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/X/ Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934 (Fee Required)

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001

/ / Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934

For the transition period from to

Commission File Number 0-5525

PYRAMID OIL COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

CALIFORNIA 94-0787340  
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer  
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

2008 - 21st. Street, P. O. Box 832 93302  
Bakersfield, California (Zip Code)  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (661) 325-1000

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12 (b) of the Exchange Act: NONE

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12 (g) of the Exchange Act:

Common Stock Without Par Value  
(Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports  
required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the  
registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to  
such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES X NO

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item  
405 of Regulation S-B is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to  
the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information  
statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-KSB or any  
amendment to this Form 10-KSB. [ X ]

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State the registrant's revenues for its most recent fiscal year: \$1,680,074

The aggregate market value on March 21, 2002, of voting shares held by

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non-affiliates was approximately \$1,073,000 based on the average closing sales prices of the registrant's Common Stock on such date.

At March 21, 2002, there were 2,494,430 shares of Common Stock outstanding.

### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's definitive proxy statement for its 2002 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the close of the registrant's fiscal year are incorporated by reference into Part III.

Transitional Small Business Disclosure Format (check one):

Yes            No     X

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT FOR PURPOSES OF THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995 AND OTHER FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS GENERAL.

Pyramid Oil Company is including the following discussion to inform existing and potential security holders generally of some of the risks and uncertainties that can affect the Company and to take advantage of the "safe harbor" protection for forward-looking statements afforded under federal securities laws. Statements made in this Annual Report on Form 10-KSB may be forward-looking statements. In addition, from time to time, the Company may otherwise make forward-looking statements to inform existing and potential security holders about the Company. These statements may include projections and estimates concerning the timing and success of specific projects and the Company's future (1) income, (2) oil and gas production, (3) oil and gas reserves and reserve replacement and (4) capital spending. Forward-looking statements are generally accompanied by words such as "estimate," "project," "predict," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "plan," "goal" or other words that convey the uncertainty of future events or outcomes. In addition, except for the historical information contained in this report, the matters discussed in this report are forward-looking statements. These statements by their nature are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions and will be influenced by various factors. Should any of the assumptions underlying a forward-looking statement prove incorrect, actual results could vary materially.

PART I

ITEM 1 - DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

GENERAL BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

Pyramid Oil Company is a California corporation that has been in the oil and gas business continuously, since it was incorporated on October 9, 1909. Pyramid Oil Company, hereinafter referred to as "Pyramid" or the "Company," is engaged in the business of exploration, development and production of crude oil and natural gas.

Pyramid acquires interests in land and producing properties through acquisition and lease on which it drills and/or operates oil or gas wells in efforts to discover and/or to produce oil and gas. Crude oil and natural gas produced from these properties are sold to various refineries and pipeline companies. The majority of all oil and gas properties that Pyramid owns and operates is for its own account. Pyramid also participates in specific joint ventures with others in the development of oil and gas properties. Pyramid's interests in these properties will vary depending on the availability of said interests and their locations. Although the Company owns some minor oil and gas interests in New York and Wyoming, all of the Company's operations and major revenue producing properties are in California.

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The Company's executive offices are located at 2008 21st Street, Bakersfield, California, 93301, telephone (661) 325-1000, facsimile (661) 325-0100.

DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS - OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS  
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Exploration and Development  
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Pyramid operates in a highly competitive industry wherein many companies, from large multinational companies to small independent producers, are competing for a finite amount of oil and gas resources. The Company seeks out properties to explore for oil and gas by drilling and also seeks out producing oil and gas properties that can be purchased and operated.

Management believes that under the right economic conditions, several of the producing properties that the Company owns could have further developmental potential. Certain oil properties currently owned and operated by the Company may be receptive to enhanced oil recovery procedures when economic conditions improve.

Oil and Gas Production Operations  
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Pyramid owns and operates 27 oil and gas leases (properties) located within Kern and Santa Barbara Counties in the State of California. All of these properties are capable of producing oil or natural gas, although not all of these properties are considered profitable under certain economic conditions. During 2001, the Company operated 20 leases within California, with total annual gross oil production exceeding 500 barrels per lease. Production operations primarily consist of the daily pumping of oil from a well(s) into tanks, maintaining the production facilities both at the well and tank settings, preparing and shipping the crude oil to buyers. Daily operations differ from one property to another, depending on the number of wells, the depth of the wells, the gravity of the oil produced and the location of the property. All of Pyramid's oil production is classified as primary recovery production at this time; although certain properties may be conducive to secondary recovery operations in the future, depending on the prevailing price of oil.

Primary recovery of oil and gas is by means of natural flow(s) or artificial lift of oil and gas from a single well bore. Natural gas and petroleum fluids enter the well bore by means of reservoir pressure or gravity; fluids and gases are moved to the surface by natural pressure or by means of artificial lift. In secondary recovery operations, liquids or gases are injected into the reservoirs for the purpose of augmenting reservoir energy or increasing reservoir temperatures. Secondary recovery operations, usually, but not always, are done after the primary-recovery phase has passed.

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The Company employs field level personnel (i.e., pumpers, rig crews, roustabouts and equipment operators) that perform basic daily activities associated with producing oil and gas. Daily operations include inspections of surface facilities and equipment, gauging, reporting and shipping oil, and

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routine maintenance and repair activities on wells, production facilities and equipment. The Company owns and maintains various pieces of equipment necessary for employees to perform repair and maintenance tasks on Company properties. Such equipment consists of service rigs, mobile pumps, vacuum trucks, hot oil truck, backhoe, trucks and trailers.

Occasionally, the Company drills new wells or re-drills existing wells on properties owned by the Company in an attempt to increase oil and gas production. In the last five years, the Company has utilized the services of outside drilling contractors for drilling new wells and re-drilling existing wells. Maintenance and repairs of existing wells to maintain or increase oil and gas production are carried out by Company personnel on a continuing basis. Most maintenance and repair work is performed with Company rigs.

Economic factors associated with the price of oil and gas and the productive output of wells determine the number of active wells the Company operates. Under certain economic conditions, the Company has the potential to operate approximately 123 wells, and of these, approximately 66 were in daily operation during 2001. Operations continue to be reduced on specific properties that are currently generating a marginal gross profit in an effort to hold the properties until economic conditions warrant full scale operations. The Company also owns other oil and gas interests outside of California that it does not operate. These interests are located in Wyoming and New York.

During 1998, the Company entered into a joint venture project, with several other oil and gas companies, to explore for and develop potential natural gas reserves in the Solano County area of California. This project is employing 3-D seismic technology and exploratory drilling, in hopes of finding and developing natural gas reserves on approximately 3,200 acres of leased ground. The Company's position is that of a non-operator.

Drilling operations on the first well began early in the first quarter of 2000. This well encountered substantial mechanical problems prior to reaching its intended depth and was abandoned due to these problems. The Company participated in the drilling of a second well on this lease in the fourth quarter of 2000. This well was abandoned due to insufficient gas reserves. The Company expended approximately \$18,000 for its share of costs on the first well during 1999. The Company expended an additional \$15,000 on the first well during 2000. The Company expended approximately \$18,000 for its share of costs on the second well during 2000. The Company agreed to participate in the drilling of a third natural gas well in conjunction with the same operator in a new prospect area located in Solano County. In the fourth quarter of 2001, this well commenced drilling. The Company's share of the prospect fee and drilling costs for this new well were approximately \$36,000 during the fourth quarter of 2001. The third well was abandoned in the fourth quarter of 2001 due to inadequate gas reserves. The Company has not received any proposals to participate in a fifth well in this joint venture.

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During the second quarter of 2001, the Company entered into a new joint venture project with several other independent oil and gas companies, to explore for and develop potential oil reserves in the Gap Mountain area of Nevada. The Company's position is that of a non-operator. During the second quarter of 2001, the Company's share of the prospect fee for this project was approximately \$48,000. During the fourth quarter of 2001, the Company received a full and complete refund of the prospect fee. This prospect was cancelled by the operator after additional structural geology work and analysis.

