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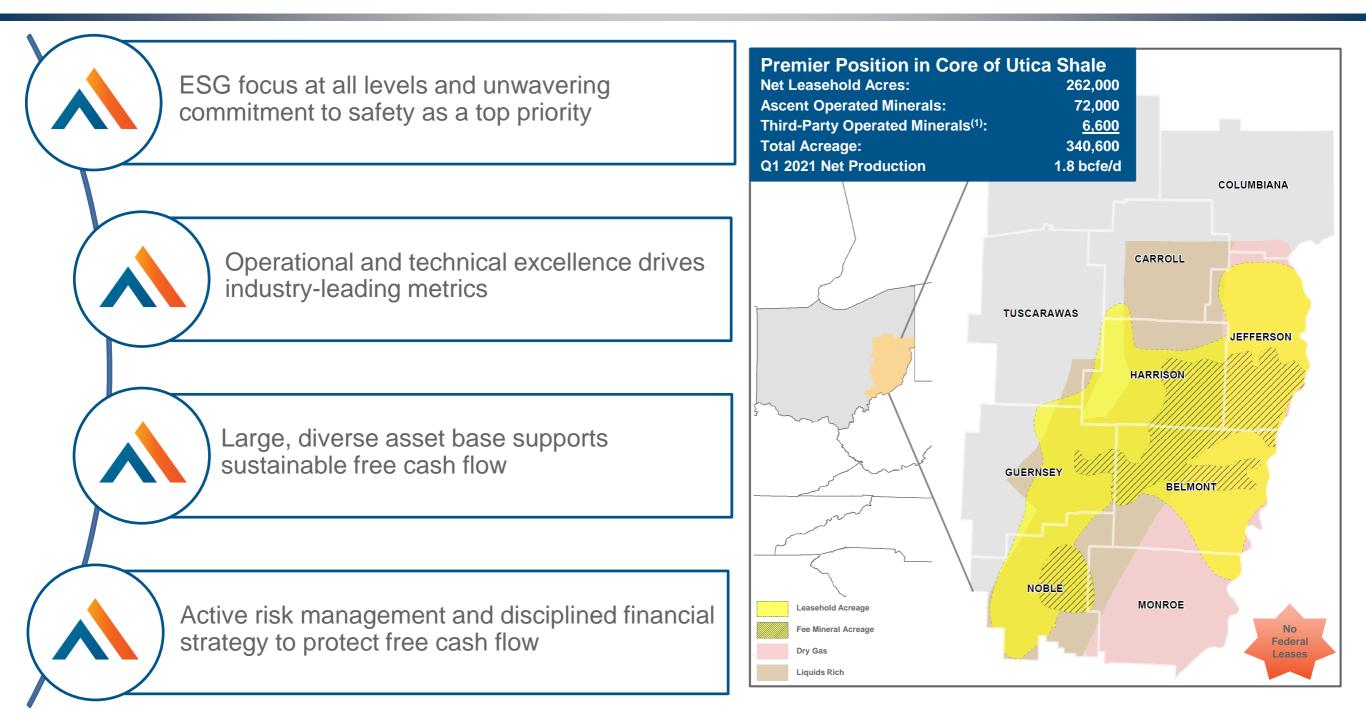
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- execute on our financial strategy and access the capital and financing required to achieve our business plan;
- replace our reserves with new reserves and develop those reserves;
- execute on the assumptions regarding our drilling and development plan;
- manage increases in the cost of, fluctuation in availability of, and competition for, goods, services, and personnel;
- acquire additional leasehold or fee mineral acreage;
- manage changes in, and volatility of, natural gas, oil and natural gas liquids prices and the potential impact of such changes on our asset carrying values;
- convert our reserves into production on an economic basis;
- successfully implement the latest horizontal drilling and completion techniques;
- effectively utilize technology, including 3D seismic data, to identify future reserves and execute our drilling and development plan;
- cure any defects impairing title to our properties;
- mitigate credit risk posed by significant customers and other participating owners;
- · access third-party transportation facilities and infrastructure;
- manage conflicts of interest with our directors and officers;
- mitigate uncertainty regarding derivative instruments and related regulation;
- deal with possible regulatory responses or liability related to seismic activity in our area of operations;
- respond to shifting government regulatory requirements with respect to unconventional resource recovery, including hydraulic fracture stimulation and saltwater disposal;
- mitigate uncertainty regarding our reserve estimates and future operating results;
- accurately predict the timing and amount of our future natural gas, oil, and natural gas liquids production;
- manage operating risks, losses, and liabilities arising from uninsured or underinsured events;
- access water sourcing, distribution, and disposal systems;
- generate sufficient cash flow to pay fixed charges;
- deal with the imposition of additional taxes on natural gas, oil, and natural gas liquids exploration and development;
- control our operating expenses and other costs;
- navigate through general credit market and economic conditions;
- manage risks and cost of compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including environmental laws and regulations;
- respond to competition and litigation;
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## **Premier Assets, Differentiated Results**





