

CRIMSON EXPLORATION INC.  
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8 K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): November 14, 2008 (November 13, 2008)

CRIMSON EXPLORATION INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

000-21644

20-3037840

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

717 Texas Ave., Suite 2900, Houston Texas 77002

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(713) 236-7400

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On November 13, 2008, Crimson Exploration Inc. issued a press release announcing financial results for the third quarter September 30, 2008. The press release is included in this report as Exhibit 99.1

The information contained in Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated herein by reference. The information in this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated November 13, 2008

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SIGNATURES

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

CRIMSON EXPLORATION INC.

Date: November 14, 2008

/s/ E. Joseph Grady  
E. Joseph Grady  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit 99.1

### **Crimson Exploration Announces Third Quarter 2008 Financial Results**

HOUSTON, November 13, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Crimson Exploration Inc. (OTCBB: CXPO) today announced financial results for the third quarter 2008.

#### Highlights

- § Record quarterly revenue of \$53.8 million
- § Record quarterly production of 5.0 Bcfe
- § Daily production for the third quarter of 2008 averaged 54,126 Mcfed, up 8% over the 2007 quarter

#### Summary Financial Results Third Quarter 2008

The Company reported income before income taxes for the third quarter of 2008 of \$78.7 million, compared to income before income taxes of \$9.9 million for the third quarter of 2007. Positively impacting the third quarter results for 2008 was an \$88.9 million non-cash unrealized gain recorded to reflect the mark-to-market exposure on our commodity price and interest rate hedge instruments as required by SFAS 133

Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities. Negatively impacting the third quarter results for 2008 was a \$25.8 million non-cash impairment expense related to our Madisonville Field. Recorded in the third quarter 2007 was a \$0.6 million non-cash unrealized gain related to the mark-to-market exposure. Exclusive of the effects of the mark-to-market exposure, and the impairment expense, income before taxes for the third quarter of 2008 would have been \$15.6 million, compared to income before taxes of \$9.3 million in 2007. Net income for the third quarter of 2008 was \$50.2 million compared to \$6.2 million for the third quarter of 2007.

Net cash flow from operations for the third quarter of 2008, which consists of net cash provided by operating activities, adjusted for the period change in certain working capital and other cash flow items, was \$96.9 million, a 111% increase over the \$46.0 million reported for the 2007 quarter. The increase in cash flow was attributable to the South Texas properties acquired from Smith Production Inc. (the *Smith Acquisition*) in May 2008 and higher commodity prices, offset in part by increased interest expense and general and administrative costs related to the increase in debt and infrastructure growth.

Revenues for the third quarter of 2008 were \$53.8 million, a 42% increase compared to revenue of \$38.0 million in the prior year quarter. The increase in revenues was attributable to new production from the Smith Acquisition in May 2008 and higher oil and gas price realizations.

Production for the third quarter of 2008 was 5.0 Bcfe of natural gas equivalents, or 54,126 Mcfe per day, compared with production of 4.6 Bcfe, or 50,320 Mcfe per day, in the 2007 quarter. The increase in production for the quarter was attributable to the Smith Acquisition and to production increases resulting from our drilling program, offset by approximately 364,000 mcfe of deferred production related to shut-ins surrounding Hurricanes Gustav and Ike and the shut-in during the quarter of two wells in Liberty County due to sand encroachment that will be mitigated during the fourth quarter.

Average prices realized in the third quarter of 2008 (including the effects of realized gains/losses on our commodity price hedges) were \$92.54 per barrel, \$9.68 per Mcf, \$63.49 per barrel and \$10.67 per Mcfe for oil, natural gas, natural gas liquids and natural gas equivalents, respectively. For the third quarter of 2007, average prices realized were \$66.47 per barrel, \$7.60 per Mcf, \$45.17 per barrel and \$8.18 per Mcfe for oil, natural gas, natural gas liquids and natural gas equivalents, respectively.

Lease operating expenses for the third quarter of 2008 were \$10.5 million compared to \$6.6 million in the prior year quarter, an increase primarily due to the additional properties acquired from Smith Production, higher production taxes on higher prices and volumes, and increased expense workovers. On a per Mcfe produced basis, lease operating expenses were \$2.10 per Mcfe for the third quarter 2008, compared to \$1.42 per Mcfe for the third quarter 2007. Exploration expenses were \$0.7 million for the third quarter of 2008 compared to \$0.9 million for the prior year quarter. DD&A expense for the third quarter of 2008 was \$13.0 million, or \$2.61 per Mcfe, compared to \$11.7 million, or \$2.52 per Mcfe, in the prior year quarter. Included in our operational expenses for the third quarter of 2008 is a \$25.8 million non-cash impairment expense related to our Madisonville Field in central Texas.

General and administrative expenses were \$7.6 million in the third quarter of 2008, or \$1.52 per Mcfe, compared to \$3.8 million, or \$0.82 per Mcfe, in the prior year quarter. The increase in total expense over the prior year was primarily due to higher infrastructure costs associated with the expansion of our technical and support teams after the STGC Acquisition and a \$2.2 million accrual estimated for the nine month period ended September 30, pursuant to the final adoption of amendments to the annual bonus plan by the Board of Directors during the quarter.

