holder of warrants, as the case may be, and will lose the rights of a holder of old notes. For example, as a holder of warrants to purchase common stock, your claims would rank below those of a holder of old notes and/or new notes in any bankruptcy proceeding involving the Company.

How can I determine the market value of the old notes?

The old notes are not listed on any securities exchange. To the extent that old notes have traded, prices of the old notes have fluctuated depending, among other things, upon trading volume, the balance between buy and sell

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orders, prevailing interest rates, our operating results and financial condition, our business prospects and the market for similar securities.

Will the new securities be freely tradable?

The new notes and the warrants received in the Exchange Offer, and the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants or conversion of the New Convertible Notes will be freely tradable in the United States, unless you are an affiliate of the Company, as that term is defined in the Securities Act. The Company s common stock is currently listed on the NYSE under the symbol CRK. However, our common stock may be delisted if it does not maintain an average closing price of \$1.00 per share or our average market capitalization is less than \$50.0 million, in each case over a consecutive 30-day trading period. As of July 29, 2016, our average market capitalization was \$52.5 million and the average closing price of our common stock was \$0.84 (prior to the reverse stock split), in each case over the preceding 30-day trading period. The Company has submitted, and the NYSE has accepted, a plan to address the market capitalization and minimum trading price issues. The plan is closely tied to the successful completion of the restructuring, along with other operating initiatives, which the Company also believes will address the \$1.00 minimum price and market capitalization deficiency. To address the minimum stock price requirement, on July 20, 2016, we announced a one-for-five (1:5) reverse split of our common stock which became effective on July 29, 2016. We do not intend to list the new notes or the warrants on the NYSE or any national or regional securities exchange, and therefore no trading market for the new notes will exist upon consummation of the Exchange Offer, and none is likely to develop.

What risks should I consider in deciding whether or not to exchange the old notes?

In deciding whether to participate in the Exchange Offer, you should carefully consider the discussion of the risks and uncertainties relating to the Exchange Offer, our Company and our industry described in the section entitled Risk Factors, beginning on page 20 of this prospectus.

How do I participate in the Exchange Offer?

To tender your old notes, you must deliver the required documents to D.F. King & Co., Inc. as Information and Exchange Agent, on or prior to the Expiration Date, which is 11:59 P.M., New York City time, on September 2, 2016, unless extended as described in this prospectus. See General Terms of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation Early Tender Date, Expiration Date, Extensions, Amendments or Termination.

A holder who is a DTC participant should tender its old notes electronically through DTC s Automatic Tender Offer Program (ATOP), subject to the terms and procedures of that system. See General Terms of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation Procedures for Tendering Old Notes Tender of Notes Through ATOP.

What happens if I do not participate in the Exchange Offer?

If you currently hold old notes and do not tender them, then, following completion of the Exchange Offer, your old notes will continue to be outstanding according to their terms (as amended pursuant to any amendments resulting from the Consent Solicitation). Because the new notes will be secured by substantially all assets of the Company and the old notes are (or as a result of the Proposed Amendments will be) unsecured, any old notes remaining outstanding after the Exchange Offer will effectively be subordinated to the new notes to the extent of the assets securing the new notes. The Proposed Amendments will also remove certain of the covenants from the indentures governing the old notes. Moreover, if we complete the Exchange Offer, the liquidity and value of, and any trading market for, any old notes that remain outstanding after completion of the Exchange Offer may be adversely affected.

HOLDERS THAT TENDER THROUGH DTC NEED NOT SUBMIT A PHYSICAL LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL TO THE INFORMATION AND EXCHANGE AGENT IF SUCH HOLDERS COMPLY WITH THE TRANSMITTAL PROCEDURES OF DTC.

A holder whose old notes are held by a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee must contact that nominee if that holder desires to tender its old notes and instruct that nominee to tender the old notes on the holder s behalf.

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A holder whose old notes are held in certificated form must properly complete and execute the applicable Letter of Transmittal, and deliver such Letter(s) of Transmittal and old notes in certificated form to the Information and Exchange Agent, with any other required documents and the certificates representing the old notes to be tendered in the Exchange Offer.

May I withdraw my tender of old notes?

Yes. You can withdraw old notes previously tendered for exchange at any time before the Withdrawal Deadline. The Withdrawal Deadline is 11:59 P.M., New York City time, on September 2, 2016, unless extended as described in this prospectus. See General Terms of the Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation Early Tender Date, Expiration Date, Extensions, Amendments or Termination.

HOLDERS THAT WITHDRAW THROUGH DTC NEED NOT SUBMIT A PHYSICAL NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL TO THE INFORMATION AND EXCHANGE AGENT IF SUCH HOLDERS COMPLY WITH THE WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES OF DTC.

What happens if my old notes are not accepted in the Exchange Offer?

If we decide for any reason not to accept your old notes for exchange, the old notes will b