#### Largest oil & gas producer in Ohio and 8th largest natural gas producer in the United States<sup>(2)</sup>

1) Ascent only owns a royalty interest in such acreage.

2) Per Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) data first quarter 2020.

# **Well-Defined Strategy and Execution**



| Lead by Example<br>When it Comes to ESG                         | <ul> <li>Reaffirmed our commitment with the creation of a Board-level Environment, Sustainability and Corporate Responsibility ("ESR") committee tasked with managing and progressing all aspects of our ESG initiatives</li> <li>Focused on minimizing our environmental impact, managing water reuse and supporting our local communities</li> <li>Continued to prioritize the health and safety of our employees and contractors</li> <li>Committed to a diversified workforce, with 25% of all senior positions held by women</li> </ul> |  |
|---|--|--|
| World Class Resource  | <ul> <li>Unique combination of rock qualities, pressure and deliverability for hydrocarbon development and production</li> <li>Approximately 334,000 net acres with greater than 15 years of additional operated inventory capable of maintaining &gt;2.0 bcfe/d net production</li> <li>Generated the highest 12-month average cumulative gas production in North America at 6.0 bcfe per well</li> <li>Reached 1.0 bcfe/d and 2.0 bcfe/d with fewer wells than any other E&amp;P company in history</li> </ul>                             |  |
| Optimize<br>Reserve Value                                       | <ul> <li>Operator of 99% of our net production allows for control of development across multiple hydrocarbon windows</li> <li>Lowest development costs in Appalachia at \$564 per lateral foot during Q1 2021 (\$611 in 2020)</li> <li>Track record of top-tier well performance and productivity yields best-in-class paybacks and capital efficiency</li> <li>Peer-leading production and G&amp;A cost metrics<sup>(2)</sup> contribute to strong per-unit margins</li> </ul>  |  |
| Generate Sustainable<br>Free Cash Flow                          | <ul> <li>Continued focus on long-term sustainable free cash flow that drives value creation for all stakeholders</li> <li>Generated \$54 million of positive free cash flow in Q1 2021 and \$114 million in 2020</li> <li>2021 free cash flow guidance of between \$100 and \$150 million for 2021</li> </ul>  |  |
| Active Risk Management<br>and Disciplined<br>Financial Strategy | <ul> <li>Focused financial strategy with no debt maturities until Q2 2024</li> <li>Free cash flow in 2021 and beyond will be used to reduce debt and improve liquidity</li> <li>Disciplined commodity hedging program with positions covering production through YE 2024 protects cash flow</li> </ul>   |  |

1) TRIR includes company employees and contractors.

2) First quarter 2021 LOE of \$0.13/mcfe and G&A of \$0.10/mcfe (excludes stock-based compensation expense).

