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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2000

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

COMMISSION FILE NO. 0-9092

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.
(Exact name as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

95-4352386
(I. R. S. Identification No.)

1200 SMITH STREET, SUITE 1740
HOUSTON, TEXAS
(Address or principal place of business)

77002-4312
(Zip Code)

(713) 659-1361
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 .

As of November 10, 2000, there were 10,997,393 shares of Cheniere Energy, Inc. Common Stock, \$.003 par value, issued and outstanding, after taking into consideration of the Company's one-for-four reverse stock split, which was effective on October 18, 2000.

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CHENIERE ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

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ASSETS -----	September 30, 2000 -----	December 31, 1999 -----
<S>	<C>	<C>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 2,576,330	\$ 1,175,950
Accounts Receivable	815,453	906,569
Debt Issuance Costs, net	14,653	138,909
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets	1,161,857	1,223,864
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Total Current Assets	4,568,293	3,445,292
OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES, full cost method		
Proved Properties, net	7,862,395	9,459,041
Unproved Properties, not subject to amortization	23,746,152	20,648,923
	-----	-----
Total Oil and Gas Properties	31,608,547	30,107,964
FIXED ASSETS, net		
	869,614	928,019
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Total Assets	\$37,046,454	\$34,481,275
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 4,333,621	\$ 1,772,324
Notes Payable	2,047,514	4,963,213
	-----	-----
Total Current Liabilities	6,381,135	6,735,537
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common Stock, \$.003 par value		
Authorized: 120,000,000 shares		
Issued and Outstanding: 10,997,393 shares at		
September 30, 2000 and 10,053,118 shares at		
December 31, 1999		
	32,992	30,159
Preferred Stock, \$.0001 par value		
Authorized: 5,000,000 shares		
Issued and Outstanding: none		
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Additional Paid-in-Capital	36,235,943	33,293,822
Accumulated Deficit	(5,603,616)	(5,578,243)
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Total Stockholders' Equity	30,665,319	27,745,738
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Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$37,046,454	\$34,481,275
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited)

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	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	2000	1999	2000	1999
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Revenues				
Oil and Gas Sales	\$1,198,052	\$ 421,268	\$4,102,735	\$ 421,268

Management Fees	373,334	--	976,667	--
Total Revenues	1,571,386	421,268	5,079,402	421,268
Operating Costs and Expenses				
Production Costs	120,494	33,088	316,227	33,088
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	901,084	254,033	2,897,431	275,359
General and Administrative Expenses	635,844	481,669	1,908,941	1,154,525
Total Operating Costs and Expenses	1,657,422	768,790	5,122,599	1,462,972
Loss from Operations Before Interest and Income Taxes	(86,036)	(347,522)	(43,197)	(1,041,704)
Interest Income	4,905	13,523	17,824	23,715
Loss From Operations Before Income Taxes	(81,131)	(333,999)	(25,373)	(1,017,989)
Provision for Income Taxes	--	--	--	--
Net Loss	\$ (81,131)	\$ (333,999)	\$ (25,373)	\$ (1,017,989)
Net Loss Per Share - Basic and Fully Diluted	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.17)
Weighted Average Number of Shares Outstanding - Basic and Diluted	10,763,697	7,026,365	10,572,610	5,932,093

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(Unaudited)

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Total	Common Stock		Additional	
	Shares	Amount	Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit
Stockholders' Equity				
Balance - December 31, 1998	4,743,437	\$ 14,231	\$20,127,619	\$ (3,824,520)
\$16,317,330				
Issuance of Shares in Exchange for Notes	739,166	2,217	2,181,350	--
2,183,567				
Repricing of Warrants to Extend Bridge Notes	--	--	35,702	--
35,702				
Issuance of Shares in Exchange for Production Payment	146,119	438	399,562	--
400,000				
Issuance of Stock	1,670,866	5,013	7,167,198	--
7,172,211				
Expenses Related to Offerings	--	--	(369,612)	--
(369,612)				
Net Loss	--	--	--	(1,017,989)
(1,017,989)				
Balance - September 30, 1999	7,299,588	\$ 21,899	\$29,541,819	\$ (4,842,509)
\$24,721,209				
Balance - December 31, 1999	10,053,118	\$ 30,159	\$33,293,822	\$ (5,578,243)
\$27,745,738				
Issuance of Shares in Exchange for Note	250,000	750	499,250	--
500,000				
Issuance of Warrants with Note	--	--	528,000	--
528,000				
Issuance of Stock	694,275	2,083	2,104,417	--
2,106,500				
Expenses Related to Offerings	--	--	(189,546)	--
(189,546)				
Net Loss	--	--	--	(25,373)
(25,373)				
Balance - September 30, 2000	10,997,393	\$ 32,992	\$36,235,943	\$ (5,603,616)