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### Marketing of Crude Oil and Natural Gas

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The Company sells its crude oil to Kern Oil & Refining and Tosco Refining Company, accounting for approximately 53.2% and 41.8%, respectively, of Pyramid's crude oil and gas sales in 2001. While revenue from these customers is significant, and the loss of any one could have an adverse effect on the Company, it is management's opinion that the oil and gas it produces could be sold to other crude oil purchasers, refineries or pipeline companies. Kern Oil and Tosco Refining have been customers of the Company for over ten years. Natural gas is sold to companies in the area of operations. The Company sells its oil pursuant to short-term contracts. Accordingly, the amount of oil the Company sells is dependent upon market demand. Market demand for Pyramid's production is subject to various influences and can never be assured, especially in an era of changing prices. The base values for crude oil the Company sells is set by major oil companies in response to area and market strengths and international influences. Types and qualities of crude oil vary substantially in base values posted by crude oil buyers in various areas of the country. Pyramid's crude oil sales are not seasonal, but uniform throughout the year.

### RISKS, COMPETITION AND INDUSTRY CONDITIONS

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The profitability of the Company's operations depends primarily on the production of oil and gas in commercially profitable quantities. Oil and gas properties often fail to provide a return sufficient to repay the substantial sums of money required for their acquisition, exploration and development. The acquisition, exploration and development of oil and gas properties is a highly competitive business. Many entities with which the Company competes have significantly greater financial and staff resources. Such competitive disadvantages could materially and adversely affect the Company's ability to acquire new properties or develop existing properties.

The oil and gas industry, in general, has been adversely affected by several factors beyond the Company's control, including unstable oil and gas prices, uncertainty regarding the effect of pricing agreements and production quotas and allocations established by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, political instability in the Middle East and the status of ever-changing federal and state legislation and regulation.

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Given the uncertainty of international and domestic political actions and their impact on the energy markets, it is difficult, if not impossible, to predict the price or market situation for any oil or gas which is currently owned or which could be developed by the Company. Depressed oil and gas prices or significant curtailment in the Company's oil and gas production from its better properties would have a material adverse effect on the Company's operations.

### REGULATIONS

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The Company's business is affected by numerous governmental laws and regulations, including energy, environmental, conservation, tax and other laws and regulations relating to the petroleum industry. Changes in any of these laws and regulations could have a material and adverse effect on the Company's business and financial stability. In view of the many uncertainties with respect to current laws and regulations, including their applicability to the

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Company, the Company cannot predict the overall effect of such laws and regulations on future operations.

### TAXATION

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The operations of the Company, as is the case in the petroleum industry generally, are significantly affected by federal tax laws. Federal, as well as state, tax laws have many provisions applicable to corporations which could affect the future tax liability of the Company.

### ENVIRONMENTAL

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The Company's activities are subject to existing federal and state laws and regulations governing environmental quality and pollution control. These laws may require the acquisition of permits relating to certain ongoing operations, for drilling, emissions, waste water disposal and other air and water quality controls. In view of the uncertainty and unpredictability of environmental statutes and regulations, the Company cannot ensure that such laws and regulations will not materially and adversely affect the business of the Company. The Company does not anticipate any material effect on its capital expenditures or earnings as the result of governmental regulations, enacted or proposed, concerning environmental protection or the discharge of material into the environment. The Company is actively pursuing an ongoing policy of upgrading and restoring older properties to comply with current and proposed environmental regulations.

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### Commitments and Contingencies

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The Company is liable for future dismantlement and abandonment costs associated with its oil and gas properties. These costs include future site restoration, post closure and other environmental exit costs. The costs of future dismantlement and abandonment have not been determined. Management believes that these costs will not have a material adverse effect upon its financial position or results of operations.

### OTHER

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The Company employed twelve full-time people as of December 31, 2001, four of whom were office or administrative personnel, and the rest of whom were field level personnel. The Company contracts for additional labor services when needed. The Company is not a party to any union or labor contracts.

The Company had no material research and development costs for the three years ended December 31, 2001.

All of the Company's revenues during 2001 were derived from domestic sources.

The Company does not have any patents or trademarks, and it does not believe

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that its business or operations are dependent upon owning any patents or trademarks.

### ITEM 2 - DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

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#### (a) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES

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The principal assets of the Company consist of proven and unproven oil and gas properties, oil and gas production related equipment and developed and undeveloped real estate holdings. The Company's oil and gas properties are located exclusively in the continental United States, in California, Wyoming and New York.

Developed oil and gas properties are those on which sufficient wells have been drilled to economically recover the estimated reserves calculated for the property. Undeveloped properties do not presently have sufficient wells to recover the estimated reserves. The Company had no significant proved undeveloped properties at December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999.

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#### (b) OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES

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The Company's estimated future net recoverable oil and gas reserves from proved developed properties were assembled by System Technology Associates, Inc., independent petroleum engineers, and are as follows:

	Crude Oil (BBLs)	Natural Gas (MCF)
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January 1, 2002	323,000	37,000
2001	341,000	72,000
2000	361,000	65,000
1999	384,000	127,000
1998	435,000	145,000

The Company's estimated future net recoverable oil and gas reserves, noted in the table above, have not been filed with any other Federal authority or agency since January 1, 2002.

Using year-end oil and gas prices and lease operating expenses, the estimated value of future net revenues to be derived from Pyramid's proved developed oil and gas reserves, discounted at 10%, were \$1,250,000 at December 31, 2001, \$2,311,000 at December 31, 2000, \$2,718,000 at December 31, 1999, \$1,001,000 at December 31, 1998, and \$1,688,000 at December 31, 1997.

Pyramid participates in the drilling of developmental wells, no single one of which would cause a significant change in the net reserve figure.



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Pyramid's net oil and gas production after royalty and other working interests for the past five years ending December 31, were as follows.

	2001 ----	2000 ----	1999 ----	1998 ----	1997 ----
Crude oil (Bbls)	77,000	71,000	84,000	85,000	91,000
Natural gas (MCF)	9,000	9,000	24,000	36,000	35,000

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Pyramid's average sales prices per barrel or per MCF of crude oil and natural gas, respectively, and production costs per equivalent barrel (gas production is converted to equivalent barrels at the rate of 6 MCF per barrel, representing the estimated relative energy content of gas to oil) for the past five years ending December 31, were as follows:

	2001 ----	2000 ----	1999 ----	1998 ----	1997 ----
Sales price:					
Crude oil	\$21.02 =====	\$26.16 =====	\$15.49 =====	\$10.73 =====	\$17.07 =====
Natural gas	\$ 4.80 =====	\$ 3.14 =====	\$ 1.82 =====	\$ 1.64 =====	\$ 1.99 =====
Production costs	\$13.30 =====	\$13.60 =====	\$ 8.70 =====	\$ 8.60 =====	\$ 9.90 =====

The average selling price of Pyramid's crude oil at December 31, 2001, was approximately \$14.90 per barrel and the average selling price of Pyramid's gas at December 31, 2001, was approximately \$2.20 per MCF.

As of December 31, 2001, Pyramid had the following gross and net position in wells and proved acres:

WELLS		PROVED ACRES	
Gross (1)	Net (1)	Gross (2)	Net (2)
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147	123	22,015	6,287
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(1) "Gross wells" represents the total number of wells in which the Company has a working interest. "Net wells" represents the number

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of gross wells multiplied by the percentage of the working interests therein held by the Company.

- (2) "Gross acreage" represents all acres in which the Company has a working interest. "Net acres" represents the aggregate of the working interests of the Company in the gross acres.

