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We regularly include the following data populated with estimated monthly results:

Capital * (\$k CAD)	Q4 17	2017	Q1 18	18-May	18-Jun	Q2 18	18-Jul	2018 YTD
Drill & Complete	7,737	33,766	3,624	651	2,376	3,451	3,817	10,892
Facilities	5,247	14,223	3,742	700	1,864	2,742	1,532	8,016
Land & Seismic	583	2,280	2,766	14	19	282	7	3,055
A&D	14	1,710	390	0	10	10	0	400
Other	-1,260	-2,505	-889	0	-90	-90	-1	-980
TOTAL	12,321	49,474	9,633	1,365	4,179	6,395	5,355	21,383

Production (boe/d) *	Q4 17	2017	Q1 18	18-May	18-Jun	Q2 18	18-Jul	2018 YTD
Sales	7,091	6,511	6,522	7,381	6,377	7,025	6,753	6,772
Field	7,380	6,648	6,810	6,796	6,370	6,532	6,590	6,659

* Estimates based on field data, actuals will vary from estimates due to accruals and adjustments. Such variances may be material.

It has been a busy summer so far at Gear with a lot of exciting developments including; the announced acquisition of Steppe Resources on July 23rd, the release of Gear's second quarter results on August 8, and of course the ongoing execution of a very ambitious 2018 drilling program.

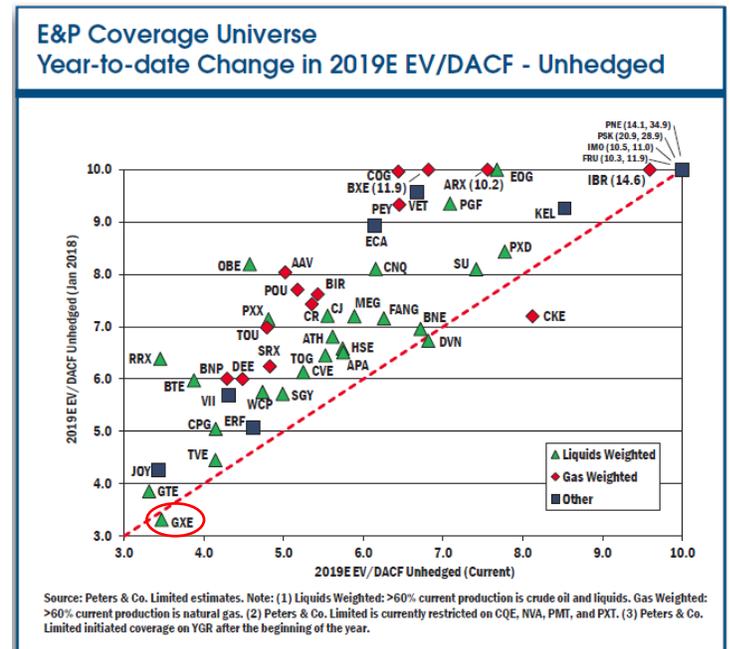
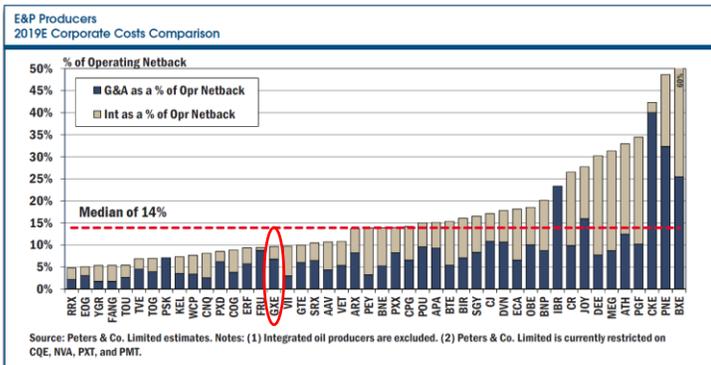
The Steppe acquisition continues to progress. The materials have been mailed for the Steppe shareholder meeting and everything is currently on track for a September close.

Gear's second quarter release was received well with all eight research firms issuing positive ratings including; Speculative Buy, Buy, Sector Outperform, and Outperform. Notably, the average 12 month share price target from all the firms that cover Gear came in at \$1.86 per share which is comfortably more than 50 percent above the current trading level.

In addition, one of the firms put out some good charts at the end of the second quarter with estimated 2019 comparative data for all the companies they cover. The best chart shows G&A and Interest costs as a percentage of operating netback. This is an excellent metric to consider when evaluating a company's long-term strength and ability to adapt during periods of price volatility.

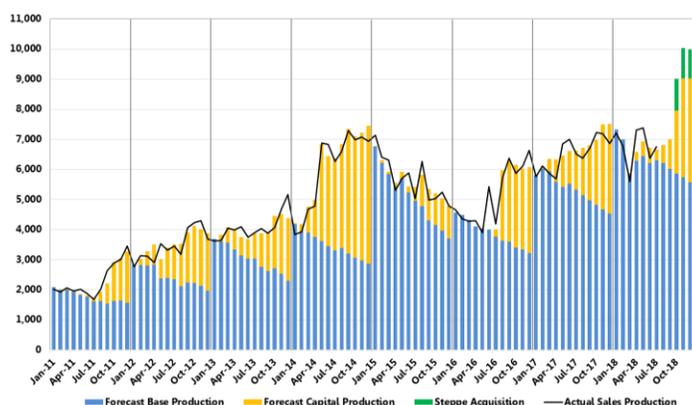
Fortunately, Gear shows up as significantly better than average on this measure and placed very well within a group that is dominated by much larger companies. This is a good place to be.

This second chart is also interesting, albeit somewhat frustrating. In this chart the same firm shows where companies were trading in relation to estimated 2019 funds from operations in January versus August 2018. The good news is that Gear's multiple improved slightly over that time period. However, it is difficult to ignore the fact that Gear is trading near the bottom of the range.



One of the reasons we continue to hear from third parties regarding Gear's discounted trading multiple is scale. Although there are some exceptions, it does appear that smaller companies seem to trade at lower multiples.

Fortunately, as a side effect of our cash flow funded drilling budget, we are actively working to remedy that possible concern with the ongoing summer 2018 program. After drilling only six wells in the first half of the year, the Gear team has now already doubled that activity with the addition of another 12 wells since the end of the second quarter. Currently Gear has two rigs drilling (one heavy oil rig and one light oil rig) and we are expecting to continue aggressively drilling into the fall. Most of those recent wells are not yet on production, but should be coming on as we progress through the third quarter. The anticipated net result of all this activity can be seen in the following 2018 budget forecast chart which is included in the current corporate presentation.



This forecast shows Gear volumes heading back towards 7,000 boe/d in September and then growing strongly into the fourth quarter with a potential line of sight towards 10,000 boe/d by year-end with the additional Steppe volumes. As a reminder, the current forecast is for approximately 90% of these volumes to be liquids.

The Gear team will continue to work diligently to execute this ambitious 2018 program, and perhaps with successful growth and the continued maintenance of our competitive cost profile we can do something about improving that ranking on the trading multiple chart.

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