# **Setting the Course for a Sustainable Future**



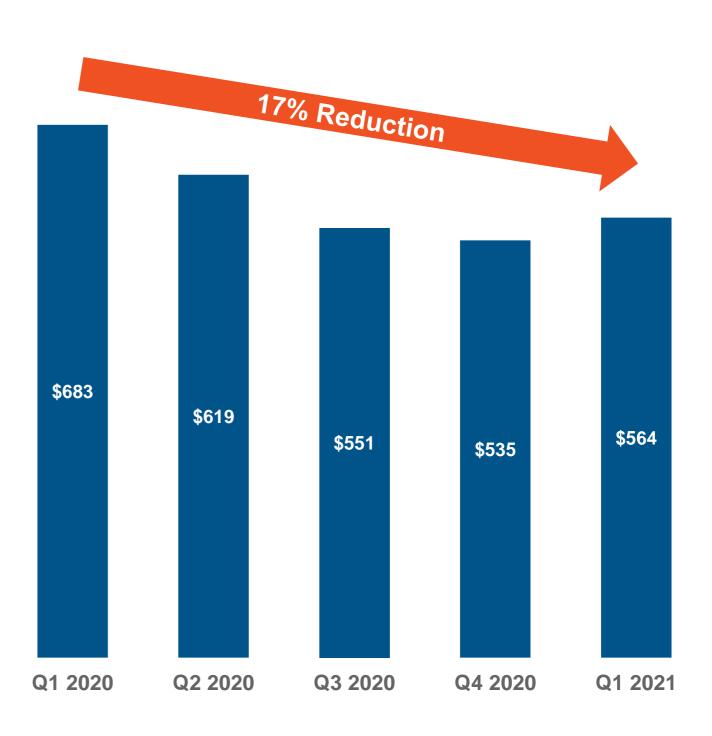
| Environmental<br>Stewardship and<br>Operational<br>Excellence | <ul> <li>Focused on reducing our environmental impact and minimizing GHG and methane emissions         <ul> <li>No routine flaring of produced natural gas on company operated properties</li> <li>GHG emissions intensity of 0.60 mt CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe (3.62 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/MBOE)</li> <li>Methane loss rate of 0.09% driven by our enhanced leak detection and repair program (well below the 2025 ONE Future target of 0.28%)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Committed to reducing freshwater use through our reuse optimization efforts (reused 68% of produced water in Q1 2021)</li> <li>Member of The Environmental Partnership, AXPC and ONE Future Coalition</li> </ul> |
|---|--|
| Strong<br>Corporate<br>Governance                             | <ul> <li>12 member Board of Managers</li> <li>2 independent Managers, 2 female Managers</li> <li>Audit, Compensation and ESR Committee</li> <li>25% of senior positions within the Company are filled by women including our SVP and Chief<br/>Accounting Officer, VP of Human Resources, VP of Land and Treasurer</li> <li>Management compensation tied to conservative balance sheet, free cash flow and ESG performance</li> <li>Cross-departmental Enterprise Risk Management Committee tasked with monitoring risk</li> </ul>   |
| Community<br>Engagement and<br>Safety Focus                   | <ul> <li>Committed to a comprehensive safety program with active participation at all levels of the organization including management, employees and contractors</li> <li>Actively support the communities where we live and operate via active engagement with regulatory bodies, charitable organizations and emergency first responders <ul> <li>Over 3,200 volunteer hours made available annually to employees for community service</li> <li>Committed to supporting national and state charities in Ohio and Oklahoma including the United Way, American Heart Association, Toys for Tots and Imagination Library</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                |