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During the year ended December 31, 1997, Pyramid participated in the drilling of 1 well. This well was drilled in California and completed as a producing well. No wells were drilled in 2001, 2000, 1999 and 1998, although the Company did participate as a non-operator in 2001 and 2000 in the drilling of joint-venture wells.

"Unproven" oil and gas properties are those on which the presence of commercial quantities of reserves of crude oil or natural gas has not been established.

"Undeveloped" acreage exists on those oil and gas properties where economically recoverable reserves are estimated to exist in proved reservoirs from wells to be drilled in the future.

As of December 31, 2001, Pyramid held positions in unproven acreage in the following locations:

	ACRES	
	Gross	Net
New York		
Mount Morris and Livingston Counties	34,800 =====	9,788 =====

(c) REAL PROPERTY OWNED  
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Pyramid owned the following real property as of December 31, 2001, all located in California.

County of Kern	
Mullaney yard	20 acres
Grazing land	160 acres
Miller property	112 acres
Ranton property	80 acres
City of Bakersfield	3 lots

Located on the three lots of real property in the city of Bakersfield is the Company's executive offices. This property was acquired by the Company in 1986. The office building located on this property is a one story structure

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with approximately 4,200 square feet in good condition.

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### ITEM 3 - LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

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The Company is subject to potential litigation within the normal course of business. The resolution in any reporting period of such litigation could have a material impact on Pyramid's financial position or results of operations for that period. However, in management's opinion, it is unlikely that the resolution of any such litigation will have a material adverse effect upon the financial position or results of operations of the Company. Pyramid is not party to any proceedings or actions which management believes might have a material effect upon its financial position or results of operations.

### ITEM 4 - SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

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No matters were submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of 2001.

## PART II

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### ITEM 5 - MARKET FOR COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

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#### (a) PRICE RANGE OF COMMON SHARES

The common stock of Pyramid is traded on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol "PYOL". The following are high and low sales prices for each quarter of 2001 and 2000, and reflect inter-dealer prices without retail markup, markdown or commission.

	High	Low
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Fiscal Quarter Ending 2001		
March 31,	\$1.0000	\$0.6875
June 30,	1.4000	0.8200
September 30,	1.1500	0.9100
December 31,	1.0100	0.6000
Fiscal Quarter Ending 2000		
March 31,	1.2500	0.3750
June 30,	1.0000	0.2813
September 30,	1.0100	0.6250
December 31,	1.0313	0.6875

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At December 31, 2001, the Company had 712 shareholders of record, and an unknown number of additional holders whose stock is held in "street name".

The Company has paid no dividends on its common shares for the past five years and does not anticipate paying any dividends in the foreseeable future. Dividends on the common shares, if any, will be dependent upon the Company's earnings, financial conditions and other relevant factors as determined by the Board of Directors.

The Company did not sell any securities during 2001.

### ITEM 6 - MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL

#### CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

##### IMPACT OF CHANGING PRICES

Average prices decreased by approximately \$5.00 per equivalent crude oil and gas barrel sold during 2001 as compared with average prices for 2000. In 2001 there were 81 separate crude oil price changes, as compared with 100 price changes in 2000. The difference between the highest and lowest posted prices in 2001 was \$12.50 per barrel. By comparison, this same differential in 2000 and 1999 was \$13.65 and \$15.50 per barrel, respectively. Continuing uncertainty in crude oil prices has made it impractical for the Company to make any commitments to further develop its oil and gas properties. Crude oil prices must stabilize for a long-term period, at economic levels, before resources would be available to expand the Company's oil and gas reserves.

##### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$614,416 at December 31, 2001 for an increase of \$12,689 when compared to December 31, 2000. Operating activities in 2001 provided cash of \$717,410. Included in the cash generated from operating activities is a one-time gain on settlement of a lawsuit (see Note 7, Other Income, included in Item 7 of this Form 10-KSB). Capital spending of \$202,595, purchase of short-term investments of \$600,000 and principal payments on the Company's long-term debt totaling \$71,727 used cash in 2001. This was offset by proceeds from sale of property and equipment of \$114,600 and issuance of long-term debt of \$55,001. The components of the changes in cash for 2001 are more fully described in the Statements of Cash Flows included in Item 7 of this Form 10-KSB. Adequate funds were available to carry out all necessary oil and gas operations and to maintain its equipment. A \$100,000 line of credit, unused at December 31, 2001, provided additional liquidity during 2001.

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The Company believes that its existing current assets and the amount of cash it anticipates it will generate from current operations will be sufficient to fund the anticipated liquidity and capital resource needs of the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002. In addition to its current assets, the Company also has a credit facility for \$100,000 available in the event that it needs other resources to fund its liquidity and capital resource

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needs. Although the Company may increase its capital expenditures during the current fiscal year to enhance its current oil production capacities, it does not anticipate that such expenditures would exceed the amount of liquidity currently available to the Company. The Company's beliefs that its existing assets and the cash expected to be generated from operations will be sufficient during the current fiscal year are based on the following:

As of December 31, 2001, the amount of cash, cash equivalents, and other current assets was equal to \$1,783,000 in the aggregate. This amount is equal to approximately all of the operating expenses that the Company incurred during the entire fiscal year ended December 31, 2001.

As of December 31, 2001, the Company had approximately \$1,783,000 in current assets, and only \$252,000 of current liabilities.

As of December 31, 2001, the Company had only \$24,000 of long-term indebtedness (net of current maturities).

The Company is not a party to off-balance sheet arrangements and does not engage in trading activities involving non-exchange traded contracts. In addition, the Company has no financial guarantees, debt or lease agreements or other arrangements that could trigger a requirement for an early payment or that could change the value of the Company's assets. Management continues to examine various alternatives for increasing capital resources including, among other things, participation with industry and/or private partners and specific rework of existing properties to enhance production and expansion of its sales of crude oil and natural gas in California. If necessary, Pyramid could sell certain nonessential assets, such as idle work-over rigs, to raise capital for the benefit of these programs.

The Company has not generated sufficient cash flows to enable it to further develop its oil and gas properties and to risk exploratory drilling costs in attempts to expand its oil and gas reserves. No wells were drilled in the three years ended December 31, 2001. The Company's crude oil reserves declined for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999, due primarily to production of existing reserves.

The Company's business plan, implemented to deal with the unstable crude oil market, has been to concentrate its efforts and resources on maintaining oil and gas production on existing properties and deferring certain developmental and exploration activities until crude oil prices increase. This has enabled the Company to preserve its position on certain developmental properties during the periods of low oil prices and to conserve its capital.

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Certain properties that the Company owns have become uneconomic and have been shut-in. When these properties are not operated, any reserves that could be assigned to these properties are not included in the year-end engineering report of total Company reserves. Another major factor that directly affects the Company's future reserve base is the price of crude oil at December 31 of any given year. The year-end price of oil and gas has a significant impact on the estimated future net recoverable oil and gas reserves from proved developed properties. At certain depressed price levels, some of the Company's oil and gas properties are not economical to operate and thus its year-end engineering reserve reports do not assign any oil and gas reserves to these properties. Conversely, if year-end prices should increase to a certain level, the reserves on these leases would be economic to produce and would increase the Company's reserves.

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### FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

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Looking forward into 2002, crude oil prices have increased by \$6.90 per barrel as of March 27, 2002, compared to prices at December 31, 2001. There have been 24 separate price changes since December 31, 2001. The Company is unable to predict any future price changes that would impact the remainder of 2002.

The Company has positioned itself, over the past several years, to withstand various types of economic uncertainties, with a program of consolidating operations on certain producing properties and concentrating on properties that provide the major revenue sources. Several limited work-overs of certain wells have allowed the Company to maintain its crude oil reserves for the last three years. The Company expects to maintain its reserve base in 2002, by routine maintenance of its existing wells.

