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Non-accelerated filer

Exchange Act Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Tender Offer) □

Accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-4 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Matador Resources Company*

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas	1311	27-4662601
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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		Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
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definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
6.875% Senior Notes Due 2023	\$400,000,000	100%	\$400,000,000	\$46,480.00(1)
Guarantees of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023 (2)	_	_	_	_

- (1) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(f)(2) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- (2) No separate consideration will be received for the guarantees, and no separate fee is payable pursuant to Rule 457(n) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- * Includes certain subsidiaries of Matador Resources Company identified on the following page.

The registrants hereby amend this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrants shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

*GUARANTORS

Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter(1)	State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization	I.R.S. Employer Identification No.
Delaware Water Management Company, LLC	Texas	35-2514885
DLK Wolf Midstream, LLC	Texas	36-4795481
DLK Black River Midstream, LLC	Texas	37-1767354
Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems, LP	Texas	20-5668690
Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc.	Texas	20-5668672
Longwood Midstream South Texas, LLC	Texas	37-1764590
Longwood Midstream Southeast, LLC	Texas	32-0448226
Longwood Midstream Delaware, LLC	Texas	61-1745124
Matador Production Company	Texas	75-3131373
MRC Delaware Resources, LLC	Texas	37-1776519
MRC Energy Company	Texas	36-4535752
MRC Energy Southeast Company, LLC	Texas	32-0447771
MRC Energy South Texas Company, LLC	Texas	30-0839694
MRC Permian Company	Texas	20-4090232
MRC Rockies Company	Texas	26-4001290
Southeast Water Management Company, LLC	Texas	38-3939361

The address for each registrant's principal executive office is 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500, Dallas, Texas 75240, and the telephone number of each registrant's principal executive office is (972) 371-5200.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities, and it is not soliciting any offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS

Subject to Completion, dated June 1, 2015



Matador Resources Company

Offer to Exchange
up to
\$400,000,000 of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023
that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933
for any and all outstanding
\$400,000,000 of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023
that have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933

The exchange offer and withdrawal rights will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on , 2015 unless extended.

We are offering to exchange up to \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of our outstanding 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023, or the "outstanding notes," for new notes with substantially identical terms that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and are freely transferable, which we refer to herein as the "exchange notes" and, together with the outstanding notes, the "notes". We issued the outstanding notes on April 14, 2015 in a transaction not requiring registration under the Securities Act. We are offering you exchange notes in exchange for outstanding notes in order to satisfy our registration obligations from that previous transaction. The exchange notes will represent the same debt as the outstanding notes, and we will issue the exchange notes under the same indenture as the outstanding notes. The exchange notes offered hereby, together with any outstanding notes that remain outstanding after the completion of the exchange offer, will be treated as a single class under the indenture governing them.

Please read "Risk Factors" on page 8 of this prospectus for a discussion of factors you should consider before participating in the exchange offer.

We will exchange for an equal principal amount of exchange notes all outstanding notes that you validly tender and do not validly withdraw before the exchange offer expires. You may withdraw tenders of outstanding notes at any time prior to the expiration of the exchange offer. The exchange procedure is more fully described in "The Exchange Offer — Procedures for Tendering." If you fail to tender your outstanding notes, you will continue to hold unregistered notes that you will not be able to transfer freely.

The terms of the exchange notes are substantially identical to the outstanding notes, except that the transfer restrictions, registration rights and provisions for additional interest applicable to the outstanding notes do not apply to the exchange notes.

Please read "Description of the Exchange Notes" for more details on the terms of the exchange notes. We will not receive any cash proceeds from the issuance of the exchange notes in the exchange offer.

Each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such exchange notes. The Letter of Transmittal states that by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act. This Prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of exchange notes received in exchange for outstanding notes where such outstanding notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. We have agreed that, for a period of 180 days after the consummation of the exchange offer, we will make this Prospectus available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. See "Plan of Distribution."

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is , 2015.

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This prospectus incorporates by reference business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this prospectus. We will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner to whom a prospectus is delivered, a copy of these filings, other than an exhibit to these filings unless we have specifically incorporated that exhibit by reference into the filing, upon written or oral request and at no cost. Requests should be made by writing or telephoning us at the following address: Matador Resources Company, 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500, Dallas, Texas 75240, Attn: Investor Relations, telephone number: (972) 371-5200, internet website: www.matadorresources.com. To obtain timely delivery, you must request the information no later than , 2015, or the date which is five business days before the expiration date of this offer.

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. We may add, update or change in a prospectus supplement any information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, as well as any post-effective amendments to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, together with the additional information described under "Where You Can Find More Information" before you make any investment decision.

We have not authorized any person to provide you with any information or represent anything about us other than what is contained in this prospectus. We do not take any responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any information that others may provide to you. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any document incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date on its front cover. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since the date indicated on the front cover of such documents. This prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the securities offered hereunder, nor does this prospectus constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. It may not contain all of the information that is important to you. This prospectus includes information about the exchange offer and the exchange notes and includes or incorporates by reference information about our business and our financial and operating data. Before deciding to participate in the exchange offer, you should read this entire prospectus carefully, including the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 8 of this prospectus. In addition, certain statements include forward-looking information that involves known and unknown risks and uncertainties. See "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements."

In this prospectus, references to "we," "our" or the "Company" refer to Matador Resources Company and its subsidiaries as a whole (unless the context indicates otherwise) and references to "Matador" refer solely to Matador Resources Company.

Our Company

We are an independent energy company engaged in the exploration, development, production and acquisition of oil and natural gas resources in the United States, with an emphasis on oil and natural gas shale and other unconventional plays. Our current operations are focused primarily on the oil and liquids-rich portion of the Wolfcamp and Bone Spring plays in the Permian Basin in Southeast New Mexico and West Texas and the Eagle Ford shale play in South Texas. We also operate in the Haynesville shale and Cotton Valley plays in Northwest Louisiana and East Texas.

Corporate Information

We were incorporated in 2003 as a Texas corporation. Our corporate headquarters are located at 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500, Dallas, Texas 75240, and our telephone number is (972) 371-5200. Our website is located at http://www.matadorresources.com. We have not incorporated by reference into this prospectus the information included on, or linked from, our website, and you should not consider it to be part of this prospectus.

EXCHANGE OFFER

On April 14, 2015, we completed a private offering of \$400 million aggregate principal amount of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023. As part of that offering, we entered into a registration rights agreement with the initial purchasers of the outstanding notes in which we agreed, among other things, to deliver this prospectus to you and to complete an exchange offer for the outstanding notes. Below is a summary of the exchange offer.

Outstanding Notes

On April 14, 2015, we completed a private placement of \$400 million aggregate principal amount of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023.

Exchange Notes

Notes of the same series, the issuance of which has been registered under the Securities Act. The terms of the exchange notes are identical in all material respects to those of the outstanding notes, except that the transfer restrictions, registration rights and additional interest provisions relating to the outstanding notes do not apply to the exchange notes.

Terms of the Exchange Offer

We are offering to exchange a like amount of exchange notes for our outstanding notes in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. In order to be exchanged, an outstanding note must be properly tendered and accepted. All outstanding notes that are validly tendered and not withdrawn will be exchanged. As of the date of this prospectus, there is \$400 million aggregate principal amount of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023 outstanding. We will issue exchange notes promptly after the expiration of the exchange offer.

Expiration Time

The exchange offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on , 2015, unless extended.

Procedures for Tendering Outstanding Notes

All of the outstanding notes are held in book-entry form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company, or DTC. To participate in the exchange offer, you must follow the automatic tender offer program, or ATOP, procedures established by DTC for tendering notes held in book-entry form. The ATOP procedures require that the exchange agent receive, prior to the expiration time of the exchange offer, a computer-generated message known as an "agent's message" that is transmitted through ATOP and that DTC confirm that:

- · DTC has received instructions to exchange your notes; and
- you agree to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal in Annex A hereto.

For more details, please read "The Exchange Offer—Terms of the Exchange Offer" and "The Exchange Offer—Procedures for Tendering."

Letters of transmittal should not be sent to us. Such letters should only be sent to the exchange agent. Questions regarding how to tender outstanding notes and requests for information should be directed to the exchange agent. See "The Exchange Offer—Exchange Agent."

Guaranteed Delivery Procedures

None.

Acceptance of Outstanding Notes for Exchange; Issuance of Exchange Notes Subject to the conditions stated in "The Exchange Offer—Conditions to the Exchange Offer," we will accept for exchange any and all outstanding notes which are properly tendered in the exchange offer before the expiration time. The exchange notes will be delivered promptly after the expiration time.

Interest Payments on the Exchange Notes

The exchange notes will bear interest from the date the outstanding notes were issued. If your outstanding notes are accepted for exchange, then you will receive interest on the exchange notes (including any accrued but unpaid additional interest on the outstanding notes) and not on the outstanding notes.

Withdrawal of Tenders

Conditions to the Exchange Offer

Resales of Exchange Notes

Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations

Exchange Agent

Use of Proceeds

You may withdraw your tender of outstanding notes at any time prior to the expiration time. To withdraw, you must submit a notice of withdrawal to the exchange agent using ATOP procedures before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date of the exchange offer. Please read "The Exchange Offer—Withdrawal of Tenders."

The registration rights agreement does not require us to accept outstanding notes for exchange if the exchange offer or the making of any exchange by a holder of the outstanding notes would violate any applicable law or SEC policy. A minimum aggregate principal amount of outstanding notes being tendered is not a condition to the exchange offer. Please read "The Exchange Offer—Conditions to the Exchange Offer" for more information about the conditions to the exchange offer.

Based on interpretations by the staff of the SEC in no-action letters issued to third parties, we believe that you may transfer exchange notes issued under the exchange offer in exchange for the outstanding notes if:

- · you acquire the exchange notes in the ordinary course of your business; and
- you are not engaged in, and do not intend to engage in, and have no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in, a distribution of such exchange notes

You may not participate in the exchange offer if you are:

- an "affiliate" within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act of Matador;
- a broker-dealer that acquired outstanding notes directly from us.

If you fail to satisfy any of the foregoing conditions, you will not be permitted to tender your outstanding notes in the exchange offer and you must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any sale or other transfer of your outstanding notes unless such sale is made pursuant to an exemption from such requirements.

Each broker or dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account in exchange for outstanding notes that were acquired as a result of market-making or other trading activities must acknowledge that it will comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any offer to resell, resale or other transfer of the exchange notes issued in the exchange offer, including the delivery of a prospectus that contains information with respect to any selling holder required by the Securities Act in connection with any resale of the exchange notes. See "The Exchange Offer—Resales of Exchange Notes."

The exchange of the outstanding notes for the exchange notes will not be a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Please read "Certain United States Federal Income Tax Considerations."

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association is serving as the exchange agent in connection with the exchange offer. The address and telephone and facsimile numbers of the exchange agent are listed under the heading "The Exchange Offer—Exchange Agent."

We will not receive any proceeds from the issuance of exchange notes in the exchange offer. We are making this exchange offer solely to satisfy our obligations under our registration rights agreement. We will pay all expenses incident to the exchange offer. See "Use of Proceeds" and "The Exchange Offer—Fees and Expenses."

THE EXCHANGE NOTES

The summary below describes the principal terms of the exchange notes. The terms and conditions described below are subject to important limitations and exceptions. The "Description of the Exchange Notes" section of this prospectus contains a more detailed description of the terms and conditions of the exchange notes.

Issuer

Matador Resources Company.

Notes Offered

\$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023. The terms of the exchange notes are identical in all material respects to those of the outstanding notes, except that the transfer restrictions, registration rights and additional interest provisions relating to the outstanding notes do not apply to the exchange notes.

Maturity Date

April 14, 2023.

Interest Rate

6.875% per year (calculated using a 360-day year).

Interest Payment Dates

April 15 and October 15 of each year, with the next payment due on October 15, 2015. Interest on the exchange notes will accrue from April 14, 2015.

Ranking

The exchange notes will be our general unsecured senior obligations. Accordingly, they will rank:

- equal in right of payment to all of our existing and future senior indebtedness;
- effectively subordinate in right of payment to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness, including indebtedness under our revolving credit facility, to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness;
- structurally subordinate in right of payment to all existing and future indebtedness
 and other liabilities, including trade payables, of any future subsidiaries that do not
 guarantee the notes (other than indebtedness and other liabilities owed to us); and
- senior in right of payment to all of our future subordinated indebtedness.

The exchange notes will be jointly and severally guaranteed by all of our existing subsidiaries that are the borrower or are guarantors under our revolving credit facility and may be guaranteed by certain of our future restricted subsidiaries. In the future, the guarantees may be released or terminated under certain circumstances. See "Description of the Exchange Notes—Subsidiary Guarantees" and "Description of the Exchange Notes—Certain Covenants—Additional Subsidiary Guarantees."

Each subsidiary guarantee will rank:

- equal in right of payment to all existing and future senior indebtedness of the guarantor subsidiary;
- effectively subordinate in right of payment to all existing and future secured indebtedness of the guarantor subsidiary, including its guarantee of indebtedness under our revolving credit facility, to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness; and
- senior in right of payment to any future subordinated indebtedness of the guarantor subsidiary.

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Subsidiary Guarantees

Optional Redemption

Change of Control

Certain Covenants

Trustee

At any time prior to April 15, 2018, we may, from time to time, redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes with an amount of cash not greater than the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings at the redemption price set forth under "Description of the Exchange Notes—Optional Redemption," if at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes issued under the indenture remains outstanding immediately after such redemption and the redemption occurs within 180 days of the closing date of such equity offering.

At any time prior to April 15, 2018, we may, on any one or more occasions, redeem all or part of the notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes redeemed, plus the "make whole" premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, the date of redemption. See "Description of the Exchange Notes—Optional Redemption."

On and after April 15, 2018, we may redeem all or part of the notes at the redemption prices set forth under "Description of the Exchange Notes—Optional Redemption."

If we experience certain kinds of changes of control, each holder of the notes may require us to repurchase all or a portion of its notes for cash at a price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of such notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to the date of repurchase. See "Description of the Exchange Notes—Repurchase at the Option of the Holders—Change of Control."

The indenture governing the notes contains covenants that, among other things, limit the ability of our restricted subsidiaries to:

- incur or guarantee additional indebtedness or issue certain types of preferred stock;
- pay dividends on capital stock or redeem, repurchase or retire our capital stock or subordinated indebtedness;
- transfer or sell assets;
- · make investments:
- create certain liens;
- enter into agreements that restrict dividends or other payments from our restricted subsidiaries to us;
- consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of our assets;
- engage in transactions with affiliates; and
- create unrestricted subsidiaries.

The covenants set forth in the indenture are subject to important exceptions and qualifications that are described under "Description of the Exchange Notes—Certain Covenants." If the notes achieve an investment grade rating from each of Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Ratings, many of these covenants will terminate.

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.

Governing Law

Transfer Restrictions; Absence of a Public Market for the Notes

Form of Exchange Notes

Risk Factors

The notes and the indenture are governed by New York law.

The exchange notes generally will be freely transferable, but will also be new securities for which there will not initially be a market. We do not intend to make a trading market in the exchange notes after the exchange offer. Therefore, we cannot assure you as to the development of an active market for the exchange notes or as to the liquidity of any such market.

The exchange notes will be represented initially by one or more global notes. The global exchange notes will be deposited with the trustee, as custodian for DTC.

You should consider carefully the information set forth in the section entitled "Risk Factors" and all other information contained in this prospectus before deciding to invest in the exchange notes.

RISK FACTORS

Before deciding to participate in the exchange offer, you should consider carefully the risks and uncertainties described below and in Item 1A "Risk Factors" in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015, as updated by annual, quarterly and other reports and documents we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus, together with all of the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. If any of the described risks actually were to occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially adversely affected.

The risks described below are not the only ones facing the Company. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial individually or in the aggregate may also impair our business operations.

This prospectus and documents incorporated by reference herein also contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, some of which are described in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including the risks and uncertainties faced by us described below or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. See "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements."

Risks Related to the Exchange Offer

If you fail to exchange outstanding notes, existing transfer restrictions will remain in effect and the market value of outstanding notes may be adversely affected because they may be more difficult to sell.

If you fail to exchange outstanding notes for exchange notes under the exchange offer, then you will continue to be subject to the existing transfer restrictions on the outstanding notes. In general, the outstanding notes may not be offered or sold unless they are sold in transactions that are registered or exempt from registration under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Except in connection with this exchange offer or as required by the registration rights agreement, we do not intend to register resales of the outstanding notes.

The tender of outstanding notes under the exchange offer will reduce the principal amount of the currently outstanding notes. Due to the corresponding reduction in liquidity, this may have an adverse effect upon, and increase the volatility of, the market price of any currently outstanding notes that you continue to hold following completion of the exchange offer.

Risks Related to the Exchange Notes

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our indebtedness and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under applicable debt instruments, which may not be successful.

Our ability to make scheduled payments on or to refinance our indebtedness obligations, including our revolving credit facility and the notes, depends on our financial condition and operating performance, which are subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and certain financial, business and other factors beyond our control. We may not be able to maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities sufficient to permit us to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness.

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund debt service obligations, we may be forced to reduce or delay investments and capital expenditures, sell assets, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance indebtedness. Our ability to restructure or refinance indebtedness will depend on the condition of the capital markets and our financial condition at such time. Any refinancing of indebtedness could be at higher interest rates and may require us to comply with more onerous covenants, which could further restrict business operations. The terms of existing or future debt instruments may restrict us from adopting some of these alternatives. In addition, any failure to make payments of interest and principal on outstanding indebtedness on a timely basis would likely result in a reduction of our credit rating, which could harm our ability to incur additional indebtedness. In the absence of sufficient cash flows and capital resources, we could face substantial liquidity problems and might be required to dispose of material assets or operations to meet debt service and other obligations. Our revolving credit facility currently restricts our ability to dispose of assets and our use of the proceeds from such disposition. We may not be able to consummate those dispositions, and the proceeds of any such disposition may not be adequate to meet any debt service obligations then due. These alternative measures may not be successful and may not permit us to meet scheduled debt service obligations.

As of May 29, 2015, our borrowing base was \$375.0 million and will remain at \$375.0 million until the next redetermination. In the future, we may not be able to access adequate funding under our revolving credit facility as a result of a decrease in the borrowing base due to the issuance of new indebtedness, the outcome of a subsequent borrowing base redetermination or an unwillingness or inability on the part of lending counterparties to meet their funding obligations and the inability of other lenders to provide additional funding to cover the defaulting lender's portion. Declines in commodity prices could result in a determination to lower the borrowing base in the future and, in such a case, we could be required to repay any indebtedness in excess of the redetermined borrowing base. As a result, we may be unable to implement our drilling and development plan, make acquisitions or otherwise carry out our business plans, which would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations and impair our ability to service our indebtedness.

Our leverage and debt service obligations may adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations, business prospects and our ability to make payments on the exchange notes.

As of March 31, 2015, on an as adjusted basis and after giving effect to the issuance of the outstanding notes and our use of proceeds related thereto and the completion of our April 2015 equity offering and the use of proceeds related thereto, we and our wholly-owned subsidiaries would have had approximately \$400.6 million of outstanding indebtedness, including no borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility and \$0.6 million in outstanding letters of credit, and we would have had approximately \$374.4 million of borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility. Our level of indebtedness could affect our operations in several ways, including the following:

- require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to service our existing debt, thereby reducing the cash available to finance our operations and other business activities;
- limit management's discretion in operating our business and our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate;
- increase our vulnerability to downturns and adverse developments in our business and the economy generally;
- limit our ability to access the capital markets to raise capital on favorable terms or to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures or acquisitions or to refinance existing indebtedness;
- place restrictions on our ability to obtain additional financing, make investments, lease equipment, sell assets and engage in business combinations;
- make it more likely that a reduction in our borrowing base following a redetermination could require us to repay a portion of our thenoutstanding bank borrowings;
- make us vulnerable to increases in interest rates as our indebtedness under any revolving credit facility may vary with prevailing interest rates;
- place us at a competitive disadvantage relative to competitors with lower levels of indebtedness in relation to their overall size or less restrictive terms governing their indebtedness; and
- make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations under the notes or other debt and increase the risk that we may default on our debt obligations.

The notes and the guarantees are unsecured obligations and are effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness and structurally subordinated to liabilities of our non-guarantor subsidiaries.

The notes and the guarantees are general unsecured senior obligations ranking effectively junior to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness (including all borrowings under our revolving credit facility) to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness. If we or a guarantor is declared bankrupt, becomes insolvent or is liquidated or reorganized, the holders of our secured indebtedness or the secured indebtedness of such guarantor will be entitled to be paid in full from the proceeds of the assets, if any, securing such indebtedness before any payment may be made with respect to the notes or the affected guarantees. Holders of the notes will participate ratably in any remaining proceeds with all holders of our unsecured indebtedness, including

unsecured indebtedness incurred after the notes are issued that does not rank junior to the notes, including trade payables and all of our other general indebtedness, based on the respective amounts owed to each holder or creditor. In any of the foregoing events, there may not be sufficient funds to pay amounts due on the notes. As a result, holders of the notes would likely receive less, ratably, than holders of secured indebtedness.

The notes will also be structurally subordinated to any indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes. The indenture governing the exchange notes will permit us to form or acquire additional subsidiaries that are not guarantors of the notes in certain circumstances.

Holders of the notes will have no claim as a creditor against any of our non-guarantor subsidiaries. See "Description of the Exchange Notes—Brief Description of the Notes and Subsidiary Guarantees—The Subsidiary Guarantees."

We and the guarantors may incur substantial additional indebtedness. This could increase the risks associated with the exchange notes.

Subject to the restrictions in the indenture governing the notes and in other instruments governing our other outstanding indebtedness (including our revolving credit facility), we and our subsidiaries may incur substantial additional indebtedness (including secured indebtedness) in the future. Although the indenture governing the notes and our revolving credit facility contains restrictions on the incurrence of additional indebtedness, these restrictions are subject to waiver and a number of significant qualifications and exceptions, and indebtedness incurred in compliance with these restrictions could be substantial.

If we or a guarantor incurs any additional indebtedness that ranks equally with the notes (or with the guarantees thereof), including additional unsecured indebtedness or trade payables, the holders of that indebtedness will be entitled to share ratably with holders of the notes in any proceeds distributed in connection with any insolvency, liquidation, reorganization, dissolution or other winding-up of us or a guarantor. This may have the effect of reducing the amount of proceeds paid to holders of the notes in connection with such a distribution.

Any increase in our level of indebtedness will have several important effects on our future operations, including, without limitation:

- whether we will have additional cash requirements in order to support the payment of interest on our outstanding indebtedness;
- increases in our outstanding indebtedness and leverage will increase our vulnerability to adverse changes in general economic and industry conditions, as well as to competitive pressure; and
- depending on the levels of our outstanding indebtedness, our ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, general corporate and other purposes may be limited.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to maintain or improve our leverage position.

An element of our business strategy involves maintaining a disciplined approach to financial management. However, we are also seeking to acquire, exploit and develop additional oil and natural gas reserves which may require the incurrence of additional indebtedness. Although we will seek to maintain or improve our leverage position, our ability to maintain or reduce our level of indebtedness depends on a variety of factors, including future performance and our future debt financing needs. General economic conditions, oil and natural gas prices and financial, business and other factors will also affect our ability to maintain or improve our leverage position. Many of these factors are beyond our control.

The indenture governing the notes has restrictive covenants that, among other things, could limit our financial flexibility, our ability to engage in activities that may be in our long-term best interests and our ability and the ability of our restricted subsidiaries to:

- incur additional indebtedness;
- sell assets;

- pay dividends or make certain investments;
- create liens that secure indebtedness;
- enter into transactions with affiliates; and
- merge or consolidate with another company.

See "Description of the Exchange Notes—Certain Covenants." Our failure to comply with these covenants could result in an event of default that, if not cured or waived, could result in the acceleration of all of our indebtedness. We would not have sufficient working capital to satisfy our debt obligations in the event of an acceleration of all or a significant portion of our outstanding indebtedness.

The borrowing base under our revolving credit facility is subject to periodic redetermination.

The borrowing base under the revolving credit facility is determined semi-annually as of May 1 and November 1 by the lenders based primarily on the estimated value of our proved oil and natural gas reserves at December 31 and June 30 of each year, respectively. Both we and the lenders may request an unscheduled redetermination of the borrowing base once each between scheduled redetermination dates. In addition, our lenders have the flexibility to reduce our borrowing base due to factors beyond our control. As of May 29, 2015, our borrowing base was \$375.0 million and will remain at \$375.0 million until the next redetermination. We could be required to repay a portion of our bank debt to the extent that after a redetermination our outstanding borrowings at such time exceed the redetermined borrowing base. We may not have sufficient funds to make such repayments, which could result in a default under the terms of the facility and an acceleration of the loans thereunder requiring us to negotiate renewals, arrange new financing or sell significant assets, all of which could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

If we are unable to comply with the restrictions and covenants in the agreements governing the notes and our other indebtedness, there could be a default under the terms of these agreements, which could result in an acceleration of payment of funds that we have borrowed and would affect our ability to make principal and interest payments on the notes.

Any default under the agreements governing our indebtedness that is not cured or waived by the required lenders or holders of the notes, and the remedies sought by the holders of any such indebtedness, could make us unable to pay principal, premium, if any, and interest, or special interest, if any, on the exchange notes and substantially decrease the market value of the exchange notes. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow and are otherwise unable to obtain funds necessary to meet required payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest, or special interest, if any, on our indebtedness, or if we otherwise fail to comply with the various covenants, including financial and operating covenants, in the agreements governing our indebtedness (including covenants in our revolving credit facility and the indenture governing the exchange notes), we could be in default under the terms of the agreements governing such indebtedness. In the event of such default:

- the holders of such indebtedness could elect to declare all the funds borrowed thereunder to be due and payable, together with accrued and unpaid interest;
- the lenders under our revolving credit facility could elect to terminate their commitments thereunder, cease making further loans and institute foreclosure proceedings against our assets; and
- we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation.

If our operating performance declines, we may in the future need to obtain waivers under our revolving credit facility to avoid being in default. If we breach our covenants under our revolving credit facility and seek a waiver, we may not be able to obtain a waiver from the required lenders. If this occurs, we would be in default under our revolving credit facility, the lenders could exercise their rights, as described above, and we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation.

We may not be able to repurchase the notes upon a change of control.

If we experience certain kinds of changes of control, we may be required to offer to repurchase all outstanding notes at 101% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any. We may not be able to repurchase the notes upon a change of control because we may not have sufficient financial resources to purchase all of the notes that are tendered following a change of control. Our failure to repurchase the notes upon a change of control could cause a default under the indenture governing the notes and could lead to a cross default under our revolving credit facility. Additionally, using cash to fund the potential consequences of a change of control may impair our ability to obtain additional financing in the future, which could negatively impact our ability to conduct our business operations. See "Description of the Exchange Notes—Repurchase at the Option of Holders—Change of Control."

Federal and state statutes allow courts, under specific circumstances, to void guarantees and require noteholders to return payments received from quarantors.

Federal bankruptcy and state fraudulent transfer laws permit a court to avoid all or a portion of the obligations of a guarantor pursuant to its guarantee of the notes, or to subordinate any guarantor's obligations under such guarantee to claims of its other creditors, reducing or eliminating the noteholders' ability to recover under such guarantee. Although laws differ among these jurisdictions, in general, under applicable fraudulent transfer or conveyance laws, a guarantee could be voided as a fraudulent transfer or conveyance if (i) the guarantee was incurred with the intent of hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors; or (ii) the guarantor received less than reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration in return for incurring the guarantee and either:

- the guaranter was insolvent or rendered insolvent by reason of the incurrence of the guarantee or subsequently became insolvent for other reasons;
- the incurrence of the guarantee left the guarantor with an unreasonably small amount of capital to carry on the business; or
- the guarantor intended to, or believed that it would, incur debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they mature.

A court would likely find that a guarantor did not receive reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration for its guarantee if the guarantor did not substantially benefit directly or indirectly from the issuance of the notes. If a court were to void a guarantee, you would no longer have a claim against the guarantor. Sufficient funds to repay the outstanding notes may not be available from other sources, including the remaining guarantors, if any. In addition, the court might direct you to repay any amounts that you already received from the guarantor.

The measures of insolvency for purposes of fraudulent transfer laws vary depending upon the governing law of the applicable jurisdiction. Generally, a guarantor would be considered insolvent if:

- the sum of its debts, including contingent liabilities, was greater than the fair saleable value of all its assets;
- the present fair saleable value of its assets was less than the amount that would be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts, including contingent liabilities, as they became absolute and mature; or
- it could not pay its debts as they became due.

Each guarantee contains a provision intended to limit the guarantor's liability under the guarantee to the maximum amount that the guarantor could incur without causing the incurrence of obligations under its guarantee to be deemed a fraudulent transfer. This provision may not be effective to protect the guarantees from being voided under fraudulent transfer law.

An Active Trading Market for the Notes Does Not Exist and May Not Develop.

The exchange notes will be new securities for which currently there is no trading market. The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. There can be no assurance that a trading market for the notes will ever develop or will be maintained. Further, there can be no assurance as to the liquidity of any market that may develop for the notes, your ability to sell your notes or the price at which you will be able to sell your notes. The initial purchasers have advised us that they intend to make a market in the

notes, but there is no obligation for them to do so. Historically, the market for non-investment grade debt has been subject to disruptions that have caused substantial volatility in the prices of securities similar to the exchange notes. We cannot assure you that the market, if any, for the exchange notes will be free from similar disruptions. Any such disruption may adversely affect the holders of notes.

Future trading prices of the notes will depend on many factors, including prevailing interest rates, our financial condition and results of operations, the then current ratings assigned to the notes and the market for similar securities. Any trading market that develops would be affected by many factors independent of and in addition to the foregoing, including the:

- time remaining to the maturity of the notes;
- outstanding amount of the notes;
- the number of noteholders;
- the interest of securities dealers in making a market for the notes;
- our operating performance and financial condition;
- terms related to optional redemption of the notes; and
- level, direction and volatility of market interest rates generally.

If an active market does not develop or is not maintained, the market price and liquidity of the notes may be adversely affected.

Many of the covenants contained in the indenture will be terminated if the notes are rated investment grade by Standard & Poor's and Moody's and no default has occurred and is continuing.

Many of the covenants in the indenture governing the notes will be suspended if the notes are rated investment grade by Standard & Poor's and Moody's, provided at such time no default or event of default has occurred and is continuing. These covenants include restrictions on our ability to pay dividends, to incur debt and to enter into certain transactions. There can be no assurance that the notes will ever be rated investment grade. However, termination of these covenants would allow us to engage in certain transactions that would not have been permitted while these covenants were in force. The covenant termination will continue even if the notes are subsequently downgraded below investment grade. See "Description of the Exchange Notes—Covenant Termination."

We face risks related to rating agency downgrades.

Credit rating agencies continually revise their ratings for companies that they follow, including us. In the event of a ratings downgrade, the market price of the notes may be adversely affected, raising capital may become more difficult and borrowing costs under our revolving credit facility and other future borrowings may increase.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The exchange offer is intended to satisfy our obligations under the registration rights agreement. We will not receive any cash proceeds from the issuance of the exchange notes in the exchange offer. In consideration for issuing the exchange notes as contemplated by this prospectus, we will receive outstanding notes in a like principal amount. The form and terms of the exchange notes are identical in all respects to the form and terms of the outstanding notes, except the exchange notes do not include certain transfer restrictions, registration rights or provisions for additional interest. Outstanding notes surrendered in exchange for the exchange notes will be retired and canceled and will not be reissued. Accordingly, the issuance of the exchange notes will not result in any change in our outstanding indebtedness.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The table below sets forth the Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges for us for each of the periods indicated.

	March 31, Fiscal Year Ended December 31,			r 31,		
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	(a)	20.09	7.53	(a)	(a)	179.99

(a) During the period noted, our coverage ratio was less than 1:1. We would have needed to generate additional earnings of approximately \$70.8 million during the three months ended March 31, 2015, \$36.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2012 and \$17.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2011, respectively, to achieve a coverage ratio of 1:1.

For purposes of calculating the ratio of earnings to fixed charges:

- "earnings" consist of income (loss) before income taxes plus fixed charges, amortization of capitalized interest less interest capitalized and (income) loss attributable to non-controlling interest in subsidiaries that have not incurred fixed charges; and
- "fixed charges" consist of interest expense (gross of interest income), capitalized interest, amortization of deferred loan costs and the estimated interest component of rental expense.

We paid no preferred stock dividends during any period presented, and accordingly, the ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred stock dividends is the same as the ratio of earnings to fixed charges.

THE EXCHANGE OFFER

We sold the outstanding notes on April 14, 2015 pursuant to the purchase agreement, dated as of April 9, 2015, by and among us, our subsidiary guarantors and the initial purchasers named therein. The outstanding notes were subsequently offered by the initial purchasers to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act and to non-U.S. persons pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Purpose of the Exchange Offer

We sold outstanding notes in transactions that were exempt from or not subject to registration requirements under the Securities Act. Accordingly, the outstanding notes are subject to transfer restrictions. In general, you may not offer or sell the outstanding notes unless either they are no longer subject to certain restrictions on transfer or the offer or sale is exempt from or not subject to registration under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws.

In connection with the sale of the outstanding notes, we entered into a registration rights agreement with the initial purchasers of the outstanding notes. We are making the exchange offer to fulfill our contractual obligations under that agreement. A copy of the registration rights agreement has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The exchange offer will be open for at least 20 business days.

Pursuant to the exchange offer, we will issue the exchange notes in exchange for outstanding notes. The terms of the exchange notes are identical in all material respects to those of the outstanding notes, except that the exchange notes (1) will not be subject to certain restrictions on transfer applicable to the outstanding notes and (2) will not have registration rights or provide for any increase in the interest rate related to the obligation to register. See "Description of the Exchange Notes" for more information on the terms of the exchange notes.

We are not making the exchange offer to, and will not accept tenders for exchange from, holders of outstanding notes in any jurisdiction in which an exchange offer or the acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdiction. Unless the context requires otherwise, the term "holder" means any person whose outstanding notes are held of record by The Depository Trust Company, or DTC, who desires to deliver such outstanding notes by book-entry transfer at DTC.

We make no recommendation to the holders of outstanding notes as to whether to tender or refrain from tendering all or any portion of their outstanding notes pursuant to the exchange offer. In addition, no one has been authorized to make any such recommendation. Holders of outstanding notes must make their own decision whether to tender pursuant to the exchange offer and, if so, the aggregate amount of outstanding notes to tender after reading this prospectus and the letter of transmittal and consulting with their advisers, if any, based on their own financial position and requirements.

Each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account in exchange for outstanding notes, where such securities were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus that meets the requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale of the exchange notes. See "Plan of Distribution."

Resales of Exchange Notes

Based on interpretations by the staff of the SEC, as described in no-action letters issued to third parties, we believe that exchange notes issued in the exchange offer in exchange for outstanding notes may be offered for resale, resold or otherwise transferred by holders of the outstanding notes without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act, if:

- the exchange notes are acquired in the ordinary course of the holders' business;
- the holders have no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution of the exchange notes; and
- the holders are not "affiliates" of Matador within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act.

However, the SEC has not considered the exchange offer described in this prospectus in the context of a no-action letter. We cannot assure you that the staff of the SEC would make a similar determination with respect to the exchange offer as in the other circumstances. Each holder who wishes to exchange outstanding notes for exchange notes will be required to represent that it meets the above three requirements.

Any holder who is an affiliate of ours or who intends to participate in the exchange offer for the purpose of distributing exchange notes or any broker-dealer who purchased outstanding notes directly from us to resell pursuant to Rule 144A or any other available exemption under the Securities Act:

- may not rely on the applicable interpretations of the staff of the SEC mentioned above;
- will not be permitted or entitled to tender the outstanding notes in the exchange offer; and
- must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale transaction.

Unless an exemption from registration is otherwise available, any securityholder intending to distribute exchange notes should be covered by an effective registration statement under the Securities Act. The registration statement should contain the selling securityholder's information required by Item 507 or 508, as applicable, of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act.

In addition, to comply with state securities laws, the exchange notes may not be offered or sold in any state unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in such state or an exemption from registration or qualification, with which there has been compliance, is available. The offer and sale of the exchange notes to "qualified institutional buyers," as defined under Rule 144A of the Securities Act, is generally exempt from registration or qualification under the state securities laws. We currently do not intend to register or qualify the sale of exchange notes in any state where an exemption from registration or qualification is required and not available.

Terms of the Exchange Offer

Upon the terms and conditions described in this prospectus and in the accompanying letter of transmittal, which together constitute the exchange offer, we will accept for exchange outstanding notes which are properly tendered at or before the expiration time and not withdrawn as permitted below. Outstanding notes tendered in the exchange offer must be in denominations of principal amount of \$2,000 and any integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The exchange offer is not conditioned upon any minimum aggregate principal amount of outstanding notes being tendered in the exchange offer.

