

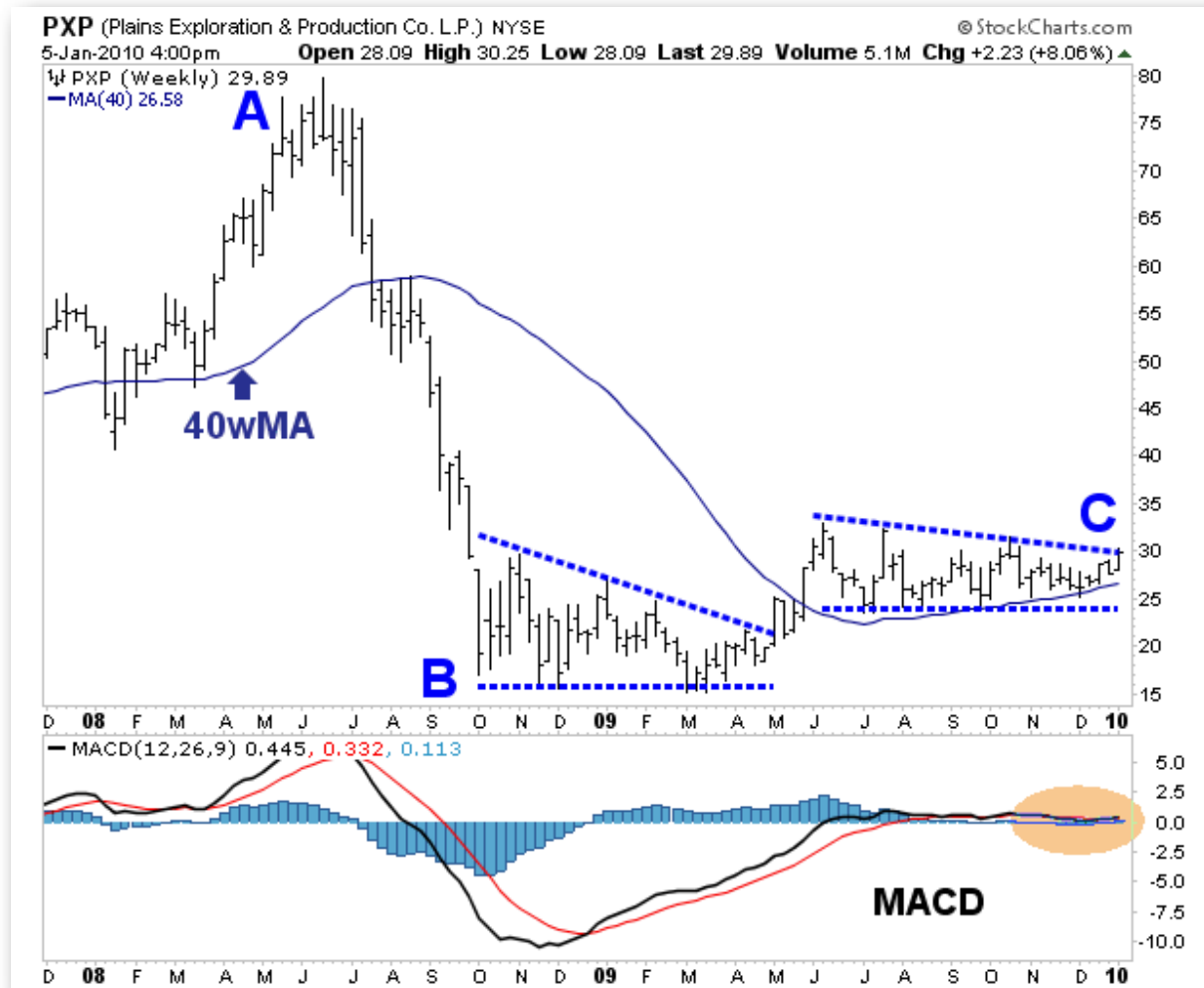


## Plains Exploration (PXP: US\$29.89)

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**Target: \$44.00**

Reversal Level: \$26.00



### Plains Exploration has higher targets.

Plains Exploration had an extremely sharp decline from about \$80 in June 2008 to \$17 in October of the same year (A-B). The stock then settled into two descending triangle formations characterized by lower highs and equal lows (see dashed lines). Recent price action suggests Plains Exploration is in the midst of a major breakout from this pattern toward higher targets (C).

Technical indicators including the rising 40-week moving average, the VSI and the MACD (see lower panel) confirm the bullish status. Only a decline below \$25-26 would reverse the current long-term up-side potential.

***Point & Figure measurements provide targets of \$39 and \$44 (30% and 47% appreciation potentials from current levels). The two large descending triangle patterns (see dashed lines) support higher targets.***