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CHENIERE ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

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	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2000	1999
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Loss	\$ (25,373)	\$ (1,017,989)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Loss to Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities:		
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	2,897,431	275,359
Non-Cash Expense (Issuance of Warrants)	100,000	-
	2,972,058	(742,630)
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities		
Accounts Receivable	91,116	(351,894)
Subscriptions Receivable	-	390,000
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets	(37,993)	(195,052)
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	2,561,297	3,000,840
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	5,586,478	2,101,264
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of Fixed Assets	(275,286)	(498,219)
Oil and Gas Property Additions	(5,486,324)	(7,909,495)
Advance Proceeds from Sale of Oil and Gas Properties	2,000,000	-
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(3,761,610)	(8,407,714)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from Issuance of Notes Payable	2,605,000	3,100,000
Repayment of Notes Payable	(5,020,699)	(987,490)
Sale of Common Stock	2,056,500	4,745,468
Offering Costs	(189,546)	(369,612)
Debt Issuance Costs	124,257	-
NET CASH (USED IN) PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(424,488)	6,488,366
NET INCREASE IN CASH	1,400,380	181,916
CASH - BEGINNING OF PERIOD	1,175,950	143,868
CASH - END OF PERIOD	\$ 2,576,330	\$ 325,784

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CHENIERE ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The unaudited consolidated financial statements of Cheniere Energy, Inc. ("Cheniere" or the "Company") 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, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation, have been included.

On October 16, 2000, the Company's stockholders approved a one-for-four reverse stock split. The reverse stock split became effective on October 18, 2000. All share amounts and per share amounts in the financial statements have

been restated to reflect this reverse stock split.

For further information, refer to the financial statements and footnotes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for the full fiscal year ended December 31, 2000.

NOTE 2 - NOTES PAYABLE

April 2000 - Bridge Financing

In April 2000, Cheniere established a \$2,000,000 bridge financing facility. The maturity date of borrowings under the facility are 120 days from the date of each borrowing. Interest is payable at maturity, calculated at a rate of LIBOR plus 2% per year. Financing costs related to the facility include a 2% placement fee and the issuance of warrants to purchase up to 250,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$4.00 per share. Such warrants were issued in September 2000, at which time they were valued at \$528,000 using the Black-Scholes method. If a note issued under the facility remains unpaid at its maturity date, it is automatically converted into Cheniere common stock at a 35% discount to the then-current market price per share, with a minimum conversion price of \$2.00 per share. As of September 30, 2000 Cheniere had borrowed \$2,000,000 under the facility, repaid \$500,000, and converted \$500,000 into common shares at a conversion price of \$2.00 per share. Proceeds from the borrowings were used to fund the reprocessing of seismic data and for general corporate purposes. The outstanding balance under the facility at September 30, 2000 was \$1,000,000.

September 1999 - Platform Financing

On September 1, 1999, Cheniere established a \$3,100,000 financing facility to fund a production platform and other exploration and development costs in the West Cameron Block 49 area. Borrowings under the facility are repaid from Cheniere's share of net cash flows from production through the West Cameron Block 49 platform. The note is secured by Cheniere's oil and gas properties. Financing costs include interest at 10% per annum and a 5% net profit interest in the initial two wells producing through the platform. On February 29, 2000, Cheniere amended the loan agreement and borrowed an additional \$605,000 under the facility to fund the recompletion of a producing well. At September 30, 2000, the outstanding balance under the facility was \$1,047,514. The note matured on October 31, 2000 and was paid in full on that date.

