



# Investor Presentation July 2011



Encore Energy Partners LP  
NYSE: ENP



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# Q1 Update / Key Developments

## Q1 Update:

- ➔ Increased quarterly distribution for the second consecutive quarter to \$0.57 per unit
- ➔ Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Vanguard increased 103% to \$37.6 million from \$18.5 million in the first quarter of 2010
- ➔ Distributable Cash Flow attributable to Vanguard unitholders increased 88% to \$28.3 million from \$15.1 million in the first quarter of 2010 for a 1.64x distribution coverage
- ➔ Adjusted Net Income attributable to Vanguard unitholders was \$16.5 million in the first quarter of 2011 or \$0.55 per basic unit, as compared to \$11.2 million or \$0.59 per basic unit, in the first quarter of 2010
- ➔ Reported average production of 13,273 BOE per day, up 205% over 4,345 BOE per day produced in the first quarter of 2010
- ➔ On a BOE basis, crude oil, natural gas liquids ("NGLs") and natural gas accounted for 57%, 8%, and 35% of our production, respectively

## Key Developments:

- ➔ On March 24, 2011, Vanguard announced that it submitted a proposal to purchase all of ENP's outstanding publicly-held units through a unit-for-unit exchange
- ➔ On July 11, 2011, Vanguard announced the execution of a definitive agreement that would result in a merger. Under the terms, ENP's unitholders to receive 0.75 VNR common units in exchange for each ENP common unit they own subject to ENP and VNR unitholders' approval



# Overview of Vanguard Natural Resources

## ➤ Upstream oil & gas LLC, headquartered in Houston, Texas

- Initial Public Offering - "VNR" - October 2007
- Seven strategic acquisitions totaling ~\$773MM expanded geographic profile and commodity diversity
  - The largest acquisition in December 2010, totaling ~\$380MM
  - VNR is the General Partner of Encore Energy Partners LP (NYSE: ENP) and owns approximately 46% of ENP common units

Company Profile (in 000's)	IPO <sup>(1)</sup>	VNR	ENP
TOTAL SHARES OUTSTANDING	5,250	30,265	45,490 <sup>(2)</sup>
EQUITY MARKET CAP <sup>(3)</sup>	\$99,750	\$885,264	\$988,944
TOTAL DEBT	\$28,800	\$347,000	\$224,000
LESS CASH	\$4,445	\$500	\$1,500
ENTERPRISE VALUE	\$124,105	\$1,231,764	\$1,211,444

## ➤ Positive Cash Distribution Coverage

- Quarterly distribution of \$0.57 per unit (\$2.28 annualized) yields approximately 7.8% at current price; ENP's current quarterly distribution is \$0.49 per unit
- Increased distributions 34% since IPO

## ➤ Diverse portfolio of mature, long life gas and oil properties, combined with a multi-year hedging program provide stable cash flow and support distribution growth

- \*69.3 MMboe total proved reserves, 80% proved developed and 14 year R/P
- 55% oil / 37% gas / 8% NGLs on a VNR-ENP consolidated basis

\*Proved reserves as of 12/31/10 based on reserve report prepared by our independent reserve engineers, DeGolyer & MacNaughton (D&M) and 12-month average spot prices; Amounts illustrated reflect ENP's and VNR's proved reserves on a consolidated basis

(1) Cash and Debt as of June 30, 2007, pro forma for IPO

(2) VNR owns 20,924,055 ENP common units

(3) Market pricing as of May 20, 2011; VNR includes 420m Class B units excluding IPO column