As of the date of this prospectus, \$400,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of outstanding notes are outstanding. This prospectus is being sent to DTC, the sole registered holder of the outstanding notes. There will be no fixed record date for determining registered holders of outstanding notes entitled to participate in the exchange offer.

We intend to conduct the exchange offer in accordance with the provisions of the registration rights agreement, the applicable requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations of the SEC. Outstanding notes whose holders do not tender for exchange in the exchange offer will remain outstanding and continue to accrue interest. These outstanding notes will be entitled to the rights and benefits such holders have under the indenture relating to the outstanding notes and, if applicable, the registration rights agreement.

We will be deemed to have accepted for exchange properly tendered outstanding notes when we have given written notice of the acceptance to the exchange agent and complied with the applicable provisions of the registration rights agreement. The exchange agent will act as agent for the tendering holders for the purposes of receiving the exchange notes from us.

If you tender outstanding notes in the exchange offer, you will not be required to pay brokerage commissions or fees or, subject to the letter of transmittal, transfer taxes with respect to the exchange of outstanding notes. We will pay all charges and expenses, other than certain applicable taxes described below, in connection with the exchange offer. Please read "—Fees and Expenses" for more details regarding fees and expenses incurred in connection with the exchange offer.

We will return any outstanding notes that we do not accept for exchange for any reason without expense to their tendering holders promptly after the expiration or termination of the exchange offer.

Expiration, Extension and Amendment

The expiration time of the exchange offer is 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on , 2015. However, we may, in our sole discretion, at any time or various times, extend the period of time for which the exchange offer is open and set a later expiration date. The term "expiration time" as used herein means the latest time and date to which we extend the exchange offer. If we decide to extend the exchange offer period, we will then delay acceptance of any outstanding notes by giving written notice of an extension to the holders of outstanding notes as described below. During any extension period, all outstanding notes previously tendered will remain subject to the exchange offer and may be accepted for exchange by us. Any outstanding notes not accepted for exchange will be returned to the tendering holder after the expiration or termination of the exchange offer.

Our obligation to accept outstanding notes for exchange in the exchange offer is subject to the conditions described below under "—Conditions to the Exchange Offer." We may decide to waive any of the conditions in our discretion. Furthermore, we reserve the right to amend or terminate the exchange offer, and to not accept for exchange any outstanding notes not previously accepted for exchange, if the conditions of the exchange offer specified below under the same headings are not fulfilled. We will give written notice of any extension, amendment, non-acceptance or termination to the holders of the outstanding notes as promptly as practicable. If we amend the exchange offer in a manner that we determine to constitute a material change, we will promptly disclose such amendment by means of a prospectus supplement. The prospectus supplement will be distributed to holders of the outstanding notes. If the change is made less than five business days before the expiration of the exchange offer, we will extend the offer so that the holders have at least five business days to tender or withdraw. In the event of any increase or decrease in the consideration we are offering for the outstanding notes or in the percentage of outstanding notes being sought by us, we will extend the exchange offer to remain open for at least 10 business days after the date we provide notice of such increase or decrease to the registered holders of outstanding notes. We will notify you of any extension by means of a press release or other public announcement no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time on the first business day after the previously scheduled expiration time.

Procedures for Tendering

To participate in the exchange offer, you must properly tender your outstanding notes to the exchange agent as described below. We will only issue exchange notes in exchange for outstanding notes that you timely and properly tender. You should follow carefully the instructions on how to tender your outstanding notes. It is your responsibility to properly tender your outstanding notes. We have the right to waive any defects. However, we are not required to waive defects, and neither we nor the exchange agent is required to notify you of any defects in your tender.

If you have any questions or need help in exchanging your outstanding notes, please call the exchange agent whose address and phone number are described in the letter of transmittal included as Annex A to this prospectus.

All of the outstanding notes were issued in book-entry form, and all of the outstanding notes are currently represented by global certificates registered in the name of Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC. We have confirmed with DTC that the outstanding notes may be tendered using ATOP. The exchange agent will establish an account with DTC for purposes of the exchange offer promptly after the commencement of the exchange offer, and DTC participants may electronically transmit their acceptance of the exchange offer by causing DTC to transfer their outstanding notes to the exchange agent using the ATOP procedures. In connection with the transfer, DTC will send an "agent's message" to the exchange agent. The agent's message will state that DTC has received instructions from the participant to tender outstanding notes and that the participant agrees to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal.

By using the ATOP procedures to exchange outstanding notes, you will not be required to deliver a letter of transmittal to the exchange agent. However, you will be bound by its terms just as if you had signed it.

There is no procedure for guaranteed late delivery of the outstanding notes.

If you beneficially own outstanding notes that are registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and you wish to tender those notes, you should contact the registered holder as soon as possible and instruct the registered holder to tender on your behalf.

Determinations Under the Exchange Offer. We will determine in our sole discretion all questions as to the validity, form, eligibility, time of receipt, acceptance of tendered outstanding notes and withdrawal of tendered outstanding notes. Our determination will be final and binding. We reserve the absolute right to reject any outstanding notes not properly tendered or any outstanding notes our acceptance of which might, in the opinion of our counsel, be unlawful. We also reserve the right to waive any defect, irregularities or conditions of tender as to particular outstanding notes. Our interpretation of the terms and conditions of the exchange offer,

including the instructions in the letter of transmittal, will be final and binding on all parties. Unless waived, all defects or irregularities in connection with tenders of outstanding notes must be cured within such time as we shall determine. Although we intend to notify holders of defects or irregularities with respect to tenders of outstanding notes, neither we, the exchange agent nor any other person will incur any liability for failure to give such notification. Tenders of outstanding notes will not be deemed made until such defects or irregularities have been cured or waived. Any outstanding notes received by the exchange agent that are not properly tendered and as to which the defects or irregularities have not been cured or waived will be returned to the tendering holder promptly following the expiration time.

When We Will Issue Exchange Notes. In all cases, we will issue exchange notes for outstanding notes that we have accepted for exchange under the exchange offer only after the exchange agent receives, prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date,

- a book-entry confirmation of such outstanding notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC; and
- a properly transmitted agent's message.

Such notes will be issued promptly following the expiration or termination of the offer.

Return of Outstanding Notes Not Accepted or Exchanged. If we do not accept any tendered outstanding notes for exchange or if outstanding notes are submitted for a greater principal amount than the holder desires to exchange, the unaccepted or non-exchanged outstanding notes will be returned without expense to their tendering holder. Such non-exchanged outstanding notes will be credited to an account maintained with DTC. These actions will occur promptly after the expiration or termination of the exchange offer.

Your Representations to Us. By agreeing to be bound by the letter of transmittal, you will represent to us that, among other things:

- any exchange notes to be received by you will be acquired in the ordinary course of your business;
- you have no arrangement or understanding with any person or entity to participate in the distribution (within the meaning of the Securities Act) of the exchange notes in violation of the provisions of the Securities Act;
- you are not an "affiliate," as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act, of us or our subsidiary guarantors; and
- if you are a broker-dealer that will receive exchange notes for your own account in exchange for outstanding notes that were acquired as a result of market-making or other trading activities, then you will deliver this prospectus (or, to the extent permitted by law, make this prospectus available to purchasers) in connection with any resale of the exchange notes.

Each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account in exchange for outstanding notes, where such securities were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus that meets the requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale of the exchange notes. See "Plan of Distribution."

Withdrawal of Tenders

Except as otherwise provided in this prospectus, you may withdraw your tender at any time prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date of the exchange offer. For a withdrawal to be effective you must comply with the appropriate ATOP procedures. Any notice of withdrawal must specify the name and number of the account at DTC to be credited with withdrawn outstanding notes and otherwise comply with the ATOP procedures.

We will determine in our sole discretion all questions as to the validity, form, eligibility and time of receipt of a notice of withdrawal. Our determination shall be final and binding on all parties. We will deem any outstanding notes so withdrawn not to have been validly tendered for exchange for purposes of the exchange offer.

Any outstanding notes that have been tendered for exchange but that are not exchanged for any reason will be credited to an account maintained with DTC for the outstanding notes. This return or crediting will take place promptly after withdrawal, rejection of tender, expiration or termination of the exchange offer. You may retender properly withdrawn outstanding notes by following the procedures described under "—Procedures for Tendering" above at any time on or prior to the expiration time.

Conditions to the Exchange Offer

We will not be required to accept for exchange, or exchange any exchange notes for, any outstanding notes if the exchange offer, or the making of any exchange by a holder of outstanding notes, would violate applicable law or SEC policy. Similarly, we may terminate the exchange offer as provided in this prospectus before accepting outstanding notes for exchange in the event of such a potential violation.

We will not be obligated to accept for exchange the outstanding notes of any holder that has not made to us the representations described under "— Procedures for Tendering" and "Plan of Distribution" and such other representations as may be reasonably necessary under applicable SEC rules, regulations or interpretations to allow us to use an appropriate form to register the exchange notes under the Securities Act.

Additionally, we will not accept for exchange any outstanding notes tendered, and will not issue exchange notes in exchange for any such outstanding notes, if at such time any stop order has been threatened or is in effect with respect to the exchange offer registration statement of which this prospectus constitutes a part or the qualification of the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

We expressly reserve the right to amend or terminate the exchange offer, and to reject for exchange any outstanding notes not previously accepted for exchange, upon the occurrence of any of the conditions to the exchange offer specified above. We will promptly give written notice of any extension, amendment, non-acceptance or termination to the holders of the outstanding notes.

These conditions are for our sole benefit, and we may assert them or waive them in whole or in part at any time or at various times prior to the expiration of the exchange offer in our sole discretion. If we fail at any time to exercise any of these rights, this failure will not mean that we have waived our rights. Each such right will be deemed an ongoing right that we may assert at any time or at various times prior to the expiration of the exchange offer.

Exchange Agent

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association has been appointed as the exchange agent for the exchange offer. All executed letters of transmittal and any other required documents should be directed to the exchange agent at the address or facsimile number set forth below. Questions and requests for assistance and requests for additional copies of this prospectus or of the letter of transmittal should be directed to the exchange agent addressed as follows:

Registered & Certified Mail:

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Corporate Trust Operations MAC N9303-121 P.O. Box 1517 Minneapolis, MN 55480

Regular Mail or Courier:

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Corporate Trust Operations MAC N9303-121 6th St & Marquette Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55479

In Person by Hand Only:

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Corporate Trust Operations Northstar East Building - 12th Floor 608 Second Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55402

By Facsimile Transmission:

(877) 407-4679 Attn: Corporate Trust Operations Confirm by Telephone: (800) 344-5128

Delivery of the letter of transmittal to an address other than as set forth above or transmission of the letter of transmittal via a facsimile transmission to a number other than as set forth above will not constitute a valid delivery of the letter of transmittal. Delivery of documents to The Depository Trust Company does not constitute delivery to the exchange agent.

Fees and Expenses

We will bear the expenses of soliciting tenders. The principal solicitation is being made by e-mail; however, we may make additional solicitation by mail, telephone or in person by our officers and regular employees and those of our affiliates.

We have not retained any dealer-manager in connection with the exchange offer and will not make any payments to broker-dealers or others soliciting acceptances of the exchange offer. We will, however, pay the exchange agent reasonable and customary fees for its services and reimburse it for its related reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

We will pay the cash expenses to be incurred in connection with the exchange offer. They include:

- SEC registration fees;
- fees and expenses of the exchange agent and trustee;
- accounting and legal fees and printing costs; and
- related fees and expenses.

Transfer Taxes

We will pay all transfer taxes, if any, applicable to the exchange of outstanding notes under the exchange offer. Each tendering holder, however, will be required to pay any transfer taxes, whether imposed on the registered holder or any other person, if a transfer tax is imposed for any reason other than the exchange of outstanding notes under the exchange offer.

Consequences of Failure to Exchange

If you do not exchange your outstanding notes for exchange notes under the exchange offer, the outstanding notes you hold will continue to be subject to the existing restrictions on transfer. In general, you may not offer or sell the outstanding notes except under an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. We do not intend to register outstanding notes under the Securities Act unless the registration rights agreement requires us to do so.

Accounting Treatment

We will record the exchange notes at the same carrying value as the outstanding notes, as reflected in our accounting records on the date of the exchange. Accordingly, we will not recognize any gain or loss for accounting purposes. The expenses of the exchange offer will be amortized over the term of the exchange notes.

Other

Participation in the exchange offer is voluntary, and you should consider carefully whether to accept. You are urged to consult your financial and tax advisors in making your own decision on what action to take.

We may in the future seek to acquire untendered outstanding notes in open market or privately negotiated transactions, through subsequent exchange offers or otherwise. We have no present plans to acquire any outstanding notes that are not tendered in the exchange offer or to file a registration statement to permit resales of any untendered outstanding notes.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EXCHANGE NOTES

The Company issued the outstanding notes and will issue the exchange notes (collectively, the "*Notes*") under an indenture (the "*Indenture*") dated April 14, 2015 by and among itself, the Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "*Trustee*"). The terms of the outstanding notes and the exchange notes will include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "*Trust Indenture Act*").

The following description is a summary of the material provisions of the Indenture. It does not restate this agreement in its entirety. The Company urges you to read the Indenture because it, and not this description, define your rights as Holders of the Notes. You may request copies of the Indenture at the Company's address set forth under the headings "—Additional Information" and "Where You Can Find More Information."

You can find the definitions of certain terms used in this description under the subheadings "—Certain Definitions" and "—Principal, Maturity and Interest." In this description, the word "Company" refers only to Matador Resources Company and not to any of its subsidiaries.

The registered holder of a Note will be treated as the owner of it for all purposes. Only registered holders of Notes will have rights under the Indenture, and all references to "Holders" in this description are to registered holders of Notes.

If the exchange offer is consummated, Holders of outstanding notes who do not exchange their notes for exchange notes will vote together with the Holders of the exchange notes for all relevant purposes under the Indenture. In that regard, the Indenture requires that certain actions by the Holders under the Indenture (including acceleration after an Event of Default) must be taken, and certain rights must be exercised, by specified minimum percentages of the aggregate principal amount of all Notes issued under the Indenture. In determining whether Holders of the requisite percentage in principal amount have given any notice, consent or waiver or taken any other action permitted under the Indenture, any outstanding notes that remain outstanding after the exchange offer will be aggregated with the exchange notes, and the Holders of any outstanding notes and the exchange notes will vote together as a single series for all such purposes. Accordingly, all references in this "Description of the Exchange Notes" to specified percentages in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes mean, at any time after the exchange offer for the outstanding notes is consummated, such percentage in aggregate principal amount of such notes and the exchange notes then outstanding.

Brief Description of the Notes and Subsidiary Guarantees

The Notes

Like the outstanding notes, the exchange notes:

- will be general unsecured senior obligations of the Company;
- will be equal in right of payment to all existing and future senior Indebtedness of the Company;
- will be effectively subordinate in right of payment to any secured Indebtedness of the Company to the extent of the collateral securing such Indebtedness, including Indebtedness under the Credit Agreement;
- will be senior in right of payment to any future Subordinated Indebtedness of the Company;
- will be effectively subordinated to the Indebtedness of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the Notes; and
- will be guaranteed by the Guarantors.

The Subsidiary Guarantees

Like the outstanding notes, the exchange notes will be jointly and severally guaranteed by each of the Company's present Restricted Subsidiaries, and by any of its future Restricted Subsidiaries that guarantee Indebtedness of the Company or another Guarantor under a Credit Facility.

The Subsidiary Guarantees of the Notes:

will be general unsecured senior obligations of each Guarantor;

- will be equal in right of payment to all existing and future senior Indebtedness of each Guarantor;
- will be effectively subordinate in right of payment to any secured Indebtedness of each Guarantor to the extent of the collateral securing such Indebtedness, including Indebtedness of the Guarantors under the Credit Agreement; and
- will be senior in right of payment to any future Subordinated Indebtedness of each Guarantor.

As of the date of the Indenture, all of the Company's Subsidiaries (other than the Joint Venture Subsidiary) were "Restricted Subsidiaries." Under the circumstances described below under the subheading "—Certain Definitions—Unrestricted Subsidiary," the Company will be permitted to designate certain of its Subsidiaries as "Unrestricted Subsidiaries." Unrestricted Subsidiaries are not subject to many of the restrictive covenants in the Indenture and do not guarantee the Notes.

The Company's Joint Venture Subsidiary has no outstanding Indebtedness. As of the date of the Indenture, the Joint Venture Subsidiary had not generated any material revenues and held an immaterial percentage of our consolidated assets.

Principal, Maturity and Interest

The Company has issued \$400,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of outstanding notes. The Company may issue Additional Notes ("Additional Notes") from time to time after this offering in an unlimited amount, without the consent of the Holders but subject to the provisions of the Indenture described below under the caption "—Certain Covenants—Incurrence of Indebtedness." The outstanding notes and any Additional Notes subsequently issued under the Indenture, together with the exchange notes, will be treated as a single class for all purposes under the Indenture, including, without limitation, waivers, amendments, redemptions and offers to purchase. Unless otherwise provided or the context requires, for all purposes of the Indenture and this "Description of the Exchange Notes," references to the Notes include any Additional Notes and Exchange Notes actually issued. The Company will issue Notes in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The Notes will mature on April 15, 2023.

Interest on the Notes accrues at the rate of 6.875% per year and is payable semiannually in arrears on April 15 and October 15, commencing on October 15, 2015. The Company will make each interest payment to the Holders of record of the Notes on the immediately preceding April 1 and October 1.

Interest on the Notes will accrue from the date of original issuance or, if interest has already been paid, from the date it was most recently paid. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

Methods of Receiving Payments on the Notes

If a Holder of not less than \$5.0 million aggregate principal amount of any Notes held in definitive form has given wire transfer instructions to the Company for an account in the U.S., the Company will make all principal, premium and interest payments on those Notes in accordance with those instructions. All other payments on the Notes will be made at the office or agency of the Paying Agent unless the Company elects to make interest payments by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders.

The Company will make all principal, premium and interest payments on each Note in global form registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company ("*DTC*") or its nominee in immediately available funds to DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, as the Holder of such Global Note (as defined below).

Paying Agent and Registrar for the Notes

The Trustee is acting as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may change the Paying Agent or Registrar without prior notice to the Holders of the Notes, and the Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

Transfer and Exchange

A Holder may transfer or exchange Notes in accordance with the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents, and the Company may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Company is not required to transfer or exchange any Note selected for redemption. Also, the Company is not required to transfer or exchange any Note for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed.

The registered Holder of a Note will be treated as the owner of it for all purposes.

Subsidiary Guarantees

The Guarantors jointly and severally guarantee the Company's obligations under the Notes on a senior unsecured basis. The obligations of each Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee is limited in a manner intended to prevent that Subsidiary Guarantee from constituting a fraudulent conveyance under applicable laws, although no assurance can be given that a court would give the Holders the benefit of such a provision. Please read "Risk Factors—Risks Related to the Exchange Notes—Federal and state statutes allow courts, under specific circumstances, to void guarantees and require noteholders to return payments received from guarantors."

Except in a transaction resulting in the release of a Subsidiary Guarantee of a Guarantor, the Company will not permit a Guarantor to consolidate with or merge with or into (whether or not such Guarantor is the surviving Person) another Person (other than the Company or another Guarantor) unless:

- (1) immediately after giving effect to that transaction, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing; and
- (2) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than such Guarantor) assumes all the obligations of that Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee pursuant to a supplemental indenture satisfactory to the Trustee.

The Subsidiary Guarantee of a Guarantor will be released in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Indenture:

- (1) in connection with any sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of that Guarantor (including by way of merger or consolidation) other than to the Company or another Guarantor, if such transaction as of the time of such disposition does not violate the provisions of the Indenture described under the caption "—Repurchase at the Option of Holders—Asset Sales";
- (2) in connection with any sale or other disposition of the Capital Stock of a Guarantor (including by way of merger or consolidation) other than to the Company or another Guarantor, if such transaction at the time of such disposition does not violate the provisions of the Indenture described under the caption "—Repurchase at the Option of Holders—Asset Sales" and the Guarantor ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company as a result of such transaction;
- (3) if the Company designates any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Guarantor as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture;
- (4) if the Company effects a Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance as described under "—Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance" or if it satisfies and discharges the Indenture as described under "Satisfaction and Discharge"; or
- (5) at such time as such Guarantor ceases to guarantee any other Indebtedness of the Company or any other Guarantor under a Credit Facility.

Optional Redemption

Prior to April 15, 2018, the Company may on any one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes (including any Additional Notes) originally issued prior to the redemption date under the Indenture in an amount not greater than the Net Cash Proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings, at a redemption price of 106.875% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date); provided that

- (1) at least 65% in aggregate principal amount of Notes (including any Additional Notes) originally issued under the Indenture remain outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption (excluding Notes held by the Company and its Subsidiaries); and
 - (2) each such redemption must occur within 180 days of the date of the closing of the related Equity Offering.

In addition, at any time prior to April 15, 2018, the Company may redeem all or part of the Notes at a redemption price equal to the sum of:

- (i) the principal amount thereof, plus
- (ii) the Make Whole Premium at the redemption date,

plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date).

On or after April 15, 2018, the Company may redeem all or a part of the Notes at any time or from time to time at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth below plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the applicable redemption date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date that is on or prior to the redemption date), if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on April 15 of the years indicated below:

Year	Percentage
<u>Year</u> 2018	105.156%
2019	103.438%
2020	101.719%
2021 and thereafter	100.000%

Except pursuant to the preceding paragraphs, or as described below in the last paragraph under "—Repurchase at the Option of Holders—Change of Control," the Notes will not be redeemable at the Company's option prior to maturity.

Selection and Notice

If less than all of the Notes are to be redeemed at any time, the Trustee will select Notes for redemption as follows:

- (1) if the Notes are listed, in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange on which the Notes are listed; or
- (2) if the Notes are not so listed, on a pro rata basis (or, in the case of Notes in global form, the Notes represented thereby will be selected in accordance with DTC's prescribed method).

Notes or portions of Notes the Trustee selects for redemption shall be in minimum amounts of \$2,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Notices of redemption shall be given in the manner prescribed in the Indenture at least 30 but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each Holder of Notes to be redeemed at its registered address, except that notices of redemption may be given more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the Notes or a satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture. Notices of redemption may be subject to one or more conditions precedent specified in the notice of redemption, including completion of an Equity Offering or other corporate transaction.

If any Note is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption that relates to that Note shall state the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. A new Note in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the original Note will be issued in the name of the Holder thereof upon cancellation of the original Note. Notes called for redemption become due on the date fixed for redemption, subject to satisfaction of any conditions to the redemption. On and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on Notes or portions of them called for redemption.

Mandatory Redemption; Offers to Purchase; Open Market Purchases

The Company is not required to make any mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes. However, under certain circumstances, the Company may be required to offer to purchase Notes as described under the captions "—Repurchase at the Option of Holders—Change of Control" and "—Asset Sales." The Company may at any time and from time to time purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise.

Repurchase at the Option of Holders

Change of Control

If a Change of Control occurs, unless the Company has previously or concurrently exercised its right to redeem all of the Notes as described under "—Optional Redemption," each Holder of Notes will have the right to require the Company to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of that Holder's Notes pursuant to the offer described below (the "Change of Control Offer"). In the Change of Control Offer, the Company will offer a payment (the "Change of Control Payment") in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes to be repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the date of purchase (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date that is on or prior to the date of purchase).

No later than 30 days following any Change of Control, the Company will send a notice to each Holder (with a copy to the Trustee) describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and offering to repurchase Notes on the Change of Control Payment Date specified in such notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed, pursuant to the procedures required by the Indenture and described in such notice. The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of the covenant described herein, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this covenant by virtue of the Company's compliance with such securities laws or regulations.

On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Company will, to the extent lawful:

- (1) accept for payment all Notes or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;
- (2) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions thereof so tendered; and
- (3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes so accepted together with an officers' certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes or portions thereof being purchased by the Company.

The Paying Agent will promptly mail to each Holder of Notes so tendered and not withdrawn the Change of Control Payment for such tendered Notes, with such payments to be made through the facilities of DTC for all Notes in global form, and the Trustee will promptly authenticate and send (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each Holder a new Note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, if any, by such Holder; provided that each such new Note will be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The Company will announce to the Holders of Notes the results of the Change of Control Offer on or as soon as practicable after the Change of Control Payment Date.

The provisions described above that require the Company to make a Change of Control Offer following a Change of Control is applicable regardless of whether or not any other provisions of the Indenture are applicable. Except as described above with respect to a Change of Control, the Indenture does not contain provisions that permit the Holders of the Notes to require that the Company repurchase or redeem the Notes in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or similar transaction.

The Credit Agreement currently treats certain change of control events with respect to the Company as an event of default entitling the lenders to terminate all further lending commitments, to accelerate all loans then outstanding and to exercise other remedies. The occurrence of a Change of Control may result in a default under future Indebtedness of the Company and its Subsidiaries, and give the lenders thereunder the right to require the Company to repay obligations outstanding thereunder. Moreover, the exercise by Holders of their right to require the Company to repurchase the Notes could cause a default under such future Indebtedness, even if the Change of Control itself does not, due to the financial effect of such repurchase on the Company. The Company's ability to repurchase Notes following a Change of Control also may be limited by the Company's then existing financial resources.

The Company will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if (1) a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Company and purchases all Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer, (2) a notice of redemption for all outstanding Notes has been given, unless and until there is a default in payment of the applicable redemption price or (3) in connection with or in contemplation of any publicly announced Change of Control, the Company has made an offer to purchase (an "Alternate Offer") any and all Notes validly tendered at a cash price equal to or higher than the Change of Control Payment and has purchased all Notes properly tendered in accordance with the terms of the Alternate Offer.

A Change of Control Offer or Alternate Offer may be made in advance of a Change of Control, and conditioned upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, if a definitive agreement is in place for the Change of Control at the time of making the Change of Control Offer or Alternate Offer.

The definition of Change of Control includes a phrase relating to the sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of "all or substantially all" of the assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase "substantially all," there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, the ability of a Holder of Notes to require the Company to repurchase such Notes as a result of a sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of less than all of the assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole may be uncertain.

If Holders of not less than 90% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes validly tender and do not withdraw such Notes in a Change of Control Offer or Alternate Offer and the Company, or any other Person making a Change of Control Offer or Alternate Offer in lieu of the Company as described above, purchases all of the Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn by such Holders, the Company will have the right, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice, given not more than 30 days following such purchase pursuant to the Change of Control Offer or Alternate Offer described above, to redeem all Notes that remain outstanding following such purchase at a redemption price in cash equal to the applicable Change of Control Payment or Alternate Offering price, as applicable, plus, to the extent not included in the Change of Control Payment or Alternate Offer price, as applicable, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date that is on or prior to the date of purchase).

Asset Sales

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, consummate an Asset Sale unless:

- (1) the Company (or the Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be) receives consideration at the time of such Asset Sale at least equal to the Fair Market Value of the Equity Interests or other assets issued or sold or otherwise disposed of (which may be determined at the time of entering into any agreement with respect to such Asset Sale); and
- (2) (A) at least 75% of the aggregate consideration therefor received by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, from such Asset Sale and all other Asset Sales since the Issue Date, on a cumulative basis, is in the form of cash, Cash Equivalents or assets of the type referred to in clauses (2) or (3) of the next succeeding paragraph, or any combination of the foregoing (together, "Permitted Consideration") or (B) the Fair Market Value of all forms of consideration other than Permitted Consideration since the Issue Date does not exceed in the aggregate 10% of the ACNTA of the Company (determined at the time of receipt of such consideration), with the Fair Market Value of each item of consideration measured at the time received and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value. For purposes of this provision, each of the following shall be deemed to be cash:
 - (a) any liabilities (as shown on the Company's or such Restricted Subsidiary's most recent balance sheet) of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than contingent liabilities and liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the Notes or any Subsidiary Guarantee) that are assumed by the transferee of any such assets pursuant to a novation agreement or similar agreement that releases the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary from further liability;
 - (b) with respect to any Asset Sale of properties used or useful in the Oil and Gas Business by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries where the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary retains an interest in such property, the amount of the costs and expenses of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary related to the exploration, development, completion or production of such properties and activities related thereto which the transferee (or an Affiliate thereof) agrees to pay;
 - (c) Indebtedness (other than contingent liabilities and liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the notes or a Guarantee) of any Restricted Subsidiary that is no longer a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such Asset Sale; provided that the Company and each other Restricted Subsidiary are released from any Guarantee of such Indebtedness in connection with such Asset Sale;
 - (d) any securities, notes or other obligations received by the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that are converted within 180 days by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash (to the extent of the cash received in that conversion); and
 - (e) solely in the case of any Asset Sale of Midstream Assets, Permitted MLP Securities.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of any Asset Sale pursuant to a condemnation, appropriation or similar taking, including by deed in lieu of condemnation, such Asset Sale shall not be required to satisfy the requirements of clauses (1) and (2) above.

Within the later of (x) one year after the date of receipt of any Net Proceeds from an Asset Sale and (y) six months after the date of an agreement entered into within such one-year period committing the Company or Restricted Subsidiary to make an acquisition or expenditure referred to in clauses (2) or (3) below, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary may apply such Net Proceeds at its option, in any one or more of the following:

- (1) to repay, redeem or repurchase any Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than Subordinated Indebtedness);
- (2) to acquire all or substantially all of the assets of, or a majority of the Voting Stock of, a company principally engaged in the Oil and Gas Business that will, upon such acquisition, become a Restricted Subsidiary or acquire any minority interest in a Restricted Subsidiary; or
 - (3) to make capital expenditures or to acquire properties or assets, in each case that are used or useful in the Oil and Gas Business.

Pending the final application of any such Net Proceeds, the Company may invest such Net Proceeds in any manner not prohibited by the Indenture.

Any Net Proceeds from Asset Sales that are not applied or invested as provided in the preceding paragraph will constitute "Excess Proceeds." When the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$25.0 million, the Company will make an offer (the "Asset Sale Offer") to all Holders of Notes and, to the extent required by the terms thereof, all holders of other Indebtedness that is pari passu in right of payment with the Notes containing provisions similar to those set forth in the Indenture with respect to offers to purchase or redeem with the proceeds of sales of assets to purchase the maximum principal amount of Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness that may be purchased out of the Excess Proceeds. The offer price with respect to the Notes in any Asset Sale Offer will be equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date that is on or prior to the date of purchase), and will be payable in cash. If any Excess Proceeds remain after consummation of an Asset Sale Offer, the Company may use such Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by the Indenture. If the aggregate principal amount of Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness tendered into such Asset Sale Offer exceeds the amount of Excess Proceeds, the Trustee shall select the Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness to be purchased on a pro rata basis, on the basis of the aggregate principal amounts tendered in round denominations (which in the case of the Notes will be minimum denominations of \$2,000 principal amount or multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof). Upon completion of each Asset Sale Offer, the amount of Excess Proceeds shall be reset at zero.

The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with an Asset Sale Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of the covenant described herein, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this covenant by virtue of the Company's compliance with such securities laws or regulations.

Certain Covenants

Restricted Payments

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly:

(1) declare or pay any dividend or make any other payment or distribution on account of the Company's or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' Equity Interests (including, without limitation, any payment by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in connection with any merger or consolidation involving the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) or to the direct or indirect holders of the Company's or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' Equity Interests in their capacity as such (other than dividends or distributions payable in Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or payable to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company);

- (2) purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire for value (including, without limitation, in connection with any merger or consolidation involving the Company) any Equity Interests of the Company or any direct or indirect parent of the Company (other than any such Equity Interests owned by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company);
- (3) make any payment on or with respect to, or purchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value, prior to scheduled maturity or scheduled sinking fund payment, any Subordinated Indebtedness of the Company or any Guarantor, except (a) a payment of interest or principal on or after the date when due or within three Business Days prior thereto, (b) in anticipation of satisfying a sinking fund obligation, principal installment payment or payment due at final maturity, in each case due within one year of the date of such payment, purchase or other acquisition or retirement or (c) payments on Indebtedness owed to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary; or
- (4) make any Investment other than a Permitted Investment (all such payments and other actions set forth in clauses (1) through (3) above and this clause (4) being collectively referred to as "*Restricted Payments*"),

unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such Restricted Payment:

- (1) no Default (except a Reporting Default) or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof;
- (2) the Company would, at the time of such Restricted Payment and after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Restricted Payment had been made at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period, have been permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of the covenant described below under the caption "—Incurrence of Indebtedness"; and
- (3) such Restricted Payment, together with the aggregate amount of all other Restricted Payments made by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries after the Issue Date (excluding Restricted Payments permitted by clauses (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12) or (13) of the next succeeding paragraph), is less than the sum, without duplication, of:
 - (a) 50% of the Consolidated Net Income of the Company for the period (taken as one accounting period) from April 1, 2015 to the end of the Company's most recently ended fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available at the time of such Restricted Payment (or, if such Consolidated Net Income for such period is a deficit, less 100% of such deficit); plus
 - (b) 100% of the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds and 100% of the Fair Market Value of securities or other property other than cash (including Capital Stock of Persons engaged in the Oil and Gas Business or assets used in the Oil and Gas Business) received by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary since the Issue Date from the issue or sale of Equity Interests of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock), other than Equity Interests sold to a Subsidiary of the Company or to an employee stock ownership plan or to a trust established by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries for the benefit of their employees; plus
 - (c) the amount by which Indebtedness is reduced on the Company's consolidated balance sheet upon the conversion or exchange (other than by a Subsidiary of the Company) subsequent to the Issue Date of any Indebtedness convertible or exchangeable for Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company (plus the amount of any accrued interest then outstanding on such Indebtedness to the extent the obligation to pay such interest is extinguished less the amount of any cash, or the Fair Market Value of any property (as determined in good faith by an officer of the Company), distributed by the Company upon such conversion or exchange), together with the net proceeds, if any, received by the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries upon such conversion or exchange; plus
 - (d) an amount equal to the sum of (i) the net reduction in the Investments (other than Permitted Investments) made by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in any Person resulting from repurchases, repayments or redemptions of such Investments by such Person, proceeds realized on the sale of such Investments and proceeds representing the return of capital (excluding dividends and distributions to the extent included in Consolidated Net Income), in each case received by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary since the Issue Date, and (ii) to the extent such Person is an Unrestricted Subsidiary, the portion (proportionate to the Company's equity interest in such Subsidiary) of the Fair Market Value of the net assets of such Unrestricted Subsidiary at the time

such Unrestricted Subsidiary is designated a Restricted Subsidiary; provided, however, that to the extent the foregoing sum exceeds, in the case of any such Person or Unrestricted Subsidiary, the amount of Investments (excluding Permitted Investments) previously made (and treated as a Restricted Payment) by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in such Person or Unrestricted Subsidiary since the Issue Date, such excess shall not be included in this clause (d) unless the amount represented by such excess has not been and will not be taken into account in one of the foregoing clauses (a)-(c).