The Company may be subject to future costs necessary for compliance with the new implementation of air and water environmental quality requirements of the various state and federal governmental agencies. The requirements and costs are unknown at this time, but management believes that costs could be significant in some cases. As the scope of the requirements become more clearly defined, management may be better equipped to determine the true costs to the Company.

The Company continues to absorb the costs for various state and local fees and permits under new environmental programs, the sum of which were not material during 2001. The Company retains outside consultants to assist the Company in maintaining compliance with these regulations. The Company is actively pursuing an ongoing policy of upgrading and restoring older properties to comply with current and proposed environmental regulations. The costs of upgrading and restoring older properties to comply with environmental regulations have not been determined. Management believes that these costs will not have a material adverse effect upon its financial position or results of operations.

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### ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

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Results of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001  
Compared to the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

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#### REVENUES

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Oil and gas sales decreased by 17% for the year ended December 31, 2001, when compared with the same period for 2000. Oil and gas sales decreased by 20% due to lower average prices for 2001. The average price of the Company's oil and gas decreased by approximately \$5.00 per equivalent barrel for 2001 when compared to 2000. The decrease in revenues due to unfavorable prices was offset by a 3% increase in crude oil production for 2001. Production for 2001 increased by approximately 2,400 barrels when compared with production in 2000.

#### OPERATING EXPENSES

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Operating expenses increased by approximately 6% for the year ended December 31, 2001 when compared with the same period of 2000. The cost to produce an equivalent barrel of crude oil increased by approximately thirty cents per barrel for 2001 when compared to 2000. Operating parts and supplies increased by approximately 5% due primarily to the costs of certain down-hole tubular goods purchased in 2001, no similar tubular supplies were purchased in 2000. Labor costs increased by approximately 3% due primarily to the addition of one new field employee. Utilities increased by approximately 3% due primarily to increased utility rates. These were offset by decreases in outside services and well abandonment costs of approximately 3% each.

### GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

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General and administrative expenses decreased by 2% for the year ended December 31, 2001 when compared to the same period for 2000 due primarily to lower costs for legal services.

### DEPLETION, DEPRECIATION, AMORTIZATION AND VALUATION ALLOWANCE

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The provision for depletion, depreciation and amortization increased by 1% for the year ended December 31, 2001, when compared with the same period for 2000. The increase is due primarily to an increase in crude oil production offset by a decline in the depletion rate for oil and gas properties.

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### OTHER INCOME

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In 1996, the Company filed a lawsuit in Kern County Superior Court, against Mr. Russell R. Simonson, alleging a breach of a contractual agreement. The lawsuit went to trial in 1997 and the trial court ruled that the Defendant twice breached terms of an agreement, and the court awarded the Company damages, interest and attorney's fees. The Defendant appealed the trial court's decision and the matter was reviewed by the California Appeals Court. In November 2000, the Appeals Court again ruled in favor of the Company, upholding the original award of damages, interest and attorney's fees. On March 5, 2001, the Company recorded a gain and received payment from the Defendant in the amount of \$395,708, concluding this matter.

Interest income increased by approximately \$34,000 due primarily to higher levels of short-term investments during 2001. The gain on the sale of fixed assets increased by approximately \$16,000 due primarily to the sale of surplus well servicing equipment.

Results of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000  
Compared to the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1999

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### REVENUES

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Oil and gas sales increased by 55% for the year ended December 31, 2000, when compared with the same period for 1999. Oil and gas sales increased by 64% due to higher average prices for 2000. The average price of the Company's oil

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and gas increased by approximately \$10.85 per equivalent barrel for 2000 when compared to 1999. The increase in revenues due to favorable prices was offset by a 9% reduction in production for 2000. Production for 2000 decreased by approximately twenty-one barrels per day when compared with production in 1999.

### OPERATING EXPENSES

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Operating expenses increased by 31% for the year ended December 31, 2000 when compared with the same period of 1999. The cost to produce an equivalent barrel of crude oil increased by approximately \$5.00 per barrel for 2000 when compared to 1999. Approximately 15% of the increase in operating expenses is attributable to two of the Company's oil and gas properties that were shut-in for most of 1999. These properties were returned to production due to the high oil prices in 2000. Also, major maintenance work was done on two oil wells that increased operating expenses by approximately 13% for 2000.

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### GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

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General and administrative expenses increased by 23% for the year ended December 31, 2000 when compared to the same period for 1999. Professional services were higher by 12% for 2000 due primarily to higher costs for legal services. Legal services were higher by 9% due to an increase in the level of legal activity for 2000 related to an ongoing lawsuit (see Note 6 of Notes to Financial Statements, Commitments and Contingencies).

### DEPLETION, DEPRECIATION, AMORTIZATION AND VALUATION ALLOWANCE

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The provision for depletion, depreciation and amortization decreased by 23% for the year ended December 31, 2000, when compared with the same period for 1999. The decrease is due primarily to a decline in the depletion rate for oil and gas properties.

### OTHER INCOME

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Other income increased by approximately \$71,000 for the year ended December 31, 2000. The increase in other income is due primarily to gain on the sales of fixed assets during 2000. No fixed assets were sold during 1999.

### Recent Accounting Developments

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In June 2001, the FASB issued Statements of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141 ("FAS 141") "Business Combinations" and No. 142 ("FAS 142") "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets". These statements eliminate the pooling of interests method of accounting for business combinations as of June 30, 2001 and eliminate the amortization of goodwill for all fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001. Goodwill will be accounted for under an impairment-only



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method after this date. The Company is required to adopt FAS 141 and 142 with respect to existing goodwill on January 1, 2002. Management believes the adoption of these Statements will not have a significant impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In June 2001, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 143 ("FAS 143") "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations". This Statement addresses financial accounting and reporting for obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets and the associated retirement costs. Asset retirement obligations will be initially measured at fair value. These obligations will be discounted and accretion expense will be recognized using the credit adjusted risk-free interest rate. The Company is required to adopt FAS 143 on January 1, 2003. The Company is assessing the impact FAS 143 will have on its financial statements.

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ITEM 7- FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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PYRAMID OIL COMPANY

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of  
Pyramid Oil Company:

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Pyramid Oil Company (a California corporation) as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related statements of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001. 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 audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. 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 audits provide 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 Pyramid Oil Company as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Los Angeles, California  
March 1, 2002

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PYRAMID OIL COMPANY

### BALANCE SHEETS

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#### ASSETS

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	December 31,	
	2001	2000
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 614,416	\$ 601,727
Short-term investments	850,000	250,000
Trade accounts receivable (net of reserve for doubtful accounts of \$4,000 in 2001 and 2000)	109,993	192,243
Interest receivable	51,488	20,471
Crude oil inventory	47,555	56,156
Prepaid expenses	93,590	84,230

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Deferred income taxes	15,490	22,012
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Total current assets	1,782,532	1,226,839
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PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, at cost:		
Oil and gas properties and equipment (successful efforts method)	10,293,558	10,343,773
Drilling and operating equipment	2,872,762	3,118,778
Land, buildings and improvements	936,681	921,767
Automotive, office and other property and equipment	933,090	1,067,625
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	15,036,091	15,451,943
Less - accumulated depletion, depreciation, amortization and valuation allowances	(13,497,392)	(13,846,912)
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	1,538,699	1,605,031
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	\$ 3,321,231	\$ 2,831,870
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these balance sheets.

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PYRAMID OIL COMPANY

BALANCE SHEETS

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 LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY  
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	December 31,	
	2001	2000
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CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$ 54,057	\$ 66,362
Accrued professional fees	15,500	18,750
Accrued taxes, other than income taxes	30,717	22,645
Accrued payroll and related costs	36,351	36,040
Accrued royalties payable	59,548	82,621
Accrued insurance	40,689	29,864
Current maturities of long-term debt	15,409	27,500
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Total current liabilities	252,271	283,782
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LONG-TERM DEBT, net of current maturities	24,445	29,080
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DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	15,490	22,012
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COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 6)		

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SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:

Common stock, no par value -		
Authorized - 10,000,000 shares		
Issued and outstanding -		
2,494,430 shares	1,071,610	1,071,610
Retained earnings	1,957,415	1,425,386
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	3,029,025	2,496,996
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	\$ 3,321,231	\$ 2,831,870
	=====	=====

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these balance sheets.

