

COASTAL CARIBBEAN OILS & MINERALS LTD

Form 10-Q

April 30, 2004

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

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2004

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 1-4668

COASTAL CARIBBEAN OILS & MINERALS, LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

BERMUDA

NONE

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

Clarendon House, Church Street, Hamilton, Bermuda

HM 11

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(850) 653-9165

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year,
if changed since last report)

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 No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The number of shares outstanding of the issuer's single class of common stock as of April 30, 2004 was 46,211,604.

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ITEM 1 Financial Statements

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Expressed in U.S. dollars)

(A Bermuda Corporation)
A Development Stage Company

Assets

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents

Prepaid expenses and other

Total current assets

Contingent litigation claim (Note 4)

Total assets

Liabilities and Shareholders' (Deficit) Equity

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

Amounts due to related parties

Total current liabilities

Minority interests

Shareholders' (deficit) equity

Common stock, par value \$.12 per share:

Authorized - 250,000,000 shares

Outstanding - 46,211,604, respectively

Capital in excess of par value

Deficit accumulated during the development stage

Total shareholders' (deficit) equity

Total liabilities and shareholders' (deficit) equity

Note: The balance sheet at December 31, 2003 has been derived from
the audited consolidated financial statements at that date.

See accompanying notes.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Expressed in U.S. dollars)

(A Bermuda Corporation)
A Development Stage Company

(unaudited)

	Three months ended ----- March 31, -----		For the period from Jan. 31, 1953 (inception) to March 31, 2004 ----
	2004 ----	2003 ----	
Interest and other income	\$ 0	\$ 453	\$ 3,877,570
	-----	-----	-----
Expenses:			
Legal fees and costs	84,389	119,932	16,656,977
Administrative expenses	75,917	169,103	9,603,196
Salaries	24,760	34,117	3,667,733
Shareholder communications	6,565	6,345	3,955,092
Write off of unproved properties	-	-	5,560,494
Exploration costs	-	-	247,465
Lawsuit judgments	-	-	1,941,916
Minority interests	-	-	(632,974)
Other	-	-	364,865
Contractual services	-	-	2,155,728
	-----	-----	-----
	191,631	329,497	43,520,492
	-----	-----	-----
Net loss	\$ (191,631)	\$ (329,044)	
	=====	=====	
Deficit accumulated during the development stage			\$ (39,642,922)
			=====
Average number of shares outstanding (basic & diluted)	46,211,604	46,211,604	
	=====	=====	

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Net loss per share (basic & diluted)	\$ (.01) =====	\$ (.01) =====
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See accompanying notes.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

(A Bermuda Corporation)
A Development Stage Company
(unaudited)

	Three months e March 31,	
	----- 2004 -----	
Operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (191,631)	\$
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Minority interest	-	
Write off of unproved properties	-	
Common stock issued for services	-	
Compensation recognized for stock option grant	-	
Recoveries from previously written off properties	-	
Net change in:		
Prepaid expenses and other	31,410	
Accrued liabilities	141,616	
Net cash used in operating activities	----- (18,605) -----	
Investing activities:		
Additions to oil, gas, and mineral properties net of assets acquired for common stock and		

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reimbursements	-	
Proceeds from relinquishment of surface rights	-	
Purchase of fixed assets	-	

Net cash used in investing activities	-	

Financing activities:		
Loans from officers	17,000	
Sale of common stock net of expenses	-	
Shares issued upon exercise of options	-	
Sale of shares by subsidiary	-	
Sale of subsidiary shares	-	

Net cash provided by financing activities	17,000	

Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,605)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,875	

Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 1,270	\$
	=====	=====

See accompanying notes.

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ITEM 1 Financial Statements

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include the Company's 58.45% owned subsidiary, Coastal Petroleum Company (Coastal Petroleum) and have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. Operating results for the three month period ended March 31, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2004. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Note 2. Litigation

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Florida Litigation

Coastal Petroleum has been involved in various lawsuits for many years. Coastal Petroleum's current litigation now involves one basic claim: whether the State's offshore drilling policy and its denial of a permit constitute a taking of Coastal Petroleum's property. In addition, Coastal Caribbean is a party to another action in which Coastal Caribbean claims that certain of its royalty interests have been confiscated by the State.

Lease Taking Case (Lease 224-A)

On April 7, 2004, Coastal filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari with the United States Supreme Court asking the Court to accept jurisdiction to consider the final judgment of the trial court as affirmed by the appellate court, finding no taking of Coastal's property. After jurisdictional briefs are submitted the Court will decide whether to exercise its jurisdiction and if so briefs on the merits will be required.

Royalty Taking Case

There has been no material change in these proceedings during this quarter.

Lease Taking Case (Lease 224-B)

There has been no material change in these proceedings during this quarter.

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Note 3. Loss per share

Loss per share is based upon the weighted average number of common and common equivalent shares outstanding during the period. The Company's basic and diluted calculations of EPS are the same because the exercise of options is not assumed in calculating diluted EPS, as the result would be anti-dilutive (the Company has continuing losses).