The preceding provisions will not prohibit:

- (1) the payment of any dividend or the consummation of any redemption within 60 days after the date of declaration or giving of redemption notice, as the case may be, thereof, if at said date of declaration or notice such payment would have complied with the provisions of the Indenture (and such payment shall be deemed to be paid on the date of payment for purposes of any calculation required by this covenant);
- (2) any Restricted Payment made in exchange for, or out of the Net Cash Proceeds of the substantially concurrent sale (other than to a Subsidiary of the Company) of, Equity Interests of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock), with any such payment being deemed to be "substantially concurrent" if made within 180 days of the sale of the Equity Interests in question; provided that the amount of any such Net Cash Proceeds that are utilized for any such redemption, repurchase, retirement, defeasance or other acquisition shall be excluded from clause (3)(b) of the preceding paragraph;
- (3) the defeasance, redemption, repurchase, retirement or other acquisition of any Subordinated Indebtedness of the Company or any Guarantor with the Net Cash Proceeds from an incurrence of any Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness permitted to be incurred under the caption "—Incurrence of Indebtedness";
- (4) the payment of any dividend or other distribution by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the holders of its common Equity Interests on a pro rata basis or on a basis more favorable to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (5) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value of any Equity Interests of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company held by any employees, former employees, directors or former directors of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (or heirs, estates or other permitted transferees of such employees or directors) pursuant to any agreements (including employment agreements), management equity subscription agreements or stock option agreements or plans (or amendments thereto), approved by the Board of Directors, under which such individuals purchase or sell or are granted the right to purchase or sell shares of Capital Stock; provided that the aggregate price paid for all such repurchased, redeemed, acquired or retired Equity Interests shall not exceed \$15.0 million in any calendar year, with unused amounts in any calendar year being permitted to be carried over to succeeding calendar years subject to a maximum of \$30.0 million in any calendar year; provided, further, however, that such amount in any calendar year may be increased by an amount not to exceed:
 - (a) the cash proceeds received by the Company or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries from the sale of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or any direct or indirect parent of the Company (to the extent contributed to the Company) to members of management, directors, managers or consultants of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries or any direct or indirect parent of the Company that occurs after the Issue Date (provided that the amount of such cash proceeds utilized for any such repurchase, retirement, other acquisition or dividend will not increase the amount available for Restricted Payments under clause (3)(b) of the preceding paragraph), plus
 - (b) the cash proceeds of key man life insurance policies received by the Company or any direct or indirect parent of the Company (to the extent contributed to the Company) or the Restricted Subsidiaries after the Issue Date; provided that the Company may elect to apply all or any portion of the aggregate increase contemplated by clauses (a) and (b) above in any calendar year; and provided, further, that cancellation of Indebtedness owing to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary from any present or former employees, directors, managers, officers or consultants of the Company, any Restricted Subsidiary or the direct or indirect parents of the Company in connection with a repurchase of Equity Interests of the Company or any of its direct or indirect parents will not be deemed to constitute a Restricted Payment for purposes of this covenant or any other provision of the Indenture;

- (6) loans or advances to employees of the Company or employees or directors of any Subsidiary of the Company, in each case as permitted by Section 402 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the proceeds of which are used to purchase Capital Stock of the Company, or to refinance loans or advances made pursuant to this clause (6), in an aggregate amount not in excess of \$2.0 million at any one time outstanding;
- (7) repurchases or other acquisitions for value of Capital Stock deemed to occur upon the exercise or exchange of stock options, warrants or other convertible securities if such Capital Stock represents a portion of the exercise or exchange price thereof or made in lieu of withholding taxes in connection with any such exercise or exchange;
- (8) upon the occurrence of a Change of Control or an Asset Sale and within 60 days after the completion of the offer to repurchase the Notes under the covenants described under "—Repurchase at the Option of Holders—Change of Control" or "—Asset Sales" above (including the purchase of all Notes tendered and required to be purchased), any purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance, acquisition or other retirement for value of Subordinated Indebtedness required under the terms thereof as a result of such Change of Control or Asset Sale at a purchase or redemption price not to exceed 101% of the outstanding principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, provided that, in the notice to Holders relating to a Change of Control or Asset Sale hereunder, the Company shall describe this clause (8);
- (9) the purchase by the Company of fractional shares arising out of stock dividends, splits or business combinations or conversion of convertible or exchangeable securities of debt or equity issued by the Company;
- (10) payments to dissenting stockholders (x) pursuant to applicable law or (y) in connection with the settlement or other satisfaction of legal claims made pursuant to or in connection with a consolidation, merger or transfer of assets in connection with a transaction that is not prohibited by the Indenture;
- (11) dividends on Disqualified Stock of the Company or preferred stock of any Restricted Subsidiary if such dividends are included in the calculation of Fixed Charges;
- (12) payments made by any Person other than the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary to the stockholders of the Company in connection with or as part of (a) a merger or consolidation of the Company with or into such Person or a subsidiary of such Person, or (b) a merger of a subsidiary of such Person into the Company; or
 - (13) other Restricted Payments not to exceed \$25.0 million in the aggregate since the Issue Date.

The amount of all Restricted Payments (other than cash) shall be the Fair Market Value on the date of the Restricted Payment of the asset(s) or securities proposed to be transferred or issued by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, pursuant to the Restricted Payment. The Fair Market Value of any assets or securities other than cash that are required to be valued by this covenant will be determined, in the case of amounts in excess of \$20.0 million, by an officer of the Company and, in the case of amounts in excess of \$50.0 million, by the Board of Directors of the Company whose resolution with respect thereto will be delivered to the Trustee.

For purposes of determining compliance with this covenant, if a Restricted Payment meets the criteria of more than one of the types of Restricted Payments described in clauses (1)-(13) above or pursuant to the first paragraph of this covenant, the Company, in its sole discretion, may order and classify, and subsequently reorder and reclassify, such Restricted Payment in any manner in compliance with this covenant.

Incurrence of Indebtedness

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, issue, assume, Guarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable, contingently or otherwise, with respect to (collectively, "incur") any Indebtedness (including Acquired Debt); provided, however, that the Company and any Restricted Subsidiary may incur Indebtedness (including Acquired Debt), if the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Company's most recently ended four full fiscal quarters for which internal financial statements are available immediately preceding the date on which such additional Indebtedness is incurred would have been at least 2.0 to 1.0, determined on a pro forma basis (including a pro forma application of the Net Cash Proceeds therefrom), as if the additional Indebtedness had been incurred at the beginning of such four-quarter period.

The first paragraph of this covenant will not prohibit the incurrence of any of the following items of Indebtedness (collectively, "*Permitted Indebtedness*"):

- (1) the incurrence by the Company and any Restricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness under one or more Credit Facilities; provided that the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness incurred under this clause (1) and outstanding at any time does not exceed an amount equal to the greater of (a) \$400.0 million and (b) the sum of (x) \$150.0 million and (y) 35.0% of ACNTA at the time of incurrence;
- (2) the incurrence by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of Existing Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness described under clauses (1), (3) or (6) of this paragraph);
- (3) the incurrence by the Company and the Guarantors of Indebtedness represented by (a) the Initial Notes, (b) any Exchange Notes issued pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement in exchange for the Notes and (c) any Subsidiary Guarantees;
- (4) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness represented by Capital Lease Obligations, mortgage financings, industrial revenue bonds, purchase money obligations or other Indebtedness or preferred stock, or synthetic lease obligations, in each case, incurred for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or cost of design, development, construction, installation or improvement of property (real or personal and including Capital Stock), plant or equipment used in the business of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (in each case, whether through the direct purchase of such assets or the Equity Interests of any Person owning such assets), in an aggregate principal amount, taken together with Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof, that does not exceed the greater of \$50.0 million and 5.0% of ACNTA at the time of incurrence;
- (5) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in exchange for, or the Net Cash Proceeds of which are used to refund, refinance, replace, defease or discharge Indebtedness (other than intercompany Indebtedness) that was permitted by the Indenture to be incurred under the first paragraph of this covenant or clauses (2), (3), (4), (12) or (15) or this clause (5) of this paragraph;
- (6) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of intercompany Indebtedness between or among the Company and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided, however, that:
 - (a) (i) if the Company is the obligor on such Indebtedness and the obligee is not a Guarantor, such Indebtedness must be expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full in cash of all obligations with respect to the Notes, and (ii) if a Guarantor is the obligor of such Indebtedness and the obligee is neither the Company nor a Guarantor, such Indebtedness must be expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full in cash of all obligations of such Guarantor with respect to its Subsidiary Guarantee; and
 - (b) (i) any subsequent issuance or transfer of Equity Interests that results in any such Indebtedness being held by a Person other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary thereof and (ii) any sale or other transfer of any such Indebtedness to a Person that is not either the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary thereof, shall be deemed, in each case, to constitute an incurrence of such Indebtedness by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, that was not permitted by this clause;
 - (7) in-kind obligations relating to net oil and natural gas balancing positions arising in the ordinary course of business;
- (8) self-insurance obligations and any obligations in respect of completion bonds, performance bonds, bid bonds, plugging and abandonment bonds, appeal bonds, surety bonds, bankers acceptances, letters of credit, insurance obligations or bonds and other similar bonds and obligations incurred by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business and any Guarantees or letters of credit functioning as or supporting any of the foregoing bonds or obligations;
- (9) any obligation (including deferred premiums) under Interest Rate Agreements, Currency Agreements and Commodity Agreements; provided, that such Interest Rate Agreements, Currency Agreements and Commodity Agreements are entered into for bona fide hedging purposes of the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries (as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors or senior management of the Company);
- (10) any obligation arising from agreements of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary providing for indemnification, Guarantee, adjustment of purchase price, holdback, contingency payment obligation based on the performance of the acquired or disposed asset or similar obligations, in each case, incurred or assumed in connection with the acquisition or disposition of any business, asset or Capital Stock;

- (11) any obligation arising from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course of business, provided, however, that such Indebtedness is extinguished within five Business Days of incurrence;
 - (12) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Permitted Acquisition Indebtedness;
- (13) any Guarantee of Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary to the extent that the guaranteed Indebtedness was permitted to be incurred by another provision of this covenant; provided that if the Indebtedness being guaranteed is subordinated or pari passu with the Notes, the Guarantee must be subordinated or pari passu, as applicable, to the same extent as the Indebtedness guaranteed;
- (14) Indebtedness incurred on behalf of, or representing guarantees of Indebtedness of, Persons other than the Company or any Restricted Subsidiaries in which the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary has an Investment; provided, however, that the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness incurred under this clause (14), when aggregated with the principal amount of all other Indebtedness then outstanding and incurred pursuant to this clause (14), does not exceed the greater of \$35.0 million and 5.0% of ACNTA at the time of incurrence; and
- (15) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness in addition to Indebtedness permitted by clauses (1) through (14) above or the first paragraph above in an aggregate principal amount (or accreted value, as applicable) at any time outstanding, including all Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness incurred to renew, refund, refinance, replace, defease or discharge any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to this clause (15), not to exceed the greater of (a) \$75.0 million and (b) 5.0% of the Company's ACNTA, determined as of the date of incurrence of such Indebtedness after giving effect to such incurrence and the application of the proceeds therefrom.

For purposes of determining compliance with this "Indebtedness" covenant:

- (1) in the event that an item of proposed Indebtedness meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of Permitted Indebtedness described in clauses (1) through (15) above, or is entitled to be incurred pursuant to the first paragraph of this covenant, the Company will be permitted to classify such item of Indebtedness (or any portion thereof) on the date of its incurrence and, subject to clause (2) below, may later reclassify such items of Indebtedness (or any portion thereof), in any manner that complies with this covenant, and only be required to include the amount and type of such Indebtedness in one of such clauses or may include the amount and type of such Indebtedness partially in one such clause and partially in one or more other such clauses;
- (2) all Indebtedness outstanding on the Issue Date under the Credit Agreement after giving effect to this offering and the use of proceeds described herein shall be deemed initially incurred on the Issue Date under clause (1) of the second paragraph of this covenant and not the first paragraph or clause (2) of the second paragraph of this covenant;
- (3) Guarantees of, or obligations in respect of letters of credit relating to, Indebtedness which is otherwise included in the determination of a particular amount of Indebtedness shall not be included;
- (4) the amount of Indebtedness issued at a price that is less than the principal amount thereof will be equal to the amount of the liability in respect thereof determined in accordance with GAAP;
- (5) Indebtedness of any Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary shall be deemed to have been incurred by the Company and the Restricted Subsidiary at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary; and
- (6) the accrual of interest or dividends, the accretion or amortization of original issue discount, the payment of interest on any Indebtedness in the form of additional Indebtedness with the same terms, the reclassification of preferred equity as Indebtedness due to a change in accounting principles, the payment of dividends on Disqualified Stock or preferred equity in the form of additional shares of the same class of Disqualified Stock or preferred equity will not be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness or an issuance of Disqualified Stock or preferred equity for purposes of this covenant.

For purposes of determining compliance with any U.S. dollar-denominated restriction on the incurrence of Indebtedness, the U.S. dollar-equivalent principal amount of Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date such Indebtedness was incurred, in the case of term Indebtedness, or first committed, in the case of revolving credit Indebtedness; *provided* that if such Indebtedness is incurred to refinance other Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency, and such refinancing would cause the applicable U.S. dollar-dominated restriction to be exceeded if calculated at the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date of such refinancing, such U.S. dollar-dominated restriction shall be deemed not to have been exceeded so long as the principal amount of such refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of such Indebtedness being refinanced. Notwithstanding any other provision of this covenant, the maximum amount of Indebtedness that the Company may incur pursuant to this covenant shall not be deemed to be exceeded solely as a result of fluctuations in the exchange rate of currencies. The principal amount of any Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness, if incurred in a different currency from the Indebtedness being refinanced, shall be calculated based on the currency exchange rate applicable to the currencies in which such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness is denominated that is in effect on the date of such refinancing.

Liens

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien on any property or asset now owned or hereafter acquired, except Permitted Liens, to secure (a) any Indebtedness of the Company unless prior to, or contemporaneously therewith, the Notes are equally and ratably secured for so long as such other Indebtedness is so secured, or (b) any Indebtedness of any Guarantor, unless prior to, or contemporaneously therewith, the Subsidiary Guarantee of such Guarantor is equally and ratably secured for so long as such other Indebtedness is so secured; *provided*, *however*, that if such Indebtedness is expressly subordinated to the Notes or a Subsidiary Guarantee, the Lien securing such Indebtedness will be subordinated and junior to the Lien securing the Notes or such Subsidiary Guarantee, as the case may be, with the same relative priority as such Indebtedness has with respect to the Notes or such Subsidiary Guarantee.

Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Subsidiaries

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create or permit to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary to:

- (a) pay dividends or make any other distributions on its Capital Stock to the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries, or pay any Indebtedness owed to the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries (it being understood that the priority of any preferred stock in receiving dividends, distributions or liquidating distributions prior to dividends, distributions or liquidating distributions being paid on Capital Stock shall not be deemed a restriction on the ability to make distributions on Capital Stock);
- (b) make loans or advances to the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries (it being understood that the subordination of loans or advances made to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to other Indebtedness incurred by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries shall not be deemed a restriction on the ability to make loans or advances); or
 - (c) transfer any of its properties or assets to the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries.

However, the preceding restrictions will not apply to encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of:

- (1) agreements existing on the Issue Date, including the Credit Agreement as in effect on the Issue Date and the Indenture, the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees;
- (2) any instrument governing Indebtedness or Capital Stock of a Person acquired by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries as in effect at the time of such acquisition (except to the extent such Indebtedness was incurred in connection with or in contemplation of such acquisition), which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person, or the property or assets of the Person, so acquired, provided that, in the case of Indebtedness, such Indebtedness was permitted by the terms of the Indenture to be incurred;
- (3) any agreement for the sale or other disposition of Capital Stock or assets of a Restricted Subsidiary that restricts distributions by such Restricted Subsidiary pending such sale or other disposition;

- (4) any amendment, restatement, modification, supplement, extension, renewal, refunding, replacement or refinancing of Indebtedness referred to in clauses (1) or (2), provided that the encumbrances or restrictions contained in the agreements governing the foregoing are not materially more restrictive, taken as a whole, than those contained in the agreements governing such Indebtedness as determined in good faith by the Company;
- (5) cash or other deposits, or net worth requirements or similar requirements, imposed by suppliers, or other deposits by parties under agreements entered into in the ordinary course of the Oil and Gas Business of the types described in the definition of Permitted Business Investments;
 - (6) any applicable law, rule, regulation, order, approval, license, permit or similar restriction;
- (7) provisions limiting the disposition or distribution of assets or property or transfer of Capital Stock in joint venture agreements, asset sale agreements, sale-leaseback agreements, stock sale agreements, limited liability company organizational documents, and other similar agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business, consistent with past practice or with the approval of the Company's Board of Directors or any of its officers, which limitation is applicable only to the assets, property or Capital Stock that are the subject of such agreements;
- (8) any encumbrance or restriction contained in the terms of any Indebtedness or Capital Stock permitted to be incurred under the Indenture or any agreement pursuant to which such Indebtedness was incurred if either (x) in the case of Indebtedness, the encumbrance or restriction applies only in the event of a payment default or a default with respect to a financial covenant in such Indebtedness or agreement or (y) the Company determines that any such encumbrance or restriction either (i) will not materially affect the Company's ability to make principal or interest payments on the Notes and such restrictions are not materially less favorable to Holders of Notes than is customary in comparable financings or (ii) are not materially more restrictive, taken as a whole, with respect to any Restricted Subsidiary than those in effect on the Issue Date with respect to that Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to agreements in effect on the Issue Date or those contained in the Indenture or the Credit Agreement, in each case as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors or an officer of the Company;
 - (9) encumbrances or restrictions applicable only to a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Domestic Subsidiary;
- (10) any encumbrance or restriction with respect to an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to or by reason of an agreement that the Unrestricted Subsidiary is a party to or entered into before the date on which such Unrestricted Subsidiary became a Restricted Subsidiary; provided that such agreement was not entered into in anticipation of the Unrestricted Subsidiary becoming a Restricted Subsidiary and any such encumbrance or restriction does not extend to any assets or property of the Company or any other Restricted Subsidiary other than the assets and property of such Unrestricted Subsidiary; and
 - (11) with respect to clause (c) of the preceding paragraph only, any of the following encumbrances or restrictions:
 - (a) purchase money obligations for property acquired in the ordinary course of business or otherwise permitted under the Indenture that impose restrictions on the property so acquired;
 - (b) Permitted Liens or Liens securing Indebtedness otherwise permitted to be incurred pursuant to the provisions of the covenant described above under the caption "—Liens" that limit the right of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to dispose of the assets subject to such Lien;
 - (c) restrictions contained in asset sale agreements limiting the transfer of such assets pending the closing of such sale;
 - (d) restrictions on the subletting, assignment or transfer of any property or asset that is subject to a lease, license, sub-license or similar contract, or on the assignment or transfer of any such lease, license, sub-license or other contract;
 - (e) agreements governing Hedging Obligations entered into in the ordinary course of business; and
 - (f) customary restrictions on the disposition or distribution of assets or property in agreements entered into in the ordinary course of the Oil and Gas Business of the types described in the definition of Permitted Business Investments.

Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets

The Company may not: (1) consolidate or merge with or into another Person (whether or not the Company is the surviving corporation); or (2) sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to another Person, unless:

- (1) either:
 - (a) the Company is the surviving corporation; or
- (b) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made is a Person existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- (2) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) or the Person to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made assumes all the obligations of the Company under the Notes and the Indenture pursuant to a supplemental indenture reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee;
 - (3) immediately after such transaction no Default or Event of Default exists;
- (4) either (a) the Company or the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) would, on the date of such transaction after giving pro forma effect thereto and any related financing transactions as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period, be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of the covenant described above under the caption "—Certain Covenants—Incurrence of Indebtedness" or (b) immediately after giving effect to such transaction on a pro forma basis and any related financing transactions as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period, the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of the Company is equal to or greater than the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of the Company immediately before such transaction; and
- (5) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an officers' certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger or disposition and such supplemental indenture (if any) comply with the Indenture and all conditions precedent therein relating to such transaction have been satisfied and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the Notes and the indenture constitute the valid and binding obligations of the Company (or, if applicable, the successor company).

The surviving or transferee Person in any of the above transactions (if not the Company) will succeed to, and be substituted for the Company under the Indenture and the Notes and the Company (if not the surviving Person) will be fully released from its obligations under the Indenture and the Notes, except in the case of a lease of all or substantially all of its assets.

For purposes of this covenant, the sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of one or more Subsidiaries of the Company, which properties or assets, if held by the Company instead of such Subsidiaries, would constitute all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company on a consolidated basis, shall be deemed to be the transfer of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company.

Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase "substantially all," there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, in certain circumstances there may be a degree of uncertainty as to whether a particular transaction would involve "all or substantially all" of the properties or assets of a Person.

Clauses (3) and (4) of this "Merger, Consolidation, or Sale of Assets" covenant will not apply to a sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of assets between or among the Company and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that are Guarantors.

Transactions with Affiliates

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, make any payment to, or sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its properties or assets to, or purchase any property or assets from, or enter into or make or amend any transaction, contract, agreement, understanding, loan, advance or Guarantee with, or for the benefit of, any Affiliate (each, an "Affiliate Transaction") involving aggregate consideration to or from the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in excess of \$5.0 million, unless:

(1) such Affiliate Transaction is on terms that are no less favorable to the Company or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that could reasonably be expected to be obtained at the time of such transaction in arm's-length dealings by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary with a Person that is not an Affiliate or, if in the good faith judgment of the Company, no comparable transaction is available with which to compare such Affiliate Transaction, such Affiliate Transaction is otherwise fair to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary from a financial point of view; and

(2) (a) the Company delivers to the Trustee with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration to or from the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in excess of \$20.0 million, an officers' certificate certifying that such Affiliate Transaction complies with the requirements of clause (1) above, and (b) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration to or from the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in excess of \$50.0 million, a majority of the Disinterested Members of the Board of Directors, if any, (or, if there is only one Disinterested Member, such Disinterested Member) have approved such Affiliate Transaction(s), as evidenced by a resolution delivered to the Trustee and certified by an officers' certificate as having been adopted by the Board of Directors.

The following items shall not be deemed to be Affiliate Transactions and, therefore, will not be subject to the provisions of the prior paragraph:

- (1) any employment or severance agreement or other employee, consulting, service, termination or director compensation agreement, arrangement or plan, (or any amendment thereto with respect thereto), or indemnification agreements, entered into by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary with officers and employees of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary thereof and the payment of compensation to officers and employees of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary thereof (including amounts paid pursuant to employee benefit plans, employee stock option or similar plans), so long as such agreement or payment is in the ordinary course of business or has been approved by a majority of the Disinterested Members of the Board of Directors (or, if there is only one Disinterested Member, such Disinterested Member);
 - (2) transactions between or among the Company and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (3) Restricted Payments that, in each case, are permitted by the provisions of the Indenture described above under the caption "—Restricted Payments" or Permitted Investments;
- (4) customary compensation, indemnification and other benefits made available to officers, directors or employees of the Company or any Affiliate of the Company, including reimbursement or advancement of out-of-pocket expenses and provisions of officers' and directors' liability insurance:
- (5) loans or advances to employees, officers or directors in the ordinary course of business of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, in each case only as permitted by Section 402 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, but in any event not to exceed \$2.0 million in the aggregate outstanding at any one time;
- (6) any transactions undertaken pursuant to any contracts in existence on the Issue Date (as in effect on the Issue Date) and any renewals, replacements or modifications of such contracts (pursuant to new transactions or otherwise) on terms no less favorable to the holders of the Notes than those in effect on the Issue Date;
- (7) in the case of (i) contracts for (A) drilling or other oil-field services or supplies, (B) the sale, storage, gathering, processing, treating, transport or disposal of hydrocarbons or water or activities or services reasonably related thereto or (C) the lease or rental of office or storage space or (ii) other operation type or administrative services contracts, any such contracts that are entered into in the ordinary course of business (x) which are fair to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, in the good faith determination of the Board of Directors of the Company or the senior management thereof or (y) which are on terms substantially similar to those contained in similar contracts entered into by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary and third parties or, if neither the Company nor any Restricted Subsidiary has entered into a similar contract with a third party, that the terms are on the whole not materially less favorable than those that would be reasonably expected to be available from third parties on an arm's-length basis, as determined in good faith by the Company;
- (8) transactions with a Person (other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary) that is an Affiliate of the Company solely because the Company owns, directly or through a Subsidiary, an Equity Interest in, or controls, such Person;

- (9) any sale or other issuance of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company to, or receipt of a capital contribution from, an Affiliate (or a Person that becomes an Affiliate) of the Company;
- (10) any transaction in which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, deliver to the Trustee a letter from an accounting, appraisal or investment banking firm of national standing stating that such transaction meets the requirements of clause (1) of the first paragraph of this covenant;
- (11) any Transaction between the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary on the one hand and any Person deemed to be an Affiliate solely because a director of such Person is also a director of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, on the other hand; provided that such director abstains from voting as a director of the Company or the Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable, in connection with the approval of the transaction; and
- (12) Transactions with customers, clients, suppliers or purchasers or sellers of goods or services, in each case in the ordinary course of the business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries and otherwise in compliance with the Indenture; provided that such Transactions are on terms substantially similar to those obtained by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in similar Transactions with third parties or, if neither the Company nor any Restricted Subsidiary has entered into a similar Transaction with a third party, that are on the whole not materially less favorable than those that would be reasonably expected to be available from third parties on an arm's-length basis, as determined in good faith by the Company.

Additional Subsidiary Guarantees

If, after the Issue Date, any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is not already a Guarantor guarantees any Indebtedness of the Company or any Guarantor under a Credit Facility, then that Subsidiary will become a Guarantor by executing a supplemental indenture and delivering it and an officers' certificate stating that the execution of the supplemental indenture is authorized by the indenture and the Notes to the Trustee within 30 days of the date on which it guaranteed such Indebtedness. Any such guarantee shall be subject to release as described under "—Subsidiary Guarantees."

Business Activities

The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, engage in any business other than the Oil and Gas Business, except to such extent as would not be material to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

Reports

Whether or not required by the SEC, so long as any Notes are outstanding, the Company will furnish to the Holders of Notes, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations:

- (1) all quarterly and annual financial information that would be required to be contained in a filing with the SEC on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if the Company were required to file such Forms, including a section on "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and, with respect to the annual information only, a report on the annual financial statements by the Company's certified independent public accountants; and
 - (2) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the SEC on Form 8-K if the Company were required to file such reports.

If the Company has designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary any of its Subsidiaries that is a Significant Subsidiary (or that, taken together with other Unrestricted Subsidiaries, would be a Significant Subsidiary), then the quarterly and annual financial information required by the preceding paragraph shall include a reasonably detailed presentation, either on the face of the financial statements or in the footnotes thereto, and in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," of the financial condition and results of operations of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries separate from the financial condition and results of operations of the Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Company.

The availability of the foregoing materials on the SEC's website or on the Company's website shall be deemed to satisfy the foregoing delivery obligations.

In the event that any direct or indirect parent company of the Company becomes a guarantor of the Notes, the Company may satisfy its obligations in this covenant with respect to financial information relating to the Company by furnishing financial information relating to such parent company; provided that the same is accompanied by consolidating information that explains in reasonable detail the differences between the information relating to such parent, on the one hand, and the information relating to the Company and its Subsidiaries on a standalone basis, on the other hand.

In addition, the Company will agree that, for so long as any Notes remain outstanding and are "restricted securities" under Rule 144 under the Securities Act, if at any time it is not required to file with the SEC the reports required by the preceding paragraphs, it will furnish to beneficial owners of Notes and to prospective investors, upon request, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act.

Covenant Termination

From and after the occurrence of an Investment Grade Rating Event, the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries will no longer be subject to the provisions of the Indenture described in "—Repurchase at the Option of Holders—Asset Sales" or in "—Certain Covenants" above under the following headings:

- · "Restricted Payments,"
- "Incurrence of Indebtedness,"
- "Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Subsidiaries,"
- Clause (4) of "Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets,"
- "Transactions with Affiliates," and
- "Business Activities"

(collectively, the "*Eliminated Covenants*"). As a result, after the date on which the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries are no longer subject to the Eliminated Covenants, the Notes will be entitled to substantially reduced covenant protection.

After the foregoing covenants have been terminated, the Company may not designate any of its Subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries pursuant to the second sentence of the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary."

Events of Default and Remedies

Each of the following is an Event of Default:

- (1) default for 30 days in the payment when due of interest on the Notes;
- (2) default in payment when due of the principal of or premium, if any, on the Notes;
- (3) failure by the Company to comply with its obligations to offer to purchase or purchase Notes under the provisions described under the captions "—Repurchase at the Option of the Holders—Change of Control" and "—Asset Sales" or its failure to comply with the provisions described under the caption "—Certain Covenants—Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets";
- (4) failure by the Company for 180 days after receipt of written notice from the Trustee or the Holders of 25% in principal amount of the Notes to comply with the provisions described under the caption "—Certain Covenants—Reports";
- (5) failure by the Company for 60 days after receipt of written notice from the Trustee or the Holders of 25% in principal amount of the Notes to comply with any of its other agreements in the Indenture;
- (6) default under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there is issued or by which there is secured or evidenced any Indebtedness for money borrowed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (or the payment of which is Guaranteed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries), whether such Indebtedness or Guarantee now exists, or is created after the Issue Date, if that default:

- (a) is caused by a failure to pay when due any principal on such Indebtedness prior to the expiration of the grace period provided in such Indebtedness (a "*Payment Default*"); or
- (b) results in the acceleration of such Indebtedness prior to its Stated Maturity, and, in each case, the principal amount of any such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness under which there has been a Payment Default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$25.0 million or more (the "Cross-Acceleration Provision"); provided, however, that if any such Payment Default is cured or waived or any such acceleration rescinded, or such Indebtedness is repaid, within a period of 30 days from the continuation of such Payment Default beyond the applicable grace period or the occurrence of such acceleration, as the case may be, such Event of Default and any consequential acceleration of the Notes shall be automatically rescinded, so long as such rescission does not conflict with any judgment or decree;
- (7) failure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to pay final judgments entered by a court or courts of competent jurisdiction aggregating in excess of \$25.0 million (net of any amounts covered by insurance or a binding indemnity agreement), which judgments are not paid, discharged or stayed for a period of 60 days (the "*Judgment Provision*");
- (8) any Subsidiary Guarantee of a Guarantor shall be held in any judicial proceeding to be unenforceable or invalid or, except as permitted by the Indenture, shall cease for any reason to be in full force and effect or any Guarantor, or any Person acting on behalf of any Guarantor, shall deny or disaffirm its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee (the "Guarantee Default Provision"), in each case with respect to any Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Guarantors that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary; and
- (9) certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary (the "*Bankruptcy Provision*").

In the case of an Event of Default arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company, any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, all outstanding Notes will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may declare all the Notes to be due and payable immediately. Under certain circumstances, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may rescind an acceleration with respect to the Notes and its consequences.

Holders of the Notes may not enforce the Indenture or the Notes except as provided in the Indenture.

Subject to certain limitations, Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may direct the Trustee in its exercise of any trust or power. The Trustee may withhold from Holders of the Notes notice of any continuing Default or Event of Default (except a Default or Event of Default relating to the payment of principal, premium or interest) if it determines that withholding notice is in their interest.

The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes waive any existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences under the Indenture except a Default or Event of Default in respect of a provision that under "—Amendment, Supplement and Waiver" below cannot be amended or waived without the consent of each Holder affected.

The Company is required to deliver to the Trustee annually a statement regarding compliance with the Indenture. Upon becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, the Company is required to deliver to the Trustee a statement specifying such Default or Event of Default.

No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees and Stockholders

No director, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner, stockholder or other owner of the Capital Stock of the Company or any Guarantor, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Company or the Guarantors under the Notes, the Indenture, the Subsidiary Guarantees, the Registration Rights Agreement or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

The Company may, at its option and at any time, elect to have all of its obligations discharged with respect to the outstanding Notes and the Indenture and all obligations of the Guarantors discharged with respect to their Subsidiary Guarantees ("*Legal Defeasance*") except for:

- (1) the rights of Holders of outstanding Notes to receive payments in respect of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Notes when such payments are due from the trust referred to below;
- (2) the Company's obligations with respect to the Notes concerning issuing temporary Notes, registration of Notes, mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes and the maintenance of an office or agency for payment and money for security payments held in trust;
 - (3) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee, and the Company's obligations in connection therewith; and
 - (4) the Legal Defeasance provisions of the Indenture.

In addition, the Company may, at its option and at any time, elect to terminate its obligations under "—Repurchase at the Option of Holders—Change of Control" and "—Asset Sales" and under the covenants described under "—Certain Covenants" (other than the covenant described under "—Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets"), the operation of the Cross-Acceleration Provision, the Judgment Provision, the Guarantee Default Provision and (with respect only to Significant Subsidiaries) the Bankruptcy Provision described under "—Events of Default and Remedies" above and the limitations contained in clause (4) of the first paragraph under "—Certain Covenants—Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets" above (collectively, "Covenant Defeasance") and certain other covenants or obligations of the Company set forth in the Indenture, and thereafter any omission to comply with such obligations or provisions will not constitute a Default or Event of Default.

The Company may exercise its Legal Defeasance option notwithstanding its prior exercise of its Covenant Defeasance option. If the Company exercises its Legal Defeasance option, payment of the Notes may not be accelerated because of any Event of Default. If the Company exercises its Covenant Defeasance option, payment of the Notes may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default specified in clauses (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) or (with respect only to Significant Subsidiaries) (9) under "—Events of Default and Remedies" above or because of the failure of the Company to comply with clause (4) of the first paragraph under "—Certain Covenants—Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets" above. If the Company exercises its Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance option, each Guarantor will be released from its obligations with respect to its Subsidiary Guarantee.

In order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance:

- (1) the Company must irrevocably deposit with the Trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes, cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the outstanding Notes on the Stated Maturity or on the applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and the Company must specify whether the Notes are being defeased to Stated Maturity or to a particular redemption date (provided that if such redemption is made as provided in the second paragraph under "—Optional Redemption," (x) the amount of cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, that must be irrevocably deposited will be determined using an assumed Make Whole Premium calculated as of the date of such deposit and (y) the depositor must irrevocably deposit or cause to be deposited additional money in trust on the redemption date as necessary to pay the Make Whole Premium as determined on such date):
- (2) in the case of Legal Defeasance, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably acceptable to the Trustee confirming that (a) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (b) since the Issue Date, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of the outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Legal Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred;

- (3) in the case of Covenant Defeasance, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably acceptable to the Trustee confirming that the Holders of the outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred;
- (4) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit or the grant of any Lien securing such borrowings);
- (5) such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under any material agreement or instrument (other than the Indenture and the agreements governing any other Indebtedness being defeased, discharged or replaced) to which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is bound;
- (6) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an officers' certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of preferring the Holders of Notes over the other creditors of the Company with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors of the Company or others; and
- (7) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an officers' certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, stating that all conditions precedent relating to the Legal Defeasance or the Covenant Defeasance have been complied with.

Satisfaction and Discharge

The Company may discharge its and the Guarantors' obligations under the Indenture if (a) all outstanding Notes have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, (b) all outstanding Notes have become due and payable at their scheduled maturity or (c) all outstanding Notes are scheduled for redemption within one year by reason of a mailing of a notice of redemption or otherwise, and the Company has deposited with the Trustee an amount of cash in U.S. dollars sufficient to pay and discharge all outstanding Notes, not previously delivered for cancellation, on the date of their scheduled maturity or the scheduled date of redemption.

Amendment, Supplement and Waiver

Except as provided below, the Indenture, the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees may be amended with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding (including consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, Notes), and any existing default or compliance with any provision of the Indenture, the Notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for Notes).

Without the consent of each Holder affected, an amendment, supplement or waiver may not (with respect to any Notes held by a non-consenting Holder):

- (1) reduce the principal amount of Notes whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- (2) reduce the principal of or change the fixed maturity of any Note or alter or waive the provisions with respect to the redemption of the Notes (other than provisions relating to the covenants described above under the caption "—Repurchase at the Option of Holders" or provisions relating to minimum notices required for redemption of Notes described under the caption "—Optional Redemption");
 - (3) reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of interest on any Note;
- (4) waive a Default or Event of Default in the payment of principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the Notes, except a Default in payments that have become due solely because of an acceleration of the Notes that has been rescinded;
 - (5) make any Note payable in a currency other than that stated in the Notes;
- (6) make any change in the provisions of the Indenture relating to waivers of past Defaults or the rights of Holders of Notes to receive payments of principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the Notes (except as permitted by clause (2) above);

- (7) release any Guarantor from its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee except in accordance with the terms of the Indenture; or
- (8) make any change in the preceding amendment, supplement and waiver provisions.

Notwithstanding the preceding, without the consent of any Holder of Notes, the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture, the Notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees:

- (1) to cure any ambiguity, defect, inconsistency, omission or mistake;
- (2) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes;
- (3) to provide for the assumption of the Company's or a Guarantor's obligations to Holders of Notes in the case of a merger or consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of the Company's or a Guarantor's properties or assets in compliance with the Indenture;
 - (4) to add or release Guarantors in compliance with the Indenture;
- (5) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders of Notes, add Events of Default or surrender any right or power conferred upon the Company or any Guarantor or that does not adversely affect in any material respect the legal rights under the Indenture of any such Holder;
 - (6) to conform the text of the Indenture, the Notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees to this "Description of the Exchange Notes";
- (7) to secure the Notes, including pursuant to the requirements of the covenant described above under the caption "—Certain Covenants—Liens";
 - (8) to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act;
 - (9) to comply with requirements of any securities depository with respect to the Notes; or
 - (10) to provide for the issuance of the exchange notes or Additional Notes.

Concerning the Trustee

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association is the Trustee under the Indenture. Such bank is a lender under the Credit Agreement and has also been appointed as the exchange agent in connection with the exchange offer.

If the Trustee becomes a creditor of the Company or any Guarantor, the Indenture will limit its right to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, or to realize on certain property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise. The Trustee will be permitted to engage in other transactions; however, if it acquires any conflicting interest after a Default has occurred and is continuing it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days, apply to the SEC for permission to continue or resign.

The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee, subject to certain exceptions. If an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, the Trustee will be required, in the exercise of its power, to use the degree of care of a prudent person in the conduct of his own affairs. Subject to such provisions, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the Indenture at the request of any Holder of Notes, unless such Holder shall have offered to the Trustee security and indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense as provided in the Indenture.