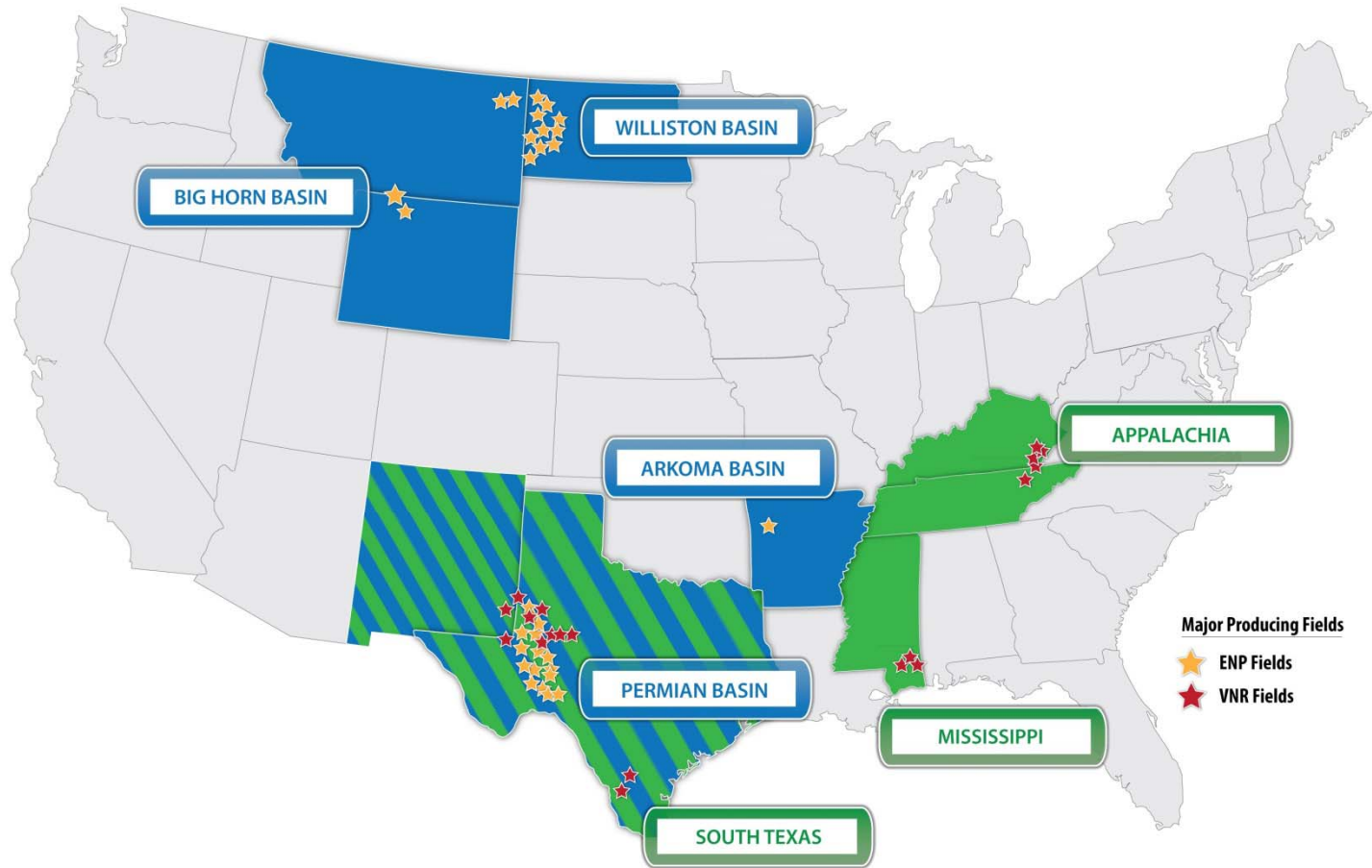


# ENP Transaction Rationale

- ➔ **Largest acquisition to date at \$380 million**
- ➔ **Increased exposure to crude oil for VNR unitholders**
- ➔ **Significantly increases size and scale, overall operating reach and cash flow stability**
- ➔ **Improved ability to compete for acquisitions going forward**
- ➔ **Geographic diversification through exposure to the Big Horn Basin, Williston Basin and Arkoma / Mid-Continent**
  - Enhances existing footprint in the Permian Basin
- ➔ **Larger opportunity set for internal growth**
- ➔ **Adds complementary, high-quality asset base characterized by:**
  - Predictable production profiles
  - Low decline rates
  - Long reserve life
  - Modest capital requirements
- ➔ **Immediate accretion to VNR's distributable cash flow**



# VNR & ENP Combined Operating Areas

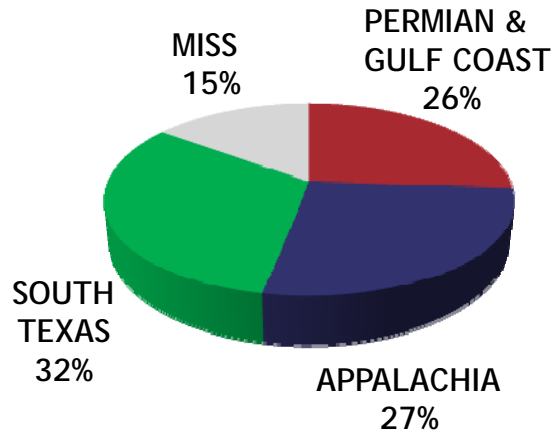




# Proved Reserves by Area

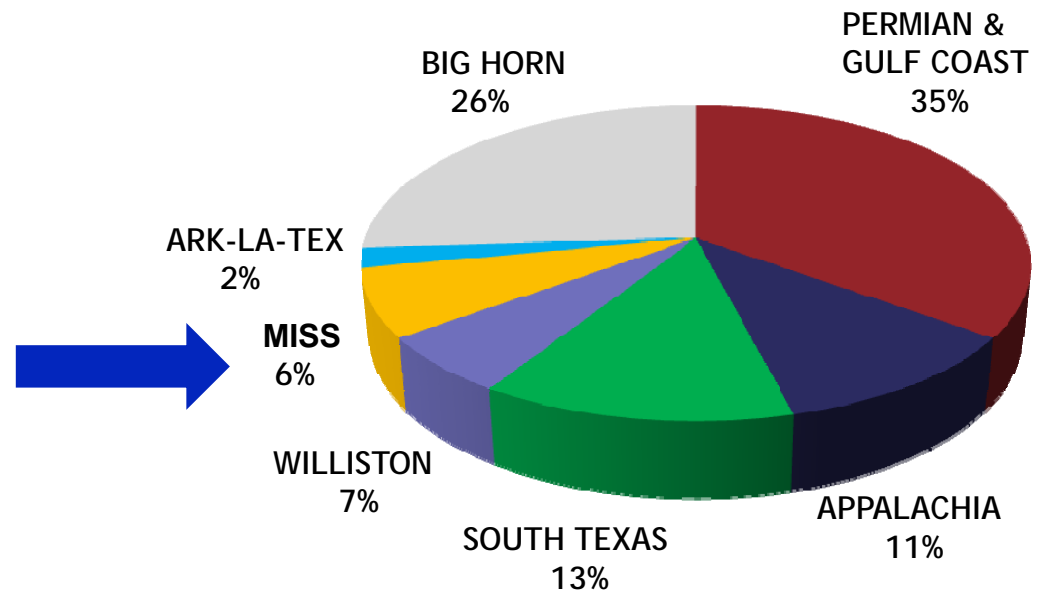
Standalone <sup>(1)</sup> - 28.2 MMBoe

## VNR



Combined <sup>(1)(2)</sup> - 69.3 MMBoe

## VNR + ENP



Adds Significant Geographic Diversification along with Enhanced Presence in the Permian Basin

