MILLER PETROLEUM INC
Form 10QSB
September 14, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

FORM 10-QSB

[X] QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended July 31, 2004

[ ] TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from ________________ to ________________

Commission File No. 33-2249-FW

MILLER PETROLEUM, INC.
(Exact name of small business issuer as specified in its Charter)

TENNESSEE	62-1028629
(State or Other Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer I.D. No.)

3651 Baker Highway
Huntsville, Tennessee 37756
(Address of principal executive offices)

(423) 663-9457
Issuer's telephone number

N/A

APPLICABLE ONLY TO ISSUERS INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY
PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS

Not applicable.

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS

State the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common equity, as of the latest practicable date:

September 14, 2004

8,953,856 Common Shares

Transitional Small Business Issuer Format Yes X No

PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

The Financial Statements of Miller Petroleum, Inc., a Tennessee corporation (the "Company"), required to be filed with this Quarterly Report were prepared by management and reviewed by Butch Grubb, Certified Public Accountant of London, Kentucky and commence on the following page, together with related Notes. In the opinion of management, the Financial Statements fairly present the financial condition of the Registrant.

MILLER PETROLEUM, INC.
Consolidated Balance Sheets

ASSETS

	July 31, 2004 Unaudited	April 30, 2004
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	$ 114,142	$ 73,416
Accounts receivable - trade-, net	305,452	313,137
Inventory	494,853	494,853
Prepaid expenses	14,633	39,808
Total Current Assets	929,080	921,214
FIXED ASSETS		
Machinery and equipment	1,036,802	1,036,802
Vehicles	385,465	385,465
Buildings	313,335	313,335
Office Equipment	72,549	72,549
Less: accumulated depreciation	(932,534)	(905,531)
Total Fixed assets	875,617	902,620
OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES (On the basis of successful efforts accounting)	2,745,165	2,638,005
PIPELINE FACILITIES	215,549	218,637
OTHER ASSETS		
Land	511,500	511,500
Investments	500	500
Total Other Assets	512,000	512,000
TOTAL ASSETS	$5,277,411	$5,192,476

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable - trade	$ 528,992	$ 586,234
Accrued expenses	116,160	116,022
Notes payable - current portion	1,609,829	1,628,153
Total Current Liabilities	2,254,981	2,330,409
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Notes payable - related	46,618	15,230
Notes payable	523,218	528,522
Total Long-Term Liabilities	569,836	543,752
Total Liabilities	2,824,817	2,874,161
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common Stock: 500,000,000 shares authorized at $0.0001 par value, 8,953,856 and 8,578,856 shares issued and outstanding	868	858
Additional paid-in capital	3,980,135	3,884,144
Retained Earnings	(1,528,409)	(1,566,687)
Total Stockholders' Equity	2,452,594	2,318,315
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS'S EQUITY	$5,277,411	$5,192,476

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

MILLER PETROLEUM, INC.
Consolidated Statements of Operations
(UNAUDITED)

	For the Three Months Ended July 31	
	2004	2003
REVENUES		
Oil and gas revenue	$ 226,944	$ 205,976
Service and drilling revenue	31,813	308,103
Retail sales	27,900	2,960
Sale of equipment	6,500	0
Other revenue	649	1,500
Total Revenue	293,806	518,539

COSTS AND EXPENSES

Cost of oil and gas sales	42,151	171,659
Selling, general and administrative	92,744	103,625
Salaries and wages	33,706	193,520
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	41,056	90,727
Total Costs and Expenses	209,657	559,531
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	84,149	(40,992)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)		
Interest income	59	4,465
Interest expense	(45,930)	(56,302)
Total Other Income (Expense)	(45,871)	(51,837)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	$ 38,278	$ (92,829)
NET EARNING (LOSS) PER SHARE	0.01	0.01
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING	8,953,856	8,578,856

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MILLER PETROLEUM, INC

Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity

(UNAUDITED)

	Common Shares Shares	Common Shares Amount	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance April 30, 2004	8,578,856	$858	$3,884,144	($1,566,687)	$2,318,315
Net income for the three months ended July 31, 2004	375,000	$10	$95,991	$38,278	$134,279
Balance July 31, 2004	8,953,856	$868	$3,980,135	($1,528,409)	$2,452,594

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MILLER PETROLEUM, INC.