Governing Law

The Indenture, the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

Additional Information

Anyone who receives this prospectus may obtain a copy of the Indenture without charge by writing to Matador Resources Company, 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500, Dallas, Texas 75240, Attention: General Counsel.

Certain Definitions

Set forth below are certain defined terms used in the Indenture. Reference is made to the Indenture for a full disclosure of all such terms, as well as any other capitalized terms used herein for which no definition is provided.

"ACNTA" means (without duplication), as of the date of determination:

- (a) the sum of:
 - (i) discounted future net revenue from proved oil and natural gas reserves of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries calculated in accordance with SEC guidelines before any state or federal income taxes, as estimated by the Company or independent engineers in one or more reserve reports prepared as of the end of the Company's most recently completed fiscal year for which audited financial statements are available or, at the Company's option, the most recently completed fiscal quarter for which financial statements are available, as increased by, as of the date of determination, the estimated discounted future net revenues from:
 - (A) estimated proved oil and natural gas reserves of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries attributable to acquisitions consummated since the date of such year-end or quarterly reserve report, as applicable, and
 - (B) estimated proved oil and natural gas reserves of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries attributable to extensions, discoveries and other additions and upward determinations of estimates of proved oil and natural gas reserves (including previously estimated development costs incurred during the period and the accretion of discount since the prior year end) due to exploration, development or exploitation, production or other activities which reserves were not reflected in such year-end or quarterly reserve report, as applicable,

and decreased by, as of the date of determination, the discounted future net revenue attributable to:

- (C) estimated proved oil and natural gas reserves of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries reflected in such year-end or quarterly reserve report produced or disposed of since the date of such year-end or quarterly reserve report (before any state or federal income taxes), and
- (D) reductions in the estimated proved oil and natural gas reserves of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries reflected in such year-end or quarterly reserve report since the date of such year-end or quarterly reserve report attributable to downward determinations of estimates of proved oil and natural gas reserves due to exploration, development or exploitation, production or other activities conducted or otherwise occurring since the date of such year-end or quarterly reserve report,

in the case of the preceding clauses (A) through (D), calculated in accordance with SEC guidelines (utilizing the prices utilized in such year-end or quarterly reserve report, as applicable) before any state or federal income taxes; provided, however, that, in the case of each of the determinations made pursuant to clauses (A) through (D), such increases and decreases shall be as estimated by the Company's internal engineers or third party engineers;

(ii) the capitalized costs that are attributable to oil and natural gas properties of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries to which no proved oil and natural gas reserves are attributed, based on the Company's books and records as of a date no earlier than the date of the Company's latest annual or quarterly financial statements;

- (iii) the Net Working Capital on a date no earlier than the date of the Company's latest annual or quarterly financial statements; and
- (iv) the greater of (I) the net book value on a date no earlier than the date of the Company's latest annual or quarterly financial statements and (II) the appraised value, as estimated by independent appraisers within the immediately preceding 12 months, of other tangible assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries (provided that the Company shall not be required to obtain such an appraisal of such assets if no such appraisal has been performed);

minus

- (b) to the extent not otherwise taken into account in the immediately preceding clause (a), the sum of:
 - (i) minority interests;
 - (ii) any net gas or other balancing liabilities of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries reflected in the Company's latest annual or quarterly financial statements;
 - (iii) the discounted future net revenue, calculated in accordance with SEC guidelines (utilizing the same prices utilized in the Company's year-end reserve report) before any state or federal income taxes, attributable to reserves that are required to be delivered to third parties to fully satisfy the obligations of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to Volumetric Production Payments on the schedules specified with respect thereto; and
 - (iv) the discounted future net revenue, calculated in accordance with SEC guidelines before any state or federal income taxes, attributable to reserves subject to Dollar-Denominated Production Payments that, based on the estimates of production included in determining the discounted future net revenue specified in the immediately preceding clause (a)(i) (utilizing the same prices utilized in the Company's year-end reserve report), would be necessary to satisfy fully the obligations of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to Dollar-Denominated Production Payments on the schedules specified with respect thereto.

If the Company changes its method of accounting from the full cost method to the successful efforts method or a similar method of accounting, ACNTA will continue to be calculated as if the Company were still using the full cost method of accounting. For the avoidance of doubt, references in this definition to "oil and natural gas reserves" shall include any reserves attributable to natural gas liquids or other hydrocarbons.

"Acquired Debt" means, with respect to any specified Person:

- (1) Indebtedness of any other Person existing at the time such other Person is merged with or into or became a Restricted Subsidiary of such specified Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person merging with or into, or becoming a Restricted Subsidiary of, such specified Person; and
- (2) Indebtedness secured by a Lien encumbering any asset acquired by such specified Person, provided that the amount of any such Acquired Debt shall not exceed the Fair Market Value of the assets subject to such Lien.

"Affiliate" of any specified Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For purposes of this definition, "control," as used with respect to any Person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by agreement or otherwise. For purposes of this definition, the terms "controlling," "controlled by" and "under common control with" shall have correlative meanings.

"Asset Sale" means:

- (1) the sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition (including, without limitation, by means of a sale and leaseback transaction) of any assets, including, without limitation, any sale of hydrocarbons or other mineral products as a result of the creation of Production Payments and Reserve Sales; provided that the sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole will be governed by the provisions of the Indenture described above under the caption "—Repurchase at the Option of Holders— Change of Control," and/or the provisions described above under the caption "—Certain Covenants—Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets" and not by the provisions described above under the caption "—Certain Covenants—Asset Sales"; and
- (2) the issuance of Equity Interests by any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries or the sale of Equity Interests in any of its Subsidiaries (other than directors' qualifying shares or shares required by applicable law to be held by a Person other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary).

Notwithstanding the preceding, the following items shall not be deemed to be Asset Sales:

- (1) any single transaction or series of related transactions that: (a) involves assets having a Fair Market Value of less than \$20.0 million; or (b) results in Net Proceeds to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of less than \$20.0 million;
- (2) a transfer of assets between or among the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (3) an issuance of Equity Interests by a Restricted Subsidiary to the Company or to another Restricted Subsidiary;
- (4) a disposition of cash or Cash Equivalents, inventory, accounts receivable, surplus or obsolete equipment or other similar property or any other disposition of property in the ordinary course of business (excluding the disposition of oil and gas in place and other interests in real property unless made in connection with a Permitted Business Investment) or the early termination or unwinding of any Hedging Obligation;
- (5) a Permitted Investment or a Restricted Payment that is permitted by the covenant described above under the caption "—Certain Covenants—Restricted Payments";
- (6) a disposition of oil, natural gas or other hydrocarbons or other mineral products in the ordinary course of business of the oil and gas production operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries;
- (7) any abandonment, relinquishment, farm-in, farm-out, lease and sub-lease of developed and/or undeveloped properties made or entered into in the ordinary course of business, but excluding any disposition as a result of the creation of a Production Payment and Reserve Sale;
- (8) the creation or perfection of a Lien or disposition of any asset subject to such Lien in connection with enforcement thereof;
- (9) any trade or exchange by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of properties or assets used or useful in the Oil and Gas Business for other properties or assets used or useful in the Oil and Gas Business owned or held by another Person (including Capital Stock of a Person engaged in the Oil and Gas Business that is or becomes a Restricted Subsidiary), including any cash or Cash Equivalents necessary in order to achieve an exchange of equivalent value, provided that the Fair Market Value of the properties or assets traded or exchanged by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary (including any cash or Cash Equivalents to be delivered by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary) is reasonably equivalent to the Fair Market Value of the properties or assets (together with any cash or Cash Equivalents) to be received by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, and provided, further, that any cash received in the transaction must be applied in accordance with the covenant described above under the caption "—Repurchase at the Option of Holders—Asset Sales" as if such transaction were an Asset Sale;
- (10) the surrender or waiver of contract rights or the settlement, release or surrender of contract, tort or other claims of any kind;

- (11) any assignment of an overriding royalty or net profits interest to an employee or consultant of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business in connection with the generation of prospects or the development of oil and natural gas projects;
- the sale or other disposition (whether or not in the ordinary course of business) of oil and gas properties, provided at the time of such sale or other disposition such properties do not have associated with them any proved reserves;
- any Production Payment or Reserve Sale, provided that any such Production Payment or Reserve Sales shall have been created, incurred, issued, assumed or guaranteed in connection with the acquisition or financing of, and within 180 days after the acquisition of, the property that is subject thereto;
- (14) the licensing or sublicensing of intellectual property or other general intangibles to the extent that such license does not prohibit the licensor from using the intellectual property and licenses, leases or subleases of other property; and
- (15) any sale of Equity Interests in, or Indebtedness or other securities of, an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

"Beneficial Owner" has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act.

"Board of Directors" means:

- (1) with respect to a corporation, the board of directors of the corporation or any committee thereof duly authorized to act on behalf of such board:
- (2) with respect to a partnership, the board of directors or other governing body of the general partner of the partnership;
- (3) with respect to a limited liability company, the board of directors or other governing body, and in the absence of same, the manager or board of managers or the managing member or members or any controlling committee thereof; and
- (4) with respect to any other Person, the board or committee of such Person serving a similar function.

"Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the applicable Person to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors of such Person and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in New York, New York or the Trustee are authorized or required by law to close.

"Capital Lease Obligation" means, at the time any determination thereof is to be made, the amount of the liability of a Person in respect of a capital lease that would at that time be required to be capitalized on a balance sheet of such Person in accordance with GAAP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any lease (whether entered into before or after the Issue Date) that would have been classified as an operating lease pursuant to GAAP as in effect on the Issue Date will be deemed not to represent a Capital Lease Obligation.

"Capital Stock" means:

- (1) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;
- in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;
- (3) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership or membership interests (whether general or limited); and
- (4) any other interest or participation (other than any debt security convertible into an equity interest) that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person.

"Cash Equivalents" means:

- (1) United States dollars;
- (2) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged in support thereof) having maturities of not more than one year from the date of acquisition;
- (3) demand accounts, time deposit accounts, certificates of deposit and Eurodollar time deposits with maturities of 365 days or less from the date of acquisition, bankers' acceptances with maturities not exceeding 365 days and overnight bank deposits, in each case, with any domestic commercial bank having capital and surplus in excess of \$250.0 million and a Thomson Bank Watch Rating of "B" or better;
- (4) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than seven days for underlying securities of the types described in clauses (2) and (3) above entered into with any financial institution meeting the qualifications specified in clause (3) above;
- (5) commercial paper having one of the two highest ratings obtainable from Moody's or S&P and in each case maturing within 365 days after the date of acquisition;
- (6) deposits and certificates of deposit with any commercial bank not meeting the qualifications specified in clause (3) above, provided all such deposits do not exceed \$1.0 million in the aggregate at any one time;
- (7) securities issued and fully guaranteed by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States of America, or by any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof, rated at least "A" by Moody's or S&P and having maturities of not more than 365 days from the date of acquisition;
- (8) Indebtedness or preferred stock issued by Persons with a rating of "A" or higher from S&P or "A-2" from Moody's, with maturities of 365 days or less from the date or acquisition; and
- (9) money market or other mutual funds substantially all of the assets of which constitute Cash Equivalents of the kinds described in clauses (1) through (8) of this definition.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (1) the sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole;
- (2) the adoption by the Board of Directors of a plan of liquidation or dissolution of the Company; or
- (3) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any Person, entity or "group" (within the meaning of Section 13(d) or 14(d) of the Exchange Act), other than one or more Permitted Holders (or any intermediate companies owned or controlled directly or indirectly by one or more Permitted Holders), becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of the Company, measured by voting power rather than number of shares.

"Commodity Agreement" means any oil or natural gas hedging agreement and other agreement or arrangement designed to protect the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary against or manage exposure to fluctuations in oil or natural gas prices and not for speculative purposes.

"Consolidated Net Income" means, with respect to any specified Person for any period, the aggregate of the net income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, on a consolidated basis, determined in accordance with GAAP; provided that there shall be excluded therefrom:

the net income (or loss) of any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary or that is accounted for by the equity method of accounting, except to the extent of the amount of dividends or distributions paid in cash to the specified Person or a Restricted Subsidiary thereof;

- (2) the net income of any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by that Restricted Subsidiary of that net income is not at the date of determination permitted without any prior governmental approval (that has not been obtained) or, directly or indirectly, by operation of the terms of its charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule or governmental regulation applicable to that Restricted Subsidiary or its stockholders;
- (3) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles;
- (4) any write-downs or impairments of non-current assets;
- (5) any unrealized non-cash gains or losses or charges in respect of hedge or non-hedge derivatives (including those resulting from the application of ASC 815);
- (6) any gain (or loss), together with any related provision for taxes on such gain (or loss), realized in connection with: (a) any Asset Sale or (b) the disposition of any securities by such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or the extinguishment of any Indebtedness of such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (7) any extraordinary or non-recurring gain (or loss), together with any related provision for taxes on such extraordinary or non-recurring gain (or loss); and
- (8) any non-cash compensation charge arising from any grant or vesting of stock, stock options or other equity-based awards.

"Credit Agreement" means the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 28, 2012, among MRC Energy Company, as borrower, Royal Bank of Canada, as Administrative Agent, and the other lenders party thereto, including any related notes, guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, and in each case as amended, restated, modified, supplemented, extended, renewed, refunded, replaced or refinanced in whole or in part from time to time.

"Credit Facilities" means, with respect to the Company or any Guarantor, one or more credit facilities, debt facilities, indentures or commercial paper facilities (including, without limitation, the Credit Agreement), in each case with banks or other financial institutions or lenders or investors, providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, private placements, debt securities, receivables financings (including through the sale of receivables to such lenders or to special purpose entities formed to borrow from such lenders against such receivables) or letters of credit or letter of credit guarantees, in each case, as amended, restated, modified, supplemented, extended, renewed, refunded, replaced or refinanced in whole or in part from time to time.

"Currency Agreements" means, at any time as to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, any foreign currency exchange agreement, option or future contract or other similar agreement or arrangement designed to protect against or manage the Company's or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and not for speculative purposes.

"Customary Recourse Exceptions" means, with respect to any Non-Recourse Debt of an Unrestricted Subsidiary, exclusions from the exculpation provisions with respect to such Non-Recourse Debt for the voluntary bankruptcy of such Unrestricted Subsidiary, fraud, misapplication of cash, environmental claims, waste, willful destruction and other circumstances customarily excluded by lenders from exculpation provisions or included in separate indemnification agreements in non-recourse financings.

"Default" means any event that is, or with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would be, an Event of Default.

"Disinterested Member" means, with respect to any transaction, a member of the Company's Board of Directors who does not have any material direct or indirect financial interest (other than as an owner of Equity Interests in the Company or as an officer, manager or employee of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary) in or with respect to such transaction and is not an Affiliate, or an officer, director, member of a supervisory, executive or management board or employee of any Person (other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary), who has any direct or indirect financial interest in or with respect to such transaction.

"Disqualified Stock" means any Capital Stock that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible, or for which it is exchangeable, in each case at the option of the holder thereof), or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable, for any consideration (other than Capital Stock) pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or is redeemable for any consideration (other than Capital Stock) at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part, on or prior to the date that is 91 days after the date on which the Notes mature. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any Capital Stock that would constitute Disqualified Stock solely because the holders thereof have the right to require the Company to repurchase such Capital Stock upon the occurrence of a change of control or an asset sale shall not constitute Disqualified Stock if the terms of such Capital Stock provide that the Company may not repurchase or redeem any such Capital Stock pursuant to such provisions unless such repurchase or redemption complies with the covenant described above under the caption "—Certain Covenants—Restricted Payments."

"Dollar-Denominated Production Payments" mean production payment obligations recorded as liabilities in accordance with GAAP, together with all undertakings and obligations in connection therewith.

"Domestic Subsidiary" means any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is formed under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States or the District of Columbia.

"EBITDA" means, with respect to any Person for any period, without duplication, the Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period,

- (i) plus the sum of the following, without duplication and to the extent deducted (and not added back) in calculating such Consolidated Net Income:
 - (1) provision for taxes based on income or profits of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period;
 - (2) Fixed Charges of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period;
 - (3) depreciation, depletion, amortization (including amortization of goodwill and other intangibles but excluding amortization of prepaid cash expenses that were paid in a prior period), accretion, impairment and other non-cash expenses (excluding any such non-cash expense to the extent that it represents an accrual of or reserve for cash expenses in any future period or amortization of a prepaid cash expense that was paid in a prior period other than non-cash charges resulting from the application of ASC 410) of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period; and
 - (4) if such Person accounts for its oil and natural gas operations using successful efforts or a similar method of accounting, consolidated exploration and abandonment expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (ii) and minus the sum of:
 - (1) non-cash items increasing such Consolidated Net Income for such period, other than items that were accrued in the ordinary course of business, in each case, on a consolidated basis and determined in accordance with GAAP; and
 - (2) (to the extent included in determining Consolidated Net Income) the sum of (a) the amount of deferred revenues that are amortized during the period and are attributable to reserves that are subject to Volumetric Production Payments; and (b) amounts recorded in accordance with GAAP as repayments of principal and interest pursuant to Dollar-Denominated Production Payments.

"Equity Interests" mean Capital Stock and all warrants, options or other rights to acquire Capital Stock (but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock).

"Equity Offering" means any public or private sale after the date of the Indenture of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or any contribution to the capital of the Company in respect of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company, other than issuances to any Subsidiary of the Company.

"Existing Indebtedness" means Indebtedness outstanding on the Issue Date, other than under the Credit Agreement.

"Fair Market Value" means, with respect to any Asset Sale (or Permitted Asset Exchange) or Restricted Payment (or Investment or Permitted Investment), the price that would be negotiated in an arm's length transaction between a willing seller and a willing and able buyer, neither of which is under any compulsion to complete the transaction, as such price is determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Company in the case of amounts of \$50.0 million or more and otherwise by an officer of the Company.

"Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio" means, with respect to any specified Person for any period, the ratio of the EBITDA of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period to the Fixed Charges of such Person for such period. In the event that the specified Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries incurs, assumes, Guarantees, redeems or repays any Indebtedness (other than revolving credit borrowings unless, in connection with any such repayment, the commitments to lend associated with such revolving credit borrowings are permanently reduced or canceled) or issues or redeems preferred stock subsequent to the commencement of the period for which the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is being calculated but prior to the date on which the event for which the calculation of the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is made (the "Calculation Date"), then the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio shall be calculated giving pro forma effect to such incurrence, assumption, Guarantee, redemption or repayment of Indebtedness, or such issuance or redemption of preferred stock, as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter reference period.

In addition, for purposes of calculating the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio:

- (1) acquisitions that have been made by the specified Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, including through mergers or consolidations and including any related financing transactions, and increases in ownership of Restricted Subsidiaries, during the four-quarter reference period or subsequent to such reference period and on or prior to the Calculation Date shall be given pro forma effect as if they had occurred on the first day of the four-quarter reference period;
- (2) the EBITDA attributable to discontinued operations, as determined in accordance with GAAP, and operations or businesses (and ownership interests therein) disposed of prior to the Calculation Date, shall be excluded;
- (3) the Fixed Charges attributable to discontinued operations, as determined in accordance with GAAP, and operations or businesses (and ownership interests therein) disposed of prior to the Calculation Date, shall be excluded, but only to the extent that the obligations giving rise to such Fixed Charges will not be obligations of the specified Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries following the Calculation Date:
- (4) any Person that is a Restricted Subsidiary on the Calculation Date will be deemed to have been a Restricted Subsidiary at all times during such four-quarter period; and
- (5) any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary on the Calculation Date will be deemed not to have been a Restricted Subsidiary at all times during such four-quarter period.

For purposes of this definition, whenever pro forma effect is to be given to any calculation under this definition, the pro forma calculations will be determined in good faith by a responsible financial or accounting officer of the Company; provided that such officer may in his or her discretion include any reasonably identifiable and factually supportable pro forma changes to EBITDA, including any pro forma expenses and cost reductions, that have occurred or in the judgment of such officer are reasonably expected to occur within 12 months of the date of the applicable transaction (regardless of whether such expense or cost reduction or any other operating improvements could then be reflected properly in pro forma financial statements prepared in accordance with Regulation S-X under the Securities Act or any other regulation or policy of the SEC). If any Indebtedness bears a floating rate of interest and is being given pro forma effect, the interest expense on such Indebtedness will be calculated as if the average rate in effect from the beginning of such period to the date of determination had been the applicable rate for the entire period (taking into account any Interest Rate Agreement applicable to such Indebtedness, but if the remaining term of such Interest Rate Agreement is less than 12 months, then such Interest Rate Agreement shall only be taken into account for that portion of the period equal to the remaining term thereof). If any Indebtedness that is being given pro forma effect bears an interest rate at the option of the Company or a Restricted

Subsidiary, the interest rate shall be calculated by applying such optional rate chosen by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary. Interest on Indebtedness that may optionally be determined at an interest rate based upon a factor of a prime or similar rate, a Eurocurrency interbank offered rate, or other rate, shall be deemed to have been based upon the rate actually chosen, or, if none, then based upon such optional rate chosen as the Company may designate.

"Fixed Charges" means, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum, without duplication, of:

- (1) the consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, whether paid or accrued and whether or not capitalized, including, without limitation, amortization of original issue discount, non-cash interest payments (other than amortization of debt issuance costs or debt extinguishment costs), the interest component of any deferred payment obligations, the interest component of all payments associated with Capital Lease Obligations, commissions, discounts, and other fees and charges incurred in respect of letters of credit or bankers' acceptance financings, and net payments, if any, pursuant to Interest Rate Agreements; plus
- (2) any interest expense on Indebtedness of another Person that is Guaranteed by such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries or secured by a Lien on assets of such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries, whether or not such Guarantee or Lien is called upon; plus
- (3) all dividend payments, whether or not in cash, on any series of Disqualified Stock of such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or preferred stock of any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, in each case other than dividend payments on Equity Interests payable solely in Equity Interests of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) or to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company.

"GAAP" means accounting principles generally accepted in the United States set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entities as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession, which are in effect from time to time.

"Guarantee" means, without duplication, any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of any Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any Indebtedness of any other Person and any other obligation, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, of such Person:

- (a) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness of such other Person, or
- (b) entered into for the purpose of assuring in any other manner the obligee of such Indebtedness of the payment therefor to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part);

provided, *however*, that the term "Guarantee" shall not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business. The term "Guarantee" used as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

"Guarantors" means each Subsidiary that executes the Indenture as an initial Subsidiary Guarantor, any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that becomes a Subsidiary Guarantor in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, and their respective successors and assigns.

"Hedging Obligations" means, with respect to any Person, the obligations of such Person under Currency Agreements, Interest Rate Agreements and Commodity Agreements.

"Holder" means a person in whose name a Note is registered on the Registrar's books.

"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any specified Person, without duplication,

- (a) all obligations of such Person, whether or not contingent, in respect of:
- the principal of and premium, if any, in respect of outstanding (A) Indebtedness of such Person for money borrowed and
 (B) Indebtedness evidenced by Notes, debentures, bonds or other similar instruments for the payment of which such Person is responsible or liable;

- (ii) all Capital Lease Obligations of such Person;
- (iii) the deferred purchase price of property, which purchase price is due more than six months after the date of taking delivery of title to such property, including all obligations of such Person for the deferred purchase price of property under any title retention agreement, but excluding accrued expenses and trade accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business; and
- (iv) the reimbursement obligation of any obligor for the principal amount of any letter of credit, banker's acceptance or similar transaction (excluding obligations with respect to letters of credit securing obligations (other than obligations described in clauses (i) through (iii) above) entered into in the ordinary course of business of such Person to the extent such letters of credit are not drawn upon or, if and to the extent drawn upon, such drawing is reimbursed no later than the tenth Business Day following receipt by such Person of a demand for reimbursement following payment on the letter of credit);
- (b) all liabilities of others of the kind described in the preceding clause (a) that such Person has Guaranteed or that are otherwise its legal liability;
- (c) with respect to any Production Payment and Reserve Sale, any warranties or guaranties of production or payment by such Person with respect to such Production Payment and Reserve Sale but excluding other contractual obligations of such Person with respect to such Production Payment and Reserve Sale;
- (d) Indebtedness (as otherwise defined in this definition) of another Person secured by a Lien on any asset of such Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by such Person, the amount of such obligations being deemed to be the lesser of:
- (i) the full amount of such obligations so secured; and
- (ii) the fair market value of such asset as determined in good faith by such specified Person;
- (e) Disqualified Stock of such Person or a Restricted Subsidiary in an amount equal to the greater of the maximum mandatory redemption or repurchase price (not including, in either case, any redemption or repurchase premium) or the liquidation preference thereof; and
- (f) the aggregate preference in respect of amounts payable on the issued and outstanding shares of preferred stock of any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries in the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up (excluding any such preference attributable to such shares of preferred stock that are owned by such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; *provided*, that if such Person is the Company, such exclusion shall be for such preference attributable to such shares of preferred stock that are owned by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries),

if and to the extent that any of the preceding items (other than in respect of letters of credit) would appear as a liability upon a balance sheet of the specified Person prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Indebtedness" shall not include:

- (1) accrued expenses, royalties and trade payables;
- (2) contingent obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (3) asset-retirement obligations or obligations in respect of reclamation and workers' compensation (including pensions and retiree medical care) that are not overdue by more than 90 days;
- (4) except as provided in clause (d) above, Production Payments and Reserve Sales;
- (5) in-kind obligations relating to net oil or natural gas balancing positions arising in the ordinary course of business;

- (6) any obligation of a Person in respect of a farm-in agreement or similar arrangement whereby such Person agrees to pay all or a share of the drilling, completion or other expenses of an exploratory or development well (which agreement may be subject to a maximum payment obligation, after which expenses are shared in accordance with the working or participation interest therein or in accordance with the agreement of the parties) or perform the drilling, completion or other operation on such well in exchange for an ownership interest in an oil or natural gas property; and
- (7) any repayment or reimbursement obligation of such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to Customary Recourse Exceptions, unless and until an event or circumstance occurs that triggers the Person's or such Restricted Subsidiary's direct repayment or reimbursement obligation (as opposed to contingent or performance obligations) to the lender or other Person to whom such obligation is actually owed, in which case the amount of such direct payment or reimbursement obligation shall constitute Indebtedness.

For purposes hereof, the maximum fixed repurchase price of any Disqualified Stock which does not have a fixed repurchase price shall be calculated in accordance with the terms of such Disqualified Stock as if such Disqualified Stock were purchased on any date on which Indebtedness shall be required to be determined pursuant to the Indenture, and if such price is based upon, or measured by, the fair market value of such Disqualified Stock, such fair market value to be determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the issuer of such Disqualified Stock.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Indebtedness shall not include any indebtedness that has been defeased or discharged in accordance with GAAP or defeased or discharged pursuant to the deposit of cash, U.S. government obligations and Cash Equivalents (sufficient to satisfy all obligations relating thereto at maturity or redemption, as applicable) in a trust or account created or pledged for the sole benefit of the holders of such indebtedness, in accordance with the terms of the instruments governing such indebtedness.

"Interest Rate Agreements" means, with respect to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, interest rate agreements, interest rate cap agreements and interest rate collar agreements and other agreements or arrangements designed to protect such Person against fluctuations in or manage exposure to interest rates, with respect to any Indebtedness that is permitted to be incurred under the Indenture.

"Investment Grade Rating" means a rating equal to or higher than:

- (1) Baa3 (or the equivalent) with a stable or better outlook by Moody's; and
- (2) BBB- (or the equivalent) with a stable or better outlook by S&P,

or, if either such entity ceases to make a rating on the Notes publicly available for reasons outside of the Company's control, the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any other rating agency.

"Investment Grade Rating Event" means the first day on which the Notes have an Investment Grade Rating from each of S&P and Moody's, and no Default has occurred and is then continuing under the Indenture.

"Investments" means, with respect to any Person, all investments by such Person in other Persons (including Affiliates) in the forms of loans (including Guarantees of Indebtedness or other obligations), advances or capital contributions (excluding commission, travel and similar advances to officers and employees made in the ordinary course of business), purchases or other acquisitions for consideration of Indebtedness, Equity Interests or other securities, together with all items that are or would be classified as investments on a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP. If the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company sells or otherwise disposes of any Equity Interests of any direct or indirect Restricted Subsidiary of the Company such that, after giving effect to any such sale or disposition, such Person is no longer a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company shall be deemed to have made an Investment on the date of any such sale or disposition equal to the Fair Market Value of the Equity Interests of such Restricted Subsidiary not sold or disposed of

"Issue Date" means the first date on which the Notes are issued, authenticated and delivered under the Indenture.

"Joint Venture Subsidiary" means Fulcrum Delaware Water Resources, LLC.

"Lien" means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, encumbrance for security purposes, or security interest of any kind in respect of such asset, whether or not filed, recorded or otherwise perfected under applicable law, including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or other agreement to sell or give a security interest in any assets and any filing of or agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) of any jurisdiction.

"Make Whole Premium" means, with respect to a Note at any time, the excess, if any, of (a) the present value at such time of (i) the redemption price of such note at April 15, 2018 set forth in the table under "—Optional Redemption" plus (ii) any required interest payments due on such note through April 15, 2018 (except for currently accrued and unpaid interest), discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate plus 50 basis points, over (b) the principal amount of such Note.

"Midstream Assets" means (i) assets used primarily for gathering, transmission, compression, storage, disposal, processing, treating, marketing, fractionation, dehydration, stabilization or treatment of natural gas, natural gas liquids, oil or other hydrocarbons, carbon dioxide or water and (ii) Equity Interests of any Person whose assets primarily consist of assets referred to in clause (i).

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and any successor to its rating agency business.

"Net Cash Proceeds" means, with respect to any issuance or sale of Capital Stock or the sale or incurrence of any Indebtedness, the cash proceeds of such issuance or sale net of attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, underwriters' or placement agents' fees, listing fees, discounts or commissions and brokerage, consultant and other fees and charges actually incurred in connection with such issuance or sale and net of taxes paid or payable as a result of such issuance or sale.

"Net Proceeds" means the aggregate cash proceeds received by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of any Asset Sale (including, without limitation, any cash received upon the sale or other disposition of any non-cash consideration received in any Asset Sale), net of, without duplication:

- (1) the direct costs relating to such Asset Sale, including, without limitation, legal, title, engineering, environmental, accounting and investment banking fees, and sales commissions, and any relocation expenses incurred as a result thereof;
- (2) taxes paid or payable as a result thereof;
- (3) amounts required to be applied to the repayment of Indebtedness secured by a Lien on the asset or assets that were the subject of such Asset Sale;
- (4) any reserve established in accordance with GAAP against liabilities associated with such Asset Sale or any amount placed in escrow for adjustment in respect of the purchase price of such Asset Sale, until such time as such reserve is reversed or such escrow arrangement is terminated, in which case Net Proceeds shall be increased by the amount of the reserve so reversed or the amount returned to the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries from such escrow arrangement, as the case may be; and
- (5) any distributions and other payments required to be made to minority interest holders in any Restricted Subsidiaries as a result of such Asset Sale.

"Net Working Capital" means (a) all current assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries except current assets from Commodity Agreements, less (b) all current liabilities of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, except (i) current liabilities included in Indebtedness, (ii) current liabilities associated with asset retirement obligations relating to oil and gas properties and (iii) any current liabilities from Commodity Agreements, in each case as set forth in the consolidated financial statements of the Company prepared in accordance with GAAP (excluding any adjustments made pursuant to FASB ASC 815).

"Non-Recourse Debt" means Indebtedness:

(1) as to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (a) provides credit support of any kind (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument that would constitute Indebtedness) or (b) is directly or indirectly liable as a guarantor or otherwise, in each case except for Customary Recourse Exceptions; and

(2) no default with respect to which (including any rights that the holders thereof may have to take enforcement action against an Unrestricted Subsidiary) would permit upon notice, lapse of time or both any holder of any other Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to declare a default on such other Indebtedness or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its Stated Maturity.

"Oil and Gas Business" means:

- (1) the business of acquiring, exploring, exploiting, developing, producing, operating and disposing of interests in oil, natural gas, liquefied natural gas and other hydrocarbons, mineral or renewable energy properties or products produced in association with any of the foregoing;
- (2) the business of gathering, marketing, distributing, treating, processing, storing, refining, selling and transporting any production from such interests or properties and products produced in association therewith and the marketing of oil, natural gas, other hydrocarbons, minerals and renewable energy;
- (3) any other related energy business, directly or indirectly, from oil, natural gas and other hydrocarbons, minerals and renewable energy produced substantially from properties in which the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries, directly or indirectly, participate;
- (4) any business relating to oil field sales and service or drilling rigs; and
- (5) any business or activity relating to, arising from, or necessary, appropriate or incidental to the activities described in the foregoing clauses (1) through (4) of this definition.

"Oil and Gas Liens" means:

- (1) Liens on any specific property or any interest therein, construction thereon or improvement thereto to secure all or any part of the costs incurred for surveying, exploration, drilling, extraction, development, operation, production, construction, alteration, repair or improvement of, in, under or on such property and the plugging and abandonment of wells located thereon (it being understood that, in the case of oil and gas producing properties, or any interest therein, costs incurred for "development" will include costs incurred for all facilities relating to such properties or to projects, ventures or other arrangements of which such properties form a part or that relate to such properties or interests);
- (2) Liens on an oil or gas producing property to secure obligations incurred or Guarantees of obligations incurred in connection with or necessarily incidental to commitments for the purchase or sale of, or the transportation or distribution of, the products derived from such property;
- (3) Liens arising under partnership agreements, oil and gas leases, overriding royalty agreements, net profits agreements, production payment agreements, royalty trust agreements, incentive compensation programs on terms that are reasonably customary, in the Oil and Gas Business for geologists, geophysicists and other providers of technical services to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, farm-out agreements, farm-in agreements, division orders, contracts for the sale, purchase, exchange, transportation, gathering or processing of oil, gas or other hydrocarbons, unitizations and pooling designations, declarations, orders and agreements, development agreements, operating agreements, production sales contracts, area of mutual interest agreements, gas balancing or deferred production agreements, injection, repressuring and recycling agreements, salt water or other disposal agreements, seismic or geophysical permits or agreements, and other agreements that are customary in the Oil and Gas Business; provided, however, that in all instances such Liens are limited to the assets that are the subject of the relevant agreement, program, order or contract;
- (4) Liens securing Production Payments and Reserve Sales; provided that such Liens are limited to the property that is subject to such Production Payments and Reserve Sales, and such Production Payments and Reserve Sales; and
- (5) Liens on pipelines or pipeline facilities that arise by operation of law.

"Permitted Acquisition Indebtedness" means Indebtedness (including Disqualified Stock) of the Company or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to the extent such Indebtedness was Indebtedness:

- (1) of an acquired Person prior to the date on which such Person became a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of having been acquired and not incurred in contemplation of such acquisition; or
- (2) of a Person that was merged, consolidated or amalgamated with or into the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary that was not incurred in contemplation of such merger, consolidation or amalgamation, *provided* that on the date such Person became a Restricted Subsidiary or the date such Person was merged, consolidated and amalgamated with or into the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable, after giving pro forma effect thereto,
 - (a) the Company would be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test described under "—Certain Covenants—Incurrence of Indebtedness," or
 - (b) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Company would be not less than the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Company immediately prior to such transaction.

"Permitted Business Investments" means Investments made in the ordinary course of, and of a nature that is or shall have become customary in, the Oil and Gas Business, including through agreements, transactions, interests or arrangements that permit one to share risk or costs, comply with regulatory requirements regarding local ownership or satisfy other objectives customarily achieved through the conduct of the Oil and Gas Business jointly with third parties, including without limitation:

- (1) ownership of oil, natural gas, other related hydrocarbon, water and mineral properties or any interest therein or gathering, transportation, processing, treating, storage, disposal or related systems; and
- (2) the entry into operating agreements, joint ventures, processing agreements, working interests, royalty interests, mineral leases, farm-in agreements, farm-out agreements, development agreements, production sharing agreements, area of mutual interest agreements, contracts for the sale, transportation, disposal or exchange of oil and natural gas and related hydrocarbons, water and minerals, unitization agreements, pooling arrangements, joint bidding agreements, service contracts, partnership agreements (whether general or limited), limited liability company agreements or other similar or customary agreements, transactions, properties, interests or arrangements, and Investments and expenditures in connection therewith or pursuant thereto, in each case made or entered into in the ordinary course of the Oil and Gas Business, excluding, however, Investments in corporations and publicly-traded limited partnerships.

"Permitted Holders" means, collectively, (1) Joseph Wm. Foran, (2) any family member, heir or estate of the foregoing, (3) any trust directly or indirectly controlled by or for the benefit of any of the foregoing, and (4) any other Persons directly or indirectly controlled by any of the foregoing.