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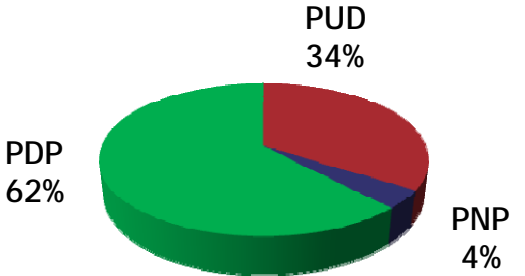
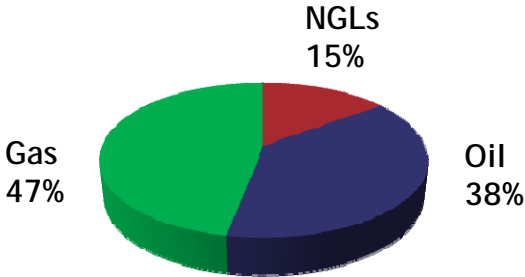


# Proved Reserves

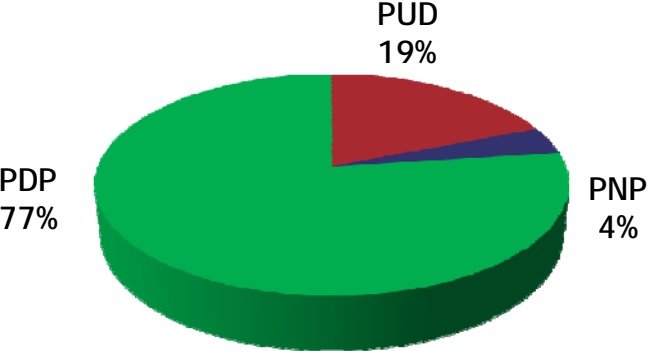
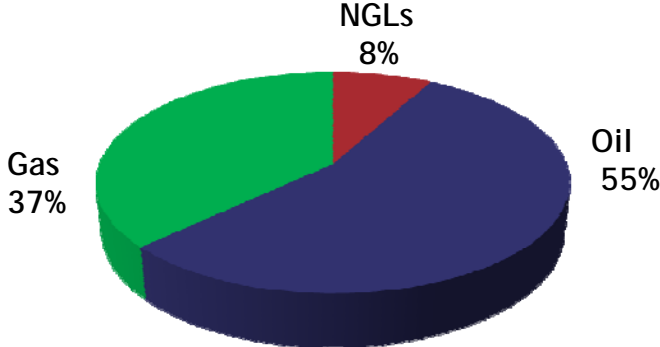
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**Substantial Increase in Size and Scale and Large % of PDP Reserves Provides Added Cash Flow Stability**

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# Snapshot of Strategic Acquisitions Since IPO

Acquisition	Date	Region	Deal Size	Proved Reserves/ PDP <sup>(1)</sup>	Key Features
Apache	Feb 2008	Permian Basin	\$73.4M	4.4 MMBoe 90% PDP	83% oil
Dos Hermanos	Jul 2008	South Texas	\$53.4M	20 Bcfe 65% PDP	98% natural gas
SUN TSH	Jul 2009	South Texas	\$52.3M	27 Bcfe 74% PDP	94% natural gas & NGLs
Ward County	Dec 2009	Permian Basin	\$55.0M	3.2 MMBoe 65% PDP	83% oil
Parker Creek	May 2010	Mississippi, TX & NM	\$114.6M	4.7 MMBoe 90% PDP	96% oil
Encore	Dec 2010	Permian, Williston, Arkoma & Big Horn Basins	\$380.0M	43.4 MMBoe 91% PDP	67% oil & NGLs
Miscellaneous	Q1 2011	Permian Basin	\$13.0	.67 MMBoe 100% PDP	100% oil
Permian	May 2011	Permian Basin	\$85.0 <sup>(2)</sup>	5.5 MMBoe 100% PDP	70% oil & NGLs

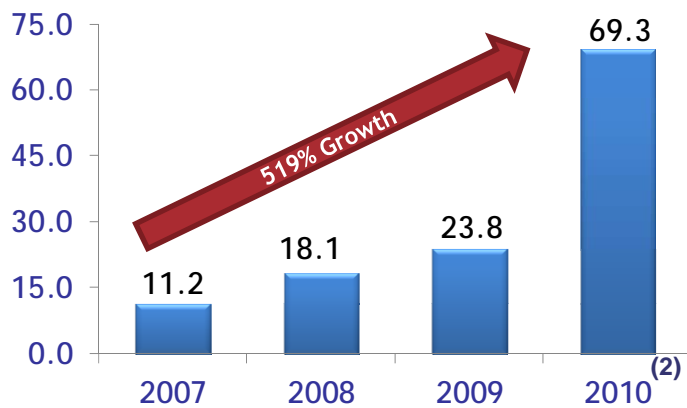
(1) Proved reserves and proved developed producing (PDP) numbers are calculated as of the acquisition closing date.

(2) Deal size was a divided fifty percent interest each between VNR and ENP for a net purchase price each of \$42.5 million.