Note 4. Stock Options

The Company has elected to follow Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" (APB No. 25) and related interpretations in accounting for its stock options because the alternative fair

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value accounting provided under FASB Statement No. 123, "Accounting for Stock Based Compensation," requires use of option valuation models that were not developed for use in valuing stock options. Under APB No. 25, because the exercise price of the Company's stock options equals the market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant, no compensation expense is recognized.

Pro forma information regarding net income and earnings per share is required by Statement 123, and has been determined as if the Company had accounted for its stock options under the fair value method of that Statement. The fair value for these options was estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model.

Summary of Options Outstanding at March 31, 2004

Granted	Expiration	Total	Vested	Exercise Prices (\$)
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
2000	March 22, 2010	700,000	700,000	.91
		-----	-----	---
		700,000	700,000	.91
		=====	=====	
				(Weighted Average)
Options reserved for		75,000		

future grants				

The assumptions used in the 2000 valuation model were: risk free interest rate - 6.66%, expected life - 10 years, expected volatility - .741, and expected dividend - 0. Because the Company's stock options have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options, and because changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, in management's opinion, the existing models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of its stock options.

Had the Company determined stock-based compensation based on the fair value of the options granted at the grant date, consistent with the method prescribed under SFAS No. 123, there would have been no change to the Company's net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003.

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Note 5. Going Concern

The Company has a working capital deficiency, has a limited amount of cash, has incurred recurring losses and has a deficit accumulated during the development stage. We have been and continue to be involved in several legal

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proceedings against the State of Florida which has limited our ability to commence development activities on our unproven oil and gas properties or obtain compensation for certain property rights we believe have been taken. The cost of that litigation has been substantial, which requires the Company to continually obtain additional capital.

The Company has received a commitment from some of its Officers to loan the Company funds which management believes should be sufficient to fund the Company's operations through June 2004, provided that payments to the Company's litigation counsel and to the Company's salaried employee are deferred and provided further that payments to other Company counsel are also deferred. These loans totaled approximately \$30,000 through April 26, 2004. There can be no assurances these loans will allow the Company to continue operations for any significant length of time. The Company may have to suspend or cease operations and may have to wind up the Company or be forced into insolvent liquidation under the laws of Bermuda unless and until the Company can secure additional financing.

These situations raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments to reflect the possible future effects on the recoverability and classification of assets or amounts and classification of liabilities, which may result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

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ITEM 2 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results

of Operations

Forward Looking Statements

Statements included in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations which are not historical in nature are intended to be forward looking statements. The Company cautions readers that forward looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in the forward looking statements. Among the risks and uncertainties are: the uncertainty of securing additional financing through the sale of shares of Coastal Petroleum and/or Coastal Caribbean; the uncertainty of any decision favorable to Coastal Petroleum in its litigation against the State of Florida; and the substantial cost of continuing the litigation.

Critical Accounting Policies

The Company follows the full cost method of accounting for its oil and gas properties. All costs associated with property acquisition, exploration and development activities whether successful or unsuccessful are capitalized. Since the Company's properties were undeveloped and nonproducing and the subject of

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litigation, capitalized costs were not being amortized.

The capitalized costs are subject to a ceiling test which basically limits such costs to the aggregate of the estimated present value discounted at a 10% rate of future net revenues from proved reserves, based on current economic and operating conditions, plus the lower of cost or fair market value of unproved properties.

The Company assesses whether its unproved properties are impaired on a periodic basis. This assessment is based upon work completed on the properties to date, the expiration date of its leases and technical data from the properties and adjacent areas. These properties are subject to extensive litigation with the State of Florida and all costs to date have been expensed for impairment.

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ITEM 2 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results

of Operation (Cont'd)

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity

The Company has a working capital deficiency, has a limited amount of cash, has incurred recurring losses and has a deficit accumulated during the development stage. We have been and continue to be involved in several legal proceedings against the State of Florida which has limited our ability to commence development activities on our unproven oil and gas properties or obtain compensation for certain property rights we believe have been taken. The cost of that litigation has been substantial, which requires the Company to continually obtain additional capital.

At March 31, 2004, Coastal Caribbean had approximately \$1,000 of cash and cash equivalents available. In addition, the Company has received a commitment from some of its Officers to loan the Company funds which management believes should be sufficient to fund the Company's operations through June 2004, provided that payments to the Company's litigation counsel and to the Company's salaried employee are deferred and provided further that payments to other Company counsel are also deferred. These loans totaled approximately \$30,000 through April 26, 2004. There can be no assurances these loans will allow the Company to continue operations for any significant length of time.

Certain directors, officers, legal counsel and administrative consultants have agreed to defer the payment of their salaries and fees. At March 31, 2004,

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the amount of salaries and fees being deferred totaled approximately \$1,193,000. After the filing of the 10-Q, the Company may have to suspend or cease operations and may have to wind up the company or be forced into insolvent liquidation under the laws of Bermuda unless and until the Company can secure additional funds for operations.

Coastal Caribbean and Coastal Petroleum have attempted to raise funds from the other shareholders of Coastal Petroleum and from others. Since March 2003, Management has been unsuccessful at raising additional funds.