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Exclusive of non-cash stock compensation expense, cash general and administrative expenses were \$1.24 per Mcfe for the third quarter of 2008 and \$0.56 per Mcfe for the third quarter of 2007.

Other income was \$83.0 million for the third quarter of 2008 compared to other expense of \$5.7 million in the prior year quarter. The major change in these quarterly amounts was the non-cash unrealized gain of \$88.9 million in 2008 related to the mark to market exposure on our derivative instruments, compared to a non-cash unrealized gain of \$0.6 million in 2007.

### Selected Financial and Operating Data

The following table reflects certain comparative financial and operating data for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007:

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	September 30,			September 30,		
	2008	2007	%	2008	2007	%
<i>Total Volumes Sold:</i>						
Crude oil (barrels)	123,080	129,824	-5 %	385,458	261,117	48 %
Natural gas (Mcf)	3,494,392	3,196,683	9 %	9,752,667	6,032,848	62 %
Natural gas liquids (barrels)	124,460	108,969	14 %	422,107	143,875	193 %
Natural gas equivalents (Mcf)	4,979,632	4,629,441	8 %	14,598,057	8,462,800	72 %
<i>Daily Sales Volumes(Mcfe):</i>	54,126	50,320	8 %	53,278	30,999	72 %
<i>Daily Sales Volumes (Mcfe) by Area:</i>						
LA Onshore	5,271	7,708	-32 %	6,683	5,663	18 %
TX Onshore	32,687	31,733	3 %	29,992	19,964	50 %
Colorado	589	703	-16 %	927	688	35 %
Other	43	31	39 %	34	41	-17 %
Non-Operated	15,536	10,145	53 %	15,642	4,643	237 %
Total Sales Volumes	54,126	50,320	8 %	53,278	30,999	72 %
<i>Average field prices</i>						
Oil	\$ 120.88	\$ 73.97	63 %	\$ 112.98	\$ 67.38	68 %
Gas	\$ 10.32	\$ 6.24	65 %	\$ 9.83	\$ 6.84	44 %
NGLs	\$ 63.49	\$ 45.17	41 %	\$ 58.49	\$ 44.71	31 %
Mcfe	\$ 11.81	\$ 7.45	59 %	\$ 11.24	\$ 7.71	46 %
<i>Average realized sales price(after hedging):</i>						
Oil	\$ 92.54	\$ 66.47	41 %	\$ 88.60	\$ 64.21	38 %
Gas	\$ 9.68	\$ 7.60	27 %	\$ 9.44	\$ 7.59	24 %
NGLs	\$ 63.49	\$ 45.17	41 %	\$ 58.49	\$ 44.71	31 %
Mcfe	\$ 10.67	\$ 8.18	30 %	\$ 10.34	\$ 8.15	27 %
<i>Selected Costs (\$ per Mcfe):</i>						
Lease operating expenses	\$ 2.10	\$ 1.42	48 %	\$ 2.04	\$ 1.61	27 %
Depreciation and depletion expense	\$ 2.61	\$ 2.52	4 %	\$ 2.44	\$ 2.44	0 %
General and administrative expense	\$ 1.52	\$ 0.82	86 %	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.04	18 %
Interest	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.30	-14 %	\$ 1.09	\$ 1.11	-2 %
<i>Net cash flow from operations</i>	\$ 30,457,654	\$ 22,452,069	36 %	\$ 89,300,585	\$ 39,533,476	126 %
<i>EBITDAX</i>	\$ 37,130,809	\$ 28,838,220	29 %	\$ 108,575,588	\$ 50,117,353	117 %
<i>Capital expenditures</i>						
Property acquisition proved	\$ 4,357,236	\$ (326,662 )		\$ 58,031,525	\$ 226,548,676	
Property acquisition unproved					28,584,129	
Exploratory	556,898			973,359	5,668,313	
Development	15,808,588	6,232,710		49,524,827	16,801,314	
Unproved Leases	21,856,695	7,337,880		31,656,397	9,815,973	
Other	128,784	510,362		422,570	1,295,353	
	\$ 42,708,201	\$ 13,754,290		\$ 140,608,678	\$ 288,713,758	





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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2008		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008	
	2007	2007	2007	2007
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>				
Oil, gas and natural gas liquids sales	\$ 53,117,543	\$ 37,852,687	\$ 150,912,081	\$ 68,980,733
Operating overhead and other income	634,248	155,963	889,142	231,942
Total operating revenues	53,751,791	38,008,650	151,801,223	69,212,675
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Lease operating expenses	10,473,547	6,565,045	29,717,744	13,590,821
Exploration expenses	707,101	867,582	1,291,421	1,520,025
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	13,000,361	11,666,837	35,582,867	20,685,730
Impairment of oil and gas properties	25,798,755		25,798,755	
Asset retirement obligations	496,923	131,970	1,032,705	315,521
General and administrative	7,591,344	3,786,110	17,819,461	8,771,256
Gain on sale of assets		(681,224 )	(15,271,712 )	(682,874 )
Total operating expenses	58,068,031	22,336,320	95,971,241	44,200,479