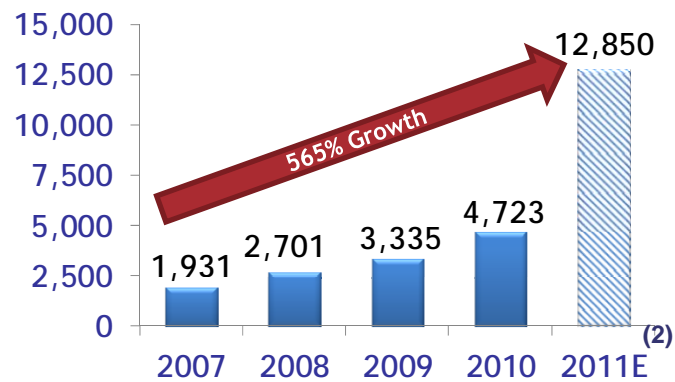


# Accretive Acquisitions Drive Growth

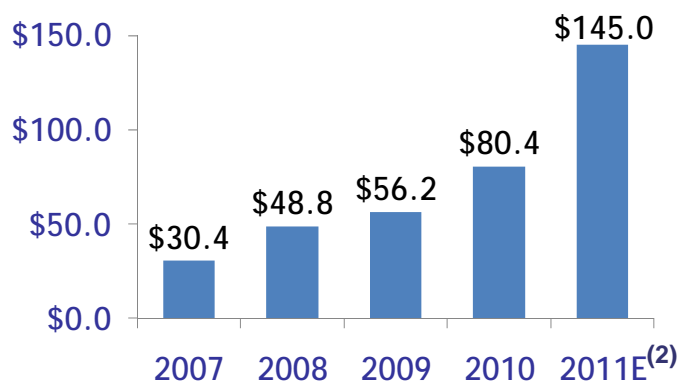
## Reserves (MMBoe) <sup>(1)</sup>



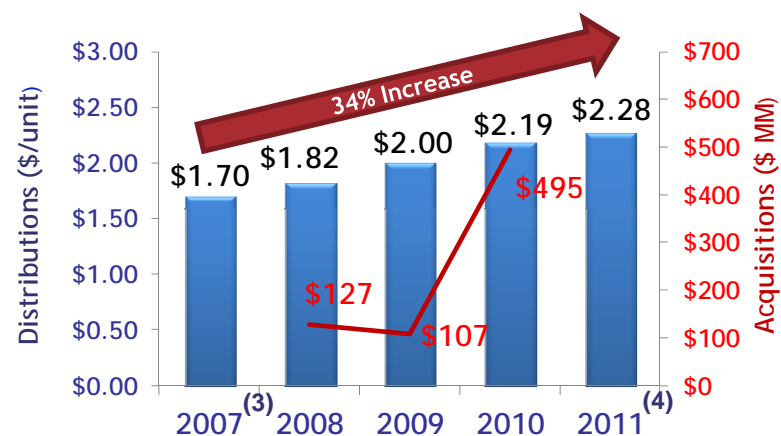
## Production (Boe/d)



## Adjusted EBITDA



## Distribution Growth



(1) Proved reserves as of 12/31/10 based on reserve report prepared by our independent reserve engineers, DeGolyer & MacNaughton (D&M) and 12-month average spot prices

(2) Amounts illustrated reflect ENP and VNR proved reserves and production on a consolidated basis; Adjusted EBITDA does not include the non-controlling interest of ENP

(3) Annualized quarterly distribution

(4) Annualized based on current quarterly distribution of \$0.57 per unit





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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



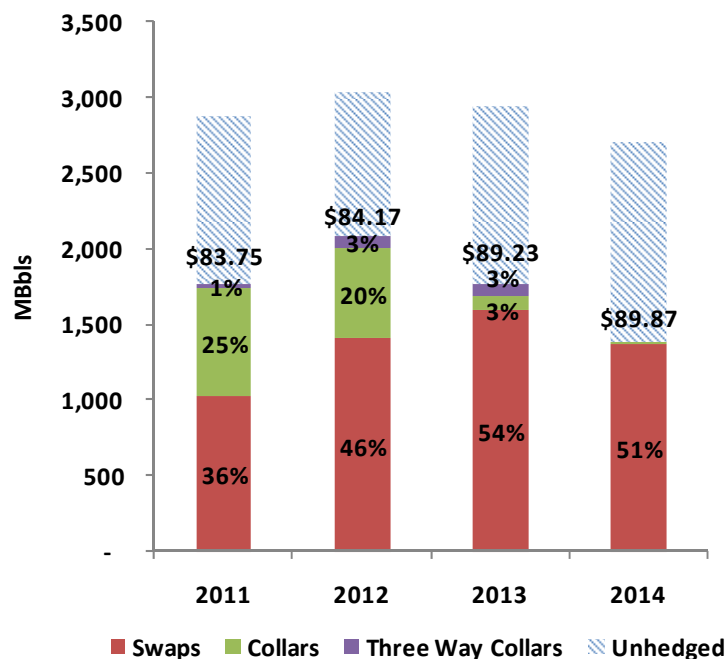
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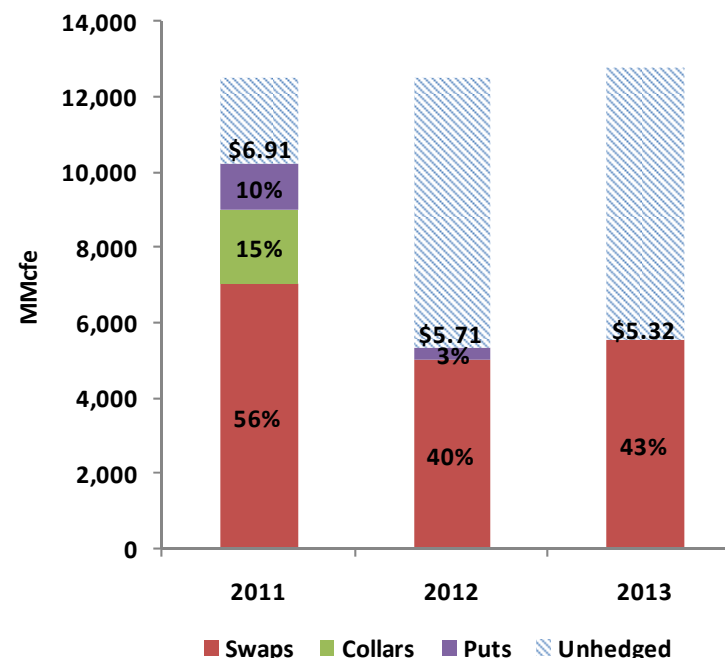
# Hedges Mitigate Distribution Risk