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended July 31, 2004	Three Months Ended July 31, 2003

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Income (Loss)	$ 38,278	$ (92,829)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	41,056	90,727
Gain on sale of equipment	0	(22,564)
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	7,685	(79,207)
Decrease (increase) in investments	0	12,812
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	25,175	474
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(57,242)	107,334
Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses	138	7,187
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	55,090	23,934
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of oil and gas properties	(118,125)	(44,601)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	(118,125)	(44,601)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Payments on notes payable	(23,628)	(19,232)
Proceeds from borrowing	31,388	50,000
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock	96,001	
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities	103,761	30,768
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	40,726	10,101
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	73,416	77,364
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	$ 114,142	$ 87,465
CASH PAID FOR		
INTEREST	$ (45,930)	$ (56,302)
INCOME TAXES	0	0

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MILLER PETROLEUM, INC.
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

(1) Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in the financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted. It is suggested that these financial statements be read in conjunction with the Registrant's April 30, 2004 Annual Report on Form 1OKSB. The results of operations for the period ended July 31, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of operating results for the full year.

The consolidated financial statements and other information furnished herein reflect all adjustment which are, in the opinion of management of the Registrant, necessary for a fair presentation of the results of the interim periods covered by this report.

(2) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

None

(3) New Accounting Pronouncements

In 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 143, "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations" SFAS No. 143 addresses financial accounting and reporting for obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets and the associated asset retirement cost. This statement requires companies to record the present value of obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets in the period in which it is incurred. The liability is capitalized as part of the related long-lived assets carrying amount. Over time, accretion of the liability is recognized as an operating expense and the capitalization cost is depreciated over the expected useful life of the related asset. The Company's asset retirement obligations relate primarily to the plugging, dismantlement, removal site reclamation and similar activities of its oil and gas properties. Prior to adoption of this statement, such obligations were accrued ratably over the productive lives of the assets through its depreciation, depletion and amortization for oil and gas properties without recording a separate liability for such amounts. Management does not believe that adoption of this standard has a material impact in financial positions of results of operation.

In July 2002, FASB issued SFAS No. 146, Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities. The standard requires companies to recognize costs associated with exit or disposal activities when they are incurred rather than at the date of commitment to an exit or disposal plan. Examples of costs covered by the standard include lease termination costs and certain employee severance costs that are associated with restructuring, discontinued operation, plant closing, or other exit or disposal activity. Previous accounting guidance was provided by EITF Issue No. 94-3, "Liability Recognition for Certain Employee Termination Benefits and Other Costs to Exit an Activity (including Certain Costs Incurred in a Restructuring)." Statement 146 replaces Issue 94-3. Statement 146 is to be applied prospectively to exit or disposal activities initiated after December 31, 2002. The Company does not currently have any plans for exit or disposal activities, and therefore does not expect this standard to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements upon adoption.

In November 2002, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation ("FIN") No. 45, "Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others", which clarifies disclosure and recognition/measurement requirements related to certain guarantees. The disclosure requirements are effective for financial statements issued after December 15, 2002 and the recognition/measurement requirements are effective on a prospective basis for guarantees issued or modified after December 31, 2002. The application of the requirements of FIN 45 did not have a impact on our financial position or results of operations.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 148, Accounting of Stock-

Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure an amendment of FASB Statement No. 123 ("Statement 148"). This amendment provides two additional methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. Additionally, more prominent disclosures in both annual and interim financial statements are required for stock-based employee compensation. The transition guidance and annual disclosure provisions of Statement 148 are effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2002. The interim disclosure provisions are effective for financial reports containing financial statements for interim periods beginning after December 15, 2002. The adoption of Statement 148 did not have a impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In January 2003, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. (FIN) 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities." This interpretation of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51 "Consolidated Financial Statements" consolidation by business enterprises of variable interest entities which possess certain characteristics. The Interpretation requires that if a business enterprise has a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity, the assets, liabilities, and results of the activities of the variable interest entity must be included in the consolidated financial statements with those of the business enterprise. This Interpretation applies immediately to variable interest entities created after January 31, 2003 and to variable interest entities in which an enterprise obtains an interest after that date. We do not have any ownership in any variable interest entities as of March 31, 2003. We will apply the consolidation requirement of FIN 46 in future periods if we should own any interest in any variable interest entity.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operation.