December 1999 - Well Services Financing

In December 1999, Cheniere entered into a financing agreement with a supplier of well services to consolidate and convert trade accounts payable balances of \$1,117,570 into a short-term

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secured note payable with interest payable at 10% per year. The note was secured by Cheniere's oil and gas properties. In May 2000, Cheniere repaid the remaining balance of the note.

December 1997 - Bridge Financing

In December 1997, Cheniere completed the private placement of a \$4,000,000 bridge financing. On March 15, 2000, Cheniere repaid the outstanding balance, which totaled \$755,000.

NOTE 3 - COMMON STOCK, STOCK OPTIONS AND WARRANTS

In February and March 2000, the Company issued to three investors 373,000 units at a price of \$3.00 per unit, each unit representing one share of common stock and one warrant to purchase a share of common stock. Warrants issued in connection with these sales of units are exercisable at a price of \$4.00 per share on or before the second anniversary of the date the units were sold. These issuances were made in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Section 506 of Regulation D. Net proceeds were \$1,020,000 after payment of \$99,000 in selling commissions.

In March 2000, the Company issued to nine investors 234,750 shares pursuant to the exercise of warrants at an exercise price of \$4.00 per share. These issuances were made in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Section 506 of Regulation D. Net proceeds were \$937,500.

Also in March 2000, Cheniere issued 16,667 shares of common stock to one company in exchange for \$50,000 of geophysical consulting services. In April 2000, Cheniere issued 50,000 shares to a drilling company in connection with an adjustment to the price of shares previously issued for drilling services

rendered. These issuances were made in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933.

In April 2000, Cheniere issued 20,233 units to ten existing stockholders pursuant to price adjustment provisions of their subscription agreements. These units represented 20,233 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 10,117 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.00 per share on or before April 13, 2003. These issuances were made in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Section 506 of Regulation D.

As a selling commission related to a 1999 private placement of securities, Cheniere issued to an individual in April 2000 warrants to purchase 25,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.00 per share on or before June 30, 2002.

In July 2000, the Company granted stock options to its employees to purchase 362,750 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$2.75 per share and 75,000 shares at an exercise price of \$6.00 per share on or before July 11, 2005. All such options were granted at or above the market closing price on the date of the grant. The options vest 25% per year, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date and have a term of five years.

In September 2000, the Company issued to the holder of its bridge notes payable warrants to purchase 250,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$4.00 per share on or before September 6, 2003. Cheniere also issued 250,000 shares to the note holder in September 2000, at a price of \$2.00 per share, in satisfaction of \$500,000 of the bridge notes.

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NOTE 4 - EXPLORATION PROGRAM

On March 10, 2000, the Company entered into an exploration agreement with an industry partner. Under the terms of the agreement, Cheniere's exploration partner acquired an option to participate at a 50% working interest level in any drilling prospects generated by Cheniere over the subsequent eighteen-month period within a defined area of mutual interest in the Gulf of Mexico. Cheniere is receiving a management fee of \$4,140,000 payable in equal monthly installments over the eighteen-month term of the agreement. In addition, Cheniere's partner pays a disproportionate share of the cost of leasing and of the initial test well on each prospect. Cheniere is the operator of the drilling program. The management fee payments of \$230,000 per month are allocated between revenues and oil and gas property costs based upon the percentage of general and administrative expenses that the Company capitalizes as oil and gas property costs. In October 2000, Cheniere assigned its rights and obligations under this agreement to an affiliate company. See Note 7.

NOTE 5 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In conjunction with certain of the Company's private placements of equity, placement fees have been paid to Investors Administration Services, Limited ("IAS"), a company in which the brother of the Company's Chairman, Charif Souki, is a principal. Placement fees totaling \$99,000 were paid to IAS related to the private placement of units described in Note 3.