- ➔ Approximately 60% of expected **crude oil** production (total proved) thru 2014 is hedged via a combination of swaps and collars at a weighted average floor price of \$86.46 per barrel
- ➔ Approximately 55% of expected **natural gas** production (total proved) thru 2013 is hedged via a combination of swaps, collars and puts at a weighted average floor price of \$6.19 per MMBtu

## Oil Hedges (1)



## Natural Gas Hedges (2)



Note: All figures shown includes both VNR and ENP on a 100% consolidated basis. Hedge prices reflect a weighted average of swap prices, floor prices on collars and puts and long put prices on three way collars. Includes production associated with the recent Permian acquisition and associated hedging.

(1) Includes NGL production on recent Permian acquisition.

(2) Includes NGL production on an equivalent basis but excludes NGL production from the recent Permian acquisition.



## Hedged Cash Flow=Stable Distribution Coverage

		2011 Natural Gas Prices (\$/MMBtu)				
		\$2.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
2011 Crude Oil Prices WTI (\$/Barrel)	\$70.00	1.13x	1.14x	1.15x	1.16x	1.17x
	\$80.00	1.25x	1.26x	1.27x	1.28x	1.29x
	\$90.00	1.38x	1.39x	1.40x	1.41x	1.42x
	\$100.00	1.49x	1.50x	1.51x	1.52x	1.53x
	\$110.00	1.56x	1.58x	1.59x	1.60x	1.61x

Existing oil and gas hedges support the distributions in a period of volatile commodity prices - ABOVE 1.10x coverage in almost any price environment



# Liquidity

(\$ in millions) All figures shown as of 5/12/11

	<u>VNR</u>	<u>ENP</u>
Facility Size	\$400	\$475
Borrowing Base	\$235 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$400 <sup>(1)</sup>
Amount Outstanding	\$180	\$224
<b>Borrowing Availability</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$176</b>
Maturity Date	October 1, 2012	March 7, 2012
Interest Rate Pricing	L + 225-300 bps	L + 225-300 bps
<u>Interest Rate Hedges</u> as of 3/31/11		
2011 Weighted Average Amount		\$115
Weighted Average Fixed Rate		2.60%
2012 Weighted Average Amount		\$94
Weighted Average Fixed Rate		2.61%
2013-2015 Weighted Average Amount		\$47 <sup>(2)</sup>
Weighted Average Fixed Rate		2.21%

(1) VNR's borrowing base increased \$10 MM to \$235 MM and ENP's borrowing base increased \$25 MM to \$400 MM

(2) \$30 MM expires August 2015





# 2011 Calendar Year Guidance

	VNR 2011 Guidance <sup>(1)</sup>	VNR 2010 Actual	ENP 2011 Guidance <sup>(1)</sup>	ENP 2010 Actual
AVERAGE DAILY PRODUCTION	12,500 to 13,200 BOE/day <sup>(2)</sup>	4,721 BOE/day	7,930 to 8,350 BOE/day	8,766 BOE/day
LEASE OPERATING EXPENSES	\$12.85 to \$13.50 per BOE <sup>(3)</sup>	\$10.72 per BOE	\$12.85 to \$13.50 per BOE	\$13.45 per BOE
G&A	\$3.00 to \$3.30 per BOE <sup>(3)</sup>	\$5.88 per BOE	\$3.70 to \$4.00 per BOE	\$3.87 per BOE
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (in millions)	\$27.0 to \$28.5 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$15.3	\$19.5 to \$21.0	\$6.2
ADJUSTED EBITDA (in millions)	\$140 to \$147 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$80.4	\$120 to \$127	\$124.3

(1) Forecast based on an average WTI Sweet oil price of \$93.51/bbl, an average natural gas NYMEX price of \$4.27 per MMBtu, and an average composite NGL price of \$42.00 per barrel for 2011. No new acquisitions included in forecast.