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PYRAMID OIL COMPANY  
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Year ended December 31,		
	2001	2000	1999
REVENUES:	\$ 1,680,074	\$ 2,023,805	\$ 1,309,136
COSTS AND EXPENSES:			
Operating expenses	1,053,583	991,232	760,744
Exploration costs	43,527	35,423	27,976
General and administrative	359,854	368,332	299,245
Taxes, other than income and payroll taxes	59,695	52,077	51,744
Provision for depletion, depreciation, amortization and valuation allowance	185,660	184,036	240,017
Other costs and expenses	16,156	13,593	11,093
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	1,718,475	1,644,693	1,390,819
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OPERATING (LOSS) INCOME	( 38,401)	379,112	( 81,683)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):			
Interest income	58,520	24,538	11,104
Gain on settlement	395,708	--	--
Gain on sales of property and equipment	74,860	58,605	--
Other income	45,561	28,696	29,465
Interest expense	( 3,194)	( 5,330)	( 6,824)
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	571,455	106,509	33,745
	-----	-----	-----
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX PROVISION (BENEFIT)	533,054	485,621	( 47,938)
Income tax provision (benefit)	1,025	( 41,241)	1,125
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NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 532,029	\$ 526,862	\$ ( 49,063)

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BASIC INCOME (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE	\$ .21	\$ .21	\$ (.02)
DILUTED INCOME (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE	\$ .21	\$ .21	\$ (.02)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	2,494,430	2,494,430	2,494,430

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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PYRAMID OIL COMPANY

STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Common Shares Issued and Outstanding	Common Stock	Retained Earnings
Balances, December 31, 1998	2,494,430	\$1,071,610	\$ 947,587
Net loss	--	--	( 49,063)
Balances, December 31, 1999	2,494,430	1,071,610	898,524
Net income	--	--	526,862
Balances, December 31, 2000	2,494,430	1,071,610	1,425,386
Net income	--	--	532,029
Balances, December 31, 2001	2,494,430	\$1,071,610	\$1,957,415

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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PYRAMID OIL COMPANY  
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended December 31,		
2001	2000	1999

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

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Net income (loss)	\$ 532,029	\$ 526,862	\$ ( 49,063)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Provision for depletion, depreciation, amortization and valuation allowance	185,660	184,036	240,017
Exploration costs	43,527	35,423	27,976
Gain on sale of property and equipment	(74,860)	(58,605)	--
Deferred income tax benefit	--	(42,471)	--
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Decrease (increase) in trade accounts receivable	51,233	( 27,847)	(107,552)
Decrease (increase) in crude oil inventories	8,601	( 21,003)	3,218
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	( 9,360)	( 16,781)	13,679
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(19,420)	40,414	25,661
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Net cash provided by operating activities	717,410	620,028	153,936
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Capital expenditures	(202,595)	(175,530)	( 41,605)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	114,600	62,750	--
Net change in short-term investments	(600,000)	( 50,000)	100,000
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Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(687,995)	(162,780)	58,395
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PYRAMID OIL COMPANY  
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(CONTINUED)

	Year ended December 31,		
	2001	2000	1999
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Principal payments on line of credit	--	( 48,000)	(181,650)

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Proceeds from line of credit	--	48,000	81,650
Principal payments on long-term debt	( 71,727)	( 50,296)	( 20,873)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	55,001	85,000	--
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Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	( 16,726)	34,704	(120,873)
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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	12,689	491,952	91,458
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	601,727	109,775	18,317
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 614,416	\$ 601,727	\$ 109,775
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SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:

Cash paid during the year for interest	\$ 3,194	\$ 5,330	\$ 6,824
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Cash paid during the year for income taxes	\$ 1,025	\$ 1,230	\$ 1,125
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PYRAMID OIL COMPANY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2001

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations

Pyramid Oil Company (the Company), a California Corporation, has been in the oil and gas business continuously since it was incorporated on October 9, 1909. The Company is in the business of exploration, development and production of crude oil and natural gas. The Company operated and has interests in 27 oil and gas leases in Kern and Santa Barbara Counties in the State of California. The Company also owns oil and gas interests in Wyoming and New York that it does not operate. The Company grants short-term credit to its customers and generally receives payment within 30 days.

Pervasiveness of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of

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the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

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Cash and cash equivalents principally consist of demand deposits and certificates of deposits having original maturities of three months or less.

### Investments

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Investments consist of certificates of deposit having original maturities of three months or more and are valued at cost.

### Inventory

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Inventories of crude oil and condensate are valued at the lower of cost, predominately on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis, or market, and include certain costs directly related to the production process.

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PYRAMID OIL COMPANY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
DECEMBER 31, 2001

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### Costs Incurred in Oil and Gas Producing Activities

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The Company has adopted the "successful efforts" method of accounting for its oil and gas exploration and development activities, as set forth in the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 19, as amended, issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

The Company initially capitalizes expenditures for oil and gas property acquisitions until they are either determined to be successful (capable of commercial production) or unsuccessful. The carrying value of all undeveloped oil and gas properties is evaluated periodically and reduced if such carrying value appears to have been impaired. Leasehold costs relating to successful oil and gas properties remain capitalized while leasehold costs which have been proven unsuccessful are charged to operations in the period the leasehold costs are proven unsuccessful. Costs of carrying and retaining unproved properties are expensed as incurred.

The costs of drilling and equipping development wells are capitalized, whether the wells are successful or unsuccessful. The costs of drilling and equipping exploratory wells are capitalized until they are determined to be either successful or unsuccessful. If the wells are successful, the costs of the wells remain capitalized. If, however, the wells are unsuccessful, the capitalized costs of drilling the wells, net of any salvage value, are charged to operations in the period the wells are determined to be unsuccessful.



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The Company adopted the Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 121, "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed of" (the Statement). The Statement specifies when an impairment loss should be recognized and how impairment losses should be measured for long-lived assets to be held and used and for long-lived assets to be disposed of. In accordance with the Statement, the costs of proved oil and gas properties and equipment are periodically assessed on a lease by lease basis to determine if such costs exceed undiscounted future cash flows, and if conditions warrant an impairment reserve will be provided based on the estimated future discounted cash flows. There were no material impairment reserves recorded in the three years ended December 31, 2001.

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PYRAMID OIL COMPANY  
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### Depletion, Depreciation, and Amortization

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Depletion of leasehold costs of producing oil and gas properties is provided on the unit-of-production method, by individual property unit, based on estimated recoverable proved reserves. Depreciation and amortization of the costs of producing wells and related equipment are provided on the unit-of-production method, by individual property unit, based on estimated recoverable proved developed reserves. Amortization of the costs of undeveloped oil and gas properties is based on the Company's experience, giving consideration to the holding periods of leaseholds. The average depletion per equivalent barrel of crude oil produced for 2001, 2000 and 1999 were \$1.30, \$1.49 and \$1.94, respectively.

Drilling and operating equipment, buildings, automotive, office and other property and equipment and leasehold improvements are stated at cost. Depreciation and amortization are computed using the straight-line method over the shorter of the estimated useful lives or the applicable lease terms (range of 3 to 19 years). Any permanent impairment of the carrying value of property and equipment is provided for at the time such impairments become known.

### Maintenance and Repairs

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Maintenance, repairs and replacement expenditures are charged to operations as incurred, while major renewals and betterments are capitalized and depreciated over their useful lives.