Miller Petroleum has more than 50,000 acres under lease in Tennessee. About 90% of these leases are held by production. Most of its current oil and gas production is from the Big Lime Formation. However, there are more than 100 development drilling locations that target the Chattanooga Shale as well as the Big Lime Formation.

Currently, Miller is offering ten to twenty well drilling programs to "accredited investors" or "sophisticated investors" to spread the risk and facilitate investor returns. The Company will sell up to a 75% working interest to investors while retaining a 25% working interest. Each program will be made up of eight to fifteen Chattanooga Shale wells on its Koppers North acreage, three to 5 wells on its Koppers South gas cap and one exploratory well on the Harriman Prospect.

In June of 2001, the Company made a conventional Big Lime gas discovery, on the Lindsay Land Company lease jointly owned by Delta Producers, Inc. and Miller. Currently there are six producing wells on the property. There are at a minimum twenty five additional drill sites on this 4,000 acres lease which is situated near Caryville, Tennessee.

Miller is continuing its leasing efforts in the East Tennessee portion of the Eastern Overthrust Belt. Acreage is being leased on selected large structures.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We estimate that we will be able to adequately fund our development and production plans, with the exception of the acquisition of additional properties, for the next 12 months. Sources of funds for us will be revenue from operations, in particular sales of working interests in wells that we drill; receipts from the private placement of our securities; and loans.

We believe that our current cash flow will be sufficient to support our cash requirements for development and production over the next 12 months.

Results of Operations

The Company had revenues of $293,806 for the first quarter of fiscal 2005, down from the $518,539 in revenues recognized during the first quarter of fiscal 2004.

Oil and gas revenue for the current quarter was $226,944 up from $205,976 in the first quarter of fiscal 2004. This increase was due primarily to natural gas sales from the Lindsay Land Company lease and higher oil and natural gas prices.

Service and drilling revenue for the first quarter was $31,813 down from $308,103 for the same quarter last year. This decrease was due to decreased drilling activity.

During the current quarter, retail sales were $27,900 compared to $2,960 during the first quarter of fiscal 2004. This increase was due to increased sales.

The Company's net income for the current quarter was $38,278, up from a net loss of $(92,829)for the same quarter of fiscal 2004. This increase was due to better management and increase in oil and gas prices.

Cost of oil and gas sales for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 was $42,151, down from $171,659 in the same quarter of fiscal 2004, due primarily to better management.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were $92,744, down from $103,625 in the first quarter of fiscal 2004. This decrease was primarily due to decreases in insurance, legal and professional expenses.

Salaries and wages for the current quarter were $33,706, down from $193,520 in the first quarter of fiscal 2004.

Depreciation, depletion and amortization for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 was $41,056 down from $90,727 in the first quarter of 2004. This decrease was due to decreases in depreciation expense.

Item 3. Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely alerting them to material information required to be included in our periodic Securities and Exchange Commission reports. It should be noted that the design of any system of controls is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions, regardless of how remote. In addition, we reviewed our internal controls over financial reporting, and there have been no changes in our internal controls or in other factors in the last fiscal quarter that has materially affected or is reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

None

Item 2. Changes in Securities and Small Business Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None; not applicable.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

None.

Item 5. Other Information.

None.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K.*

(a) Exhibits.

None.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K.

None.

* A summary of any Exhibit is modified in its entirety by reference to the actual Exhibit.

SIGNATURES

In accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Act, the registrant duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 14, 2004 MILLER PETROLEUM, INC.

By:/s/Deloy Miller

Deloy Miller

Chief Executive Officer

Date: September 14, 2004 By:/s/Charles M. Stivers

Charles M. Stivers,
Chief Financial Officer