"Permitted Investments" means:

- (1) any Investment in the Company or in a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;
- (2) any Investment in Cash Equivalents;
- (3) any Investment by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in a Person if as a result of such Investment:
 - (a) such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company; or
 - (b) such Person is merged, consolidated or amalgamated with or into, or transfers or conveys substantially all of its assets to, or is liquidated into, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;

or any Investment held by such Person at the time of such transaction, *provided* such Investment was not made in contemplation of such transaction;

- (4) any Investment made as a result of the receipt of non-cash consideration from an Asset Sale (or other disposition excluded from the definition thereof) that was made pursuant to and in compliance with the covenant described above under the caption "—Repurchase at the Option of Holders—Asset Sales";
- (5) any Investment to the extent made in exchange for the issuance of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company;
- (6) receivables owing to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary created or acquired in the ordinary course of business and payable or dischargeable in accordance with customary trade terms; *provided*, *however*, that such trade terms may include such concessionary trade terms as the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary deems reasonable under the circumstances;
- (7) payroll, travel, relocation and similar advances to officers, directors and employees to cover matters that are expected at the time of such advances ultimately to be treated as expenses for accounting purposes and that are made in the ordinary course of business;
- (8) loans or advances to employees made in the ordinary course of business of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary made for bona fide business purposes;
- (9) Capital Stock, obligations or securities received in settlement of debts created in the ordinary course of business and owing to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or in satisfaction of judgments or pursuant to any plan of reorganization or similar arrangement upon the bankruptcy or insolvency of a debtor or received in connection with a work-out or recapitalization of the issuer or as a result of a foreclosure or other transfer of title or perfection or enforcement of any lien with respect to any secured Investment in default;
- (10) Hedging Obligations;
- (11) Permitted Business Investments and/or Permitted Other Business Investments;
- (12) Investments in accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, negotiable instruments held for collection and lease, utility and worker's compensation, performance and other similar deposits provided to third parties and endorsements for collection or deposit arising in the ordinary course of business;
- (13) advances, deposits and prepayments for purchases of any assets, including any Equity Interests;
- (14) any Investment existing on the Issue Date and any Investment that replaces, refinances or refunds an existing Investment; *provided* that the new Investment is in an amount that does not exceed the amount replaced, refinanced or refunded, and is made in the same Person as the Investment replaced, refinanced or refunded;
- (15) Investments arising from agreements of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary providing for indemnification, adjustment of purchase price, earn-outs or similar obligations, in each case incurred or assumed in connection with the disposition or acquisition of any business, assets or a Restricted Subsidiary in accordance with the Indenture; and
- other Investments in any Person having an aggregate Fair Market Value (measured on the date each such Investment was made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value), when taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this clause (16) since the Issue Date, not to exceed the greater of \$75.0 million and 5.0% of ACNTA determined at the time of such Investment; provided, however, that if any Investment pursuant to this clause (16) is made in any Person that is not the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary at the date of the making of such Investment and such Person becomes the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary after such date, such Investment shall thereafter be deemed to have been made pursuant to clause (1) above and shall cease to have been made pursuant to this clause (16) for so long as such Person continues to be the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary.

In connection with any assets or property contributed or transferred to any Person as an Investment, such property and assets shall be equal to the Fair Market Value at the time of the Investment, without regard to subsequent changes in value.

With respect to any Investment, the Company may, in its sole discretion, allocate or re-allocate all or any portion of any Investment to one or more of the above clauses so that the entire Investment is a Permitted Investment.

"Permitted Liens" means:

- (1) Liens on any property or assets of the Company and any Restricted Subsidiary securing Indebtedness and other obligations under Credit Facilities that were permitted by the terms of the Indenture to be incurred;
- (2) Liens in favor of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary;
- (3) Liens on any property or assets of a Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or is merged with or into or consolidated with the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, *provided* that such Liens were in existence prior to the contemplation of such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or such merger or consolidation and do not extend to any property or assets other than those of the Person that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or is merged into or consolidated with the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;
- (4) Liens on any property or assets existing at the time of acquisition thereof by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, *provided* that such Liens were not incurred in contemplation of such acquisition;
- (5) Liens to secure the performance of statutory obligations, surety or appeal bonds, performance bonds or other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (6) Liens existing on the Issue Date;
- (7) Liens arising from Uniform Commercial Code financing statement filings regarding operating leases entered into by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;
- (8) Liens securing Indebtedness incurred to refinance Indebtedness that was previously so secured, *provided* that (i) the amount of such Indebtedness is not increased except as necessary to pay premiums or expenses incurred in connection with such refinancing and (ii) any such Lien is limited to all or part of the same property or assets (plus improvements, accessions, proceeds or dividends or distributions in respect thereof) that secured (or, under the written arrangements under which the original Lien arose, could secure) the Indebtedness being refinanced or is in respect of property that is the security for a Permitted Lien hereunder;
- (9) Liens securing Hedging Obligations of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (10) Liens for the purpose of securing the payment of all or a part of the purchase price of, or Capital Lease Obligations, purchase money obligations or other payments incurred to finance the acquisition, lease, improvement or construction of or repairs or additions to, assets or property acquired, leased or constructed in the ordinary course of business; *provided* that:
 - (a) the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness secured by such Liens is otherwise permitted to be incurred under the Indenture and does not exceed the cost of the assets or property so acquired or constructed; and
 - (b) such Liens are created within 180 days of the later of the acquisition, lease, completion of improvements, construction, repairs or additions or commencement of full operation of the assets or property subject to such Lien and do not encumber any other assets or property of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary other than such assets or property (plus improvements, accessions, proceeds, insurance, and dividends or distributions in respect thereof);
- (11) any Lien incurred in the ordinary course of business incidental to the conduct of the business of the Company or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries or the ownership of their property (including (a) easements, rights of way, minor defects and irregularities in title and similar encumbrances, (b) rights or title of lessors under leases (other than Capital Lease Obligations), (c) rights of collecting banks having rights of setoff, revocation, refund or chargeback with respect to money or instruments of the Company or the Restricted Subsidiaries on deposit with or in the

possession of such banks, (d) Liens imposed by law, including Liens under workers' compensation or similar legislation and mechanics', carriers', warehousemen's, materialmen's, suppliers' and vendors' Liens, (e) Liens incurred to secure performance of obligations with respect to statutory or regulatory requirements, performance or return-of-money bonds, surety bonds or other obligations of a like nature and incurred in a manner consistent with industry practice, (f) Liens on insurance policies and proceeds thereof, or other deposits, to secure insurance premium financing and (g) Oil and Gas Liens, in each case which are not incurred in connection with the borrowing of money, the obtaining of advances or credit or the payment of the deferred purchase price of property (other than trade accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business));

- (12) Liens for taxes, assessments and governmental charges not yet due or the validity of which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate reserves have been established to the extent required by GAAP as in effect at such time;
- (13) Liens on the Capital Stock of any Unrestricted Subsidiary to the extent securing Indebtedness of Unrestricted Subsidiaries;
- (14) any extension, renewal, refinancing or replacement, in whole or in part, of any Lien described in the foregoing clauses so long as (x) no additional collateral is granted as security thereby and (y) the Indebtedness secured by the new Lien is not increased to any amount greater than the sum of (i) the outstanding principal amount, or, if greater, committed amount, of the Indebtedness renewed, refunded, refinanced, replaced, defeased or discharged with such Indebtedness and (ii) an amount necessary to pay any fees and expenses, including premiums, related to such renewal, refunding, refinancing, replacement, defeasance or discharge;
- (15) Liens created for the benefit of (or to secure) all of the Notes (including Additional Notes) issued under the Indenture;
- (16) Liens on cash, Cash Equivalents and other property arising in connection with the defeasance, discharge or redemption of Indebtedness; and
- (17) in addition to the foregoing, Liens securing obligations the outstanding principal amount of which does not, taken together with the principal amount of all other obligations secured by Liens Incurred under this clause (17) that are at that time outstanding, exceed the greater of \$75.0 million and 5.0% of ACNTA at the time of incurrence.

"Permitted MLP Securities" means equity securities (including incentive distribution rights) of a master limited partnership (or limited liability company or similar business entity with pass-through treatment for U.S. Federal income tax purposes) that has a class of equity securities traded on the New York Stock Exchange, the NYSE AMEX Equities or the Nasdaq Stock Market (or any successor thereof).

"Permitted Other Business Investments" means Investments by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in any Person (including in any Unrestricted Subsidiary or joint venture of the Company), provided that:

- (1) at the time of such Investment and immediately thereafter, the Company could incur \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness under the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of the covenant described under the caption "—Certain Covenants—Incurrence of Indebtedness";
- (2) if such Person has outstanding Indebtedness at the time of such Investment, either (a) all such Indebtedness is Non-Recourse Debt or (b) any such Indebtedness of such Person that is recourse to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (which shall include, without limitation, all Indebtedness of such Person for which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries may be directly or indirectly, contingently or otherwise, obligated to pay, whether pursuant to the terms of such Indebtedness, by law or pursuant to any guarantee, including, without limitation, any "clawback," "make-well" or "keep-well" arrangement) could, at the time such Investment is made, be incurred at that time by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries under the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of the covenant described under the caption "—Certain Covenants—Incurrence of Indebtedness"; and
- (3) such Person is not engaged, in any material respect, in any business other than the Oil and Gas Business.

"Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness" means any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries issued in exchange for, or the Net Cash Proceeds of which are used to extend, refinance, renew, replace, defease or refund other Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than intercompany Indebtedness); provided that:

- (1) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of, plus premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest on the Indebtedness so extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded (plus the amount of reasonable expenses incurred in connection therewith);
- (2) the Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final maturity date no earlier than the earlier of the final maturity date of the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, deferred or refunded or 91 days after the final maturity date of the Notes;
- (3) the Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a Weighted Average Life to Maturity at the time such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness is incurred that is equal to or greater than the shorter of (A) the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, deferred or refunded and (B) 91 days after the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Notes;
- (4) if the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded is subordinated in right of payment to the Notes or a Subsidiary Guarantee, such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness is subordinated in right of payment to the Notes or such Subsidiary Guarantee on terms at least as favorable, taken as a whole, to the Holders of Notes as those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded; and
- (5) such Indebtedness is not incurred by a Restricted Subsidiary if the Company is the obligor on the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded; *provided*, *however*, that a Restricted Subsidiary that is also a Guarantor may Guarantee Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness incurred by the Company, whether or not such Restricted Subsidiary was an obligor or guarantor of the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded; *provided further*, *however*, that if such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness is subordinated to the Notes, such Guarantee shall be subordinated to such Restricted Subsidiary's Subsidiary Guarantee to at least the same extent.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

"Production Payments" means, collectively, Dollar-Denominated Production Payments and Volumetric Production Payments.

"Production Payment and Reserve Sales" means the grant or transfer by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary to any Person of a royalty, overriding royalty, net profits interest or Production Payment in oil and natural gas properties, reserves or the right to receive all or a portion of the production or the proceeds from the sale of production attributable to such properties where, in the case of each of the foregoing, the holder of such interest has recourse solely to such production or proceeds of production for the recovery of its investment in such interest, subject to the obligation of the grantor or transferor to operate and maintain, or cause the subject interests to be operated and maintained, in a reasonably prudent manner or other customary standard and subject to the obligation of the grantor or transferor to indemnify for environmental, title or other matters customary with respect to the foregoing interests.

"Reporting Default" means a Default described in clause (4) under "—Events of Default and Remedies."

"Restricted Subsidiary" of a Person means any Subsidiary of the referenced Person that is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., and any successor to its rating agency business.

"Significant Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary that would be a "significant subsidiary" as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X, promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Regulation is in effect on the Issue Date.

"Stated Maturity" means, with respect to any installment of interest or principal on any series of Indebtedness, the date on which such payment of interest or principal was scheduled to be paid in the documentation governing such Indebtedness, and shall not include any contingent obligations to repay, redeem or repurchase any such interest or principal prior to the date originally scheduled for the payment thereof.

"Subordinated Indebtedness" means Indebtedness of the Company (or a Guarantor) that is expressly subordinated or junior in right of payment to the Notes (or a Subsidiary Guarantee, as appropriate) pursuant to a written agreement to that effect.

"Subsidiary" means any subsidiary of the Company. A "subsidiary" of any Person means:

- (1) a corporation a majority of whose Voting Stock is at the time, directly or indirectly owned by such Person, by one or more subsidiaries of such Person or by such Person and one or more subsidiaries of such Person; or
- (2) a partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or similar entity, in which such Person or a subsidiary of such Person is, at the date of determination, either entitled to receive more than 50 percent of the assets of such entity upon its dissolution, or in the case of a limited partnership or limited liability company, is the controlling general partner or managing or controlling member, as applicable.

"Subsidiary Guarantee" means a Guarantee by a Subsidiary Guarantor of the Company's obligations with respect to the Notes.

"Treasury Rate" means the yield to maturity at the time of computation of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) which has become publicly available at least two Business Days prior to the date fixed for redemption (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from the redemption date to April 15, 2018; provided, however, that if such period is not equal to the constant maturity of a United States Treasury security for which a weekly average yield is given, the Company shall obtain the Treasury Rate by linear interpolation (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth of a year) from the weekly average yields of United States Treasury securities for which such yields are given, except that if the period from the redemption date to April 15, 2018 is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year shall be used. The Company will (a) calculate the Treasury Rate on the second Business Day preceding the applicable redemption date and (b) prior to such redemption date file with the Trustee an officers' certificate setting forth the Make Whole Premium and the Treasury Rate and showing the calculation of each in reasonable detail.

"Unrestricted Subsidiary" means any of (i) the Joint Venture Subsidiary and (ii) any Subsidiary of the Company that is designated by the Board of Directors as an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to a Board Resolution, but only to the extent that such Subsidiary:

- (1) has no Indebtedness other than Non-Recourse Debt, except as permitted under clause (2)(b) of the definition of "Permitted Other Business Investments";
- (2) is not party to any agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding with the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or the Company unless the terms of any such agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding are no less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that might be obtained at the time from Persons who are not Affiliates of the Company, except as permitted under the covenant described under the caption "—Certain Covenants— Transactions with Affiliates"; and
- (3) is a Person with respect to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries has any obligation (a) to subscribe for additional Equity Interests or (b) to maintain or preserve such Person's financial condition.

The Board of Directors may designate any Restricted Subsidiary to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary if that designation is in compliance with the next succeeding sentence and would not otherwise cause a Default. If a Restricted Subsidiary is designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, such designation shall be deemed an Investment in the Subsidiary so designated and all outstanding Investments owned by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the Subsidiary so designated, shall be valued at their Fair Market Value at the time of such designation for purposes of determining compliance with the covenant described above under the caption "—Certain Covenants—Restricted Payments"; *provided*, *however*, that such covenant need not be complied with if the Subsidiary to be so designated has total assets of \$1,000 or less. That designation will only be permitted if the amount of such

Investment is either permitted as a Restricted Payment under the covenant described under "—Certain Covenants—Restricted Payments" or a Permitted Investment at that time and if such Restricted Subsidiary otherwise meets the definition of an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

Any designation of a Subsidiary of the Company as an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be evidenced to the Trustee by filing with the Trustee a copy of the Board Resolution giving effect to such designation certified in an officers' certificate that also certifies that such designation complied with the preceding conditions and was permitted by the covenant described above under the caption "—Certain Covenants—Restricted Payments" in which case such designation shall be effective as of the date specified in such resolution. If, at any time, any Unrestricted Subsidiary would fail to meet the preceding requirements as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, it shall thereafter cease to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary for purposes of the Indenture and any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary shall be deemed to be incurred by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company as of such date and, if such Indebtedness is not permitted to be incurred as of such date under the covenant described under the caption "—Certain Covenants—Incurrence of Indebtedness," the Company shall be in default of such covenant.

The Board of Directors of the Company may at any time designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary; *provided* that such designation shall be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company of any outstanding Indebtedness of such Unrestricted Subsidiary and such designation shall only be permitted if (1) such Indebtedness is permitted under the covenant described under the caption "— Certain Covenants—Incurrence of Indebtedness," calculated on a pro forma basis as if such designation had occurred at the beginning of the four-quarter reference period; and (2) no Default or Event of Default would be in existence following such designation.

All Subsidiaries of an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall also be Unrestricted Subsidiaries.

"Volumetric Production Payments" mean production payment obligations recorded as deferred revenue in accordance with GAAP, together with all undertakings and obligations in connection therewith.

"Voting Stock" of any Person as of any date means the Capital Stock of such Person that is at the time entitled (without reference to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of the directors, managers or trustees of such Person.

"Weighted Average Life to Maturity" means, when applied to any Indebtedness at any date, the number of years obtained by dividing:

- (1) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (a) the amount of each then remaining installment, sinking fund, serial maturity or other required payments of principal, including payment at final maturity, in respect thereof, by (b) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth) that will elapse between such date and the making of such payment; by
- (2) the then outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness.

Book-Entry, Delivery and Form

The exchange notes initially will be represented by one or more notes in registered, global form without interest coupons (collectively, the "*Global Notes*"). The Global Notes will be deposited upon issuance with the trustee as custodian for The Depository Trust Company ("*DTC*"), and registered in the name of DTC or its nominee, in each case, for credit to an account of a direct or indirect participant in DTC as described below. Beneficial interests in the Global notes may be held through the Euroclear System ("*Euroclear*") and Clearstream Banking, S.A. ("*Clearstream*") (as indirect participants in DTC).

Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Note will be limited to persons who have accounts with DTC ("*participants*") or persons who hold interests through participants.

Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Note will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC or its nominee (with respect to interests of participants) and the records of participants (with respect to interests of persons other than participants). Indirect access to the DTC system is available to organizations such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly ("indirect participants").

So long as DTC, or its nominee, is the registered owner or holder of a Global Note, DTC or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Notes represented by such Global Note for all purposes under the Indenture and the Note. No beneficial owner of an interest in a Global Note will be able to transfer that interest except in accordance with DTC's applicable procedures, in addition to those provided for under the Indenture and, if applicable, those of Euroclear and Clearstream.

All payments on a Global Note will be made to DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner thereof. Neither the Company, the Guarantors, the Trustee nor any Paying Agent will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in a Global Note or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

The Company expects that DTC or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment in respect of a Global Note, will credit participants' accounts on the applicable payment date with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of such Global Note as shown on the records of DTC. The Company also expects that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in a Global Note held through such participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers registered in the names of nominees for such customers. Such payments will be the responsibility of the participants.

Transfers between participants in DTC will be effected in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled in same-day funds. Transfers between participants in Euroclear and Clearstream will be effected in the ordinary way in accordance with their respective rules and operating procedures.

The Company expects that DTC will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of Notes (including the presentation of Notes for exchange as described below) only at the direction of one or more participants to whose account DTC interests in a Global Note are credited and only in respect of such portion of the aggregate principal amount of Notes as to which such participant or participants has or have given such direction. However, if there is an Event of Default under the Notes, DTC reserves the right to exchange the applicable Global Note for Notes in certificated form ("Certificated Notes"), which it will distribute to its participants and which may be legended as set forth under the heading "Transfer Restrictions."

The Company understands that: DTC is a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York, a "banking organization" within the meaning of New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC was created to hold securities for its participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of its participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates.

Although DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream are expected to follow the foregoing procedures described in this section of the prospectus in order to facilitate transfers of interests in a Global Note among participants of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued at any time. Neither the Company, the Guarantors, the Trustee nor any Paying Agent will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream or their respective participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

Exchange of Global Notes for Certificated Notes

A Global Note is exchangeable for Certificated Notes if:

- (1) DTC (a) notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary for the Global Notes or (b) has ceased to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and in either event the Company fails to appoint a successor depositary within 90 days; or
- (2) there has occurred and is continuing an Event of Default and DTC notifies the Trustee of its decision to exchange the Global Notes for Certificated Notes.

In all cases, Certificated Notes delivered in exchange for any Global Note or beneficial interests in Global Notes will be registered in the names, and issued in any approved denominations, requested by or on behalf of DTC (in accordance with its customary procedures).

CERTAIN UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following discussion is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations relevant to the exchange of outstanding notes for exchange notes, but does not purport to be a complete analysis of all potential tax effects. The discussion is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "*Code*"), Treasury Regulations, Internal Revenue Service rulings and pronouncements and judicial decisions now in effect, all of which may be subject to change at any time by legislative, judicial or administrative action. These changes may be applied retroactively in a manner that could adversely affect a holder of exchange notes. Some holders, including financial institutions, insurance companies, regulated investment companies, tax-exempt organizations, dealers in securities or currencies, persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, or persons who hold the notes as part of a hedge, conversion transaction, straddle or other risk reduction transaction may be subject to special rules not discussed below.

We recommend that each holder consult its own tax advisor as to the particular tax consequences of exchanging such holder's outstanding notes for exchange notes, including the applicability and effect of any foreign, state, local or other tax laws or estate or gift tax considerations.

The exchange of outstanding notes for exchange notes pursuant to the exchange offer will not constitute a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a result, (1) a holder will not recognize a taxable gain or loss as a result of exchanging such holder's outstanding notes for exchange notes, (2) the holding period of the exchange notes will include the holding period of the outstanding notes exchanged therefor, and (3) the adjusted tax basis of the exchange notes will be the same as the adjusted tax basis of the outstanding notes exchanged therefor immediately before such exchange.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Based on interpretations by the staff of the SEC in no-action letters issued to third parties, we believe that you may transfer exchange notes issued under the exchange offer in exchange for the outstanding notes if:

- any exchange notes to be received by you will be acquired in the ordinary course of your business; and
- you have no arrangement or understanding with any person or entity to participate in the distribution (within the meaning of the Securities Act) of the exchange notes in violation of the provisions of the Securities Act.

You may not participate in the exchange offer unless:

- you are not an "affiliate," as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act, of us or our subsidiary guarantors; and
- if you are a broker-dealer that will receive exchange notes for your own account in exchange for outstanding notes that were acquired as a result of market-making or other trading activities, then you agree to deliver this prospectus (or, to the extent permitted by law, make this prospectus available to purchasers) in connection with any resale of the exchange notes.

Each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer must acknowledge that it will deliver this prospectus in connection with any resale of such exchange notes. To date, the staff of the SEC has taken the position that broker-dealers may fulfill their prospectus delivery requirements with respect to transactions involving an exchange of securities such as this exchange offer, other than a resale of an unsold allotment from the original sale of the outstanding notes, with this prospectus. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of exchange notes received for their own account in exchange for outstanding notes where such outstanding notes were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. We have agreed that, for a period ending on , 2015, we will make this prospectus, as amended or supplemented, available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. In addition, until such date, all dealers effecting transactions in exchange notes may be required to deliver this prospectus.

We are entitled under the registration rights agreements to suspend the use of this prospectus by broker-dealers if, in our good faith determination, the continued effectiveness of the registration statement and the use of this prospectus would require the public disclosure of material non-public information.

If we suspend the use of this prospectus, the period referred to above during which we have agreed to make this prospectus, as amended or supplemented, available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with certain resales, will be extended by a number of days equal to the period of the suspension and we and the Guarantors will pay additional interest, if required, pursuant to the registration rights agreements.

If you wish to exchange notes for your outstanding notes in the exchange offer, you will be required to make representations to us as described in "The Exchange Offer—Procedures for Tendering—Your Representations to Us" in this prospectus. As indicated in the letter of transmittal, you will be deemed to have made these representations by tendering your outstanding notes in the exchange offer. In addition, if you are a broker-dealer who receives exchange notes for your own account in exchange for outstanding notes that were acquired by you as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, you will be required to acknowledge, in the same manner, that you will deliver this prospectus in connection with any resale by you of such exchange notes.

We will not receive any proceeds from any sale of exchange notes by broker-dealers. Exchange notes received by broker-dealers for their own account pursuant to the exchange offer may be sold from time to time in one or more transactions:

- in the over-the-counter market;
- in negotiated transactions;
- through the writing of options on the exchange notes; or
- a combination of such methods of resale; at market prices prevailing at the time of resale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices.

Any such resale may be made directly to purchasers or to or through brokers or dealers who may receive compensation in the form of commissions or concessions from any such broker-dealer or the purchasers of any such exchange notes. Any broker-dealer that resells exchange notes that were received by it for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer and any broker or dealer that participates in a distribution of such exchange notes may be deemed to be an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act. Each letter of transmittal states that by acknowledging that it will deliver and by delivering this prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act.

For a period of 180 days after the consummation of the exchange offer, the Company will promptly send additional copies of this prospectus and any amendment or supplement to this prospectus to any broker-dealer that requests such documents as provided in the Letter of Transmittal. The Company has agreed to pay all expenses incident to the exchange offer (including the expenses of one counsel for the Holders of the outstanding notes) other than commissions or concessions of any brokers or dealers and will indemnify the Holders of the outstanding notes (including any broker-dealers) against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

LEGAL MATTERS

Baker Botts L.L.P. has issued an opinion about the legality of the exchange notes.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Matador Resources Company and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014, and for the year then ended and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated balance sheet of Matador Resources Company and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2013, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2013 incorporated by reference in this prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement have been so incorporated by reference in reliance upon the report of Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accountants, upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

Certain information with respect to our proved oil and natural gas reserves and future net revenues included and incorporated by reference herein has been audited by Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc., independent reservoir engineers. Such information is included and incorporated herein in reliance on the authority of such firm as experts in reservoir engineering.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

Matador is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and in accordance therewith files reports, proxy or information statements and other information with the SEC. Such reports, proxy statements and other information can be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. The phone number is 1-800-732-0330. In addition, the SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC. The address of the SEC's website is http://www.sec.gov.

Matador has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 under the Securities Act with respect to the securities being offered hereby. As permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC, this prospectus does not contain all the information set forth in the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules thereto. For further information with respect to Matador and the securities offered hereby, reference is made to the registration statement, and such exhibits and schedules. A copy of the registration statement, and the exhibits and schedules thereto, may be inspected without charge at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at the addresses set forth above, and copies of all or any part of the registration statement may be obtained from such offices upon payment of the fees prescribed by the SEC. In addition, the registration statement may be accessed at the SEC's website. Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete and, in each instance, reference is made to the copy of such contract or document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, each such statement being qualified in all respects by such reference.

In addition, our filings are available on our website at http://www.matadorresources.com. Information on our web site or any other web site is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus and is not a part of this prospectus.

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information we have filed with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information we incorporate by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings (excluding information furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01 of Form 8-K) we make with the SEC under Sections l3(a), l3(c), 14 or l5(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering:

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as filed with the SEC on March 2, 2015;
- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2015, as filed with the SEC on May 11, 2015; and
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K, as filed with the SEC on January 20, 2015, March 2, 2015, April 2, 2015, April 14, 2015, April 15, 2015, April 20, 2015, April 30, 2015 and May 22, 2015.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for all purposes to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or in any other subsequently filed document which is also incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus. You may request a copy of these filings (other than an exhibit to a filing unless that exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference into that filing) at no cost by writing or telephoning us at the following address and telephone number:

Matador Resources Company Attention: Investor Relations 5400 LBJ Freeway Suite 1500 Dallas, TX 75240 (972) 371-5200

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein constitute "forward-looking statements." Additionally, forward-looking statements may be made orally or in press releases, conferences, reports, on our website or otherwise, in the future, by us or on our behalf. Such statements are generally identifiable by the terminology used such as "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "might," "potential," "predict," "project," "should" or other similar words.

By their very nature, forward-looking statements require us to make assumptions that may not materialize or that may not be accurate. Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, levels of activity and achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. Such factors include, among others: the integration of the assets, employees and operations of Harvey E. Yates Company following its merger with one of our wholly-owned subsidiaries on February 27, 2015, changes in oil or natural gas prices, the success of our drilling program, the timing and amount of planned capital expenditures, having sufficient cash flow from operations together with available borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility, uncertainties in estimating proved reserves and forecasting production results, operational factors affecting the commencement or maintenance of producing wells, the condition of the capital markets generally, as well as our ability to access them, the proximity to and capacity of transportation facilities, availability of acquisitions, uncertainties regarding environmental regulations or litigation and other legal or regulatory developments affecting our business, and the other factors discussed below and elsewhere in this prospectus and in other documents that we file with or furnish to the SEC, all of which are difficult to predict. Forward-looking statements may include statements about:

- our business strategy;
- our reserves;
- our technology;
- our cash flows and liquidity;
- our financial strategy, budget, projections and operating results;
- our oil and natural gas realized prices;
- the timing and amount of future production of oil and natural gas;
- the availability of drilling and production equipment;
- the availability of oilfield labor:
- the amount, nature and timing of capital expenditures, including future exploration and development costs;
- the availability and terms of capital;
- our drilling of wells;
- government regulation and taxation of the oil and natural gas industry;
- our marketing of oil and natural gas;
- our exploitation projects and property acquisitions;

- the integration of our business with Harvey E. Yates Company;
- our costs of exploiting and developing our properties and conducting other operations;
- general economic conditions;
- competition in the oil and natural gas industry;
- the effectiveness of our risk management and hedging activities;
- environmental liabilities;
- counterparty credit risk;
- developments in oil-producing and natural gas-producing countries;
- our future operating results;
- estimated future reserves and the present value thereof;
- · our plans, objectives, expectations and intentions contained in this prospectus that are not historical; and
- other factors discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 or our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2015.

Although we believe that the expectations conveyed by the forward-looking statements are reasonable based on information available to us on the date such forward-looking statements were made, no assurances can be given as to future results, levels of activity, achievements or financial condition.

You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement and should recognize that the statements are predictions of future results, which may not occur as anticipated. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements and from historical results, due to the risks and uncertainties described above, as well as others not now anticipated. The impact of any one factor on a particular forward-looking statement is not determinable with certainty as such factors are interdependent upon other factors. The foregoing statements are not exclusive and further information concerning us, including factors that potentially could materially affect our financial results, may emerge from time to time. We do not intend to update forward-looking statements to reflect actual results or changes in factors or assumptions affecting such forward-looking statements, except as required by law, including the securities laws of the United States and the rules and regulations of the SEC.

ANNEX A

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To Tender

Outstanding 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023

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MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY

Pursuant to the Exchange Offer and Prospectus dated , 2015

The Exchange Agent for the Exchange Offer is:

By Registered or Certified Mail

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association

Corporate Trust Operations MAC N9303-121 P.O. Box 1517 Minneapolis, MN 55480

By Regular Mail or Courier

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association

Corporate Trust Operations MAC N9303-121 6th & Marquette Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55479

By Hand Delivery

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association

Corporate Trust Operations 608 2nd Avenue South Northstar East Building - 12th Floor Minneapolis, MN 55402

Facsimile Transmission 877-407-4679 Attn: Corporate Trust Operations Confirm by Telephone: 800-344-5128

IF YOU WISH TO EXCHANGE CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING 6.875% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2023 (THE "OUTSTANDING NOTES") FOR AN EQUAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF 6.875% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2023 PURSUANT TO THE EXCHANGE OFFER, YOU MUST VALIDLY TENDER (AND NOT WITHDRAW) OUTSTANDING NOTES TO THE EXCHANGE AGENT PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. NEW YORK CITY TIME ON , 2015 BY CAUSING AN AGENT'S MESSAGE TO BE RECEIVED BY THE EXCHANGE AGENT PRIOR TO SUCH TIME.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the prospectus, dated , 2015 (the "Prospectus"), of Matador Resources Company, a Texas corporation (the "Company"), and this Letter of Transmittal (the "Letter of Transmittal"), which together describe the Company's offer (the "Exchange Offer") pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), to exchange its issued and outstanding 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Outstanding Notes") for a like principal amount of its 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Exchange Notes").

The Company reserves the right, at any time or from time to time, to extend the Exchange Offer at its discretion, in which event the term "Expiration Time" shall mean the latest time and date to which the Company extends the Exchange Offer. To extend the Exchange Offer, the Company will notify the Exchange Agent of any extension. The Company will notify the holders of Outstanding Notes of the extension via a press release issued no later than 9:00 a.m. New York City time on the business day after the previously scheduled Expiration Time.

This Letter of Transmittal is to be used by holders of the Outstanding Notes. Tender of Outstanding Notes is to be made according to the Automated Tender Offer Program ("ATOP") of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Prospectus under the caption "The Exchange Offer—Procedures for Tendering." DTC participants that are accepting the Exchange Offer must transmit their acceptance to DTC, which will verify the acceptance and execute a book-entry delivery to the Exchange Agent's DTC account. DTC will then send a computer-generated message known as an "agent's message" to the exchange agent for its acceptance. For you to validly tender your Outstanding Notes in the Exchange Offer, the Exchange Agent must receive, prior to the Expiration Time, an agent's message under the ATOP procedures that confirms that:

- DTC has received your instructions to tender your Outstanding Notes; and
- you agree to be bound by the terms of this Letter of Transmittal.

By using the ATOP procedures to tender Outstanding Notes, you will not be required to deliver this Letter of Transmittal to the Exchange Agent. However, you will be bound by its terms, and you will be deemed to have made the acknowledgments and the representations and warranties it contains, just as if you had signed it.

PLEASE READ THE ACCOMPANYING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

- 1. By tendering Outstanding Notes in the Exchange Offer, you acknowledge receipt of the Prospectus and this Letter of Transmittal.
- 2. By tendering Outstanding Notes in the Exchange Offer, you represent and warrant that you have full authority to tender the Outstanding Notes described above and will, upon request, execute and deliver any additional documents deemed by the Company to be necessary or desirable to complete the tender of Outstanding Notes.
- 3. The tender of the Outstanding Notes pursuant to all of the procedures set forth in the Prospectus will constitute an agreement between you and the Company as to the terms and conditions set forth in the Prospectus.
- 4. The Exchange Offer is being made in reliance upon interpretations contained in no-action letters issued to third parties by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), including Exxon Capital Holdings Corp., Commission No-Action Letter (available May 13, 1988), Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc., Commission No-Action Letter (available June 5, 1991) and Shearman & Sterling, Commission No-Action Letter (available July 2, 1993), that the Exchange Notes issued in exchange for the Outstanding Notes pursuant to the Exchange Offer may be offered for resale, resold and otherwise transferred by holders thereof (other than a broker-dealer who purchased Outstanding Notes exchanged for such Exchange Notes directly from the Company to resell pursuant to Rule 144A or any other available exemption under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and any such holder that is an "affiliate" of the Company within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act), without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act, provided that such Exchange Notes are acquired in the ordinary course of such holders' business and such holders are not participating in, and have no arrangement with any person to participate in, the distribution of such Exchange Notes.
 - 5. By tendering Outstanding Notes in the Exchange Offer, you represent and warrant that:
- a. the Exchange Notes acquired pursuant to the Exchange Offer are being obtained in the ordinary course of your business, whether or not you are the holder;
 - b. neither you nor any such other person is engaging in or intends to engage in a distribution of such Exchange Notes;
 - c. neither you nor any such other person has an arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution of such Exchange Notes;
- d. neither you nor any such other person is an "affiliate," as such term is defined under Rule 405 promulgated under the Securities Act, of the Company or the Guarantors; and
- e. if you are a broker-dealer that will receive Exchange Notes for your own account in exchange for Outstanding Notes, you acquired those Outstanding Notes as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities and you will deliver the prospectus, as required by law, in connection with any resale of the Exchange Notes.
- 6. If you are a broker-dealer that will receive Exchange Notes for your own account in exchange for Outstanding Notes that were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, you acknowledge, by tendering Outstanding Notes in the Exchange Offer, that you will deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale of such Exchange Notes; however, by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, you will not be deemed to admit that you are an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act. If you are a broker-dealer and Outstanding Notes held for your own account were not acquired as a result of market-making or other trading activities, such Outstanding Notes cannot be exchanged pursuant to the Exchange Offer.

7. Any of your obligations hereunder shall be binding upon your successors, assigns, executors, administrators, trustees in bankruptcy and legal and personal representatives.
\Box CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE A BROKER-DEALER AND WISH TO RECEIVE 10 ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE PROSPECTUS AND 10 COPIES OF ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO.
Name:
Address:

INSTRUCTIONS FORMING PART OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE EXCHANGE OFFER

1. Book-Entry Confirmations.

Any confirmation of a book-entry transfer to the Exchange Agent's account at DTC of Outstanding Notes tendered by book-entry transfer (a "Book-Entry Confirmation"), as well as an agent's message, and any other documents required by this Letter of Transmittal, must be received by the Exchange Agent at its address set forth herein prior to 5:00 P.M. New York City time on , 2015.

2. Partial Tenders.

Tenders of Outstanding Notes will be accepted only in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The entire principal amount of Outstanding Notes delivered to the Exchange Agent will be deemed to have been tendered unless otherwise communicated to the Exchange Agent. If the entire principal amount of all Outstanding Notes is not tendered, then Outstanding Notes for the principal amount of Outstanding Notes not tendered and Exchange Notes issued in exchange for any Outstanding Notes accepted will be delivered to the holder via the facilities of DTC promptly after the Outstanding Notes are accepted for exchange.