# **Industry Leading Cost Structure Builds Resiliency**



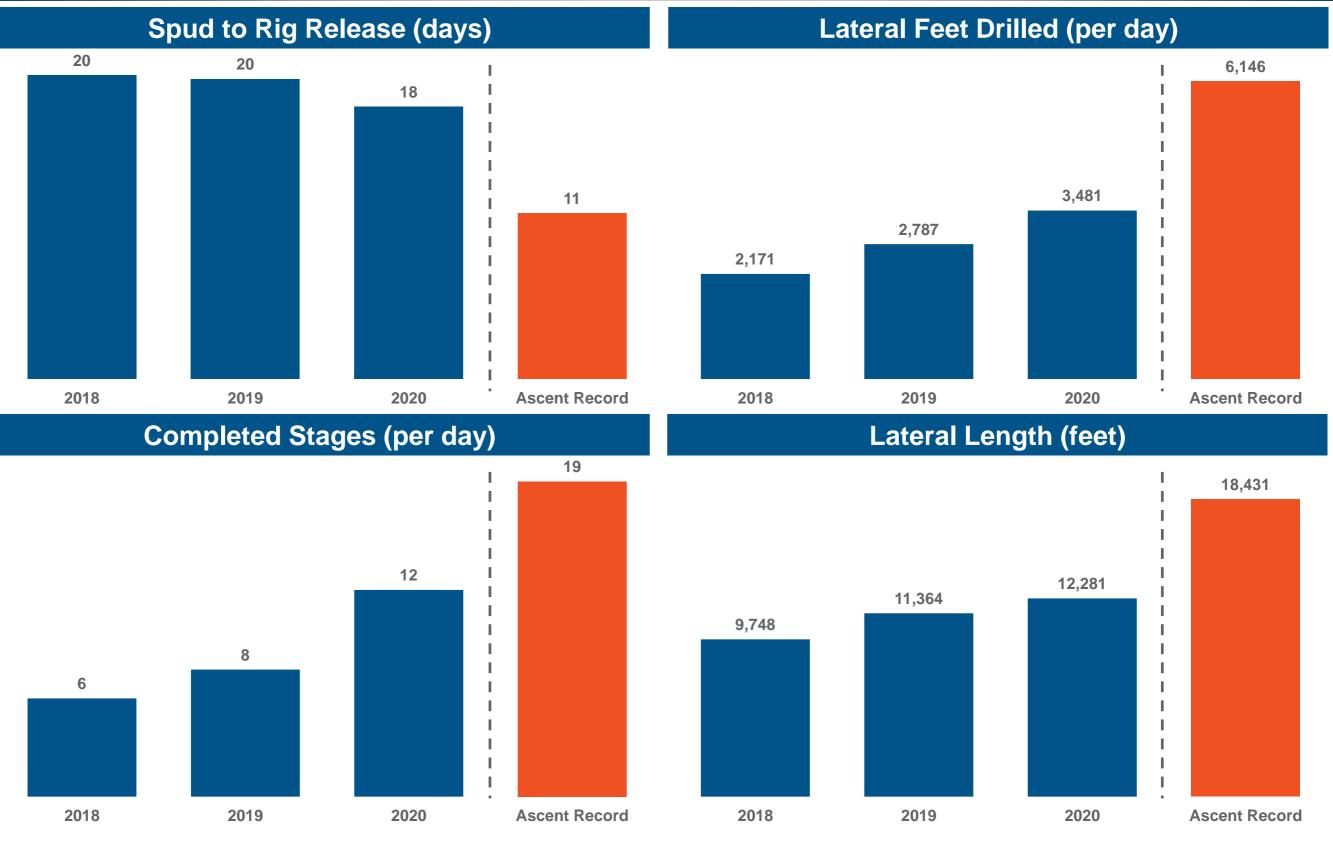
- D&C costs averaged \$564 per lateral foot during Q1 2021, which is within our guidance range of between \$550 and \$575 per lateral foot for the full-year
  - Innovation and technological advances continue to drive sustainable and repeatable cost improvements
    - Increased completion stages per day
    - Improved drilling cycle times
  - Efficiency gains drive discounts for services and create alignment
- Ascent's current per foot development costs are the lowest amongst the Appalachian peer group<sup>(1)</sup>

