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Energy Merger with Arena Resources Investor Presentation Supplemental Materials July 2010 Filed by SandRidge Energy, Inc. pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and deemed filed pursuant to Rule 14a-6 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended Subject Company: Arena Resources, Inc.

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2 Important Additional Information Filed with the SEC This presentation is being made in respect of the

proposed business combination involving SandRidgeEnergy, Inc. ( SandRidge ) and Arena Resources, Inc. ( Arena ). In connection with the proposed transaction, SandRidge filed with the **SEC** Registration Statement on Form S-4, as amended, on April 30, 2010 containing joint proxy statement/prospectus, and a supplement to the joint proxy statement/prospectus on

June 14, 2010, and each of SandRidge and Arena may file with the **SEC** other documents regarding the proposed transaction. The definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus was first mailed to stockholders of SandRidge and Arena on or about May 7, 2010, and the supplement to the joint proxy statement/prospectus was first

mailed to stockholders on June 17, 2010. Investors and security holders of SandRidge and Arena are urged to read the joint proxy statement/prospectus, the supplement and other documents filed with the SEC carefully in their entirety because they contain important information about the proposed transaction. Investors  $\quad \text{and} \quad$ security

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filed with the **SEC** may also be obtained by directing request to SandRidge Energy, Inc., 123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102, Attention: Investor Relations, or by directing request to Arena Resources, Inc., 6555 South Lewis Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136, Attention: Investor Relations. SandRidge,

Arena and

their respective directors and executive officers and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding SandRidge's directors and executive officers is available in SandRidge's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year

ended December

31, 2009, which

was filed with the SEC on March 1, 2010,  $\quad \text{and} \quad$ SandRidge's proxy statement for its 2010 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the **SEC** on April 26, 2010. Information regarding Arena's directors and executive officers is available in Arena's Annual Report on Form 10-K

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was filed with the **SEC** on October 29, 2009. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, contained in the joint proxy statement/prospectus, the supplement and other relevant materials filed with the

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SEC. Safe Harbor Language on Forward Looking Statements: This presentation includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements express belief, expectation or intention and

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believe are appropriate under the circumstances. However, whether actual results and developments will conform with our expectations and predictions is subject to number of risks and uncertainties, including the ability to obtain governmental approvals of the merger on the proposed terms and schedule, the failure of SandRidge or Arena

merger, the risk that the businesses will not be integrated successfully, credit conditions of global capital markets, changes in economic conditions, regulatory changes, and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. We refer you to the discussion of risk factors in Part I, Item

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7, 2010; and Part I, Item Safe Harbor Language on Forward Looking Statements: 1**A** -"Risk Factors" of the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed by Arena with the SEC on March 1, 2010. All of the forward-looking statements made in this communication are qualified by these

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The actual

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(\$MMs) (\$MMs) 2010E 2011E 2010E 2011E (MMBoe) (MBoe/d) Oil Ratio Pvd Boe Pvd Dev Daily Prod Arena Comps Pioneer Natural Resources Co. \$57.26 \$6,638 \$9,364 6.8x5.5x 6.0x4.7x898.6 115.0 54% 21.4 \$10.42 \$17.87 \$81,425 Denbury Resources Inc. (a) 14.29 5,705 8,780 8.8x7.1x7.0x5.2x 373.8 73.6 79% 13.9 23.49 33.07 119,329 Continental Resources Inc. 43.49 7,392 7,873

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7.8x10.3x 8.1x 257.3 37.7 67% 18.7 30.59 74.62 209,012 Whiting Petroleum Corp. (b) 76.04 4,516 5,222 5.0x 4.3x4.8x 4.0x275.0 59.8 81%12.6 18.99 29.67 87,278 Berry Petroleum Co. 25.63 1,357 2,270 6.2x5.1x 4.8x 4.1x 235.3 29.3 55% 22.0 9.65 18.10 77,402 Resolute Energy Corporation 12.20 669 782 9.6x6.9x 8.5x 6.5x

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7.1 41% 25.0 12.14 22.40 110,703 **MEAN** \$4,379 \$5,715 7.8x6.1x6.9x 5.4x 350.7 53.7 63% 18.9 \$17.55 \$32.62 \$114,191 **MEDIAN** \$5,110 \$6,547 7.8x6.2x6.5x5.0x 266.2 48.8 61%20.1 \$15.56 \$26.04 \$98,990 Arena Resources Inc. \$32.19 \$1,282 \$1,227 7.4x5.7x7.8x6.2x69.3 8.2 86%

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The precedent transactions below were selected using the following criteria: Public to public company transactions in the last five years across all industries; United States headquartered targets and buyers; Transactions greater than \$1 billion in enterprise value; Consideration offered is greater than 50% stock; New shares account for greater than 50% of the existing shares.

### Precedent Transactions Relative Performance Versus the S&P 500 60-Days Post-Announce. Performance (vs. S&P 500) MergeCo Post-Close Performance (vs. S&P 500) Recommendation Ann. Date Close Date Buyer Target Buyer Target 30-Days Post-Close 60-Days Post-Close RiskMetrics Glass Lewis 12/09/05 07/17/06 Windstream Corporation Valor Communications Group Inc. \$2,004 100.0% 99.3% (4.7%)(4.7%)6.7% 4.2% For 04/20/06 07/12/06 Petrohawk Energy Corporation KCS Energy Inc. 1,938 72.3% 105.1% (17.3%)(3.4%)(17.9%)

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RiskMetrics for recommendation was on the revised deal terms; Glass Lewis against recommendation was on the init (b)

Post-close performance statistics were not meaningful due to the equity offering associated with the transaction. The combined close was negative 16.9%. The combined company stock performance 60 days post-close was negative 48.3%.

(c)

Relative stock performance for the revised Arena-SandRidge deal as of 7/2/2010 is excluded from the summary calculations Source: Capital IQ

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Precedent Transactions
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Performance Versus Industry Indexes
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Services: Caremark/CVS; Pharmaceuticals: Schering-Plough/Merck; Metals and Mining: Foundation Coal/Alpha Natural; Retail: Black & Decker/Stanley; Oil & Gas Equipment & Services: Mirant/RRI; Transportation: Continental/UAL) (a) RiskMetrics for recommendation was on the revised deal terms; Glass Lewis against recommendation was on the initial deal terms (b) Post-close performance statistics were

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Enterprise

Value (\$MM)

% Stock

Consideration

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Market Cap

Price Performance Since Initial Announcement Arena vs. Peers, S&P and NYMEX 12-Month Strip Oil

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1-Apr

14-Apr

27-Apr

10-May

23-May

5-Jun

18-Jun

2-Jul

Arena

Arena peers

S&P

WTI

S&P (13%)

WTI (15%)

Arena peers (8%)

Arena (6%)

Note: ARD peers include BRY, CLR, DNR, PXD, REN & WLL. Peers indexed on a market cap weighted basis.

Source: Capital IQ, Bloomberg