3. Validity of Tenders.

The Company will determine in its sole discretion all questions as to the validity, form, eligibility, time of receipt, acceptance of tendered Outstanding Notes and withdrawal of tendered Outstanding Notes. The Company's determination will be final and binding. The Company reserves the absolute right to reject any Outstanding Notes not properly tendered or any Outstanding Notes the Company's acceptance of which might, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, be unlawful. The Company also reserves the absolute right to waive any defect, irregularities or conditions of tender as to particular Outstanding Notes. The Company's interpretation of the terms and conditions of the Exchange Offer (including the instructions on this Letter of Transmittal) will be final and binding on all parties. Unless waived, all defects or irregularities in connection with tenders of Outstanding Notes must be cured within such time as the Company shall determine. Although the Company intends to notify holders of defects or irregularities with respect to tenders of Outstanding Notes, neither the Company, the Exchange Agent, nor any other person will incur any liability for failure to give such notification. Tenders of Outstanding Notes will not be deemed made until such defects or irregularities have been cured or waived. Any Outstanding Notes received by the Exchange Agent that are not properly tendered and as to which the defects or irregularities have not been cured or waived will be returned by the Exchange Agent to the tendering promptly following the Expiration Time.

\$400,000,000 in Aggregate Principal Amount of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023



PROSPECTUS

, 2015

Until , 2015, all dealers that effect transactions in these securities, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This is in addition to the dealers' obligation to deliver a prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions.

PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 20. Indemnification of Directors and Executive Officers.

Matador Resources Company and all of its subsidiaries are incorporated or formed in Texas. Matador and each of its subsidiaries are governed by the Texas Business Organizations Code ("TBOC"). Chapter 8 of the TBOC permits a corporation to indemnify a person who was, is or is threatened to be named in a legal proceeding by virtue of such person's position in the corporation if it is determined that such person: (a) conducted himself in good faith, (b) reasonably believed, in the case of conduct in his official capacity as a director or officer of the corporation, that his conduct was in the corporation's best interest or, in other cases, that his conduct was at least not opposed to the corporation's best interests and (c) in the case of any criminal proceeding, did not have reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful. In addition, the TBOC requires a corporation to indemnify a director or officer for any action that such director or officer is wholly successful, in defending on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of the proceeding.

Under certain circumstances, a corporation may also advance expenses to any of the above persons. The TBOC also permits a corporation to purchase and maintain insurance or to make other arrangements on behalf of any of such persons against any liability asserted against and incurred by the person in such capacity, or arising out of the person's status as such a person, whether or not the corporation would have the powers to indemnify the person against the liability under applicable law.

Matador Resources Company

Our amended and restated certificate of formation provides that our directors are not liable to the Company or its shareholders for monetary damages for an act or omission in their capacity as a director. A director may, however, be found liable for:

- any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Company or its shareholders;
- acts or omissions not in good faith that constitute a breach of the director's duty to the Company;
- · acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- · any transaction from which the director receives an improper benefit; or
- acts or omissions for which the liability is expressly provided by an applicable statute.

Our certificate of formation also provides that we will indemnify our directors, and may indemnify our officers, employees and agents, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Texas law from any expenses, liabilities or other matters. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted for directors, officers and controlling persons of Matador under our certificate of formation, it is the position of the SEC that such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable.

We have obtained directors' and officers' insurance to cover our directors, officers and employees for certain liabilities.

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers. Under these agreements, we have agreed to indemnify the director or officer who acts on behalf of Matador and is made or threatened to be made a party to any action or proceeding for expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement that are actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the action or proceeding. The indemnity provisions apply whether the action was instituted by a third party or by us. Generally, the principal limitation on our obligation to indemnify the director or officer will be if it is determined by a court of law, not subject to further appeal, that indemnification is prohibited by applicable law or the provisions of the indemnification agreement.

Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems, LP

Section 8.002 of the TBOC provides that the governing documents of a limited partnership may adopt the general statutory indemnification provisions of Chapter 8 of the TBOC or may contain enforceable provisions relating to: (1) indemnification; (2) advancement of expenses; or (3) insurance or another arrangement to indemnify or hold harmless a governing person.

Section 7.9 of the limited partnership agreement (the "Longwood LP Agreement") of Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems, LP ("Longwood LP" or the "Partnership") provides that Longwood LP will indemnify its general partner, its affiliates and the respective officers, directors, managers, partners, members, employees and agents of each, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Texas law from and against all losses, costs, liabilities, damages and expenses, including costs of lawsuits and attorney's fees, incurred by any of them in connection with the conduct of Longwood LP's affairs or the performance of the general partner's responsibilities. However, the Partnership will not indemnify any party for an act that constitutes bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Longwood LP Agreement provides that the Partnership will advance the expenses associated with the defense of any related action; however, the satisfaction of any indemnification obligation will be from and limited to the Partnership's assets.

Matador has obtained directors' and officers' insurance that covers Longwood LP's officers and employees for certain liabilities.

Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc.

Matador Production Company

MRC Energy Company MRC Permian Company MRC Rockies Company

The operative certificates of formation of each of our corporate subsidiaries provide that such subsidiaries may indemnify their directors, officers, managers, employees and agents, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Texas law from any expenses, liabilities or other matters and may purchase and maintain liability, indemnification and/or other similar insurance as the board of directors of such subsidiaries shall deem necessary or appropriate in its sole discretion on behalf of such subsidiaries' directors, officers, employees and agents against expense, liability or loss asserted or incurred by them in their capacities as directors, officers, employees and agents.

Matador has obtained directors' and officers' insurance that covers each of its corporate subsidiaries' directors, officers, employees and agents for certain liabilities.

Delaware Water Management Company, LLC
DLK Wolf Midstream, LLC
DLK Black River Midstream, LLC
Longwood Midstream South Texas, LLC
Longwood Midstream Southeast, LLC
Longwood Midstream Delaware, LLC
MRC Delaware Resources, LLC
MRC Energy Southeast Company, LLC
MRC Energy South Texas Company, LLC
Southeast Water Management Company, LLC

Section 8.002 of the TBOC provides that the governing documents of a limited liability company may adopt the general statutory indemnification provisions of Chapter 8 of the TBOC or may contain enforceable provisions relating to: (1) indemnification; (2) advancement of expenses; or (3) insurance or another arrangement to indemnify or hold harmless a governing person.

The operative limited liability company agreements of each of our limited liability company subsidiaries provide that such subsidiaries may indemnify their members, managers and officers to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Texas law from any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitrative, or investigative, any appeal in such an action, suit, or proceeding, and any inquiry or investigation that could lead to such an action, suit, or proceeding, in each case, by reason of the fact that such person is a member, manager or officer of the applicable limited liability company subsidiary.

Matador has obtained directors' and officers' insurance that covers each of its limited liability company subsidiaries' members, managers and employees for certain liabilities.

Item 21. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

(a) The following documents are filed as exhibits herewith:

Reference is made to the Exhibit Index following the signature pages hereto, which Exhibit Index is hereby incorporated into this item.

(b) Financial Statement Schedules:

None.

Item 22. Undertakings

The undersigned registrants hereby undertake:

- 1. To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.
- 2. That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- 3. To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- 4. That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser, if such registrant is subject to Rule 430C, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.
- 5. That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser: (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424; (ii) any free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and (iv) any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

- 6. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- 7. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is therefore unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933, and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.
- 8. To respond to requests for information that is incorporated by reference into the prospectus pursuant to Items 4, 10(b), 11, or 13 of this Form, within one business day of receipt of such request, and to send the incorporated documents by first class mail or other equally prompt means. This includes information contained in documents filed subsequent to the effective date of the registration statement through the date of responding to the request.
- 9. To supply by means of a post-effective amendment all information concerning a transaction, and the company being acquired involved therein, that was not the subject of and included in the registration statement when it became effective.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-4 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Dallas, State of Texas on June 1, 2015.

MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY

By: /s/ Joseph Wm. Foran

Joseph Wm. Foran Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below appoints Joseph Wm. Foran and David E. Lancaster, and each of them, any of whom may act without the joinder of the other, as his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement and any Registration Statement (including any amendment thereto) for this offering that is to be effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or would do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them of their or his substitute and substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Name	Title	Date
/s/ Joseph Wm. Foran Joseph Wm. Foran	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	June 1, 2015
/s/ David E. Lancaster David E. Lancaster	Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	June 1, 2015
/s/ Kathryn L. Wayne Kathryn L. Wayne	Controller and Treasurer	June 1, 2015
/s/ Reynald A. Baribault Reynald A. Baribault	Director	June 1, 2015
/s/ David M. Laney David M. Laney	Director	June 1, 2015
/s/ Gregory E. Mitchell Gregory E. Mitchell	Director	June 1, 2015
/s/ Steven W. Ohnimus Steven W. Ohnimus	Director	June 1, 2015
/s/ Michael C. Ryan Michael C. Ryan	Director	June 1, 2015
/s/ Carlos M. Sepulveda, Jr. Carlos M. Sepulveda, Jr.	Director	June 1, 2015
/s/ Margaret B. Shannon Margaret B. Shannon	Director	June 1, 2015
/s/ George M. Yates George M. Yates	Director	June 1, 2015

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LONGWOOD GATHERING AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS GP, INC.
MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY
MRC ENERGY COMPANY
MRC PERMIAN COMPANY
MRC ROCKIES COMPANY

By: /s/ Joseph Wm. Foran

Joseph Wm. Foran

Sole Director and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

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Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Joseph Wm. Foran Joseph Wm. Foran	Sole Director and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	June 1, 2015
/s/ David E. Lancaster David E. Lancaster	Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	June 1, 2015
/s/ Kathryn L. Wayne Kathryn L. Wayne	Controller and Treasurer	June 1, 2015

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LONGWOOD GATHERING AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, LP

By: Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Joseph Wm. Foran

Joseph Wm. Foran Sole Director and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

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Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Joseph Wm. Foran Joseph Wm. Foran	Sole Director and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	June 1, 2015
/s/ David E. Lancaster David E. Lancaster	Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	June 1, 2015
/s/ Kathryn L. Wayne Kathryn L. Wayne	Controller and Treasurer	June 1, 2015

SIGNATURES

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DELAWARE WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC
DLK WOLF MIDSTREAM, LLC
DLK BLACK RIVER MIDSTREAM, LLC
LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM SOUTH TEXAS, LLC
LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM SOUTHEAST, LLC
LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM DELAWARE, LLC
MRC DELAWARE RESOURCES, LLC
MRC ENERGY SOUTHEAST COMPANY, LLC
MRC ENERGY SOUTH TEXAS COMPANY, LLC
SOUTHEAST WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC

By: /s/ Joseph Wm. Foran

Joseph Wm. Foran Sole Manager and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

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Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Joseph Wm. Foran Joseph Wm. Foran	Sole Manager and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	June 1, 2015
/s/ David E. Lancaster David E. Lancaster	Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	June 1, 2015
/s/ Kathryn L. Wayne Kathryn L. Wayne	Controller and Treasurer	June 1, 2015

EXHIBIT INDEX

The following is a list of exhibits filed as a part of this registration statement.

Exhibit No.	Description
3.1	Certificate of Merger between Matador Resources Company (now known as MRC Energy Company) and Matador Merger Co. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to our Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed on August 12, 2011).
3.2	Amended and Restated Certificate of Formation of Matador Resources Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on May 11, 2015).
3.3	Certificate of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Formation of Matador Resources Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on May 11, 2015).
3.4	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Matador Resources Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 13, 2012).
3.5	Certificate of Formation of Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems, LP (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on April 9, 2013).
3.6	Limited Partnership Agreement of Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems, LP (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.5 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on April 9, 2013).
3.7	Certificate of Formation of Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc. (formerly known as Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems, Inc.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.6 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on April 9, 2013).
3.8	Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Formation of Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc. (formerly known as Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems, Inc.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.7 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on April 9, 2013).
3.9	Bylaws of Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc. (formerly known as Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems, Inc.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.8 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on April 9, 2013).
3.10	Amended and Restated Certificate of Formation of Matador Production Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.9 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on April 9, 2013).
3.11	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Matador Production Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.10 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on April 9, 2013).
3.12	Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Formation of MRC Energy Company (formerly known as Matador Resources Company) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.11 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on April 9, 2013).
3.13	Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of MRC Energy Company (formerly known as Matador Resources Company) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.12 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on April 9, 2013).
3.14	Certificate of Formation of MRC Permian Company (formerly known as MRC Drilling Company) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.13 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on April 9, 2013).

Exhibit No.	Description
3.15	Certificate of Merger of Ranchito Operating Co., Inc. with and into MRC Permian Company (formerly known as MRC Drilling Company) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.14 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on April 9, 2013).
3.16	Bylaws of MRC Permian Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.15 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on April 9, 2013).
3.17	Certificate of Formation of MRC Rockies Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.16 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on April 9, 2013).
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3.38*	Limited Liability Company Agreement of Southeast Water Management Company, LLC.
4.1*	Indenture, dated as of April 14, 2015, by and among Matador Resources Company, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee.

Exhibit No.	Description
4.2	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of April 14, 2015, by and among Matador Resources Company, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, as representative of the several initial purchasers named therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 14, 2015).
5.1*	Opinion of Baker Botts L.L.P., as to the legality of the securities being registered.
12.1*	Statement of Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.
23.1*	Consent of KPMG LLP.
23.2*	Consent of Grant Thornton LLP.
23.3*	Consent of Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc.
23.4*	Consent of Baker Botts L.L.P. (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto).
24.1*	Powers of Attorney (included in the signature pages to this registration statement).
25.1*	Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility and Qualification under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of the Trustee under the Indenture with respect to the 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023.
99.1*	Form of Letter to DTC Participants.
99.2*	Form of Letter to Clients.

^{* —}filed herewith

CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION

OF

DELAWARE WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC

a Texas Limited Liability Company

The undersigned, a natural person of the age of eighteen years or more, acting as the sole organizer of Delaware Water Management Company, LLC (the "*Company*"), a limited liability company under Title 3 of the Texas Business Organizations Code, does hereby adopt the following Certificate of Formation for such limited liability company as of August 25, 2014.

ARTICLE I

The name of the Company, which is the entity being formed hereby, is Delaware Water Management Company, LLC.

ARTICLE II

The type of entity being formed is a limited liability company.

ARTICLE III

The purpose for which the Company is being formed is any lawful purpose for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Texas Business Organizations Code, as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor law.

ARTICLE IV

The Company shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V

The initial registered agent of the Company is CT Corporation System. The street address of the initial registered office is 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136.

ARTICLE VI

The Company will be managed by a manager, and the name and address of the initial manager of the Company are as follows:

Name Joseph Wm. Foran Address 5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway Suite 1500 Dallas, TX 75240

ARTICLE VII

A member of the Company shall not be liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Company, including, without limitation, under a judgment, decree, or order of a court.

[Remainder of page intentionally left blank; Signature page follows.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Formation as of the date first set forth above.

/s/ Joseph Wm. Foran Joseph Wm. Foran

[Signature Page to Certificate of Formation – Delaware Water Management Company, LLC]

DELAWARE WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

THIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT (this "*Agreement*") of Delaware Water Management Company, LLC, a Texas limited liability company (the "*Company*"), dated as of August 25, 2014, is hereby adopted, executed, and agreed to by Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems, LP, as the sole member of the Company (the "*Member*").

ARTICLE I Organization

- 1.1 <u>Formation</u>. The Company was formed by filing a Certificate of Formation ("*Certificate*") pursuant to and in accordance with the Texas Business Organizations Code (as amended from time to time, the "*TBOC*"). The Company's existence began upon the filing of the Certificate and shall continue for the period of duration set forth in the Certificate or until the earlier dissolution, liquidation, and termination of the Company in accordance with <u>Article VI</u>.
- 1.2 Name. The name of the Company is Delaware Water Management Company, LLC. The Member may change the name of the Company from time to time. In such event, the Member shall promptly file or cause to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas an amendment to the Certificate reflecting such change of name.
- 1.3 <u>Purposes</u>. The purposes of the Company shall be to engage or participate in any other lawful business activities in which a limited liability company organized in the State of Texas may engage or participate.
- 1.4 <u>Registered Office and Agent</u>. The initial registered agent of the Company is CT Corporation System. The street address of the initial registered office is 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136. The address of the Company's initial principal place of business is 5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Suite 1500, Dallas, Texas 75240. The Member may change such initial registered office, registered agent, or principal place of business from time to time. In such event, the Member shall promptly file or cause to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas an amendment to the Certificate reflecting any such change.
- 1.5 <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Company shall end on December 31 of each calendar year unless, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, another fiscal year is required. The Company shall have the same fiscal year for U.S. federal income tax purposes and for accounting purposes.

ARTICLE II Capital Contributions

- 2.1 <u>Capital Contribution</u>. The Member has contributed \$100.00 in cash to the Company. The Member may make additional capital contributions to the Company if, as, and when determined by the Member. The capital contribution commitment of the Member (if any, and whether now or hereafter made) is solely for the benefit of the Member and may not be enforced by any creditor, receiver, or trustee of the Company or by any other person.
- 2.2 No Interest. The Member shall not be entitled to interest on its capital contributions, and any interest actually received by reason of investment of any part of the Company's funds shall be included in the Company's property.

ARTICLE III <u>Management of the Company</u>

- 3.1 <u>Management</u>. The management, control, and direction of the Company and its operations, business, and affairs shall be vested exclusively in the Manager, who shall have the right, power, and authority, acting solely by himself, by written consent or otherwise, and without the necessity of approval by any other person, to carry out any and all of the purposes of the Company and to perform or refrain from performing any and all acts that the Manager may deem necessary, desirable, appropriate, or incidental thereto. The initial Manager shall be Joseph Wm. Foran, who shall serve in that capacity until the earlier of such initial Manager's resignation, removal or death. The Manager may be removed and replaced, with or without cause, by the Member.
- 3.2 <u>Liability</u>. Except as otherwise required by the TBOC, the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort, or otherwise, shall be the debts, obligations, and liabilities solely of the Company, and neither the Member nor the Manager shall be obligated personally for any of such debts, obligations, or liabilities solely by reason of being a Member or Manager of the Company. All duties and liabilities (fiduciary and otherwise) of the Member and Manager are restricted to those expressly stated in this Agreement.
- 3.3 <u>Officers</u>. The Manager may (i) elect one or more officers of the Company with such titles as the Manager may deem necessary, appropriate, or desirable, and (ii) delegate any or all of his rights, powers, and authority to one or more of such officers as the Manager may from time to time determine.
- 3.4 <u>Reimbursement of Expenses</u>. The Company shall promptly reimburse the Member or Manager for all reasonable costs and other obligations paid or incurred on behalf of the Company.

ARTICLE IV Exculpation and Indemnification

4.1 <u>Exculpation</u>. None of the Member, the Manager nor any officer shall be liable, responsible, or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Company by reason of, arising from, or relating to the operations, business, or affairs of, or any action taken or failure to act on behalf of, the Company except to the extent that any of the foregoing is determined, by a final, nonappealable order of a court of competent jurisdiction, to have been primarily caused by the gross negligence, willful misconduct, or bad faith of the Member, Manager or officer.

4.2 Indemnification.

(a) <u>General</u>. The Company shall indemnify any person who was, is, or is threatened to be made a party to a proceeding (as defined <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>) by reason of the fact that he (i) is or was a Member, Manager or officer of the Company or (ii) while a Member, Manager or officer of the Company, is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, manager, employee, or agent of a foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, to the fullest extent permitted under the TBOC. Such right shall be a contract right and as such shall run to the benefit of the Member, Manager or any officer who is elected and accepts the position of officer of the Company or elects to continue to serve as an officer of the Company, while this <u>Section 4.2</u> is in effect.

- (b) <u>Advancement of Expenses</u>. Such right shall include the right to be paid by the Company expenses (including, attorneys' fees, court costs, and costs of investigation and appeal) incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition to the fullest extent permitted under the TBOC. If a claim for indemnification or advancement of expenses hereunder is not paid in full by the Company within 60 days after a written claim has been received by the Company, the claimant may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Company to recover the unpaid amount of the claim, and if successful in whole or in part, the claimant shall also be entitled to be paid the expenses of prosecuting such claim. The Member shall not be required to contribute capital in respect of any indemnification claim under this <u>Section 4.2</u>.
- (c) <u>Defenses to Claims</u>. It shall be a defense to any such action that such indemnification or advancement of costs of defense is not permitted under the TBOC, but the burden of proving such defense shall be on the Company. Neither the failure of the Company (including, its independent legal counsel, the Member or the Manager) to have made its determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of, or advancement of costs of defense to, the claimant is permissible in the circumstances nor an actual determination by the Company (including, its independent legal counsel, the Member or the Manager) that such indemnification or advancement is not permissible shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that such indemnification or advancement is not permissible.
- (d) <u>Successors; Remedies; Employees and Agents</u>. In the event of the death of any person having a right of indemnification under the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 4.2</u>, such right shall inure to the benefit of his heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representatives. The rights conferred in this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall not be exclusive of any other right that any person may have or hereafter acquire under any law, agreement, or otherwise. The Company may additionally indemnify any employee or agent of the Company to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.
- (e) <u>Definition of Proceeding</u>. As used in this <u>Section 4.2</u>, the term "*proceeding*" means any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitrative, or investigative, any appeal in such an action, suit, or proceeding, and any inquiry or investigation that could lead to such an action, suit, or proceeding.
- (f) <u>Amendment</u>. Any repeal or amendment of this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall be prospective only and shall not limit the rights of the Member, Manager or any officer or the obligations of the Company in respect of any claim arising from or related to the services of such Member, Manager or officer in any of the capacities set forth in <u>Section 4.2(a)</u> prior to any such repeal or amendment of this <u>Section 4.2</u>.

ARTICLE V <u>Distributions and Allocations</u>

- 5.1 <u>Distributions</u>. Distributions shall be made to the Member at the times and in the aggregate amounts determined by the Manager. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Company, and the Manager on behalf of the Company, shall not make a distribution to the Member on account of its interest in the Company if such distribution would violate Section 101.206 of the TBOC or any other applicable law.
 - 5.2 Allocations of Profits and Losses. All items of income, gain, loss and deduction of the Company shall be allocated to the Member.

ARTICLE VI Dissolution and Termination

- 6.1 <u>Dissolution</u>. The Company shall be dissolved upon the first to occur of the following events: (i) the election of the Member to dissolve the Company at any time; (ii) the death, disability, insanity, legal incapacity, bankruptcy, retirement, resignation, or expulsion of the Member; or (iii) the occurrence of any "event requiring winding up" (as defined by the TBOC).
- 6.2 <u>Accounting</u>. After the dissolution of the Company pursuant to <u>Section 6.1</u>, the books of the Company shall be closed, and a proper accounting of the Company's assets, liabilities, and operations shall be made by the liquidator, all as of the most recent practicable date. The Member shall serve as the liquidator of the Company unless it fails or refuses to serve or the Company has been dissolved as a result of any event specified in <u>Section 6.1(ii)</u>. The liquidator shall have all rights and powers that the TBOC confers on any person serving in such capacity. The expenses incurred by the liquidator in connection with the dissolution, liquidation, and termination of the Company shall be borne by the Company.
- 6.3 <u>Termination</u>. The liquidator shall cause the Company to send a written notice of the winding up to each known claimant against the Company as required by Section 11.052 of the TBOC. As expeditiously as practicable, but in no event later than one year (except as may be necessary to avoid unreasonable loss of the Company's property or business), after the dissolution of the Company pursuant to <u>Section 6.1</u>, the liquidator shall cause the Company to apply and distribute its property to discharge, or make adequate provision for the discharge of all of the Company's liabilities and obligations. If the property of the Company is not sufficient to discharge all of its liabilities and obligations, then the liquidator shall (i) apply the Company's property, to the extent possible, to the just and equitable discharge of its liabilities and obligations (including liabilities and obligations owed to the Member (other than for distributions)) or (ii) make adequate provision for the application of such property. After the Company has discharged, or made adequate provision for the discharge of, all liabilities and obligations, the liquidator shall distribute the remainder of the Company's property, in cash or in kind, to the Member. At the time final distributions are made to the Member, a Certificate of Termination in respect of the Company, together with a certificate from the Comptroller of the State of Texas to the effect that all franchise taxes in respect of the Company have been paid (the "*Tax Certificate*"), shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas in accordance with the TBOC. Except as may be otherwise provided by Chapter 11 of the TBOC, the legal existence of the Company shall terminate upon the filing of the Certificate of Termination and the Tax Certificate with the Secretary of State of the State of the State of Texas.
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ARTICLE VII Miscellaneous

- 7.1 <u>Amendment</u>. No change, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be valid or binding unless such change, modification, or amendment shall be in writing and duly executed by the Member.
- 7.2 <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid under the applicable law of any jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances or in other jurisdictions shall not be affected thereby. Also, if any provision of this Agreement is invalid or unenforceable under any applicable law, then such provision shall be deemed inoperative to the extent that it may conflict therewith and shall be deemed modified to conform to such law. Any provision hereof that may prove invalid or unenforceable under any law shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision hereof.
- 7.3 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas (without regard to conflict-of-laws principles thereof).
- 7.4 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Member and its legal representatives, successors, and permitted assigns.
- 7.5 <u>Construction</u>. The article and section headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to alter or affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision hereof. All references to "Articles" and "Sections" contained in this Agreement are, unless specifically indicated otherwise, references to articles and sections of this Agreement. Whenever in this Agreement the singular number is used, the same shall include the plural where appropriate (and vice versa), and words of any gender shall include each other gender where appropriate. As used in this Agreement, the following words or phrases shall have the meanings indicated: (i) "affiliate" means, in respect of any specified person, any other person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such specified person; (ii) "control" when used in respect of any person means the power to direct the management and policies of such person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise (and "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative thereto); (iii) "day" means a calendar day; (iv) "include," "including," or their derivatives means "including without limitation"; (v) "laws" means statutes, regulations, rules, judicial orders, and other legal pronouncements having the effect of law; (vi) "or" means "and/or"; and (vii) "person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, unincorporated association, or other form of business or legal entity or governmental entity.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Member has executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date first above written.

MEMBER:

LONGWOOD GATHERING AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS,

By: Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Joseph Wm. Foran

Name: Joseph Wm. Foran

Title: Chief Executive Officer and Sole Director

[Signature Page to LLC Agreement – Delaware Water Management Company, LLC]

CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION

OF

DLK WOLF MIDSTREAM, LLC

a Texas Limited Liability Company

The undersigned, a natural person of the age of eighteen years or more, acting as the sole organizer of DLK Wolf Midstream, LLC (the "*Company*"), a limited liability company under Title 3 of the Texas Business Organizations Code, does hereby adopt the following Certificate of Formation for such limited liability company as of September 24, 2014.

ARTICLE I

The name of the Company, which is the entity being formed hereby, is DLK Wolf Midstream, LLC.

ARTICLE II

The type of entity being formed is a limited liability company.

ARTICLE III

The purpose for which the Company is being formed is any lawful purpose for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Texas Business Organizations Code, as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor law.

ARTICLE IV

The Company shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V

The initial registered agent of the Company is CT Corporation System. The street address of the initial registered office is 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136.

ARTICLE VI

The Company will be managed by a manager, and the name and address of the initial manager of the Company are as follows:

Name Joseph Wm. Foran Address 5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway Suite 1500 Dallas, TX 75240

ARTICLE VII

A member of the Company shall not be liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Company, including, without limitation, under a judgment, decree, or order of a court.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Formation as of the date first set forth above.

/s/ Joseph Wm. Foran

Joseph Wm. Foran

[Signature Page to Certificate of Formation – DLK Wolf Midstream, LLC]

DLK WOLF MIDSTREAM, LLC

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

THIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT (this "*Agreement*") of DLK Wolf Midstream, LLC, a Texas limited liability company (the "*Company*"), dated as of September 24, 2014, is hereby adopted, executed, and agreed to by Longwood Midstream Delaware, LLC, as the sole member of the Company (the "*Member*").

ARTICLE I Organization

- 1.1 <u>Formation</u>. The Company was formed by filing a Certificate of Formation ("*Certificate*") pursuant to and in accordance with the Texas Business Organizations Code (as amended from time to time, the "*TBOC*"). The Company's existence began upon the filing of the Certificate and shall continue for the period of duration set forth in the Certificate or until the earlier dissolution, liquidation, and termination of the Company in accordance with <u>Article VI</u>.
- 1.2 <u>Name</u>. The name of the Company is DLK Wolf Midstream, LLC. The Member may change the name of the Company from time to time. In such event, the Member shall promptly file or cause to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas an amendment to the Certificate reflecting such change of name.
- 1.3 <u>Purposes</u>. The purposes of the Company shall be to engage or participate in any other lawful business activities in which a limited liability company organized in the State of Texas may engage or participate.
- 1.4 <u>Registered Office and Agent</u>. The initial registered agent of the Company is CT Corporation System. The street address of the initial registered office is 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136. The address of the Company's initial principal place of business is 5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Suite 1500, Dallas, Texas 75240. The Member may change such initial registered office, registered agent, or principal place of business from time to time. In such event, the Member shall promptly file or cause to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas an amendment to the Certificate reflecting any such change.
- 1.5 <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Company shall end on December 31 of each calendar year unless, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, another fiscal year is required. The Company shall have the same fiscal year for U.S. federal income tax purposes and for accounting purposes.

ARTICLE II Capital Contributions

- 2.1 <u>Capital Contribution</u>. The Member has contributed \$100.00 in cash to the Company. The Member may make additional capital contributions to the Company if, as, and when determined by the Member. The capital contribution commitment of the Member (if any, and whether now or hereafter made) is solely for the benefit of the Member and may not be enforced by any creditor, receiver, or trustee of the Company or by any other person.
- 2.2 No Interest. The Member shall not be entitled to interest on its capital contributions, and any interest actually received by reason of investment of any part of the Company's funds shall be included in the Company's property.

ARTICLE III <u>Management of the Company</u>

- 3.1 <u>Management</u>. The management, control, and direction of the Company and its operations, business, and affairs shall be vested exclusively in the Manager, who shall have the right, power, and authority, acting solely by himself, by written consent or otherwise, and without the necessity of approval by any other person, to carry out any and all of the purposes of the Company and to perform or refrain from performing any and all acts that the Manager may deem necessary, desirable, appropriate, or incidental thereto. The initial Manager shall be Joseph Wm. Foran, who shall serve in that capacity until the earlier of such initial Manager's resignation, removal or death. The Manager may be removed and replaced, with or without cause, by the Member.
- 3.2 <u>Liability</u>. Except as otherwise required by the TBOC, the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort, or otherwise, shall be the debts, obligations, and liabilities solely of the Company, and neither the Member nor the Manager shall be obligated personally for any of such debts, obligations, or liabilities solely by reason of being a Member or Manager of the Company. All duties and liabilities (fiduciary and otherwise) of the Member and Manager are restricted to those expressly stated in this Agreement.
- 3.3 <u>Officers</u>. The Manager may (i) elect one or more officers of the Company with such titles as the Manager may deem necessary, appropriate, or desirable, and (ii) delegate any or all of his rights, powers, and authority to one or more of such officers as the Manager may from time to time determine.
- 3.4 <u>Reimbursement of Expenses</u>. The Company shall promptly reimburse the Member or Manager for all reasonable costs and other obligations paid or incurred on behalf of the Company.

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4.1 <u>Exculpation</u>. None of the Member, the Manager nor any officer shall be liable, responsible, or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Company by reason of, arising from, or relating to the operations, business, or affairs of, or any action taken or failure to act on behalf of, the Company except to the extent that any of the foregoing is determined, by a final, nonappealable order of a court of competent jurisdiction, to have been primarily caused by the gross negligence, willful misconduct, or bad faith of the Member, Manager or officer.

4.2 Indemnification.

(a) <u>General</u>. The Company shall indemnify any person who was, is, or is threatened to be made a party to a proceeding (as defined <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>) by reason of the fact that he (i) is or was a Member, Manager or officer of the Company or (ii) while a Member, Manager or officer of the Company, is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, manager, employee, or agent of a foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, to the fullest extent permitted under the TBOC. Such right shall be a contract right and as such shall run to the benefit of the Member, Manager or any officer who is elected and accepts the position of officer of the Company or elects to continue to serve as an officer of the Company, while this <u>Section 4.2</u> is in effect.

- (b) <u>Advancement of Expenses</u>. Such right shall include the right to be paid by the Company expenses (including, attorneys' fees, court costs, and costs of investigation and appeal) incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition to the fullest extent permitted under the TBOC. If a claim for indemnification or advancement of expenses hereunder is not paid in full by the Company within 60 days after a written claim has been received by the Company, the claimant may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Company to recover the unpaid amount of the claim, and if successful in whole or in part, the claimant shall also be entitled to be paid the expenses of prosecuting such claim. The Member shall not be required to contribute capital in respect of any indemnification claim under this <u>Section 4.2</u>.
- (c) <u>Defenses to Claims</u>. It shall be a defense to any such action that such indemnification or advancement of costs of defense is not permitted under the TBOC, but the burden of proving such defense shall be on the Company. Neither the failure of the Company (including, its independent legal counsel, the Member or the Manager) to have made its determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of, or advancement of costs of defense to, the claimant is permissible in the circumstances nor an actual determination by the Company (including, its independent legal counsel, the Member or the Manager) that such indemnification or advancement is not permissible shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that such indemnification or advancement is not permissible.
- (d) <u>Successors; Remedies; Employees and Agents</u>. In the event of the death of any person having a right of indemnification under the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 4.2</u>, such right shall inure to the benefit of his heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representatives. The rights conferred in this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall not be exclusive of any other right that any person may have or hereafter acquire under any law, agreement, or otherwise. The Company may additionally indemnify any employee or agent of the Company to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.
- (e) <u>Definition of Proceeding</u>. As used in this <u>Section 4.2</u>, the term "*proceeding*" means any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitrative, or investigative, any appeal in such an action, suit, or proceeding, and any inquiry or investigation that could lead to such an action, suit, or proceeding.
- (f) <u>Amendment</u>. Any repeal or amendment of this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall be prospective only and shall not limit the rights of the Member, Manager or any officer or the obligations of the Company in respect of any claim arising from or related to the services of such Member, Manager or officer in any of the capacities set forth in <u>Section 4.2(a)</u> prior to any such repeal or amendment of this <u>Section 4.2</u>.

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- 5.1 <u>Distributions</u>. Distributions shall be made to the Member at the times and in the aggregate amounts determined by the Manager. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Company, and the Manager on behalf of the Company, shall not make a distribution to the Member on account of its interest in the Company if such distribution would violate Section 101.206 of the TBOC or any other applicable law.
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ARTICLE VI Dissolution and Termination

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Member has executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date first above written.

MEMBER:

LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM DELAWARE, LLC

By: /s/ Joseph Wm. Foran
Name: Joseph Wm. Foran

Title: Chief Executive Officer and Manager

[Signature Page to LLC Agreement – DLK Wolf Midstream, LLC]

CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION

OF

DLK BLACK RIVER MIDSTREAM, LLC

a Texas Limited Liability Company

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The type of entity being formed is a limited liability company.

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/s/ Joseph Wm. Foran Joseph Wm. Foran

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DLK BLACK RIVER MIDSTREAM, LLC

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

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- 1.1 <u>Formation</u>. The Company was formed by filing a Certificate of Formation ("*Certificate*") pursuant to and in accordance with the Texas Business Organizations Code (as amended from time to time, the "*TBOC*"). The Company's existence began upon the filing of the Certificate and shall continue for the period of duration set forth in the Certificate or until the earlier dissolution, liquidation, and termination of the Company in accordance with <u>Article VI</u>.
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- 3.2 <u>Liability</u>. Except as otherwise required by the TBOC, the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort, or otherwise, shall be the debts, obligations, and liabilities solely of the Company, and neither the Member nor the Manager shall be obligated personally for any of such debts, obligations, or liabilities solely by reason of being a Member or Manager of the Company. All duties and liabilities (fiduciary and otherwise) of the Member and Manager are restricted to those expressly stated in this Agreement.
- 3.3 <u>Officers</u>. The Manager may (i) elect one or more officers of the Company with such titles as the Manager may deem necessary, appropriate, or desirable, and (ii) delegate any or all of his rights, powers, and authority to one or more of such officers as the Manager may from time to time determine.
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ARTICLE IV Exculpation and Indemnification

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- (c) <u>Defenses to Claims</u>. It shall be a defense to any such action that such indemnification or advancement of costs of defense is not permitted under the TBOC, but the burden of proving such defense shall be on the Company. Neither the failure of the Company (including, its independent legal counsel, the Member or the Manager) to have made its determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of, or advancement of costs of defense to, the claimant is permissible in the circumstances nor an actual determination by the Company (including, its independent legal counsel, the Member or the Manager) that such indemnification or advancement is not permissible shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that such indemnification or advancement is not permissible.
- (d) <u>Successors; Remedies; Employees and Agents</u>. In the event of the death of any person having a right of indemnification under the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 4.2</u>, such right shall inure to the benefit of his heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representatives. The rights conferred in this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall not be exclusive of any other right that any person may have or hereafter acquire under any law, agreement, or otherwise. The Company may additionally indemnify any employee or agent of the Company to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.
- (e) <u>Definition of Proceeding</u>. As used in this <u>Section 4.2</u>, the term "*proceeding*" means any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitrative, or investigative, any appeal in such an action, suit, or proceeding, and any inquiry or investigation that could lead to such an action, suit, or proceeding.
- (f) <u>Amendment</u>. Any repeal or amendment of this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall be prospective only and shall not limit the rights of the Member, Manager or any officer or the obligations of the Company in respect of any claim arising from or related to the services of such Member, Manager or officer in any of the capacities set forth in <u>Section 4.2(a)</u> prior to any such repeal or amendment of this <u>Section 4.2</u>.