NOTE 6 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In June 1999, Cheniere entered into a master license agreement covering the license of approximately 8,800 square miles of 3D seismic data in the Gulf of Mexico (the "Louisiana Data Set"). In connection with the license agreement, the Company has made a commitment to reprocess certain of the seismic data and to pay a fee for such reprocessing as the reprocessed data are delivered. Such deliveries commenced in the fourth quarter of 1999. If reprocessed seismic data are delivered to Cheniere on the schedule specified in the agreement, Cheniere is obligated to make processing payments of approximately \$200,000 per month through December 2001. Accelerating the deliveries of reprocessed data could increase Cheniere's monthly obligation to as much as \$500,000 per month. In October 2000, Cheniere's rights and obligations arising from this license agreement were assigned to an affiliate company. See Note 7.

In June 2000, Cheniere entered into an agreement whereby Cheniere acquired a license to 3D seismic data covering 1,900 square miles in the Gulf of Mexico in exchange for its commitment to fund the reprocessing of the data. In October 2000, Cheniere exercised its option to expand the agreement to cover an additional 2,000 square miles. In November 2000, Cheniere acquired from another company a license to 3D seismic data covering an additional 3,000 square miles in the Gulf of Mexico in exchange for its commitment to fund the reprocessing of the data. Cheniere has committed to reprocess all of the data at a cost of approximately \$8,500,000, payable in installments beginning in October 2000 and continuing through the final delivery of reprocessed data, which is expected to

occur in October 2001.

NOTE 7 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On October 11, 2000, Cheniere closed a transaction with Warburg, Pincus Equity Partners,

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L.P., a global private equity fund based in New York, to fund its exploration program on the Louisiana Data Set through a newly formed affiliate company, Gryphon Exploration Company ("Gryphon"). Cheniere contributed selected assets in exchange for a 36.8% ownership interest in Gryphon. Such assets include: a license on 3D seismic data over approximately 8,800 square miles in the Gulf of Mexico, certain offshore leases, a prospect currently being drilled, its exploration agreement with an industry partner (described in Note 4) and certain other assets. Warburg Pincus contributed \$25,000,000 and received preferred stock, with an 8% accrued dividend, convertible into 63.2% of Gryphon's common stock. Cheniere and Warburg Pincus also agreed, under certain circumstances, to contribute an additional \$75,000,000 to Gryphon proportionate to their respective ownership interests.

In connection with the Gryphon transaction, Cheniere granted to a financial consultant warrants to purchase 125,000 shares of Cheniere common stock on or before October 10, 2004 at an exercise price of \$1.75 per share, the closing price at the date of the Gryphon transaction. Also effective at the closing date of the Gryphon transaction, Cheniere granted to its new president warrants to purchase 250,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.75 per share on or before October 10, 2004, and Cheniere cancelled stock options to purchase 437,750 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 250,000 shares of common stock held by former Cheniere employees who became Gryphon employees.

On October 16, 2000, the Company's stockholders approved a one-for-four reverse stock split. The reverse stock split was initiated to raise the Company's share price above the \$1.00 minimum bid price level required for continued trading on the Nasdaq SmallCap Market. The reverse split was effective on October 18, 2000 and reduced Cheniere's issued and outstanding shares from 43,989,572 shares to approximately 10,997,392 shares. The par value of the common stock is not affected. All share and per share figures in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are prior to the reverse stock split.

In October 2000, Cheniere paid in full the \$1,047,514 balance outstanding under its platform financing facility.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

GENERAL

The Company's unaudited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto relate to the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2000 and 1999. These statements, the notes thereto, and the consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999, contain detailed information that should be referred to in conjunction with the following discussion.

PRODUCTION AND PRODUCT PRICES

For the three months ended September 30, 2000, Cheniere produced 280,106 mcf of natural gas at an average price of \$4.56 per mcf and no condensate. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, Cheniere produced 1,227,281 mcf of natural gas at an average price of \$3.47 per mcf and 3,041 barrels of condensate at an average price of \$29.22 per barrel. Cheniere commenced production on September 9, 1999. The Company produced 160,276 mcf of natural gas at an average price of \$2.60 per mcf and 1,086 barrels of condensate at an average price of \$23.01 per barrel in the partial month of production in September 1999.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

COMPARISON OF THREE-MONTH PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 AND 1999 - The Company's operating results for the three months ended September 30, 2000 reflect a net loss of \$81,131 or \$0.01 per share (basic and diluted) compared to a loss of \$333,999, or \$0.05 per share, a year earlier.