### Retirement or Disposal of Properties and Equipment

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Costs and accumulated depletion, depreciation, amortization and valuation

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allowances of property and equipment retired, abandoned, or otherwise disposed of are removed from the accounts upon disposal, and any resulting gain or loss is included in operations in the year of disposition. However, upon disposal of a portion of an oil and gas property, any proceeds received are treated as a recovery of cost and no gain or loss is recognized in the year of disposition.

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PYRAMID OIL COMPANY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
DECEMBER 31, 2001

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### Income Taxes

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The Company uses the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under the asset and liability method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in the period that includes the enactment date.

### Concentration of Credit Risk

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The Company sells its crude oil to Kern Oil & Refining and Tosco Refining Company, accounting for approximately 53.2%, and 41.8%, respectively, of Pyramid's crude oil and gas sales in 2001. While revenue from these customers is significant, and the loss of any one could have an adverse effect on the Company, it is management's opinion that the oil and gas it produces could be sold to other crude oil purchasers, refineries or pipeline companies. Trade receivables were approximately 42.6% and 48.0% attributable to Kern Oil and Refining and Tosco Refining respectively at December 31, 2001 and 36.9% and 58.6% respectively at December 31, 2000.

### New Accounting Pronouncements

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In June 2001, the FASB issued Statements of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141 ("FAS 141") "Business Combinations" and No. 142 ("FAS 142") "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets". These statements eliminate the pooling of interests method of accounting for business combinations as of June 30, 2001 and eliminate the amortization of goodwill for all fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001. Goodwill will be accounted for under an impairment-only method after this date. The Company is required to adopt FAS 141 and 142 with respect to existing goodwill on January 1, 2002. Management believes the adoption of these Statements will not have a significant impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

PYRAMID OIL COMPANY  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
 DECEMBER 31, 2001

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Reclassifications

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Reclassifications have been made to the financial statements for 2000 to conform to the 2001 presentation.

PYRAMID OIL COMPANY  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
 DECEMBER 31, 2001

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2. Long-Term Debt and Line of Credit

Long-term debt at December 31, 2001 and 2000, is summarized as follows:

December 31,	
2001	2000

Note payable to a bank, secured by equipment  
 purchased with the proceeds of the loan,  
 payable in monthly installments of \$992

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principal and interest, interest at 8.75%, final payment in 2002. Note paid-off early in 2001.	\$ --	\$ 20,899
Note payable to a bank, secured by equipment purchased with the proceeds of the loan, payable in monthly installments of \$969 principal and interest, interest at 10%, final payment in 2002. Note paid-off early in 2001	--	22,282
Note payable to a bank, secured by equipment purchased with the proceeds of the loan, payable in monthly installments of \$692 principal and interest, interest at 10%, final payment in 2002. Note paid-off early in 2001.	--	13,399
Note payable to GMAC, secured by equipment purchased with the proceeds of the loan, payable in monthly installments of \$1,111 principal only, zero interest charges, final payment in 2004.	37,779	--
Note payable to a bank, secured by equipment purchased with the proceeds of the loan, payable in monthly installments of \$692 principal and interest, interest at 8.75%, final payment in 2002.	2,075	--
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	39,854	56,580
Less - current maturities	( 15,409)	( 27,500)
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	\$ 24,445	\$ 29,080
	=====	=====

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PYRAMID OIL COMPANY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
DECEMBER 31, 2001

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At December 31, 2001 approximately \$69,000 of gross property and equipment was pledged as collateral to secure approximately \$39,900 principal amount of long-term debt.

Maturities of long-term debt are as follows:

Year ending December 31, 2002	\$ 15,409
2003	13,332
2004	11,113
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	\$ 39,854
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At December 31, 2001, the Company had an unsecured line of credit with a bank, under which the Company may borrow up to \$100,000 through May 31, 2002. Interest on any borrowing is accrued at the bank's index rate plus 0.50

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percentage points. The bank's index rate was 4.75% at December 31, 2001.

### 3. Income Taxes

Income tax provision (benefit) consists of the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2001	2000	1999
Federal income taxes:			
Current	\$ 110,704	\$ 84,168	\$ --
Utilization of NOL's	(110,704)	(84,168)	--
Deferred	--	(42,471)	--
	-----	-----	-----
	--	(42,471)	--
	-----	-----	-----
State income taxes:			
Current	25,912	8,437	1,125
Utilization of NOL's	(24,887)	( 7,207)	--
Deferred	--	--	--
	-----	-----	-----
	1,025	1,230	1,125
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Income tax provision (benefit)	\$ 1,025	\$ (41,241)	\$ 1,125
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PYRAMID OIL COMPANY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
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Differences exist between certain accounting policies and related provisions included in federal income tax rules. The amounts by which these differences and other factors cause the total income tax provision to differ from an amount computed by applying the federal statutory income tax rate to financial income is set forth in the following reconciliation:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2001	2000	1999
Federal income tax expense			
(benefit) at statutory rate	\$ 181,238	\$ 165,111	\$ ( 16,299)
Net operating loss carryover	(110,704)	( 28,617)	20,658
Statutory depletion	( 55,273)	( 86,571)	--
Section 196(a) restoration of basis	( 9,256)	( 39,765)	( 6,256)
Valuation allowance	--	19,895	--
Expiration of investment tax credits	--	( 79,492)	--
Other	( 4,980)	8,198	3,022
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Income tax provision (benefit)	\$ 1,025	\$ ( 41,241)	\$ 1,125
	=====	=====	=====

The components of net deferred tax asset (liability) are as follows:

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	December 31,		
	2001	2000	1999
Current deferred taxes:			
Gross assets	\$ 15,490	\$ 22,012	\$ 75,650
Gross liabilities	--	--	--
	15,490	22,012	75,650
Noncurrent deferred taxes:			
Gross assets	2,432,954	3,022,856	3,193,122
Gross liabilities	( 53,548)	( 56,992)	( 343,262)
Valuation allowance	(2,394,896)	(2,987,876)	(2,967,981)
	( 15,490)	( 22,012)	( 118,121)
	\$ --	\$ --	\$ ( 42,471)

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PYRAMID OIL COMPANY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
DECEMBER 31, 2001

The tax effect of significant temporary differences representing deferred tax assets and (liabilities) are as follows:

	December 31,		
	2001	2000	1999
Accounts receivable	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600
Inventory	--	--	55,200
Net operating loss carry forwards	820,519	1,383,202	1,418,131
Investment tax credits	--	27,219	162,556
Statutory depletion carryover	1,612,435	1,612,435	1,612,435
Accrued liabilities	13,890	20,412	18,850
Total deferred tax assets	2,448,444	3,044,868	3,268,772
Property and equipment	( 53,548)	( 56,992)	( 343,262)
Valuation allowance	(2,394,896)	(2,987,876)	(2,967,981)
	\$ --	\$ --	\$ ( 42,471)

At December 31, 2001, a valuation allowance has been provided against a significant portion of the deferred tax assets generated by net operating loss carryforwards and the statutory depletion carryover due to the uncertainty of their future utilization.

The Company has federal income tax net operating loss carry forwards of

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approximately \$2,355,000, which expire, to the extent not used, starting in 2002 through 2019. For California franchise tax purposes, as of December 31, 2001 the Company has unused net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$214,000, a portion of which expire each year starting in 2002.

At December 31, 2001, the Company has, for federal income tax purposes, a statutory depletion carryover of approximately \$4,742,000, which currently has no expiration date.

As of December 31, 2001, the Company has no investment tax credit carryforward available to reduce future taxes payable for financial reporting and federal income tax purposes. Approximately \$27,000, \$117,000 and \$18,000 of these credits expired in 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively. Upon expiration, the Company can claim a current deduction on their federal tax return.