ARTICLE V <u>Distributions and Allocations</u>

- 5.1 <u>Distributions</u>. Distributions shall be made to the Member at the times and in the aggregate amounts determined by the Manager. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Company, and the Manager on behalf of the Company, shall not make a distribution to the Member on account of its interest in the Company if such distribution would violate Section 101.206 of the TBOC or any other applicable law.
 - 5.2 Allocations of Profits and Losses. All items of income, gain, loss and deduction of the Company shall be allocated to the Member.

ARTICLE VI Dissolution and Termination

- 6.1 <u>Dissolution</u>. The Company shall be dissolved upon the first to occur of the following events: (i) the election of the Member to dissolve the Company at any time; (ii) the death, disability, insanity, legal incapacity, bankruptcy, retirement, resignation, or expulsion of the Member; or (iii) the occurrence of any "event requiring winding up" (as defined by the TBOC).
- 6.2 <u>Accounting</u>. After the dissolution of the Company pursuant to <u>Section 6.1</u>, the books of the Company shall be closed, and a proper accounting of the Company's assets, liabilities, and operations shall be made by the liquidator, all as of the most recent practicable date. The Member shall serve as the liquidator of the Company unless it fails or refuses to serve or the Company has been dissolved as a result of any event specified in <u>Section 6.1(ii)</u>. The liquidator shall have all rights and powers that the TBOC confers on any person serving in such capacity. The expenses incurred by the liquidator in connection with the dissolution, liquidation, and termination of the Company shall be borne by the Company.
- 6.3 <u>Termination</u>. The liquidator shall cause the Company to send a written notice of the winding up to each known claimant against the Company as required by Section 11.052 of the TBOC. As expeditiously as practicable, but in no event later than one year (except as may be necessary to avoid unreasonable loss of the Company's property or business), after the dissolution of the Company pursuant to <u>Section 6.1</u>, the liquidator shall cause the Company to apply and distribute its property to discharge, or make adequate provision for the discharge of all of the Company's liabilities and obligations. If the property of the Company is not sufficient to discharge all of its liabilities and obligations, then the liquidator shall (i) apply the Company's property, to the extent possible, to the just and equitable discharge of its liabilities and obligations (including liabilities and obligations owed to the Member (other than for distributions)) or (ii) make adequate provision for the application of such property. After the Company has discharged, or made adequate provision for the discharge of, all liabilities and obligations, the liquidator shall distribute the remainder of the Company's property, in cash or in kind, to the Member. At the time final distributions are made to the Member, a Certificate of Termination in respect of the Company, together with a certificate from the Comptroller of the State of Texas to the effect that all franchise taxes in respect of the Company have been paid (the "*Tax Certificate*"), shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas in accordance with the TBOC. Except as may be otherwise provided by Chapter 11 of the TBOC, the legal existence of the Company shall terminate upon the filing of the Certificate of Termination and the Tax Certificate with the Secretary of State of the State of the State of Texas.
- 6.4 <u>No Negative Capital Account Restoration Obligation</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, in no event shall the Member, if it has a negative capital account upon final distribution of all cash and other property of the Company, be required to restore such negative capital account to zero.

ARTICLE VII Miscellaneous

- 7.1 <u>Amendment</u>. No change, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be valid or binding unless such change, modification, or amendment shall be in writing and duly executed by the Member.
- 7.2 <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid under the applicable law of any jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances or in other jurisdictions shall not be affected thereby. Also, if any provision of this Agreement is invalid or unenforceable under any applicable law, then such provision shall be deemed inoperative to the extent that it may conflict therewith and shall be deemed modified to conform to such law. Any provision hereof that may prove invalid or unenforceable under any law shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision hereof.
- 7.3 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas (without regard to conflict-of-laws principles thereof).
- 7.4 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Member and its legal representatives, successors, and permitted assigns.
- 7.5 <u>Construction</u>. The article and section headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to alter or affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision hereof. All references to "Articles" and "Sections" contained in this Agreement are, unless specifically indicated otherwise, references to articles and sections of this Agreement. Whenever in this Agreement the singular number is used, the same shall include the plural where appropriate (and vice versa), and words of any gender shall include each other gender where appropriate. As used in this Agreement, the following words or phrases shall have the meanings indicated: (i) "affiliate" means, in respect of any specified person, any other person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such specified person; (ii) "control" when used in respect of any person means the power to direct the management and policies of such person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise (and "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative thereto); (iii) "day" means a calendar day; (iv) "include," "including," or their derivatives means "including without limitation"; (v) "laws" means statutes, regulations, rules, judicial orders, and other legal pronouncements having the effect of law; (vi) "or" means "and/or"; and (vii) "person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, unincorporated association, or other form of business or legal entity or governmental entity.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Member has executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date first above written.

MEMBER:

LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM DELAWARE, LLC

By: /s/ Joseph Wm. Foran
Name: Joseph Wm. Foran

Title: Chief Executive Officer and Manager

[Signature Page to LLC Agreement – DLK Black River Midstream, LLC]

CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION

OF

LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM SOUTH TEXAS, LLC

a Texas Limited Liability Company

The undersigned, a natural person of the age of eighteen years or more, acting as the sole organizer of Longwood Midstream South Texas, LLC (the "Company"), a limited liability company under Title 3 of the Texas Business Organizations Code, does hereby adopt the following Certificate of Formation for such limited liability company as of August 25, 2014.

ARTICLE I

The name of the Company, which is the entity being formed hereby, is Longwood Midstream South Texas, LLC.

ARTICLE II

The type of entity being formed is a limited liability company.

ARTICLE III

The purpose for which the Company is being formed is any lawful purpose for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Texas Business Organizations Code, as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor law.

ARTICLE IV

The Company shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V

The initial registered agent of the Company is CT Corporation System. The street address of the initial registered office is 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136.

ARTICLE VI

The Company will be managed by a manager, and the name and address of the initial manager of the Company are as follows:

Name Joseph Wm. Foran Address 5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway Suite 1500 Dallas, TX 75240

ARTICLE VII

A member of the Company shall not be liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Company, including, without limitation, under a judgment, decree, or order of a court.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Formation as of the date first set forth above.

/s/ Joseph Wm. Foran Joseph Wm. Foran

[Signature Page to Certificate of Formation – Longwood Midstream South Texas, LLC]

LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM SOUTH TEXAS, LLC

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

THIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT (this "*Agreement*") of Longwood Midstream South Texas, LLC, a Texas limited liability company (the "*Company*"), dated as of August 25, 2014, is hereby adopted, executed, and agreed to by Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems, LP, as the sole member of the Company (the "*Member*").

ARTICLE I Organization

- 1.1 <u>Formation</u>. The Company was formed by filing a Certificate of Formation ("*Certificate*") pursuant to and in accordance with the Texas Business Organizations Code (as amended from time to time, the "*TBOC*"). The Company's existence began upon the filing of the Certificate and shall continue for the period of duration set forth in the Certificate or until the earlier dissolution, liquidation, and termination of the Company in accordance with <u>Article VI</u>.
- 1.2 Name. The name of the Company is Longwood Midstream South Texas, LLC. The Member may change the name of the Company from time to time. In such event, the Member shall promptly file or cause to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas an amendment to the Certificate reflecting such change of name.
- 1.3 <u>Purposes</u>. The purposes of the Company shall be to engage or participate in any other lawful business activities in which a limited liability company organized in the State of Texas may engage or participate.
- 1.4 <u>Registered Office and Agent</u>. The initial registered agent of the Company is CT Corporation System. The street address of the initial registered office is 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136. The address of the Company's initial principal place of business is 5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Suite 1500, Dallas, Texas 75240. The Member may change such initial registered office, registered agent, or principal place of business from time to time. In such event, the Member shall promptly file or cause to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas an amendment to the Certificate reflecting any such change.
- 1.5 <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Company shall end on December 31 of each calendar year unless, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, another fiscal year is required. The Company shall have the same fiscal year for U.S. federal income tax purposes and for accounting purposes.

ARTICLE II Capital Contributions

- 2.1 <u>Capital Contribution</u>. The Member has contributed \$100.00 in cash to the Company. The Member may make additional capital contributions to the Company if, as, and when determined by the Member. The capital contribution commitment of the Member (if any, and whether now or hereafter made) is solely for the benefit of the Member and may not be enforced by any creditor, receiver, or trustee of the Company or by any other person.
- 2.2 No Interest. The Member shall not be entitled to interest on its capital contributions, and any interest actually received by reason of investment of any part of the Company's funds shall be included in the Company's property.

ARTICLE III <u>Management of the Company</u>

- 3.1 <u>Management</u>. The management, control, and direction of the Company and its operations, business, and affairs shall be vested exclusively in the Manager, who shall have the right, power, and authority, acting solely by himself, by written consent or otherwise, and without the necessity of approval by any other person, to carry out any and all of the purposes of the Company and to perform or refrain from performing any and all acts that the Manager may deem necessary, desirable, appropriate, or incidental thereto. The initial Manager shall be Joseph Wm. Foran, who shall serve in that capacity until the earlier of such initial Manager's resignation, removal or death. The Manager may be removed and replaced, with or without cause, by the Member.
- 3.2 <u>Liability</u>. Except as otherwise required by the TBOC, the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort, or otherwise, shall be the debts, obligations, and liabilities solely of the Company, and neither the Member nor the Manager shall be obligated personally for any of such debts, obligations, or liabilities solely by reason of being a Member or Manager of the Company. All duties and liabilities (fiduciary and otherwise) of the Member and Manager are restricted to those expressly stated in this Agreement.
- 3.3 <u>Officers</u>. The Manager may (i) elect one or more officers of the Company with such titles as the Manager may deem necessary, appropriate, or desirable, and (ii) delegate any or all of his rights, powers, and authority to one or more of such officers as the Manager may from time to time determine.
- 3.4 <u>Reimbursement of Expenses</u>. The Company shall promptly reimburse the Member or Manager for all reasonable costs and other obligations paid or incurred on behalf of the Company.

ARTICLE IV Exculpation and Indemnification

4.1 <u>Exculpation</u>. None of the Member, the Manager nor any officer shall be liable, responsible, or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Company by reason of, arising from, or relating to the operations, business, or affairs of, or any action taken or failure to act on behalf of, the Company except to the extent that any of the foregoing is determined, by a final, nonappealable order of a court of competent jurisdiction, to have been primarily caused by the gross negligence, willful misconduct, or bad faith of the Member, Manager or officer.

4.2 Indemnification.

(a) <u>General</u>. The Company shall indemnify any person who was, is, or is threatened to be made a party to a proceeding (as defined <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>) by reason of the fact that he (i) is or was a Member, Manager or officer of the Company or (ii) while a Member, Manager or officer of the Company, is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, manager, employee, or agent of a foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, to the fullest extent permitted under the TBOC. Such right shall be a contract right and as such shall run to the benefit of the Member, Manager or any officer who is elected and accepts the position of officer of the Company or elects to continue to serve as an officer of the Company, while this <u>Section 4.2</u> is in effect.

- (b) <u>Advancement of Expenses</u>. Such right shall include the right to be paid by the Company expenses (including, attorneys' fees, court costs, and costs of investigation and appeal) incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition to the fullest extent permitted under the TBOC. If a claim for indemnification or advancement of expenses hereunder is not paid in full by the Company within 60 days after a written claim has been received by the Company, the claimant may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Company to recover the unpaid amount of the claim, and if successful in whole or in part, the claimant shall also be entitled to be paid the expenses of prosecuting such claim. The Member shall not be required to contribute capital in respect of any indemnification claim under this <u>Section 4.2</u>.
- (c) <u>Defenses to Claims</u>. It shall be a defense to any such action that such indemnification or advancement of costs of defense is not permitted under the TBOC, but the burden of proving such defense shall be on the Company. Neither the failure of the Company (including, its independent legal counsel, the Member or the Manager) to have made its determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of, or advancement of costs of defense to, the claimant is permissible in the circumstances nor an actual determination by the Company (including, its independent legal counsel, the Member or the Manager) that such indemnification or advancement is not permissible shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that such indemnification or advancement is not permissible.
- (d) <u>Successors; Remedies; Employees and Agents</u>. In the event of the death of any person having a right of indemnification under the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 4.2</u>, such right shall inure to the benefit of his heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representatives. The rights conferred in this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall not be exclusive of any other right that any person may have or hereafter acquire under any law, agreement, or otherwise. The Company may additionally indemnify any employee or agent of the Company to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.
- (e) <u>Definition of Proceeding</u>. As used in this <u>Section 4.2</u>, the term "*proceeding*" means any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitrative, or investigative, any appeal in such an action, suit, or proceeding, and any inquiry or investigation that could lead to such an action, suit, or proceeding.
- (f) <u>Amendment</u>. Any repeal or amendment of this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall be prospective only and shall not limit the rights of the Member, Manager or any officer or the obligations of the Company in respect of any claim arising from or related to the services of such Member, Manager or officer in any of the capacities set forth in <u>Section 4.2(a)</u> prior to any such repeal or amendment of this <u>Section 4.2</u>.

ARTICLE V <u>Distributions and Allocations</u>

- 5.1 <u>Distributions</u>. Distributions shall be made to the Member at the times and in the aggregate amounts determined by the Manager. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Company, and the Manager on behalf of the Company, shall not make a distribution to the Member on account of its interest in the Company if such distribution would violate Section 101.206 of the TBOC or any other applicable law.
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- 6.2 <u>Accounting</u>. After the dissolution of the Company pursuant to <u>Section 6.1</u>, the books of the Company shall be closed, and a proper accounting of the Company's assets, liabilities, and operations shall be made by the liquidator, all as of the most recent practicable date. The Member shall serve as the liquidator of the Company unless it fails or refuses to serve or the Company has been dissolved as a result of any event specified in <u>Section 6.1(ii)</u>. The liquidator shall have all rights and powers that the TBOC confers on any person serving in such capacity. The expenses incurred by the liquidator in connection with the dissolution, liquidation, and termination of the Company shall be borne by the Company.
- 6.3 Termination. The liquidator shall cause the Company to send a written notice of the winding up to each known claimant against the Company as required by Section 11.052 of the TBOC. As expeditiously as practicable, but in no event later than one year (except as may be necessary to avoid unreasonable loss of the Company's property or business), after the dissolution of the Company pursuant to Section 6.1, the liquidator shall cause the Company to apply and distribute its property to discharge, or make adequate provision for the discharge of all of the Company's liabilities and obligations. If the property of the Company is not sufficient to discharge all of its liabilities and obligations, then the liquidator shall (i) apply the Company's property, to the extent possible, to the just and equitable discharge of its liabilities and obligations (including liabilities and obligations owed to the Member (other than for distributions)) or (ii) make adequate provision for the application of such property. After the Company has discharged, or made adequate provision for the discharge of, all liabilities and obligations, the liquidator shall distribute the remainder of the Company's property, in cash or in kind, to the Member. At the time final distributions are made to the Member, a Certificate of Termination in respect of the Company, together with a certificate from the Comptroller of the State of Texas to the effect that all franchise taxes in respect of the Company have been paid (the "Tax Certificate"), shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas in accordance with the TBOC. Except as may be otherwise provided by Chapter 11 of the TBOC, the legal existence of the Company shall terminate upon the filing of the Certificate of Termination and the Tax Certificate with the Secretary of State of the State of the State of Texas.
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ARTICLE VII Miscellaneous

- 7.1 <u>Amendment</u>. No change, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be valid or binding unless such change, modification, or amendment shall be in writing and duly executed by the Member.
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- 7.3 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas (without regard to conflict-of-laws principles thereof).
- 7.4 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Member and its legal representatives, successors, and permitted assigns.
- 7.5 <u>Construction</u>. The article and section headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to alter or affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision hereof. All references to "Articles" and "Sections" contained in this Agreement are, unless specifically indicated otherwise, references to articles and sections of this Agreement. Whenever in this Agreement the singular number is used, the same shall include the plural where appropriate (and vice versa), and words of any gender shall include each other gender where appropriate. As used in this Agreement, the following words or phrases shall have the meanings indicated: (i) "affiliate" means, in respect of any specified person, any other person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such specified person; (ii) "control" when used in respect of any person means the power to direct the management and policies of such person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise (and "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative thereto); (iii) "day" means a calendar day; (iv) "include," "including," or their derivatives means "including without limitation"; (v) "laws" means statutes, regulations, rules, judicial orders, and other legal pronouncements having the effect of law; (vi) "or" means "and/or"; and (vii) "person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, unincorporated association, or other form of business or legal entity or governmental entity.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Member has executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date first above written.

MEMBER:

LONGWOOD GATHERING AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS,

By: Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Joseph Wm. Foran

Name: Joseph Wm. Foran

Title: Chief Executive Officer and Sole Director

[Signature Page to LLC Agreement – Longwood Midstream South Texas, LLC]

CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION

OF

LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM SOUTHEAST, LLC

a Texas Limited Liability Company

The undersigned, a natural person of the age of eighteen years or more, acting as the sole organizer of Longwood Midstream Southeast, LLC (the "*Company*"), a limited liability company under Title 3 of the Texas Business Organizations Code, does hereby adopt the following Certificate of Formation for such limited liability company as of August 25, 2014.

ARTICLE I

The name of the Company, which is the entity being formed hereby, is Longwood Midstream Southeast, LLC.

ARTICLE II

The type of entity being formed is a limited liability company.

ARTICLE III

The purpose for which the Company is being formed is any lawful purpose for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Texas Business Organizations Code, as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor law.

ARTICLE IV

The Company shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V

The initial registered agent of the Company is CT Corporation System. The street address of the initial registered office is 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136.

ARTICLE VI

The Company will be managed by a manager, and the name and address of the initial manager of the Company are as follows:

Name Joseph Wm. Foran Address 5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway Suite 1500 Dallas, TX 75240

ARTICLE VII

A member of the Company shall not be liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Company, including, without limitation, under a judgment, decree, or order of a court.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Formation as of the date first set forth above.

/s/ Joseph Wm. Foran Joseph Wm. Foran

 $[Signature\ Page\ to\ Certificate\ of\ Formation-Longwood\ Midstream\ Southeast,\ LLC]$

LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM SOUTHEAST, LLC

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

THIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT (this "*Agreement*") of Longwood Midstream Southeast, LLC, a Texas limited liability company (the "*Company*"), dated as of August 25, 2014, is hereby adopted, executed, and agreed to by Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems, LP, as the sole member of the Company (the "*Member*").

ARTICLE I Organization

- 1.1 <u>Formation</u>. The Company was formed by filing a Certificate of Formation ("*Certificate*") pursuant to and in accordance with the Texas Business Organizations Code (as amended from time to time, the "*TBOC*"). The Company's existence began upon the filing of the Certificate and shall continue for the period of duration set forth in the Certificate or until the earlier dissolution, liquidation, and termination of the Company in accordance with <u>Article VI</u>.
- 1.2 <u>Name</u>. The name of the Company is Longwood Midstream Southeast, LLC. The Member may change the name of the Company from time to time. In such event, the Member shall promptly file or cause to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas an amendment to the Certificate reflecting such change of name.
- 1.3 <u>Purposes</u>. The purposes of the Company shall be to engage or participate in any other lawful business activities in which a limited liability company organized in the State of Texas may engage or participate.
- 1.4 <u>Registered Office and Agent</u>. The initial registered agent of the Company is CT Corporation System. The street address of the initial registered office is 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136. The address of the Company's initial principal place of business is 5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Suite 1500, Dallas, Texas 75240. The Member may change such initial registered office, registered agent, or principal place of business from time to time. In such event, the Member shall promptly file or cause to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas an amendment to the Certificate reflecting any such change.
- 1.5 <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Company shall end on December 31 of each calendar year unless, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, another fiscal year is required. The Company shall have the same fiscal year for U.S. federal income tax purposes and for accounting purposes.

ARTICLE II Capital Contributions

- 2.1 <u>Capital Contribution</u>. The Member has contributed \$100.00 in cash to the Company. The Member may make additional capital contributions to the Company if, as, and when determined by the Member. The capital contribution commitment of the Member (if any, and whether now or hereafter made) is solely for the benefit of the Member and may not be enforced by any creditor, receiver, or trustee of the Company or by any other person.
- 2.2 No Interest. The Member shall not be entitled to interest on its capital contributions, and any interest actually received by reason of investment of any part of the Company's funds shall be included in the Company's property.

ARTICLE III <u>Management of the Company</u>

- 3.1 <u>Management</u>. The management, control, and direction of the Company and its operations, business, and affairs shall be vested exclusively in the Manager, who shall have the right, power, and authority, acting solely by himself, by written consent or otherwise, and without the necessity of approval by any other person, to carry out any and all of the purposes of the Company and to perform or refrain from performing any and all acts that the Manager may deem necessary, desirable, appropriate, or incidental thereto. The initial Manager shall be Joseph Wm. Foran, who shall serve in that capacity until the earlier of such initial Manager's resignation, removal or death. The Manager may be removed and replaced, with or without cause, by the Member.
- 3.2 <u>Liability</u>. Except as otherwise required by the TBOC, the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort, or otherwise, shall be the debts, obligations, and liabilities solely of the Company, and neither the Member nor the Manager shall be obligated personally for any of such debts, obligations, or liabilities solely by reason of being a Member or Manager of the Company. All duties and liabilities (fiduciary and otherwise) of the Member and Manager are restricted to those expressly stated in this Agreement.
- 3.3 <u>Officers</u>. The Manager may (i) elect one or more officers of the Company with such titles as the Manager may deem necessary, appropriate, or desirable, and (ii) delegate any or all of his rights, powers, and authority to one or more of such officers as the Manager may from time to time determine.
- 3.4 <u>Reimbursement of Expenses</u>. The Company shall promptly reimburse the Member or Manager for all reasonable costs and other obligations paid or incurred on behalf of the Company.

ARTICLE IV Exculpation and Indemnification

4.1 <u>Exculpation</u>. None of the Member, the Manager nor any officer shall be liable, responsible, or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Company by reason of, arising from, or relating to the operations, business, or affairs of, or any action taken or failure to act on behalf of, the Company except to the extent that any of the foregoing is determined, by a final, nonappealable order of a court of competent jurisdiction, to have been primarily caused by the gross negligence, willful misconduct, or bad faith of the Member, Manager or officer.

4.2 Indemnification.

(a) <u>General</u>. The Company shall indemnify any person who was, is, or is threatened to be made a party to a proceeding (as defined <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>) by reason of the fact that he (i) is or was a Member, Manager or officer of the Company or (ii) while a Member, Manager or officer of the Company, is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, manager, employee, or agent of a foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, to the fullest extent permitted under the TBOC. Such right shall be a contract right and as such shall run to the benefit of the Member, Manager or any officer who is elected and accepts the position of officer of the Company or elects to continue to serve as an officer of the Company, while this <u>Section 4.2</u> is in effect.

- (b) <u>Advancement of Expenses</u>. Such right shall include the right to be paid by the Company expenses (including, attorneys' fees, court costs, and costs of investigation and appeal) incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition to the fullest extent permitted under the TBOC. If a claim for indemnification or advancement of expenses hereunder is not paid in full by the Company within 60 days after a written claim has been received by the Company, the claimant may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Company to recover the unpaid amount of the claim, and if successful in whole or in part, the claimant shall also be entitled to be paid the expenses of prosecuting such claim. The Member shall not be required to contribute capital in respect of any indemnification claim under this <u>Section 4.2</u>.
- (c) <u>Defenses to Claims</u>. It shall be a defense to any such action that such indemnification or advancement of costs of defense is not permitted under the TBOC, but the burden of proving such defense shall be on the Company. Neither the failure of the Company (including, its independent legal counsel, the Member or the Manager) to have made its determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of, or advancement of costs of defense to, the claimant is permissible in the circumstances nor an actual determination by the Company (including, its independent legal counsel, the Member or the Manager) that such indemnification or advancement is not permissible shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that such indemnification or advancement is not permissible.
- (d) <u>Successors; Remedies; Employees and Agents</u>. In the event of the death of any person having a right of indemnification under the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 4.2</u>, such right shall inure to the benefit of his heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representatives. The rights conferred in this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall not be exclusive of any other right that any person may have or hereafter acquire under any law, agreement, or otherwise. The Company may additionally indemnify any employee or agent of the Company to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.
- (e) <u>Definition of Proceeding</u>. As used in this <u>Section 4.2</u>, the term "*proceeding*" means any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitrative, or investigative, any appeal in such an action, suit, or proceeding, and any inquiry or investigation that could lead to such an action, suit, or proceeding.
- (f) <u>Amendment</u>. Any repeal or amendment of this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall be prospective only and shall not limit the rights of the Member, Manager or any officer or the obligations of the Company in respect of any claim arising from or related to the services of such Member, Manager or officer in any of the capacities set forth in <u>Section 4.2(a)</u> prior to any such repeal or amendment of this <u>Section 4.2</u>.

ARTICLE V <u>Distributions and Allocations</u>

- 5.1 <u>Distributions</u>. Distributions shall be made to the Member at the times and in the aggregate amounts determined by the Manager. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Company, and the Manager on behalf of the Company, shall not make a distribution to the Member on account of its interest in the Company if such distribution would violate Section 101.206 of the TBOC or any other applicable law.
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- 6.2 <u>Accounting</u>. After the dissolution of the Company pursuant to <u>Section 6.1</u>, the books of the Company shall be closed, and a proper accounting of the Company's assets, liabilities, and operations shall be made by the liquidator, all as of the most recent practicable date. The Member shall serve as the liquidator of the Company unless it fails or refuses to serve or the Company has been dissolved as a result of any event specified in <u>Section 6.1(ii)</u>. The liquidator shall have all rights and powers that the TBOC confers on any person serving in such capacity. The expenses incurred by the liquidator in connection with the dissolution, liquidation, and termination of the Company shall be borne by the Company.
- 6.3 Termination. The liquidator shall cause the Company to send a written notice of the winding up to each known claimant against the Company as required by Section 11.052 of the TBOC. As expeditiously as practicable, but in no event later than one year (except as may be necessary to avoid unreasonable loss of the Company's property or business), after the dissolution of the Company pursuant to Section 6.1, the liquidator shall cause the Company to apply and distribute its property to discharge, or make adequate provision for the discharge of all of the Company's liabilities and obligations. If the property of the Company is not sufficient to discharge all of its liabilities and obligations, then the liquidator shall (i) apply the Company's property, to the extent possible, to the just and equitable discharge of its liabilities and obligations (including liabilities and obligations owed to the Member (other than for distributions)) or (ii) make adequate provision for the application of such property. After the Company has discharged, or made adequate provision for the discharge of, all liabilities and obligations, the liquidator shall distribute the remainder of the Company's property, in cash or in kind, to the Member. At the time final distributions are made to the Member, a Certificate of Termination in respect of the Company, together with a certificate from the Comptroller of the State of Texas to the effect that all franchise taxes in respect of the Company have been paid (the "Tax Certificate"), shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas in accordance with the TBOC. Except as may be otherwise provided by Chapter 11 of the TBOC, the legal existence of the Company shall terminate upon the filing of the Certificate of Termination and the Tax Certificate with the Secretary of State of the State of the State of Texas.
- 6.4 <u>No Negative Capital Account Restoration Obligation</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, in no event shall the Member, if it has a negative capital account upon final distribution of all cash and other property of the Company, be required to restore such negative capital account to zero.

ARTICLE VII Miscellaneous

- 7.1 <u>Amendment</u>. No change, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be valid or binding unless such change, modification, or amendment shall be in writing and duly executed by the Member.
- 7.2 <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid under the applicable law of any jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances or in other jurisdictions shall not be affected thereby. Also, if any provision of this Agreement is invalid or unenforceable under any applicable law, then such provision shall be deemed inoperative to the extent that it may conflict therewith and shall be deemed modified to conform to such law. Any provision hereof that may prove invalid or unenforceable under any law shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision hereof.
- 7.3 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas (without regard to conflict-of-laws principles thereof).
- 7.4 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Member and its legal representatives, successors, and permitted assigns.
- 7.5 <u>Construction</u>. The article and section headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to alter or affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision hereof. All references to "Articles" and "Sections" contained in this Agreement are, unless specifically indicated otherwise, references to articles and sections of this Agreement. Whenever in this Agreement the singular number is used, the same shall include the plural where appropriate (and vice versa), and words of any gender shall include each other gender where appropriate. As used in this Agreement, the following words or phrases shall have the meanings indicated: (i) "affiliate" means, in respect of any specified person, any other person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such specified person; (ii) "control" when used in respect of any person means the power to direct the management and policies of such person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise (and "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative thereto); (iii) "day" means a calendar day; (iv) "include," "including," or their derivatives means "including without limitation"; (v) "laws" means statutes, regulations, rules, judicial orders, and other legal pronouncements having the effect of law; (vi) "or" means "and/or"; and (vii) "person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, unincorporated association, or other form of business or legal entity or governmental entity.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Member has executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date first above written.

MEMBER:

LONGWOOD GATHERING AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS,

By: Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Joseph Wm. Foran

Name: Joseph Wm. Foran

Title: Chief Executive Officer and Sole Director

[Signature Page to LLC Agreement – Longwood Midstream Southeast, LLC]

CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION

OF

LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM DELAWARE, LLC

a Texas Limited Liability Company

The undersigned, a natural person of the age of eighteen years or more, acting as the sole organizer of Longwood Midstream Delaware, LLC (the "*Company*"), a limited liability company under Title 3 of the Texas Business Organizations Code, does hereby adopt the following Certificate of Formation for such limited liability company as of August 25, 2014.

ARTICLE I

The name of the Company, which is the entity being formed hereby, is Longwood Midstream Delaware, LLC.

ARTICLE II

The type of entity being formed is a limited liability company.

ARTICLE III

The purpose for which the Company is being formed is any lawful purpose for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Texas Business Organizations Code, as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor law.

ARTICLE IV

The Company shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V

The initial registered agent of the Company is CT Corporation System. The street address of the initial registered office is 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136.

ARTICLE VI

The Company will be managed by a manager, and the name and address of the initial manager of the Company are as follows:

Name Joseph Wm. Foran Address 5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway Suite 1500 Dallas, TX 75240

ARTICLE VII

A member of the Company shall not be liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Company, including, without limitation, under a judgment, decree, or order of a court.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Formation as of the date first set forth above.

/s/ Joseph Wm. Foran Joseph Wm. Foran

[Signature Page to Certificate of Formation – Longwood Midstream Delaware, LLC]

LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM DELAWARE, LLC

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

THIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT (this "*Agreement*") of Longwood Midstream Delaware, LLC, a Texas limited liability company (the "*Company*"), dated as of August 25, 2014, is hereby adopted, executed, and agreed to by Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems, LP, as the sole member of the Company (the "*Member*").

ARTICLE I Organization

- 1.1 <u>Formation</u>. The Company was formed by filing a Certificate of Formation ("*Certificate*") pursuant to and in accordance with the Texas Business Organizations Code (as amended from time to time, the "*TBOC*"). The Company's existence began upon the filing of the Certificate and shall continue for the period of duration set forth in the Certificate or until the earlier dissolution, liquidation, and termination of the Company in accordance with <u>Article VI</u>.
- 1.2 Name. The name of the Company is Longwood Midstream Delaware, LLC. The Member may change the name of the Company from time to time. In such event, the Member shall promptly file or cause to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas an amendment to the Certificate reflecting such change of name.
- 1.3 <u>Purposes</u>. The purposes of the Company shall be to engage or participate in any other lawful business activities in which a limited liability company organized in the State of Texas may engage or participate.
- 1.4 <u>Registered Office and Agent</u>. The initial registered agent of the Company is CT Corporation System. The street address of the initial registered office is 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136. The address of the Company's initial principal place of business is 5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Suite 1500, Dallas, Texas 75240. The Member may change such initial registered office, registered agent, or principal place of business from time to time. In such event, the Member shall promptly file or cause to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas an amendment to the Certificate reflecting any such change.
- 1.5 <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Company shall end on December 31 of each calendar year unless, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, another fiscal year is required. The Company shall have the same fiscal year for U.S. federal income tax purposes and for accounting purposes.

ARTICLE II Capital Contributions

- 2.1 <u>Capital Contribution</u>. The Member has contributed \$100.00 in cash to the Company. The Member may make additional capital contributions to the Company if, as, and when determined by the Member. The capital contribution commitment of the Member (if any, and whether now or hereafter made) is solely for the benefit of the Member and may not be enforced by any creditor, receiver, or trustee of the Company or by any other person.
- 2.2 No Interest. The Member shall not be entitled to interest on its capital contributions, and any interest actually received by reason of investment of any part of the Company's funds shall be included in the Company's property.

ARTICLE III <u>Management of the Company</u>

- 3.1 <u>Management</u>. The management, control, and direction of the Company and its operations, business, and affairs shall be vested exclusively in the Manager, who shall have the right, power, and authority, acting solely by himself, by written consent or otherwise, and without the necessity of approval by any other person, to carry out any and all of the purposes of the Company and to perform or refrain from performing any and all acts that the Manager may deem necessary, desirable, appropriate, or incidental thereto. The initial Manager shall be Joseph Wm. Foran, who shall serve in that capacity until the earlier of such initial Manager's resignation, removal or death. The Manager may be removed and replaced, with or without cause, by the Member.
- 3.2 <u>Liability</u>. Except as otherwise required by the TBOC, the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort, or otherwise, shall be the debts, obligations, and liabilities solely of the Company, and neither the Member nor the Manager shall be obligated personally for any of such debts, obligations, or liabilities solely by reason of being a Member or Manager of the Company. All duties and liabilities (fiduciary and otherwise) of the Member and Manager are restricted to those expressly stated in this Agreement.
- 3.3 <u>Officers</u>. The Manager may (i) elect one or more officers of the Company with such titles as the Manager may deem necessary, appropriate, or desirable, and (ii) delegate any or all of his rights, powers, and authority to one or more of such officers as the Manager may from time to time determine.
- 3.4 <u>Reimbursement of Expenses</u>. The Company shall promptly reimburse the Member or Manager for all reasonable costs and other obligations paid or incurred on behalf of the Company.

ARTICLE IV Exculpation and Indemnification

4.1 <u>Exculpation</u>. None of the Member, the Manager nor any officer shall be liable, responsible, or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Company by reason of, arising from, or relating to the operations, business, or affairs of, or any action taken or failure to act on behalf of, the Company except to the extent that any of the foregoing is determined, by a final, nonappealable order of a court of competent jurisdiction, to have been primarily caused by the gross negligence, willful misconduct, or bad faith of the Member, Manager or officer.

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(a) <u>General</u>. The Company shall indemnify any person who was, is, or is threatened to be made a party to a proceeding (as defined <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>) by reason of the fact that he (i) is or was a Member, Manager or officer of the Company or (ii) while a Member, Manager or officer of the Company, is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, manager, employee, or agent of a foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, to the fullest extent permitted under the TBOC. Such right shall be a contract right and as such shall run to the benefit of the Member, Manager or any officer who is elected and accepts the position of officer of the Company or elects to continue to serve as an officer of the Company, while this <u>Section 4.2</u> is in effect.

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- (d) <u>Successors; Remedies; Employees and Agents</u>. In the event of the death of any person having a right of indemnification under the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 4.2</u>, such right shall inure to the benefit of his heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representatives. The rights conferred in this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall not be exclusive of any other right that any person may have or hereafter acquire under any law, agreement, or otherwise. The Company may additionally indemnify any employee or agent of the Company to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.
- (e) <u>Definition of Proceeding</u>. As used in this <u>Section 4.2</u>, the term "*proceeding*" means any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitrative, or investigative, any appeal in such an action, suit, or proceeding, and any inquiry or investigation that could lead to such an action, suit, or proceeding.
- (f) <u>Amendment</u>. Any repeal or amendment of this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall be prospective only and shall not limit the rights of the Member, Manager or any officer or the obligations of the Company in respect of any claim arising from or related to the services of such Member, Manager or officer in any of the capacities set forth in <u>Section 4.2(a)</u> prior to any such repeal or amendment of this <u>Section 4.2</u>.