In the third quarter of 2000, Cheniere recorded revenues of \$1,571,386 compared to \$421,268 in the comparable period of 1999. Cheniere began producing oil and gas on September 9, 1999. The Company also began receiving a management

fee in March 2000 under the terms of an exploration agreement with an industry partner. Management fee income was \$373,334 for the quarter ended September 30, 2000. Production costs totaled \$120,494 for the 2000 quarter compared to \$33,088 for the partial month of production in September 1999.

Depreciation, depletion and amortization of oil and gas property costs totaled \$785,667 for the 2000 quarter compared to \$208,491 for the comparable period in 1999, reflecting the commencement of production in September 1999. Depreciation of fixed assets increased to \$115,417 in the quarter ended September 30, 2000, compared to \$45,542 a year earlier, as a result of Cheniere's mid-1999 expansion of its technological staff and the acquisition of workstations, related computer equipment and software to execute the Company's exploration program.

General and administrative ("G&A") expenses increased to \$635,844 in the three months ended September 30, 2000 compared to \$481,669 reported for the comparable period in 1999. In mid-1999, Cheniere licensed 8,800 square miles of 3-D seismic data and it has increased the number of its employees and consultants from 9 to 27, adding management and exploration professionals to exploit the 3-D database. As a result, salaries and benefits increased to \$651,201 for the 2000 quarter, compared with \$507,559 a year earlier. Investor relations and travel expenses increased to \$95,355 in the 2000 quarter from \$22,261 in the 1999 quarter as Cheniere engaged outside consultants to assist in broadening investor interest in the Company. Other G&A expenses increased to \$348,289 in the 2000 quarter, compared to \$285,848 a year earlier due to the increased activity level of the Company. Cheniere capitalizes as oil and gas property costs that portion of G&A expenses which relates to its exploration and development activities. Cheniere capitalized \$459,000 of such G&A expenses in the 2000 quarter and \$334,000 in the comparable 1999 quarter.

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COMPARISON OF NINE-MONTH PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 AND 1999 - The Company's operating results for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 reflect a net loss of \$25,373 or \$0.00 per share (basic and diluted) compared to a loss of \$1,017,989, or \$0.17 per share, a year earlier. Net cash flow from operations (before changes in operating assets and liabilities) increased to \$2,972,058 for the first nine months of 2000 from a deficit of \$742,630 in the first nine months of 1999.

In the first nine months of 2000, Cheniere recorded revenues of \$5,079,402 compared to \$421,268 in the comparable period of 1999. Cheniere began producing oil and gas in September 1999. The Company also began receiving a management fee in March 2000 under the terms of an exploration agreement with an industry partner. Production costs totaled \$316,227 for the 2000 period compared to \$33,088 in the partial month of production in September 1999.

Depreciation, depletion and amortization of oil and gas property costs totaled \$2,563,741 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 compared to \$208,491 for the comparable period in 1999, reflecting the commencement of production in September 1999. Depreciation of fixed assets increased to \$333,690 in the nine months ended September 30, 2000, compared to \$208,491 a year earlier, as a result of Cheniere's mid-1999 expansion of its technological staff and the acquisition of workstations, related computer equipment and software to execute the Company's exploration program.

General and administrative ("G&A") expenses increased to \$1,908,941 in the nine months ended September 30, 2000 compared to \$1,154,525 reported for the comparable period in 1999. In mid-1999, Cheniere licensed 8,700 square miles of 3-D seismic data and it has increased the number of its employees and consultants from 9 to 27, adding management and exploration professionals to exploit the 3-D database. As a result, salaries, benefits and consulting expenses increased to \$1,737,444 for the first nine months of 2000, compared with \$968,536 a year earlier. Investor relations and travel expenses increased to \$381,828 in the 2000 period from \$69,366 in the 1999 period as Cheniere engaged outside consultants to assist in broadening investor knowledge of the Company. Included in 2000 investor relations expenses are \$100,000 of non-cash costs related to warrants issued to the Company's outside consultants. Other G&A expenses increased to \$1,051,669 for the first nine months of 2000 from \$722,623 a year earlier as a result of the Company's increased level of activity. Cheniere capitalizes as oil and gas property costs that portion of G&A expenses which relates to its exploration and development activities. Cheniere capitalized \$1,262,000 of such G&A expenses in the first nine months of 2000 and \$606,000 in the comparable period in 1999.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