#### D&C Costs (avg. well cost / lateral foot)



# **Operational Execution Leads to Efficiency Improvements**

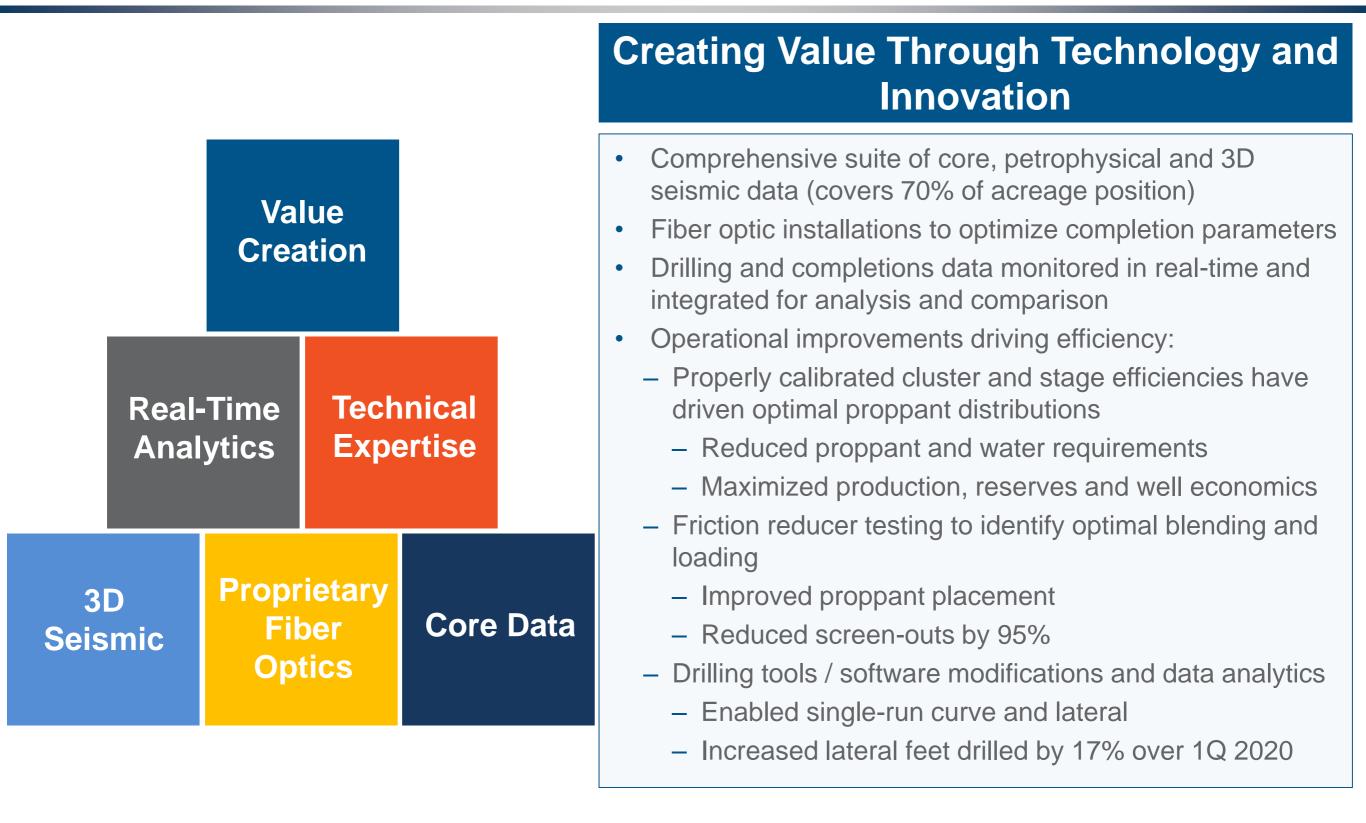




Note: Annual operational metrics are based on full-year averages; Ascent records are based on single-well results.

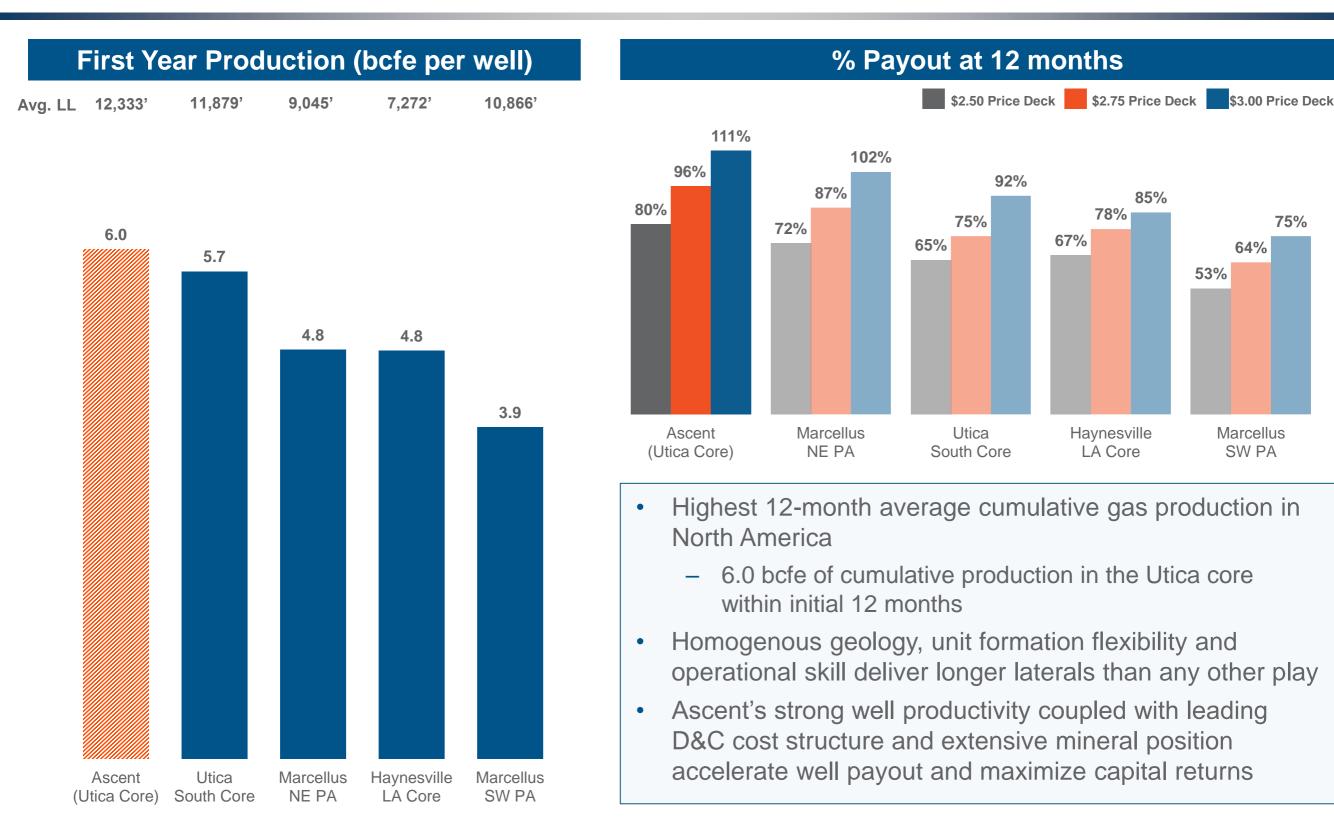
# Culture of Innovation and Technological Advancement Drives Superior Results





