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## APACHE CORPORATION PRICING TERM SHEET \$500,000,000 3.625% Notes due 2021 \$500,000,000 5.250% Notes due 2042

Issuer: Apache Corporation

Ratings\*: A3/A-/A- (Stable/Stable/Negative)(Moody s/S&P/Fitch)

Format: SEC Registered
Trade Date: November 30, 2010
Settlement Date: T+3; December 3, 2010

Security Description: 3.625% Notes due 2021 5.250% Notes due 2042

Principal Amount: \$500,000,000 \$500,000,000

CUSIP / ISIN: 037411AX3 / 037411AY1 /

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\$491,565,000

Maturity: February 1, 2021 February 1, 2042

Public Offering Price: 98.970% of principal amount 98.313% of principal amount

Proceeds to the Issuer, Before \$494,850,000

**Expenses** 

Coupon: 3.625% per year (payable 5.250% per year (payable

semi-annually) semi-annually)

Interest Payment Dates: February 1 and August 1, February 1 and August 1, commencing August 1, 2011 commencing August 1, 2011

Benchmark Treasury: 2.625% due November 15, 2020 3.875% due August 15, 2040

Benchmark Treasury Yield: 2.797% 4.111%

Spread to Benchmark Treasury: +95 basis points +125 basis points

Yield to Maturity: 3.747% 5.361%

Redemption Provisions: The 2021 Notes and the 2042 Notes will be redeemable, at

the option of Apache Corporation, at any time, in whole or

in part.

If the 2042 Notes are redeemed before the date that is six months prior to their maturity date or if the 2021 Notes

are redeemed before the date that is three months prior to their maturity date, the notes of the applicable series may be redeemed at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

(i) 100% of the principal amount; or

(ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest thereon discounted to the date of redemption, on a semi-annual basis, at the treasury rate plus 15 basis points in the case of the 2021 Notes and 20 basis points in the case of the 2042 Notes;

plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption.

If the 2042 Notes are redeemed on or after the date that is six months prior to their maturity date or if the 2021 Notes are redeemed on or after the date that is three months prior to their maturity date, the notes of the applicable series may be redeemed at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed.

Denominations: \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000

Joint Book-Running Managers: Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.

Goldman, Sachs & Co. J.P. Morgan Securities LLC

RBS Securities Inc.

2021 Notes:

BMO Capital Markets Corp.

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated

Standard Chartered Bank

2042 Notes:

Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.

RBC Capital Markets, LLC

**UBS Securities LLC** 

Co-Managers: 2021 Notes:

BBVA Securities Inc.

Credit Agricole Securities (USA) Inc. Natixis Securities North America Inc.

2042 Notes:

ANZ Securities, Inc. Fifth Third Securities, Inc. Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.

The Issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus and related preliminary prospectus supplement for the offering) with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the preliminary prospectus supplement,

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the accompanying prospectus in that registration statement and the other documents the Issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the Issuer and the offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC s website at http://www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. at 1-800-503-4611, Goldman, Sachs & Co. at 1-866-471-2526, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC at 1-212-834-4533, or RBS Securities Inc. at 1-866-884-2071.

This communication should be read in conjunction with the preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The information in this communication supersedes the information in the preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to the extent it is inconsistent with the information in such preliminary prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

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