General - The Company anticipates that future liquidity requirements, including repayment of \$2,047,514 in short-term notes payable, payments of approximately \$8,500,000 pursuant to seismic data reprocessing commitments (through October 2001), exploration and development activities within its 3-D exploration program and general corporate requirements will be met by a combination of: cash balances, cash flow from operations, the sale of equity, further borrowings, and/or the sale of interests in its 3-D exploration program or in the prospects generated thereunder. At this time, no assurance can be

given that such further sales of equity, future borrowings, or sales of interests in the 3-D exploration program or in the prospects generated thereunder will be accomplished.

Funds Raised in 2000 - During the nine months ended September 30, 2000, Cheniere has generated funds from the following sources: \$2,416,954 (net of offering costs of \$189,546) through the sale of equity securities, the exercise of warrants and the issuance of stock in satisfaction of notes payable, \$2,972,058 in net cash flow from operations (before changes in operating assets and liabilities), \$605,000 through additional borrowing under the financing facility which the Company

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established in September 1999 and \$2,000,000 in borrowings under a bridge financing facility.

Exploration Agreement - On March 10, 2000, the Company entered into an exploration agreement with an industry partner. Under the terms of the agreement, Cheniere's exploration partner acquired an option to participate at a 50% working interest level in any drilling prospects generated by Cheniere over the subsequent eighteen-month period within a defined area of mutual interest in the Gulf of Mexico. Cheniere receives a management fee of \$4,140,000 payable in equal monthly installments over the eighteen-month term of the agreement. In addition, Cheniere's partner pays a disproportionate share of the cost of leasing and of the initial test well on each prospect. Cheniere is the operator of the drilling program. The management fee payments of \$230,000 per month are allocated between revenues and oil and gas property costs based upon the percentage of general and administrative expenses that the Company capitalizes as oil and gas property costs. In October 2000, Cheniere assigned its rights and obligations under this agreement to an affiliate company. See Note 7.

Notes Payable Activity - In April 2000, Cheniere established a \$2,000,000 bridge financing facility. The maturity dates of borrowings under the facility are 120 days from the date of each borrowing. Interest is payable at maturity, calculated at a rate of LIBOR plus 2% per year. Financing costs related to the facility include a 2% placement fee and the issuance of warrants to purchase up to 250,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$4.00 per share. If a note issued under the facility remains unpaid at its maturity date, it is automatically converted into Cheniere common stock at a 35% discount to the then-current market price per share, with a minimum conversion price of \$2.00 per share. As of September 30, 2000 Cheniere had borrowed \$2,000,000 under the facility, repaid \$500,000, and converted \$500,000 into common shares at a conversion price of \$2.00 per share. Proceeds from the borrowings were used to fund the reprocessing of seismic data and for general corporate purposes. The outstanding balance under the facility at September 30, 2000 was \$1,000,000.

On September 1, 1999, Cheniere established a \$3,100,000 financing facility to fund a production platform and other exploration and development costs in the West Cameron Block 49 area. Borrowings under the facility are repaid from Cheniere's share of net cash flow from production through the West Cameron Block 49 platform. The note is secured by Cheniere's oil and gas properties. Financing costs include interest at 10% per annum and a 5% net profit interest in the initial two wells producing through the platform. On February 29, 2000, Cheniere amended the loan agreement and borrowed an additional \$605,000 under the facility to fund the recompletion of a producing well. At September 30, 2000, the outstanding balance under the facility was \$1,047,514. The note matured on October 31, 2000 and was paid in full on that date.

In December 1999, Cheniere entered into a financing agreement with a supplier of well services to consolidate and convert trade accounts payable balances of \$1,117,570 into a short-term secured note payable with interest payable at 10% per year. The note was secured by Cheniere's oil and gas properties. In May 2000, Cheniere repaid the remaining balance of the note.