# Leading Capital Efficiency and Competitive Well Productivity Driving Returns



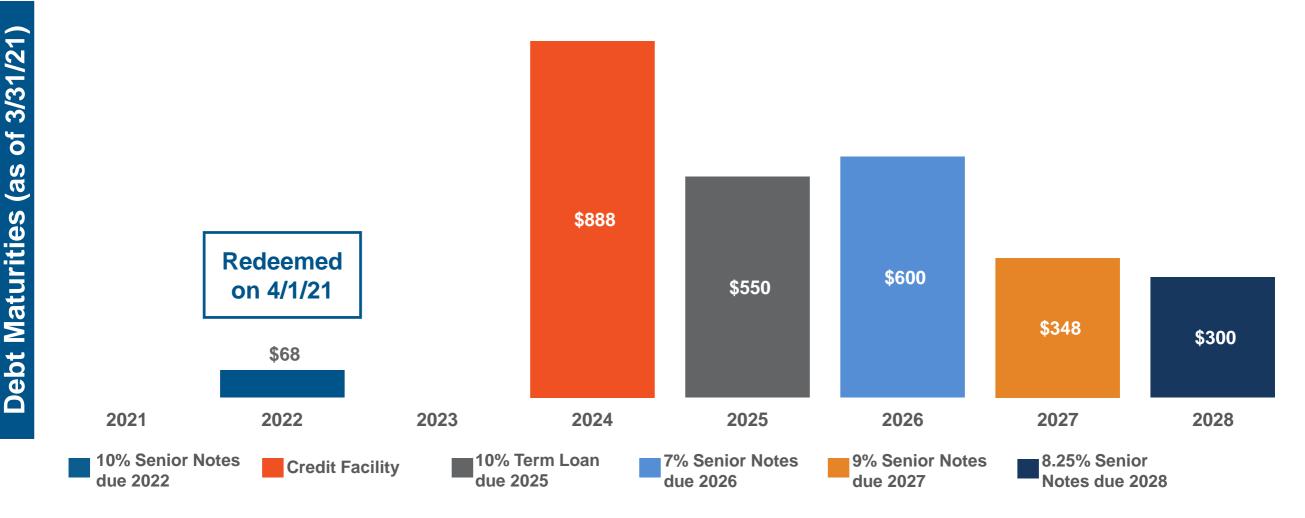


Notes: Sourced from Enverus as of April 14, 2021. Data limited to 2019+ wells with 12 months of production; Capital Performance and lateral length from 2020 public information. Mod FYCR is the first-year capital recovery from Enverus Single Well Model. Based on actual 12-month cumulative production.