The Company's annual rental payments on its Florida leases of approximately \$59,000 are due beginning in July 2004.

These situations raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments to reflect the possible future effects on the recoverability and classification of assets or amounts and classification of liabilities, which may result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

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of Operation (Cont'd)

Results of Operations

Three months ended March 31, 2004 vs. March 31, 2003

The Company incurred a loss of \$192,000 for the 2004 quarter, compared to a loss of \$329,000 for the comparable 2003 quarter.

Interest income and other income decreased 100% from \$500 in the 2003 quarter to \$-0- in the 2004 quarter because of the decrease in the amount of funds available to invest.

Legal fees and costs decreased 30% to \$84,000 for the 2004 quarter, compared to \$120,000 in the prior period. Legal fees and costs decreased in 2004 compared with 2003 due to reduction in expenditures for legal fees and experts related to Coastal Petroleum Company's lawsuit against the State of Florida seeking compensation for the State's taking of its property rights to explore for oil and gas within its state Lease 224-A.

Administrative expenses decreased 55% during the 2004 period to \$76,000 compared to \$169,000 in the 2003 period. Accounting and administrative expenses decreased from \$25,000 in the 2003 period to \$21,000 in the 2004 period. In addition, Directors' and Officers' liability insurance decreased from \$84,000 in 2003 to \$27,000 in the 2004 quarter.

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Salaries decreased 27% in the 2004 quarter to \$25,000 compared to \$34,000 in the 2003 quarter as a result of the resignation of the President of the Company effective February 28, 2003. The Company's other salaried employee was elected President on March 1, 2003 without any increase in compensation.

Shareholder communications increased 3% during the 2004 period to \$7,000 from \$6,000 in the 2003 period.

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ITEM 3 Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

The Company does not have any significant exposure to market risk as there were no investments in marketable securities at March 31, 2004.

ITEM 4 Controls and Procedures

We, Phillip W. Ware, the principal executive officer and Kenneth M. Cornell, the principal financial officer, have evaluated the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-14(c) and 15d-14(c) adopted under the Securities Act of 1934) within the ninety (90) day period prior to the date of this report and have concluded:

1. That the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are adequately designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiary, is timely made known to such officers by others within the Company and its subsidiary, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared; and
2. That there were no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could materially affect or are reasonably likely to materially affect these controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

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ITEM 5 Other Information

On April 7, 2004, Coastal filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari with the United States Supreme Court asking the Court to accept jurisdiction to consider the final judgment of the trial court as affirmed by the appellate court, finding no taking of Coastal's property. After jurisdictional briefs are submitted the Court will decide whether to exercise its jurisdiction and if so briefs on the merits will be required.

Coastal Caribbean is currently a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, for United States federal income tax purposes, which could result in negative tax consequences to a shareholder. If, for any taxable year, the Company's passive income or assets that produce passive income exceed levels provided by U.S. law, the Company would be a "passive foreign investment company," or PFIC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes. For the years 1987 through 2001, Coastal Caribbean's passive income and assets that produce passive income exceeded those levels and for those years Coastal Caribbean constituted a PFIC. If Coastal Caribbean is a PFIC for any taxable year, then the Company's U.S. shareholders potentially would be subject to adverse U.S. tax consequences of holding and disposing of shares of our common stock for that year and for future tax years. Any gain from the sale of, and certain distributions with respect to, shares of the Company's common stock, would cause a U.S. holder to become liable for U.S. federal income tax under Section 1291 of the Internal Revenue Code (the interest charge regime). The tax is computed by allocating the amount of the gain on the sale or the amount of the distribution, as the case may be, to each day in the U.S. shareholder's holding period. To the extent that the amount is allocated to a year, other than the year of the disposition or distribution, in which the corporation was treated as a PFIC with respect to the U.S. holder, the income will be taxed as ordinary income at the highest rate in effect for that year, plus an interest charge.

For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.

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ITEM 6 Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits

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- 31.1 Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14 by Phillip W. Ware
- 31.2 Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14 by Kenneth M. Cornell
- 32.1 Certification pursuant to Section 906 by Phillip W. Ware
- 32.2 Certification pursuant to Section 906 by Kenneth M. Cornell
- (b) Reports on Form 8-K

On January 13, 2004, the Company filed a Current Report on Form 8-K to report that:

Coastal Caribbean Oils & Minerals, Ltd. ("Company") issued a press release announcing the Florida First District Court of Appeal denied the Company's Motion for Clarification, Rehearing, Certification and Request for a Written Opinion as to the Court's per curiam decision issued on December 3, 2003. As a result of the denial of the Motion, the Court's decision affirming the trial court's final judgment finding no taking of Coastal's State Drilling Lease 224-A, has become final. The Company continues to evaluate its options.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

COASTAL CARIBBEAN OILS & MINERALS, LTD.

Registrant

Date: April 30, 2004

By /s/ Phillip W. Ware

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Phillip W. Ware
Chief Executive Officer,
President and Treasurer

By /s/ Kenneth M. Cornell

Kenneth M. Cornell
Chief Financial Officer
and Principal Financial Officer