In December 1997, Cheniere completed the private placement of a \$4,000,000 bridge financing. On March 15, 2000, Cheniere repaid the remaining balance, which totaled \$755,000.

Seismic Reprocessing Commitments - In June 1999, Cheniere entered into a master license agreement covering the license of approximately 8,800 square miles of 3-D seismic data in the Gulf of Mexico (the "Louisiana Data Set"). In connection with the license agreement, the Company has made a commitment to reprocess certain of the seismic data and to pay a fee for such reprocessing as the reprocessed data are delivered. Such deliveries commenced in the fourth quarter of 1999. If reprocessed seismic data are delivered to Cheniere on the schedule specified in the agreement, Cheniere is obligated to make processing payments of approximately \$200,000 per month through December 2001. Accelerating the deliveries of reprocessed data could increase Cheniere's monthly obligation to as much as \$500,000 per month. In October 2000, Cheniere's rights and obligations

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arising from this license agreement were assigned to an affiliate company. See

In June 2000, Cheniere entered into an agreement whereby Cheniere acquired a license to 3D seismic data covering 1,900 square miles in the Gulf of Mexico in exchange for its commitment to fund the reprocessing of the data. In October 2000, Cheniere exercised its option to expand the agreement to cover an additional 2,000 square miles. In November 2000, Cheniere acquired from another company a license to 3D seismic data covering an additional 3,000 square miles in the Gulf of Mexico in exchange for its commitment to fund the reprocessing of the data. Cheniere has committed to reprocess all of the data at a cost of approximately \$8,500,000, payable in installments beginning in October 2000 and continuing through the final delivery of reprocessed data, which is expected to occur in October 2001.

Sales of Equity Securities - In February and March 2000, the Company issued 373,000 units at a price of \$3.00 per unit, each unit representing one share of common stock and one warrant to purchase a share of common stock. Warrants issued in connection with these sales of units are exercisable at a price of \$4.00 per share on or before the second anniversary of the date the units were sold. Net proceeds were \$1,020,000 after payment of \$99,000 in selling commissions. In March 2000, the Company issued 234,750 shares pursuant to the exercise of warrants at an exercise price of \$4.00 per share, generating net proceeds of \$937,500. Also in March 2000, Cheniere issued 16,667 shares of common stock in exchange for \$50,000 of geophysical consulting services. In April 2000, Cheniere issued 50,000 shares to a drilling company in connection with an adjustment to the price of shares previously issued for drilling services rendered. Also in April 2000, Cheniere issued 20,233 units to existing stockholders pursuant to price adjustment provisions of their subscription agreements. These units represented 20,233 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 10,117 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.00 per share on or before April 13, 2003. In September 2000, the Company issued to the holder of its bridge notes payable warrants to purchase 250,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$4.00 per share on or before September 6, 2003. Cheniere also issued 250,000 shares to the note holder in September 2000, at a price of \$2.00 per share, in satisfaction of \$500,000 of the bridge notes.

Cash Flow from Operations - Cheniere commenced production of oil and gas in September 1999. Cash flow from operations (before changes in operating assets and liabilities) for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 totaled \$2,972,058, including \$976,667 in management fee income related to the exploration agreement executed in March 2000. In October 2000, Cheniere paid in full the \$1,047,514 balance outstanding under its platform financing facility. Revenues from Cheniere's producing oil and gas properties, which were previously dedicated to the repayment of this obligation, will now be available to the Company for the funding of its operations.

Nasdaq Listing and Reverse Stock Split - Cheniere received a notice from The Nasdaq Stock Market stating that the Company was not in compliance with certain requirements related to the listing of its shares on the The Nasdaq SmallCap Market. Specifically, the market price of the Company's common stock had fallen below \$1.00 per share. On September 21, 2000, Cheniere appeared before a Nasdaq Listing Panel and requested an exception to the requirement. Nasdaq granted such an exception, specifying that Cheniere must achieve a minimum bid price of \$1.00 per share by October 23, 2000 and maintain such a bid price for at least 10 consecutive trading days thereafter. On October 16, 2000 the Company's stockholders approved a one-for-four reverse stock split. The reverse stock split became effective on October 18, 2000 and reduced Cheniere's issued and outstanding shares from 43,989,572 shares to approximately 10,997,393 shares. The closing bid price has exceeded \$1.00 per share since that date. All share and per share figures in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are after the reverse stock split.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Act") provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of the Company. The Company and its representatives may from time to time make written or verbal forward-looking statements, including statements contained in this report and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and in reports to its stockholders.