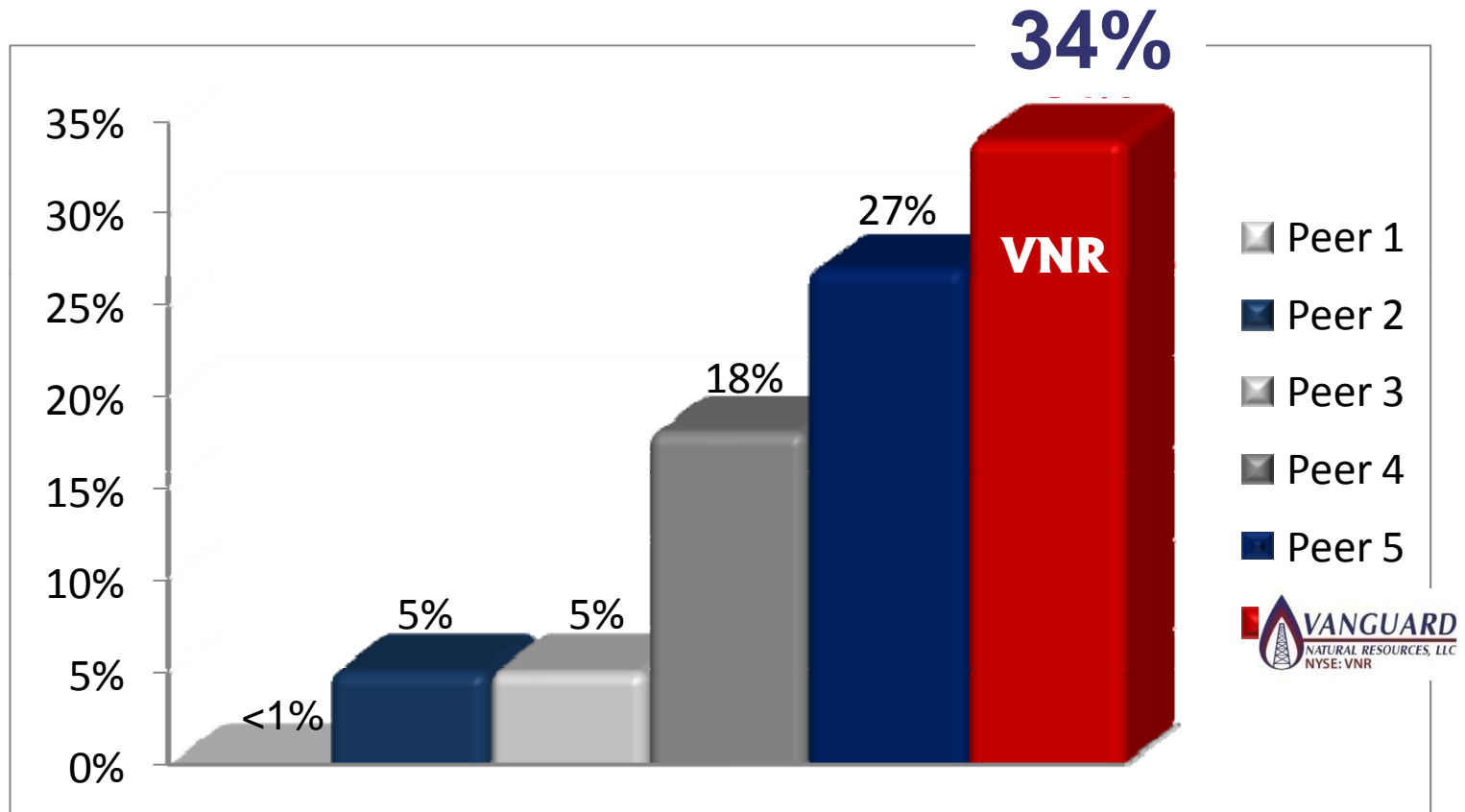
(2) Includes VNR and ENP on a 100% consolidated basis.

(3) Includes activity applicable to the controlling interest of approximately 46.6% in Encore Energy Partners LP.