# **Continued Focus on Balance Sheet Strength**



- Weighted average maturity profile of 5 years
- No debt maturities until Q2 2024
  - Retired Convertible Notes in March and redeemed 2022 Notes in April
- Strong liquidity position of > \$800 million
- Long-term leverage target of < 2.0x
- Borrowing base reaffirmed at \$1.85 billion in April



# Appendix



# First Quarter 2021 Results & 2021 Annual Guidance



| First Quarter 2021 Results            |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Production (bcfe/d)                   | 1.8     |
| % Natural Gas                         | 89%     |
| Operating Expenses (\$/mcfe)          |         |
| LOE                                   | \$0.13  |
| GP&T                                  | 1.37    |
| Production & Ad Valorem Taxes         | 0.06    |
| G&A <sup>(1)</sup>                    | 0.10    |
| Total Operating Expenses              | \$1.66  |
| Adj. EBITDAX (\$mm)                   | \$240   |
|                                       |         |
| CAPEX Incurred (\$mm)                 |         |
| Drilling & Completions                | \$127   |
| Land                                  | 8       |
| Capitalized Interest                  | 13      |
| Total CAPEX Incurred                  | \$148   |
| Free Cash Flow (\$mm)                 | \$54    |
| Operations                            |         |
| •                                     |         |
| Operated Rigs                         | 4       |
| Wells Spud                            | 14      |
| Wells Completed                       | 18      |
| Wells TIL'd                           | 11      |
| Average Lateral Length of Wells TIL'd | 15,265' |

| Full-Year 2021 Guidance              |                 |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Total Production (bcfe/d)            | 2.0             |  |  |  |
| % Natural Gas                        | 90% – 92%       |  |  |  |
| Operating Expenses (\$/mcfe)         | \$1.50 - \$1.55 |  |  |  |
|                                      |                 |  |  |  |
| CAPEX Incurred (\$mm) <sup>(2)</sup> | \$550 — \$600   |  |  |  |
|                                      |                 |  |  |  |
| Free Cash Flow (\$mm)                | \$100 — \$150   |  |  |  |
|                                      |                 |  |  |  |
| Operations / Well Counts             |                 |  |  |  |
| Operated Rigs                        | 3 – 4           |  |  |  |
| Wells Spud                           | 60 - 65         |  |  |  |
| Wells TIL'd                          | 65 - 70         |  |  |  |
| Average Lateral Length of TILs       | 13,000'         |  |  |  |

Excludes stock-based compensation expense.
 Excludes capitalized interest.

# **Diversified Marketing and Transportation Portfolio**



- Firm transportation takeaway capacity of ~2.1 bcf/d provides access to multiple physical and financial markets with premium pricing, including Gulf Coast LNG
- Gas production above firm transportation is sold into attractive in-basin markets, lowering Ascent's per unit cost of transportation
- Existing third-party gathering and processing infrastructure supports development plan execution

|                         | 2020A                 |                  | 2021E <sup>(1)</sup>  |                  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Market                  | Basis<br>Differential | % of Gas<br>Sold | Basis<br>Differential | % of Gas<br>Sold |
| Midwest                 | \$(0.14)              | 39%              | \$(0.16)              | 38%              |
| Gulf Coast              | \$(0.13)              | 37%              | \$(0.13)              | 35%              |
| TCO Pool                | \$(0.46)              | 14%              | \$(0.54)              | 12%              |
| In-basin                | \$(0.78)              | 10%              | \$(0.71)              | 15%              |
| Wtd. avg. differential  | \$(0.26)              | 100%             | \$(0.27)              | 100%             |
| BTU uplift              | \$0.13                |                  | \$0.17                |                  |
| Basis hedge gain/(loss) | \$0.02                |                  | \$0.02                |                  |
| Differential to NYMEX   | \$(0.11)              |                  | \$(0.08)              |                  |