All statements, other than statements of historical facts so included in this report that address activities, events or developments that the Company intends, expects, projects, believes, or anticipates will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Act, including, without limitation: statements regarding the Company's business strategy, plans and objectives; statements expressing beliefs and expectations regarding the ability of the Company to successfully raise the additional capital necessary to meet the obligations under its 3-D seismic master license agreement, the ability of the Company to secure the leases necessary to facilitate anticipated drilling activities and the ability of the Company to attract additional working interest owners to participate in its exploration and development activities. These

forward-looking statements are, and will be, based on management's then current views and assumptions regarding future events.

FACTORS THAT MAY IMPACT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS OR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The following are some of the important factors that could affect the Company's financial performance or could cause actual results to differ materially from estimates contained in the Company's forward-looking statements.

- The Company's ability to generate sufficient cash flows to support capital expansion plans, obligations to repay debt and general operating activities.
- The Company's ability to obtain additional financing from lenders, through debt or equity offerings, or through sales of a portion of its interest in prospects.
- The Company's ability to encounter hydrocarbons in sufficient quantities to be economically viable, and its ability to overcome the operating hazards which are inherent in the oil and gas industry and which are intensified by the Company's concentration of its producing oil and gas assets in few properties.
- Changes in laws and regulations, including changes in accounting standards, taxation requirements (including tax rate changes, new tax laws and revised tax law interpretations) and environmental laws in domestic or foreign jurisdictions.
- The uncertainties of litigation as well as other risks and uncertainties detailed from time to time in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

The foregoing list of important factors is not exclusive.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

None.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 2. Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds

The information contained in Notes 2, 3 and 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements is incorporated herein by reference.

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ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

The Company held a special meeting of its stockholders on October 16, 2000. The purpose of the meeting was to take a vote of the stockholders concerning a proposed one-for-four reverse stock split. Information concerning the proposal was distributed to all stockholders of record as of September 11, 2000 in a proxy statement dated September 18, 2000. There were 43,989,572 pre-stock split shares of common stock outstanding and eligible to vote as of the record date of September 11, 2000. The results of voting on the reverse stock split is summarized as follows:

Votes for the reverse stock split	29,161,146
Votes against the reverse stock split	431,671
Abstentions	25,707

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) Each of the following exhibits is incorporated by reference or filed herewith:

Exhibit No.	Description
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Cheniere Energy, Inc. ("Cheniere") (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended June 30, 1999)
3.2	Certificate of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Cheniere Energy, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended June 30, 1999)
3.3	By-laws of Cheniere as amended through April 7, 1997 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 29, 1999 (File No. 0-9092))
10.40	Contribution and Subscription Agreement dated October 11, 2000, by and among the Company, Gryphon Exploration Company and the other

investors listed therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 11, 2000)

- 10.41 Stockholders Agreement dated October 11, 2000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 11, 2000)
- 10.42 Certificate of Designations, Preferences and Rights of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock of Gryphon Exploration Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 11, 2000)
- 27.1 Financial Data Schedule

(b) Current Reports on Form 8-K:

September 15, 2000 - The Company filed a Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 15, 2000 to report an agreement with Warburg, Pincus Equity Partners, L.P., a global private equity fund based in New York, to fund its exploration program on the Louisiana Data Set through a newly

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formed affiliate company, Gryphon Exploration Company.

October 11, 2000 - The Company filed a Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 11, 2000 to report its closing of the Warburg Pincus transaction described in the Form 8-K dated September 15, 2000, the naming of Charles M. Reimer as its new president and the approval by stockholders of a one-for-four reverse stock split.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.

/s/ Don A. Turkleson

Don A. Turkleson
Chief Financial Officer (on behalf of the
registrant and as principal accounting
officer)

Date: November 13, 2000

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