# Comparable Company Distribution Increases

## VNR Leads Peer Group in Overall Distribution Growth

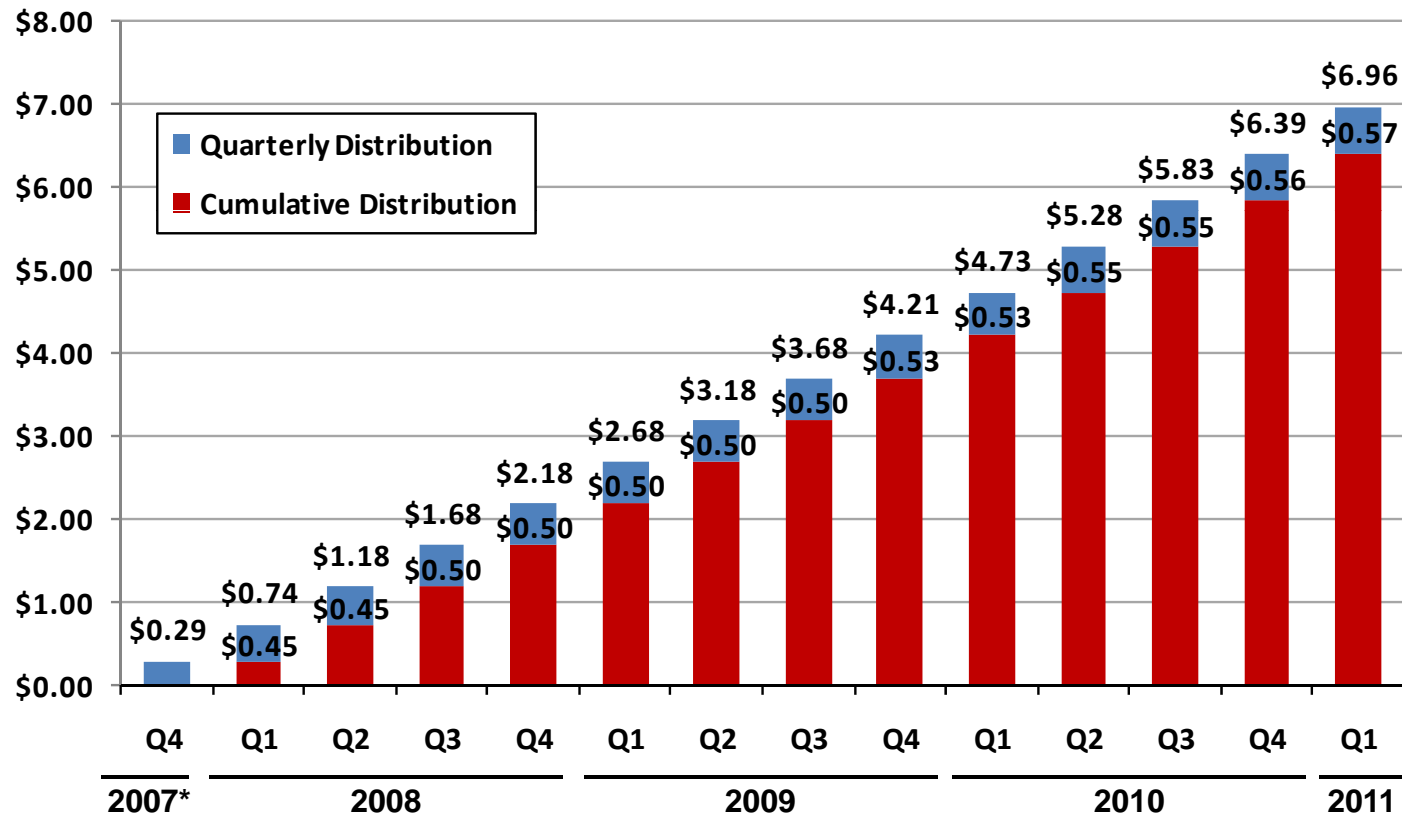


Calculations include all quarterly distributions from 2008 thru May 2011



# Consistent Distribution Growth

- VNR has raised its distribution 34% since IPO equating to ~\$7.00 in cumulative distributions

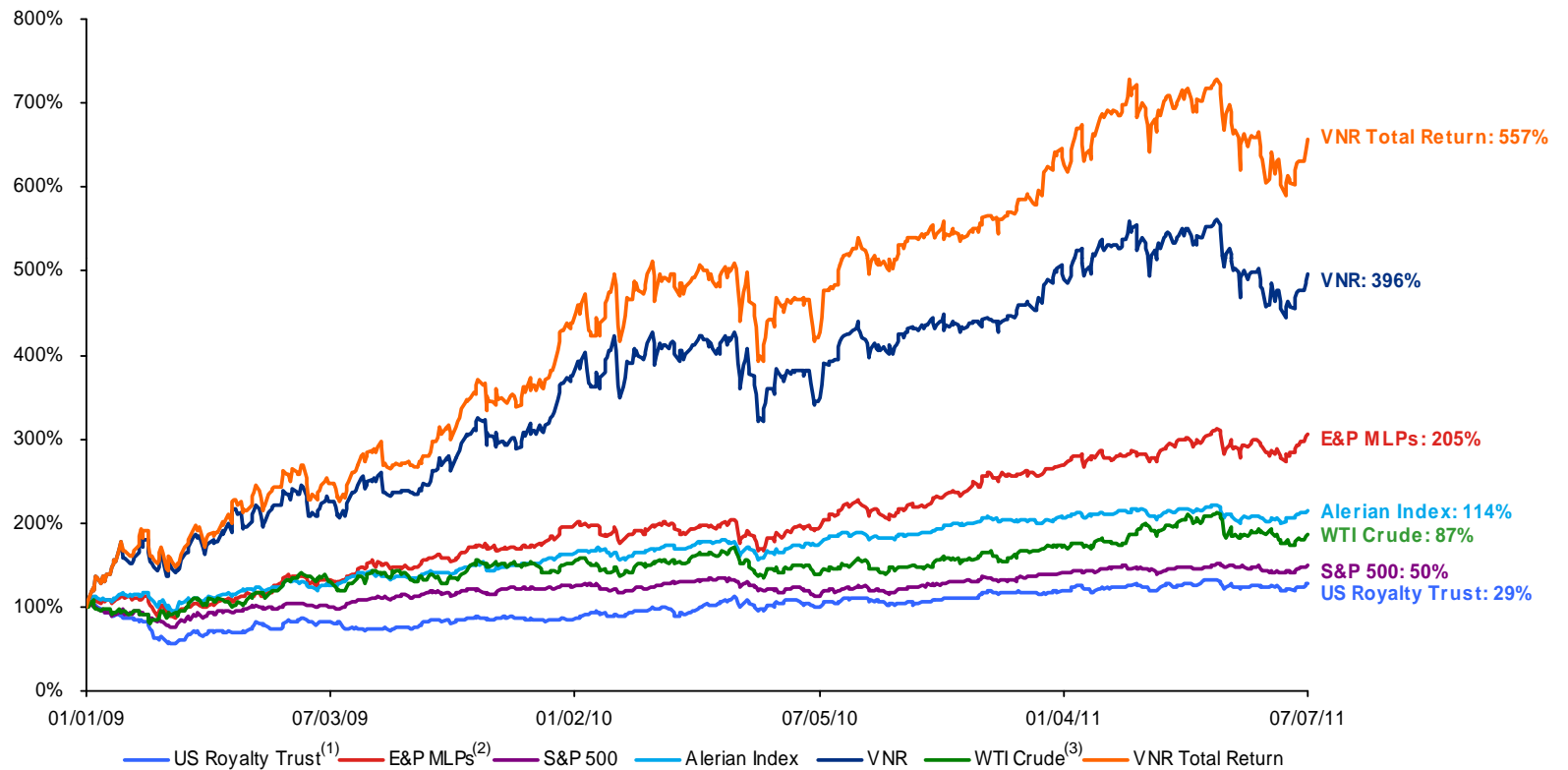


\*Q4 2007 distribution of \$0.425 is pro rata for October 29, 2007-December 31, 2007



# Price Performance Since 2009

The results have been good. VNR has outperformed US Royalty Trusts, C-Corps and other E&P MLPs. The strategy works.