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#### 4. Related-Party Transaction

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Effective January 1, 1990, John H. Alexander, an officer and director of the Company participated with a group of investors that acquired the mineral and fee interest on one of the Company's oil and gas leases in the Carneros Creek field after the Company declined to participate. The thirty-three percent interest owned by Mr. Alexander represents a minority interest in the investor group. Royalties on oil and gas production from this property paid to the investor group approximated \$98,000, \$124,000 and \$81,000 in 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively.

#### 5. Fourth Quarter Results (Unaudited)

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During the fourth quarter of 2000 and 1999, the Company adjusted the provision for depletion, depreciation and amortization to reflect the adjustments made to the Company's oil and gas reserves by independent consultants. The effect of these adjustments was to increase net income by approximately \$24,000 and \$42,000 in 2000 and 1999, respectively.

#### 6. Commitments and Contingencies

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The Company is liable for future dismantlement and abandonment costs associated with its oil and gas properties. These costs include future site restoration, post closure and other environmental exit costs. The costs of future dismantlement and abandonment have not been determined. Management believes that these costs will not have a material adverse effect upon its financial position or results of operations.

The Company is subject to certain litigation within the normal course of business. In management's opinion, the resolution of such litigation would not have a material adverse effect upon the financial position of the Company, although the resolution in any reporting period of such litigation could have a material impact on Pyramid's results of operations for that period.

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During 1998, the Company entered into a joint venture project, with several other oil and gas companies, to explore for and develop potential natural gas reserves in the Solano County area of California. This project is employing 3-D seismic technology and exploratory drilling, in hopes of finding and developing natural gas reserves on approximately 3,200 acres of leased ground. The Company's position is that of a non-operator.

Drilling operations on the first well began early in the first quarter of 2000. This well encountered substantial mechanical problems prior to reaching its intended depth and was abandoned due to these problems. The Company participated in the drilling of a second well on this lease in the fourth quarter of 2000. This well was abandoned due to insufficient gas reserves. The Company expended approximately \$18,000 for its share of costs on the first well during 1999, and expended an additional \$15,000 during 2000. The Company expended approximately \$18,000 for its share of costs on the second well during 2000. These costs are recorded in Costs and Expenses on the Statements of Operations.

The Company agreed to participate in the drilling of a third natural gas well in conjunction with the same operator in a new prospect area located in Solano County. In the fourth quarter of 2001, this well commenced drilling. The Company's share of the prospect fee and drilling costs for this new well were approximately \$36,000 during the fourth quarter of 2001. The third well was abandoned in the fourth quarter of 2001 due to inadequate gas reserves. The costs for the third well, abandoned in the fourth quarter of 2001, are recorded in Costs and Expenses on the Statements of Operations. The Company has not received any proposals to participate in a fifth well in this joint venture.

During the second quarter of 2001, the Company entered into a new joint venture project with several other independent oil and gas companies, to explore for and develop potential oil reserves in the Gap Mountain area of Nevada. The Company's position is that of a non-operator. During the second quarter of 2001, the Company's share of the prospect fee for this project was approximately \$48,000. During the fourth quarter of 2001, the Company received a full and complete refund of the prospect fee. This prospect was cancelled by the operator after additional structural geology work and analysis. Approximately \$42,000 recorded as Exploration Costs in the nine months ended September 30, 2001 was reversed in the fourth quarter as the Company was reimbursed for these costs due to the abandonment of an exploration project.

The Company has entered into various employment agreements with key executive employees. In the event the key executives are dismissed, the Company would incur approximately \$508,000 in costs.



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7. Other Income  
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In 1996, the Company filed a lawsuit in Kern County Superior Court, against Mr. Russell R. Simonson, alleging a breach of a contractual agreement. The lawsuit went to trial in 1997 and the trial court ruled that the Defendant twice breached terms of an agreement, and the court awarded the Company damages, interest and attorney's fees. The Defendant appealed the trial court's decision and the matter was reviewed by the California Appeals Court. In November 2000, the Appeals Court again ruled in favor of the Company, upholding the original award of damages, interest and attorney's fees. On March 5, 2001, the Company recorded a gain and received payment from the Defendant in the amount of \$395,708, concluding this matter.

8. Defined Contribution Plan  
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The Company has a defined contribution plan (Simple IRA) available to all employees meeting certain service requirements. Employees may contribute up to a maximum of \$6,000 of their compensation to the plan. The Company will make a contribution to the plan in an amount equal to the employees contributions up to 3% of their salaries. Contributions of \$10,324 and \$6,357 were made during the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

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OIL AND GAS PRODUCING ACTIVITIES  
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Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 19 (SFAS No. 19), "Financial Accounting and Reporting by Oil and Gas Producing Companies", as amended, requires disclosure of certain financial data for oil and gas operations and reserve estimates of oil and gas. This information, presented here, is intended to enable the reader to better evaluate the operations of the Company. All of the Company's oil and gas reserves are located in the United States.

The aggregate amounts of capitalized costs relating to oil and gas producing activities and the related accumulated depletion, depreciation, and amortization and valuation allowances as of December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999 were as follows:

	2001	2000	1999
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Proved properties	\$10,115,000	\$10,165,200	\$10,189,100

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Unproved properties being amortized	178,600	178,600	178,600
Unproved properties not being amortized	--	--	--
Accumulated depletion, depreciation, amortization and valuation allowances	(9,926,300)	(9,887,300)	(9,802,700)
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	\$ 367,300	\$ 456,500	\$ 565,000
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The estimated quantities and the change in proved reserves, both developed and undeveloped, for the Company are as follows:

	2001		2000		1999	
	Oil	Gas	Oil	Gas	Oil	Gas
	(MBbls)	(MMCF)	(MBbls)	(MMCF)	(MBbls)	(MMCF)
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Proved reserves:						
Beginning of year	341	72	361	65	384	127
Revisions of previous estimates	59	(26)	51	16	61	(38)
Extensions, discoveries and other additions	--	--	--	--	--	--
Production	(77)	( 9)	(71)	( 9)	(84)	(24)
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End of year	323	37	341	72	361	65
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Proved developed reserves:						
Beginning of year	341	72	361	65	384	127
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
End of year	323	37	341	72	361	65
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

The foregoing estimates have been prepared by the Company from data prepared by an independent petroleum engineer in respect to certain producing properties. Revisions in previous estimates as set forth above resulted from analysis of new information, as well as from additional production experience or from a change in economic factors.

The reserve estimates are believed to be reasonable and consistent with presently known physical data concerning size and character of the reservoirs and are subject to change as additional knowledge concerning the reservoirs becomes available.

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 The present value of estimated future net revenues of proved developed reserves, discounted at 10%, were as follows:

	December 31,		
	2001	2000	1999
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Proved developed reserves (Present value before income taxes)	\$1,250,000 =====	\$2,311,000 =====	\$2,718,000 =====

SFAS No. 69, "Disclosures About Oil and Gas Producing Activities", requires certain disclosures of the costs and results of exploration and production activities and established a standardized measure of oil and gas reserves and the year-to-year changes therein.

In addition to the foregoing disclosures, SFAS No. 69 established a "Standardized Measure of Discounted Future Net Cash Flows and Changes Therein Relating to Proved Oil and Gas Reserves".