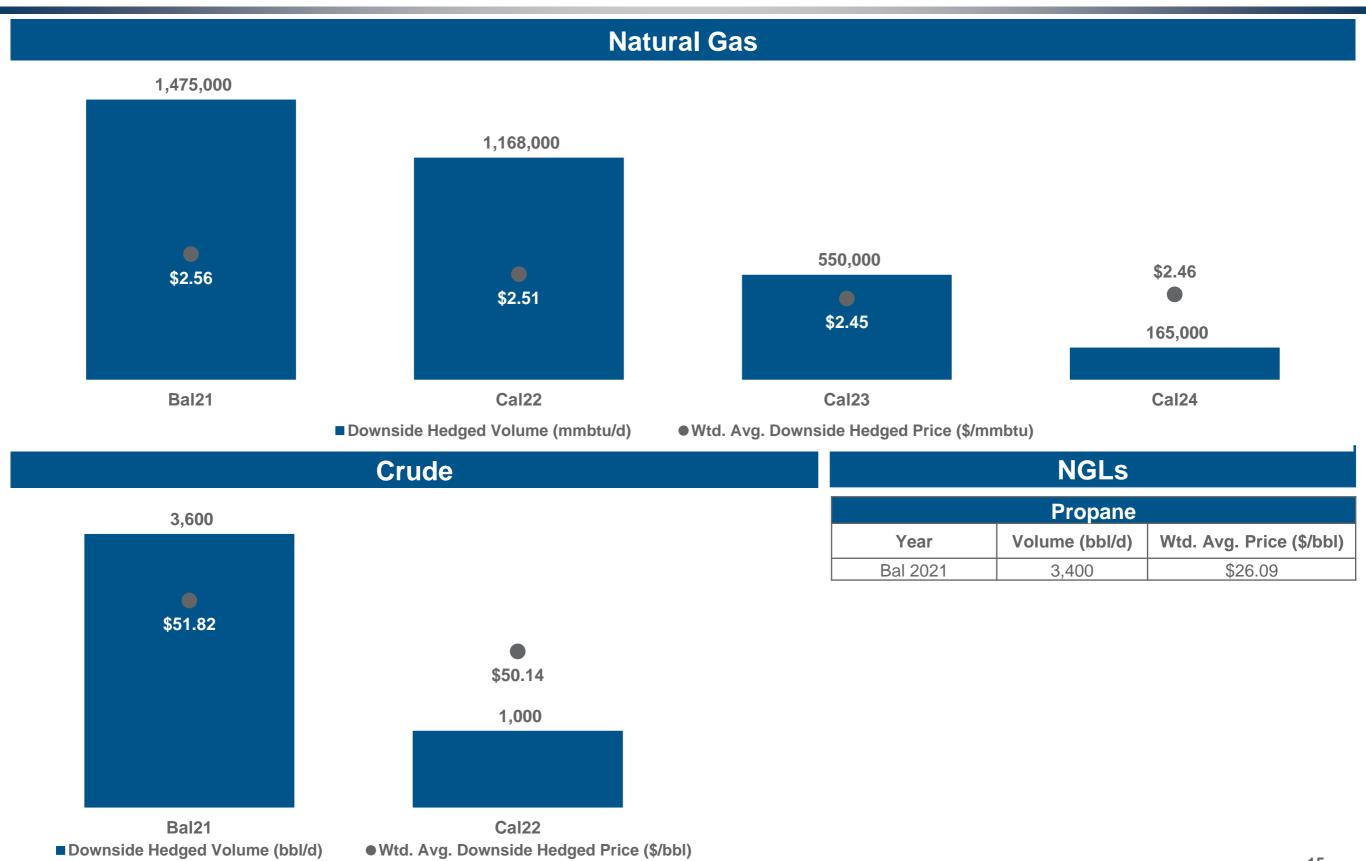
2021E realized price projected to yield ~96% of NYMEX<sup>(1)</sup>

#### **Fully-Pathed Gas Transportation Commitments**



# **Hedge Book Supports Sustainable Free Cash Flow**





Note: Our 2020 natural gas production was hedged at a weighted average downside price of \$2.71 per mmbtu (realized approximately \$402mm in hedge settlements in 2020); current hedge position as of 3/31/2021.

# **Ascent Resources, LLC Board of Managers**



| Board Position             | Board Member   |
|----------------------------|--|
| Executive Manager          | Jeffrey A. Fisher, Chairman  |
| EMG Managers (5)           | John T. Raymond, Vice Chairman   |
|                            | Jeffrey A. Ball  |
|                            | Laura L. Tyson   |
|                            | Vinod V. Pillai  |
|                            | Jeffrey C. Rawls   |
| First Reserve Managers (2) | Alex T. Krueger, Compensation Committee<br>Chair   |
|                            | Barbara M. Baumann, Environment,<br>Sustainability and Corporate Responsibility<br>Committee Chair |
| Riverstone Manager (1)     | E. Bartow Jones  |
| Arcadia Manager (1)        | Scott R. Mueller   |
| Independent Managers (2)   | Donald R. Sinclair   |
|                            | Thomas R. Hix, Audit Committee Chair   |