Note: Market data as of 7/7/11.

(1) US Royalty Trust Index includes: CRT, HGT, MTR, PBT, SBR and SJT.

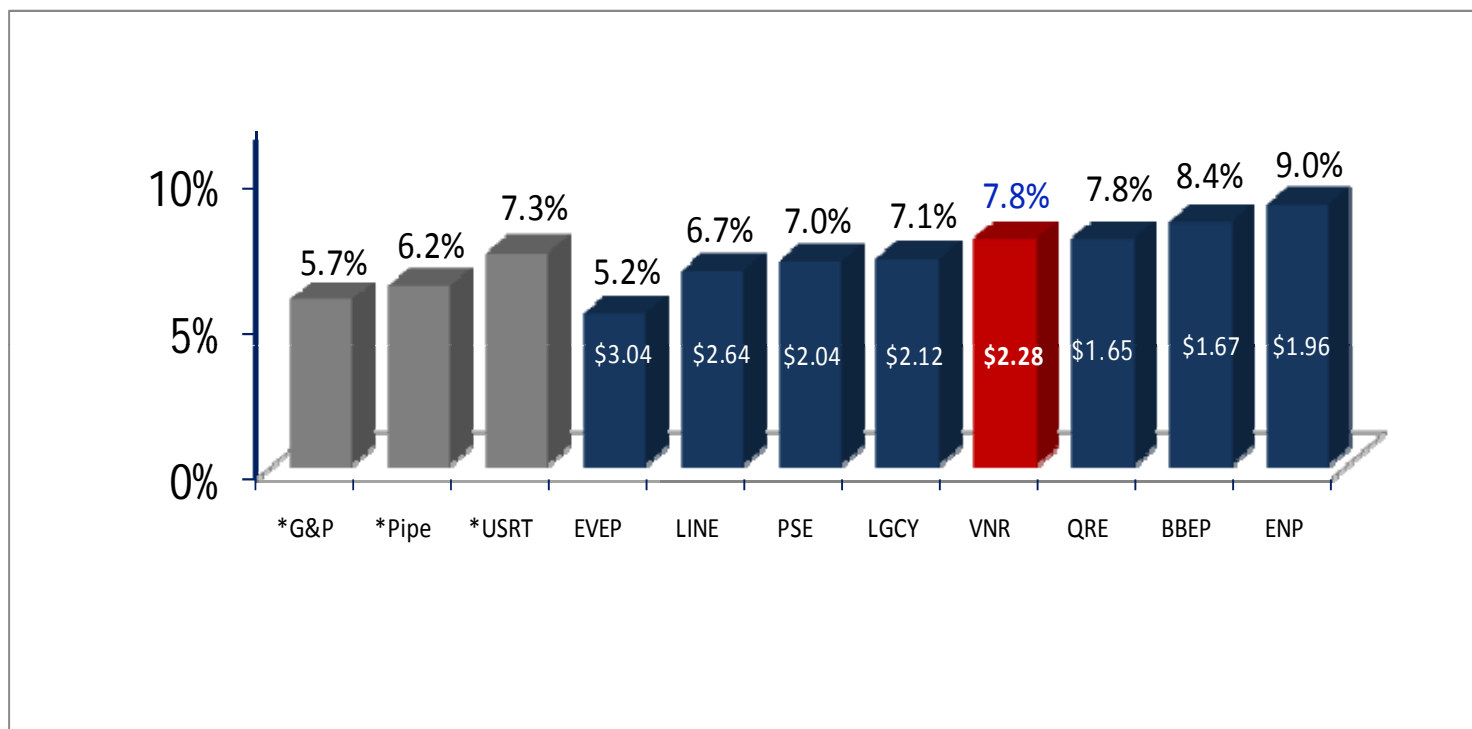
(2) E&P MLP Index includes: BBEP, CEP, EVEP, LGCY, LINE and VNR.

(3) 12 month strip pricing.



# Comparable Company Distribution Yields

## CURRENT DISTRIBUTION YIELDS OF PEER GROUP



\*G&P - Average Yield of Gathering & Processing Companies (APL, DPM, CPNO, EROC, MWE, NGLS, RGNC, WES, WPZ, XTEX)

\*Pipe - Average Yield of Large Pipeline Companies (BWP, EEP, EPB, EPD, ETP, OKS, SEP, TCLP)

\*USRT - Average Yield of U.S. Royalty Trusts (CRT, HGT, MTR, PBT, SBR and SJT)

Yield calculated using the closing unit price on 7/8/11.



# Key Investor Considerations

- ➔ **Management and unitholders are well aligned**
- ➔ **High quality, long lived reserves**
- ➔ **Asset base generates stable cash flow**
- ➔ **Multi-year hedge program mitigates commodity risk**
- ➔ **Geographic and commodity diversity**
- ➔ **LLC structure gives unitholders a voice**
- ➔ **Attractive distribution yield**
- ➔ **Profitably grow company and increase distribution**