Costs incurred, both capitalized and expensed, of oil and gas property acquisition, exploration and development for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999 were as follows:

	2001	2000	1999
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Property acquisition costs	\$ 7,000	\$ --	\$ --
Exploration costs	44,000	35,000	28,000
Development costs	12,000	--	--

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 The results of operations for oil and gas producing activities for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999 were as follows:

	2001	2000	1999
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Sales	\$ 1,680,000	\$ 2,024,000	\$ 1,309,000
Production costs	1,107,000	1,031,000	800,600
Exploration costs	44,000	35,000	28,000
Depletion, depreciation, and amortization	102,000	109,000	170,200
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	427,000	849,000	310,200
Income tax (benefit) provision	1,200	( 41,200)	1,200
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Results of operations from production activities	\$ 425,800	\$ 890,200	\$ 309,000
	=====	=====	=====

The standardized measure of discounted estimated future net cash flows relating to proved oil and gas reserves for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999 were as follows:

	2001	2000	1999
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Future cash inflows	\$ 5,529,000	\$ 7,407,000	\$10,401,000
Future development and production costs	3,538,000	3,848,000	6,906,000
Future income tax expense	12,000	12,000	12,000
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Future net cash flow	1,979,000	3,547,000	3,483,000
10% annual discount	736,000	1,244,000	775,000
Standardized measure of discounted future net cash flow	\$ 1,243,000	\$ 2,303,000	\$ 2,708,000
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The principal changes in the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows during the years ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999 were as follows:

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	2001	2000	1999
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Extensions	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Revisions of previous estimates			
Price changes	(871,000)	373,000	1,739,000
Quantity estimate	216,000	423,000	403,000
Change in production rates, timing and Other	( 63,000)	(480,000)	( 17,000)
Development costs incurred	12,000	--	--
Changes in estimated future development costs	( 12,000)	--	--
Sales of oil and gas, net of production costs	(573,000)	(993,000)	(508,000)
Accretion of discount	231,000	272,000	100,000
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	(1,060,000)	( 405,000)	1,717,000
Net change in income taxes	--	--	--
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Net (decrease) increase	\$ (1,060,000)	\$ ( 405,000)	\$ 1,717,000
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Estimated future cash inflows are computed by applying year-end prices of oil and gas to year-end quantities of proved reserves. Estimated future development and production costs are determined by estimating the expenditures to be incurred in developing and producing the proved oil and gas reserves at the end of the year, based on year-end costs and assuming continuation of existing economic conditions. Estimated future income tax expense is calculated by applying the year-end effective tax rate to estimated future pretax net cash flows related to proved oil and gas reserves, less the tax basis of the properties involved.

These estimates are furnished and calculated in accordance with requirements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Because of the unpredictable variances in expenses and capital forecasts, crude oil and natural gas price changes being largely influenced and controlled by United States and foreign governmental actions, and the fact that the basis for such estimates vary significantly, management believes the usefulness of these projections is limited. Estimates of future net cash flows do not represent management's assessment of future profitability or future actual cash flows of the Company.

It should be recognized that applying current costs and prices and a ten percent standard discount rate allows for comparability but does not convey absolute value. The discounted amounts arrived at are only one measure of financial quantification of proved reserves.

The decrease of \$1,060,000 in the Company's standardized measure of future net cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2001 is due primarily to revisions

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of previous estimates due to price changes. The changes in crude oil prices at the end of each year has a significant impact on the valuation of the Company's reserves and discounted future net cash flows. Lower crude oil prices at the end of 2001 reduced the discounted future net cash flows by approximately \$871,000. The decrease in the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows at December 31, 2000 of \$405,000 is due primarily to current year production and sales of crude oil and natural gas. The increase in the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows at December 31, 1999 of \$1,717,000 is due primarily to higher crude oil prices at year end.

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QUARTERLY RESULTS

	2001	2000
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REVENUES:		
Quarter Ended:		
March 31	\$ 446,678	\$ 455,058
June 30	485,258	482,280
September 30	445,698	561,860
December 31	302,440	524,607
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	\$ 1,680,074	\$ 2,023,805
	=====	=====
NET INCOME (LOSS):		
Quarter Ended:		
March 31	\$ 446,382	\$ 84,803
June 30	84,209	101,072
September 30	105,772	236,063
December 31 (a), (b)	(104,334)	104,924
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	\$ 532,029	\$ 526,862
	=====	=====
INCOME (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE:		
Quarter Ended:		
March 31	\$ .18	\$ .03
June 30	.03	.04
September 30	.04	.09
December 31 (a), (b)	(.04)	.05
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	\$ .21	\$ .21
	=====	=====

(a) Adjustments to depletion, depreciation, amortization and valuation allowances made by the Company are recorded in the fourth quarter amounts (see Note 5 of Notes to Financial Statements included in Item 7 of this Form

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10-KSB). The adjustments were required due to changes in estimates of oil and gas reserves by independent consultants.

(b) Approximately \$42,000 recorded as Exploration Costs in the nine months ended September 30, 2001 was reversed in the fourth quarter as the Company was reimbursed for these costs due to the abandonment of an exploration project.

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ITEM 8 - CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS

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ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE  
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None

PART III

ITEM 9 - DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, PROMOTERS AND CONTROL PERSONS;

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COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 16(a) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT  
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The Company hereby incorporates by reference the information to be contained under the section entitled "Directors and Executive Officers" or a similarly entitled section from its definitive Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with its 2002 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

ITEM 10 - EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

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The Company hereby incorporates by reference the information to be contained under the section entitled "Compensation of Directors and Executive Officers" or a similarly entitled section from its definitive Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with its 2002 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

ITEM 11 - SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

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The Company hereby incorporates by reference the information to be contained under the section entitled "Voting Securities and Principal Holders Thereof" or a similarly entitled section from its definitive Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with its 2002 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

ITEM 12 - CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS  
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Effective January 1, 1990, John H. Alexander, an officer and director of the Company participated with a group of investors that acquired the mineral and fee interest on one of the Company's oil and gas leases in the Carneros Creek field after the Company declined to participate. The thirty-three percent interest owned by Mr. Alexander represents a minority interest in the investor group. Royalties on oil and gas production from this property paid to the investor group approximated \$98,000 in 2001, \$124,000 in 2000 and \$81,000 in 1999.

PART IV

ITEM 13 - EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K  
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(a) 1. Financial Statements  
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These documents are listed and included in Part II, Item 7 of this report:

Report of Independent Public Accountants  
Balance Sheets at December 31, 2001 and 2000.  
Statements of Operations for the three years in the period  
ended December 31, 2001.  
Statements of Shareholders' Equity for the three  
years in the period ended December 31, 2001.  
Statements of Cash Flows for the three  
years in the period ended December 31, 2001.  
Notes to Financial Statements.

(a) 3. Exhibit  
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- 3.1 Registrant's Articles of Incorporation (1)
- 3.2 Registrant's By Laws (1)
- 3.2.1 Registrant's Amendment to the By Laws (2)
- 10.1 Employment Agreement of J. Ben Hathaway, dated August 1,  
2001. (3)
- 10.2 Employment Agreement of John H. Alexander, dated August 1,  
2001. (3)
- 10.3 Employment Agreement of John H. Alexander, dated February  
21, 2002.
- 10.4 Employment Agreement of Benny Hathaway, Jr. dated February  
21, 2002.
- 99 Letter to Securities and Exchange Commission regarding  
Arthur Andersen's representations.

(1) Incorporated by reference from Exhibits 18-1 and 18-2, respectively, to the Registrant's 1971 Form 10.

(2) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's August 25, 1986 Proxy Statement.

(3) Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 and 10.2 to the Registrants June 30, 2001 Form 10-QSB

(b) Reports on Form 8-K  
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No reports on Form 8-K were filed during the fourth quarter of 2001.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

PYRAMID OIL COMPANY

March 28, 2002

By: J. BEN HATHAWAY  
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J. Ben Hathaway

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Director/President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

J. BEN HATHAWAY ----- J. Ben Hathaway	Director/President	March 28, 2002
JOHN H. ALEXANDER ----- John H. Alexander	Director/Vice President	March 28, 2002
THOMAS W. LADD ----- Thomas W. Ladd	Director	March 28, 2002
GARY L. RONNING ----- Gary L. Ronning	Director	March 28, 2002
----- John E. Turco	Director	March 28, 2002
LEE G. CHRISTIANSON ----- Lee G. Christianson	Corporate Secretary/ Principal Accounting Officer	March 28, 2002