ARTICLE V <u>Distributions and Allocations</u>

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ARTICLE VII Miscellaneous

- 7.1 <u>Amendment</u>. No change, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be valid or binding unless such change, modification, or amendment shall be in writing and duly executed by the Member.
- 7.2 <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid under the applicable law of any jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances or in other jurisdictions shall not be affected thereby. Also, if any provision of this Agreement is invalid or unenforceable under any applicable law, then such provision shall be deemed inoperative to the extent that it may conflict therewith and shall be deemed modified to conform to such law. Any provision hereof that may prove invalid or unenforceable under any law shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision hereof.
- 7.3 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas (without regard to conflict-of-laws principles thereof).
- 7.4 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Member and its legal representatives, successors, and permitted assigns.
- 7.5 <u>Construction</u>. The article and section headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to alter or affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision hereof. All references to "Articles" and "Sections" contained in this Agreement are, unless specifically indicated otherwise, references to articles and sections of this Agreement. Whenever in this Agreement the singular number is used, the same shall include the plural where appropriate (and vice versa), and words of any gender shall include each other gender where appropriate. As used in this Agreement, the following words or phrases shall have the meanings indicated: (i) "affiliate" means, in respect of any specified person, any other person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such specified person; (ii) "control" when used in respect of any person means the power to direct the management and policies of such person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise (and "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative thereto); (iii) "day" means a calendar day; (iv) "include," "including," or their derivatives means "including without limitation"; (v) "laws" means statutes, regulations, rules, judicial orders, and other legal pronouncements having the effect of law; (vi) "or" means "and/or"; and (vii) "person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, unincorporated association, or other form of business or legal entity or governmental entity.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Member has executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date first above written.

MEMBER:

LONGWOOD GATHERING AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS,

By: Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Joseph Wm. Foran

Name: Joseph Wm. Foran

Title: Chief Executive Officer and Sole Director

[Signature Page to LLC Agreement – Longwood Midstream Delaware, LLC]

CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION

OF

MRC DELAWARE RESOURCES, LLC

a Texas Limited Liability Company

The undersigned, a natural person of the age of eighteen years or more, acting as the sole organizer of MRC Delaware Resources, LLC (the "Company"), a limited liability company under Title 3 of the Texas Business Organizations Code, does hereby adopt the following Certificate of Formation for such limited liability company as of January 23, 2015.

ARTICLE I

The name of the Company, which is the entity being formed hereby, is MRC Delaware Resources, LLC.

ARTICLE II

The type of entity being formed is a limited liability company.

ARTICLE III

The purpose for which the Company is being formed is any lawful purpose for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Texas Business Organizations Code, as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor law.

ARTICLE IV

The Company shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V

The initial registered agent of the Company is CT Corporation System. The street address of the initial registered office is 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136.

ARTICLE VI

The Company will be managed by a manager, and the name and address of the incorporator and the initial manager of the Company are as follows:

Name Joseph Wm. Foran Address

5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway Suite 1500 Dallas, TX 75240

ARTICLE VII

A member of the Company shall not be liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Company, including, without limitation, under a judgment, decree, or order of a court.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Formation as of January 23, 2015.

/s/ Joseph Wm. Foran

Joseph Wm. Foran
Incorporator
5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway
Suite 1500
Dallas, TX 75240

[Signature Page to Certificate of Formation – MRC Delaware Resources, LLC]

MRC DELAWARE RESOURCES, LLC

AMENDED AND RESTATED COMPANY AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED COMPANY AGREEMENT (this "*Agreement*") of MRC Delaware Resources, LLC, a Texas limited liability company (the "*Company*"), dated as of April 14, 2015, is hereby adopted, executed, and agreed to by MRC Permian Company, as the sole member of the Company (the "*Member*").

WHEREAS, the Company has been formed as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, as of January 23, 2015, Matador Resources Company ("*Parent*"), as the sole member of the Company entered into that certain Company Agreement of MRC Delaware Resources, LLC (the "*Original Agreement*");

WHEREAS, as of April 14, 2015, Parent contributed, or caused to be contributed, all of the outstanding membership interests in the Company to the Member, resulting in the Member becoming the sole member of the Company as of April 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Member desires to amend and restate the Original Agreement in order to evidence the admission of the Member as the sole member of the Company;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the terms and provisions set forth herein, the mutual benefits to be derived from the performance thereof and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Original Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE I Organization

- 1.1 <u>Formation</u>. The Company was formed by filing a Certificate of Formation on January 23, 2015 ("*Certificate*") pursuant to and in accordance with the Texas Business Organizations Code (as amended from time to time, the "*TBOC*"). The Company's existence began upon the filing of the Certificate and shall continue for the period of duration set forth in the Certificate or until the earlier winding up, liquidation, and termination of the Company in accordance with <u>Article VI</u>.
- 1.2 <u>Name</u>. The name of the Company is MRC Delaware Resources, LLC. The Member may change the name of the Company from time to time. In such event, the Member shall promptly file or cause to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas an amendment to the Certificate reflecting such change of name.
- 1.3 <u>Purposes</u>. The purposes of the Company shall be to engage or participate in any other lawful business activities in which a limited liability company organized in the State of Texas may engage or participate.
- 1.4 <u>Registered Office and Agent</u>. The initial registered agent of the Company is CT Corporation System. The street address of the initial registered office is 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136. The address of the Company's initial principal place of business is 5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Suite 1500, Dallas, Texas 75240. The Member may change such initial registered

office, registered agent, or principal place of business from time to time. In such event, the Member shall promptly file or cause to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas an amendment to the Certificate reflecting any such change.

1.5 <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Company shall end on December 31 of each calendar year unless, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, another fiscal year is required. The Company shall have the same fiscal year for U.S. federal income tax purposes and for accounting purposes.

ARTICLE II Capital Contributions

- 2.1 <u>Capital Contribution</u>. On January 23, 2015, Parent contributed \$100.00 in cash to the Company in exchange for all of the membership interests in the Company, which were contributed to the Member on April 14, 2015. The Member may make additional capital contributions to the Company if, as, and when determined by the Member. The capital contribution commitment of the Member (if any, and whether now or hereafter made) is solely for the benefit of the Member and may not be enforced by any creditor, receiver, or trustee of the Company or by any other person.
- 2.2 No Interest. The Member shall not be entitled to interest on its capital contributions, and any interest actually received by reason of investment of any part of the Company's funds shall be included in the Company's property.

ARTICLE III <u>Management of the Company</u>

- 3.1 <u>Management</u>. The management, control, and direction of the Company and its operations, business, and affairs shall be vested exclusively in the Manager, who shall have the right, power, and authority, acting solely by himself, by written consent or otherwise, and without the necessity of approval by any other person, to carry out any and all of the purposes of the Company and to perform or refrain from performing any and all acts that the Manager may deem necessary, desirable, appropriate, or incidental thereto. The initial Manager shall be Joseph Wm. Foran, who shall serve in that capacity until the earlier of such initial Manager's resignation, removal or death. The Manager may be removed and replaced, with or without cause, by the Member.
- 3.2 <u>Liability</u>. Except as otherwise required by the TBOC, the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort, or otherwise, shall be the debts, obligations, and liabilities solely of the Company, and neither the Member nor the Manager shall be obligated personally for any of such debts, obligations, or liabilities solely by reason of being a Member or Manager of the Company. All duties and liabilities (fiduciary and otherwise) of the Member and Manager are restricted to those expressly stated in this Agreement.
- 3.3 <u>Officers</u>. The Manager may (i) elect one or more officers of the Company with such titles as the Manager may deem necessary, appropriate, or desirable, and (ii) delegate any or all of his rights, powers, and authority to one or more of such officers as the Manager may from time to time determine.
- 3.4 <u>Reimbursement of Expenses</u>. The Company shall promptly reimburse the Member or Manager for all reasonable costs and other obligations paid or incurred on behalf of the Company.

ARTICLE IV Exculpation and Indemnification

4.1 <u>Exculpation</u>. None of the Member, the Manager nor any officer shall be liable, responsible, or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Company by reason of, arising from, or relating to the operations, business, or affairs of, or any action taken or failure to act on behalf of, the Company except to the extent that any of the foregoing is determined, by a final, nonappealable order of a court of competent jurisdiction, to have been primarily caused by the gross negligence, willful misconduct, or bad faith of the Member, Manager or officer.

4.2 Indemnification.

- (a) <u>General</u>. The Company shall indemnify any person who was, is, or is threatened to be made a party to a proceeding (as defined <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>) by reason of the fact that he (i) is or was a Member, Manager or officer of the Company or (ii) while a Member, Manager or officer of the Company, is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, manager, employee, or agent of a foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, to the fullest extent permitted under the TBOC. Such right shall be a contract right and as such shall run to the benefit of the Member, Manager or any officer who is elected and accepts the position of officer of the Company or elects to continue to serve as an officer of the Company, while this Section 4.2 is in effect.
- (b) <u>Advancement of Expenses</u>. Such right shall include the right to be paid by the Company expenses (including, attorneys' fees, court costs, and costs of investigation and appeal) incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition to the fullest extent permitted under the TBOC. If a claim for indemnification or advancement of expenses hereunder is not paid in full by the Company within 60 days after a written claim has been received by the Company, the claimant may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Company to recover the unpaid amount of the claim, and if successful in whole or in part, the claimant shall also be entitled to be paid the expenses of prosecuting such claim. The Member shall not be required to contribute capital in respect of any indemnification claim under this <u>Section 4.2</u>.
- (c) <u>Defenses to Claims</u>. It shall be a defense to any such action that such indemnification or advancement of costs of defense is not permitted under the TBOC, but the burden of proving such defense shall be on the Company. Neither the failure of the Company (including, its independent legal counsel, the Member or the Manager) to have made its determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of, or advancement of costs of defense to, the claimant is permissible in the circumstances nor an actual determination by the Company (including, its independent legal counsel, the Member or the Manager) that such indemnification or advancement is not permissible shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that such indemnification or advancement is not permissible.
- (d) <u>Successors; Remedies; Employees and Agents</u>. In the event of the death of any person having a right of indemnification under the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 4.2</u>, such right shall inure to the benefit of his heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representatives. The rights conferred in this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall not be exclusive of any other right that any person may have or hereafter acquire under any law, agreement, or otherwise. The Company may additionally indemnify any employee or agent of the Company to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

- (e) <u>Definition of Proceeding</u>. As used in this <u>Section 4.2</u>, the term "*proceeding*" means any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitrative, or investigative, any appeal in such an action, suit, or proceeding, and any inquiry or investigation that could lead to such an action, suit, or proceeding.
- (f) <u>Amendment</u>. Any repeal or amendment of this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall be prospective only and shall not limit the rights of the Member, Manager or any officer or the obligations of the Company in respect of any claim arising from or related to the services of such Member, Manager or officer in any of the capacities set forth in <u>Section 4.2(a)</u> prior to any such repeal or amendment of this <u>Section 4.2</u>.

ARTICLE V <u>Distributions and Allocations</u>

- 5.1 <u>Distributions</u>. Distributions shall be made to the Member at the times and in the aggregate amounts determined by the Manager. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Company, and the Manager on behalf of the Company, shall not make a distribution to the Member on account of its interest in the Company if such distribution would violate Section 101.206 of the TBOC or any other applicable law.
 - 5.2 <u>Allocations of Profits and Losses</u>. All items of income, gain, loss and deduction of the Company shall be allocated to the Member.

ARTICLE VI <u>Winding-Up and Termination</u>

- 6.1 <u>Winding Up</u>. The Company shall be wound up upon the first to occur of the following events: (i) the election of the Member to wind up and terminate the Company at any time; (ii) the death, disability, insanity, legal incapacity, bankruptcy, retirement, resignation, or expulsion of the Member; or (iii) the occurrence of any "event requiring winding up" (as defined by the TBOC).
- 6.2 <u>Accounting</u>. After the winding up of the Company pursuant to <u>Section 6.1</u>, the books of the Company shall be closed, and a proper accounting of the Company's assets, liabilities, and operations shall be made by the liquidator, all as of the most recent practicable date. The Member shall serve as the liquidator of the Company unless it fails or refuses to serve or the Company has been dissolved as a result of any event specified in <u>Section 6.1(ii)</u>. The liquidator shall have all rights and powers that the TBOC confers on any person serving in such capacity. The expenses incurred by the liquidator in connection with the winding up, liquidation, and termination of the Company shall be borne by the Company.
- 6.3 <u>Termination</u>. The liquidator shall cause the Company to send a written notice of the winding up to each known claimant against the Company as required by Section 11.052 of the TBOC. As expeditiously as practicable, but in no event later than one year (except as may be necessary to avoid unreasonable loss of the Company's property or business), after the winding up of the Company pursuant to <u>Section 6.1</u>, the liquidator shall cause the Company to apply and distribute its property to discharge, or make adequate provision for the discharge of all of the Company's liabilities and obligations. If the property of the Company is not sufficient to discharge all of its liabilities and obligations, then the liquidator shall (i) apply the Company's property, to the extent possible, to the just and equitable discharge of its liabilities and obligations (including liabilities and obligations owed to the Member (other than for distributions)) or (ii) make adequate provision for the application of such property. After the Company has discharged, or made adequate provision for the discharge of, all liabilities and obligations, the liquidator shall distribute the remainder of the Company's property, in cash or in kind, to the Member.

At the time final distributions are made to the Member, a Certificate of Termination in respect of the Company, together with a certificate from the Comptroller of the State of Texas to the effect that all franchise taxes in respect of the Company have been paid (the "Tax Certificate"), shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas in accordance with the TBOC. Except as may be otherwise provided by Chapter 11 of the TBOC, the legal existence of the Company shall terminate upon the filing of the Certificate of Termination and the Tax Certificate with the Secretary of State of the State of Texas.

6.4 <u>No Negative Capital Account Restoration Obligation</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, in no event shall the Member, if it has a negative capital account upon final distribution of all cash and other property of the Company, be required to restore such negative capital account to zero.

ARTICLE VII Miscellaneous

- 7.1 <u>Amendment</u>. No change, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be valid or binding unless such change, modification, or amendment shall be in writing and duly executed by the Member.
- 7.2 <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid under the applicable law of any jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances or in other jurisdictions shall not be affected thereby. Also, if any provision of this Agreement is invalid or unenforceable under any applicable law, then such provision shall be deemed inoperative to the extent that it may conflict therewith and shall be deemed modified to conform to such law. Any provision hereof that may prove invalid or unenforceable under any law shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision hereof.
- 7.3 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas (without regard to conflict-of-laws principles thereof).
- 7.4 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Member and its legal representatives, successors, and permitted assigns.
- 7.5 Construction. The article and section headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to alter or affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision hereof. All references to "Articles" and "Sections" contained in this Agreement are, unless specifically indicated otherwise, references to articles and sections of this Agreement. Whenever in this Agreement the singular number is used, the same shall include the plural where appropriate (and vice versa), and words of any gender shall include each other gender where appropriate. As used in this Agreement, the following words or phrases shall have the meanings indicated: (i) "affiliate" means, in respect of any specified person, any other person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such specified person; (ii) "control" when used in respect of any person means the power to direct the management and policies of such person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise (and "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative thereto); (iii) "day" means a calendar day; (iv) "include," "including," or their derivatives means "including without limitation"; (v) "laws" means statutes, regulations, rules, judicial orders, and other legal pronouncements having the effect of law; (vi) "or" means "and/or"; and (vii) "person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, unincorporated association, or other form of business or legal entity or governmental entity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Member has executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date first above written.

MEMBER:

MRC PERMIAN COMPANY

By: /s/ David E. Lancaster
Name: David E. Lancaster
Title: Executive Vice President

[Signature Page to A&R Company Agreement – MRC Delaware Resources, LLC]

CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION

OF

MRC ENERGY SOUTHEAST COMPANY, LLC

a Texas Limited Liability Company

The undersigned, a natural person of the age of eighteen years or more, acting as the sole organizer of MRC Energy Southeast Company, LLC (the "*Company*"), a limited liability company under Title 3 of the Texas Business Organizations Code, does hereby adopt the following Certificate of Formation for such limited liability company as of August 25, 2014.

ARTICLE I

The name of the Company, which is the entity being formed hereby, is MRC Energy Southeast Company, LLC.

ARTICLE II

The type of entity being formed is a limited liability company.

ARTICLE III

The purpose for which the Company is being formed is any lawful purpose for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Texas Business Organizations Code, as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor law.

ARTICLE IV

The Company shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V

The initial registered agent of the Company is CT Corporation System. The street address of the initial registered office is 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136.

ARTICLE VI

The Company will be managed by a manager, and the name and address of the initial manager of the Company are as follows:

Name Joseph Wm. Foran Address

5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway Suite 1500 Dallas, TX 75240

ARTICLE VII

A member of the Company shall not be liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Company, including, without limitation, under a judgment, decree, or order of a court.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Formation as of the date first set forth above.

/s/ Joseph Wm. Foran Joseph Wm. Foran

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MRC ENERGY SOUTHEAST COMPANY, LLC

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

THIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT (this "*Agreement*") of MRC Energy Southeast Company, LLC, a Texas limited liability company (the "*Company*"), dated as of August 25, 2014, is hereby adopted, executed, and agreed to by MRC Energy Company, as the sole member of the Company (the "*Member*").

ARTICLE I Organization

- 1.1 <u>Formation</u>. The Company was formed by filing a Certificate of Formation ("*Certificate*") pursuant to and in accordance with the Texas Business Organizations Code (as amended from time to time, the "*TBOC*"). The Company's existence began upon the filing of the Certificate and shall continue for the period of duration set forth in the Certificate or until the earlier dissolution, liquidation, and termination of the Company in accordance with Article VI.
- 1.2 <u>Name</u>. The name of the Company is MRC Energy Southeast Company, LLC. The Member may change the name of the Company from time to time. In such event, the Member shall promptly file or cause to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas an amendment to the Certificate reflecting such change of name.
- 1.3 <u>Purposes</u>. The purposes of the Company shall be to engage or participate in any other lawful business activities in which a limited liability company organized in the State of Texas may engage or participate.
- 1.4 <u>Registered Office and Agent</u>. The initial registered agent of the Company is CT Corporation System. The street address of the initial registered office is 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136. The address of the Company's initial principal place of business is 5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Suite 1500, Dallas, Texas 75240. The Member may change such initial registered office, registered agent, or principal place of business from time to time. In such event, the Member shall promptly file or cause to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas an amendment to the Certificate reflecting any such change.
- 1.5 <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Company shall end on December 31 of each calendar year unless, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, another fiscal year is required. The Company shall have the same fiscal year for U.S. federal income tax purposes and for accounting purposes.

ARTICLE II Capital Contributions

- 2.1 <u>Capital Contribution</u>. The Member has contributed \$100.00 in cash to the Company. The Member may make additional capital contributions to the Company if, as, and when determined by the Member. The capital contribution commitment of the Member (if any, and whether now or hereafter made) is solely for the benefit of the Member and may not be enforced by any creditor, receiver, or trustee of the Company or by any other person.
- 2.2 No Interest. The Member shall not be entitled to interest on its capital contributions, and any interest actually received by reason of investment of any part of the Company's funds shall be included in the Company's property.

ARTICLE III <u>Management of the Company</u>

- 3.1 <u>Management</u>. The management, control, and direction of the Company and its operations, business, and affairs shall be vested exclusively in the Manager, who shall have the right, power, and authority, acting solely by himself, by written consent or otherwise, and without the necessity of approval by any other person, to carry out any and all of the purposes of the Company and to perform or refrain from performing any and all acts that the Manager may deem necessary, desirable, appropriate, or incidental thereto. The initial Manager shall be Joseph Wm. Foran, who shall serve in that capacity until the earlier of such initial Manager's resignation, removal or death. The Manager may be removed and replaced, with or without cause, by the Member.
- 3.2 <u>Liability</u>. Except as otherwise required by the TBOC, the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort, or otherwise, shall be the debts, obligations, and liabilities solely of the Company, and neither the Member nor the Manager shall be obligated personally for any of such debts, obligations, or liabilities solely by reason of being a Member or Manager of the Company. All duties and liabilities (fiduciary and otherwise) of the Member and Manager are restricted to those expressly stated in this Agreement.
- 3.3 <u>Officers</u>. The Manager may (i) elect one or more officers of the Company with such titles as the Manager may deem necessary, appropriate, or desirable, and (ii) delegate any or all of his rights, powers, and authority to one or more of such officers as the Manager may from time to time determine.
- 3.4 <u>Reimbursement of Expenses</u>. The Company shall promptly reimburse the Member or Manager for all reasonable costs and other obligations paid or incurred on behalf of the Company.

ARTICLE IV Exculpation and Indemnification

4.1 <u>Exculpation</u>. None of the Member, the Manager nor any officer shall be liable, responsible, or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Company by reason of, arising from, or relating to the operations, business, or affairs of, or any action taken or failure to act on behalf of, the Company except to the extent that any of the foregoing is determined, by a final, nonappealable order of a court of competent jurisdiction, to have been primarily caused by the gross negligence, willful misconduct, or bad faith of the Member, Manager or officer.

4.2 Indemnification.

(a) <u>General</u>. The Company shall indemnify any person who was, is, or is threatened to be made a party to a proceeding (as defined <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>) by reason of the fact that he (i) is or was a Member, Manager or officer of the Company or (ii) while a Member, Manager or officer of the Company, is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, manager, employee, or agent of a foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, to the fullest extent permitted under the TBOC. Such right shall be a contract right and as such shall run to the benefit of the Member, Manager or any officer who is elected and accepts the position of officer of the Company or elects to continue to serve as an officer of the Company, while this <u>Section 4.2</u> is in effect.

- (b) <u>Advancement of Expenses</u>. Such right shall include the right to be paid by the Company expenses (including, attorneys' fees, court costs, and costs of investigation and appeal) incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition to the fullest extent permitted under the TBOC. If a claim for indemnification or advancement of expenses hereunder is not paid in full by the Company within 60 days after a written claim has been received by the Company, the claimant may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Company to recover the unpaid amount of the claim, and if successful in whole or in part, the claimant shall also be entitled to be paid the expenses of prosecuting such claim. The Member shall not be required to contribute capital in respect of any indemnification claim under this <u>Section 4.2</u>.
- (c) <u>Defenses to Claims</u>. It shall be a defense to any such action that such indemnification or advancement of costs of defense is not permitted under the TBOC, but the burden of proving such defense shall be on the Company. Neither the failure of the Company (including, its independent legal counsel, the Member or the Manager) to have made its determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of, or advancement of costs of defense to, the claimant is permissible in the circumstances nor an actual determination by the Company (including, its independent legal counsel, the Member or the Manager) that such indemnification or advancement is not permissible shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that such indemnification or advancement is not permissible.
- (d) <u>Successors; Remedies; Employees and Agents</u>. In the event of the death of any person having a right of indemnification under the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 4.2</u>, such right shall inure to the benefit of his heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representatives. The rights conferred in this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall not be exclusive of any other right that any person may have or hereafter acquire under any law, agreement, or otherwise. The Company may additionally indemnify any employee or agent of the Company to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.
- (e) <u>Definition of Proceeding</u>. As used in this <u>Section 4.2</u>, the term "*proceeding*" means any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitrative, or investigative, any appeal in such an action, suit, or proceeding, and any inquiry or investigation that could lead to such an action, suit, or proceeding.
- (f) <u>Amendment</u>. Any repeal or amendment of this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall be prospective only and shall not limit the rights of the Member, Manager or any officer or the obligations of the Company in respect of any claim arising from or related to the services of such Member, Manager or officer in any of the capacities set forth in <u>Section 4.2(a)</u> prior to any such repeal or amendment of this <u>Section 4.2</u>.

ARTICLE V <u>Distributions and Allocations</u>

- 5.1 <u>Distributions</u>. Distributions shall be made to the Member at the times and in the aggregate amounts determined by the Manager. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Company, and the Manager on behalf of the Company, shall not make a distribution to the Member on account of its interest in the Company if such distribution would violate Section 101.206 of the TBOC or any other applicable law.
 - 5.2 Allocations of Profits and Losses. All items of income, gain, loss and deduction of the Company shall be allocated to the Member.

ARTICLE VI Dissolution and Termination

- 6.1 <u>Dissolution</u>. The Company shall be dissolved upon the first to occur of the following events: (i) the election of the Member to dissolve the Company at any time; (ii) the death, disability, insanity, legal incapacity, bankruptcy, retirement, resignation, or expulsion of the Member; or (iii) the occurrence of any "event requiring winding up" (as defined by the TBOC).
- 6.2 <u>Accounting</u>. After the dissolution of the Company pursuant to <u>Section 6.1</u>, the books of the Company shall be closed, and a proper accounting of the Company's assets, liabilities, and operations shall be made by the liquidator, all as of the most recent practicable date. The Member shall serve as the liquidator of the Company unless it fails or refuses to serve or the Company has been dissolved as a result of any event specified in <u>Section 6.1(ii)</u>. The liquidator shall have all rights and powers that the TBOC confers on any person serving in such capacity. The expenses incurred by the liquidator in connection with the dissolution, liquidation, and termination of the Company shall be borne by the Company.
- 6.3 Termination. The liquidator shall cause the Company to send a written notice of the winding up to each known claimant against the Company as required by Section 11.052 of the TBOC. As expeditiously as practicable, but in no event later than one year (except as may be necessary to avoid unreasonable loss of the Company's property or business), after the dissolution of the Company pursuant to Section 6.1, the liquidator shall cause the Company to apply and distribute its property to discharge, or make adequate provision for the discharge of all of the Company's liabilities and obligations. If the property of the Company is not sufficient to discharge all of its liabilities and obligations, then the liquidator shall (i) apply the Company's property, to the extent possible, to the just and equitable discharge of its liabilities and obligations (including liabilities and obligations owed to the Member (other than for distributions)) or (ii) make adequate provision for the application of such property. After the Company has discharged, or made adequate provision for the discharge of, all liabilities and obligations, the liquidator shall distribute the remainder of the Company's property, in cash or in kind, to the Member. At the time final distributions are made to the Member, a Certificate of Termination in respect of the Company, together with a certificate from the Comptroller of the State of Texas to the effect that all franchise taxes in respect of the Company have been paid (the "Tax Certificate"), shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas in accordance with the TBOC. Except as may be otherwise provided by Chapter 11 of the TBOC, the legal existence of the Company shall terminate upon the filing of the Certificate of Termination and the Tax Certificate with the Secretary of State of the State of the State of Texas.
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ARTICLE VII Miscellaneous

- 7.1 <u>Amendment</u>. No change, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be valid or binding unless such change, modification, or amendment shall be in writing and duly executed by the Member.
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- 7.3 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas (without regard to conflict-of-laws principles thereof).
- 7.4 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Member and its legal representatives, successors, and permitted assigns.
- 7.5 <u>Construction</u>. The article and section headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to alter or affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision hereof. All references to "Articles" and "Sections" contained in this Agreement are, unless specifically indicated otherwise, references to articles and sections of this Agreement. Whenever in this Agreement the singular number is used, the same shall include the plural where appropriate (and vice versa), and words of any gender shall include each other gender where appropriate. As used in this Agreement, the following words or phrases shall have the meanings indicated: (i) "affiliate" means, in respect of any specified person, any other person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such specified person; (ii) "control" when used in respect of any person means the power to direct the management and policies of such person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise (and "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative thereto); (iii) "day" means a calendar day; (iv) "include," "including," or their derivatives means "including without limitation"; (v) "laws" means statutes, regulations, rules, judicial orders, and other legal pronouncements having the effect of law; (vi) "or" means "and/or"; and (vii) "person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, unincorporated association, or other form of business or legal entity or governmental entity.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Member has executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date first above written.

MEMBER:

MRC ENERGY COMPANY

By: /s/ Joseph Wm. Foran
Name: Joseph Wm. Foran

Title: Chief Executive Officer and Sole Director

[Signature Page to LLC Agreement – MRC Energy Southeast Company, LLC]

CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION

OF

MRC ENERGY SOUTH TEXAS COMPANY, LLC

a Texas Limited Liability Company

The undersigned, a natural person of the age of eighteen years or more, acting as the sole organizer of MRC Energy South Texas Company, LLC (the "*Company*"), a limited liability company under Title 3 of the Texas Business Organizations Code, does hereby adopt the following Certificate of Formation for such limited liability company as of August 25, 2014.

ARTICLE I

The name of the Company, which is the entity being formed hereby, is MRC Energy South Texas Company, LLC.

ARTICLE II

The type of entity being formed is a limited liability company.

ARTICLE III

The purpose for which the Company is being formed is any lawful purpose for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Texas Business Organizations Code, as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor law.

ARTICLE IV

The Company shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V

The initial registered agent of the Company is CT Corporation System. The street address of the initial registered office is 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136.

ARTICLE VI

The Company will be managed by a manager, and the name and address of the initial manager of the Company are as follows:

Name Joseph Wm. Foran Address

5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway Suite 1500 Dallas, TX 75240

ARTICLE VII

A member of the Company shall not be liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Company, including, without limitation, under a judgment, decree, or order of a court.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Formation as of the date first set forth above.

/s/ Joseph Wm. Foran Joseph Wm. Foran

[Signature Page to Certificate of Formation – MRC Energy South Texas Company, LLC]

MRC ENERGY SOUTH TEXAS COMPANY, LLC

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

THIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT (this "*Agreement*") of MRC Energy South Texas Company, LLC, a Texas limited liability company (the "*Company*"), dated as of August 25, 2014, is hereby adopted, executed, and agreed to by MRC Energy Company, as the sole member of the Company (the "*Member*").

ARTICLE I Organization

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(a) <u>General</u>. The Company shall indemnify any person who was, is, or is threatened to be made a party to a proceeding (as defined <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>) by reason of the fact that he (i) is or was a Member, Manager or officer of the Company or (ii) while a Member, Manager or officer of the Company, is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, manager, employee, or agent of a foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, to the fullest extent permitted under the TBOC. Such right shall be a contract right and as such shall run to the benefit of the Member, Manager or any officer who is elected and accepts the position of officer of the Company or elects to continue to serve as an officer of the Company, while this <u>Section 4.2</u> is in effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Member has executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date first above written.

MEMBER:

MRC ENERGY COMPANY

By: /s/ Joseph Wm. Foran
Name: Joseph Wm. Foran

Title: Chief Executive Officer and Sole Director

[Signature Page to LLC Agreement – MRC Energy South Texas Company, LLC]

CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION

OF

SOUTHEAST WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC

a Texas Limited Liability Company

The undersigned, a natural person of the age of eighteen years or more, acting as the sole organizer of Southeast Water Management Company, LLC (the "*Company*"), a limited liability company under Title 3 of the Texas Business Organizations Code, does hereby adopt the following Certificate of Formation for such limited liability company as of August 25, 2014.

ARTICLE I

The name of the Company, which is the entity being formed hereby, is Southeast Water Management Company, LLC.

ARTICLE II

The type of entity being formed is a limited liability company.

ARTICLE III

The purpose for which the Company is being formed is any lawful purpose for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Texas Business Organizations Code, as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor law.

ARTICLE IV

The Company shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V

The initial registered agent of the Company is CT Corporation System. The street address of the initial registered office is 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201-3136.

ARTICLE VI

The Company will be managed by a manager, and the name and address of the initial manager of the Company are as follows:

Name Joseph Wm. Foran Address 5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway Suite 1500 Dallas, TX 75240

ARTICLE VII

A member of the Company shall not be liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Company, including, without limitation, under a judgment, decree, or order of a court.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Formation as of the date first set forth above.

/s/ Joseph Wm. Foran Joseph Wm. Foran

[Signature Page to Certificate of Formation – Southeast Water Management Company, LLC]

SOUTHEAST WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Member has executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date first above written.

MEMBER:

LONGWOOD GATHERING AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS,

By: Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Joseph Wm. Foran

Name: Joseph Wm. Foran

Title: Chief Executive Officer and Sole Director

[Signature Page to LLC Agreement – Southeast Water Management Company, LLC]

MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY

6.875% Senior Notes due 2023

INDENTURE

Dated as of April 14, 2015

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Trustee

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THIS INDENTURE, dated as of April 14, 2015, is among MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), each of the GUARANTORS (as defined herein) and WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as trustee (the "Trustee").

Each party agrees as follows for the benefit of the other parties and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Company's 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023 issued on the date hereof (the "Initial Securities"), the Holders of any Additional Securities (as hereinafter defined) issued hereafter and, if and when issued in exchange for the Initial Securities or any Additional Securities as provided in a Registration Rights Agreement (as hereinafter defined), the Company's Exchange Securities (as hereinafter defined):

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Section 1.1 Definitions

"144A Global Security" means a Global Security substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto bearing the Global Security Legend and the Private Placement Legend, that has the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Security" attached thereto, and that is deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or its nominee, issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Securities initially sold in reliance on Rule 144A.

"ACNTA" means (without duplication), as of the date of determination:

- (1) the sum of:
- (a) discounted future net revenue from proved oil and natural gas reserves of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries calculated in accordance with SEC guidelines before any state or federal income taxes, as estimated by the Company or independent engineers in one or more reserve reports prepared as of the end of the Company's most recently completed fiscal year for which audited financial statements are available or, at the Company's option, the most recently completed fiscal quarter for which financial statements are available, as increased by, as of the date of determination, the estimated discounted future net revenues from:
 - (i) estimated proved oil and natural gas reserves of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries attributable to acquisitions consummated since the date of such year-end or quarterly reserve report, as applicable, and
 - (ii) estimated proved oil and natural gas reserves of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries attributable to extensions, discoveries and other additions and upward determinations of estimates of proved oil and natural gas reserves (including previously estimated development costs incurred during the period and the accretion of discount since the prior year end) due to exploration, development or exploitation, production or other activities which reserves were not reflected in such year-end or quarterly reserve report, as applicable,

and decreased by, as of the date of determination, the discounted future net revenue attributable to:

- (iii) estimated proved oil and natural gas reserves of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries reflected in such year-end or quarterly reserve report produced or disposed of since the date of such year-end or quarterly reserve report (before any state or federal income taxes) and
- (iv) reductions in the estimated proved oil and natural gas reserves of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries reflected in such year-end or quarterly reserve report since the date of such yearend or quarterly reserve report attributable to downward determinations of estimates of proved oil and natural gas reserves due to exploration, development or exploitation, production or other activities conducted or otherwise occurring since the date of such year-end or quarterly reserve report,

in the case of the preceding clauses (i) through (iv), calculated in accordance with SEC guidelines (utilizing the prices utilized in such yearend or quarterly reserve report, as applicable) before any state or federal income taxes; *provided*, *however*, that, in the case of each of the determinations made pursuant to clauses (i) through (iv), such increases and decreases shall be as estimated by the Company's internal engineers or third party engineers;

- (b) the capitalized costs that are attributable to oil and natural gas properties of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries to which no proved oil and natural gas reserves are attributed, based on the Company's books and records as of a date no earlier than the date of the Company's latest annual or quarterly financial statements;
 - (c) the Net Working Capital on a date no earlier than the date of the Company's latest annual or quarterly financial statements; and
- (d) the greater of (I) the net book value on a date no earlier than the date of the Company's latest annual or quarterly financial statements and (II) the appraised value, as estimated by independent appraisers within the immediately preceding 12 months, of other tangible assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries (*provided* that the Company shall not be required to obtain such an appraisal of such assets if no such appraisal has been performed);

minus

- (2) to the extent not otherwise taken into account in the immediately preceding clause (1) the sum of:
- (a) minority interests;
- (b) any net gas or other balancing liabilities of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries reflected in the Company's latest annual or quarterly financial statements;
- (c) the discounted future net revenue, calculated in accordance with SEC guidelines (utilizing the same prices utilized in the Company's year-end reserve report) before any state or federal income taxes, attributable to reserves that are required to be delivered to third parties to fully satisfy the obligations of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to Volumetric Production Payments on the schedules specified with respect thereto; and
- (d) the discounted future net revenue, calculated in accordance with SEC guidelines before any state or federal income taxes, attributable to reserves subject to Dollar-Denominated

Production Payments that, based on the estimates of production included in determining the discounted future net revenue specified in the immediately preceding clause (1)(a) (utilizing the same prices utilized in the Company's year-end reserve report), would be necessary to satisfy fully the obligations of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to Dollar-Denominated Production Payments on the schedules specified with respect thereto.

If the Company changes its method of accounting from the full cost method to the successful efforts method or a similar method of accounting, ACNTA will continue to be calculated as if the Company were still using the full cost method of accounting. For the avoidance of doubt, references in this definition to "oil and natural gas reserves" shall include any reserves attributable to natural gas liquids or other hydrocarbons.

"Acquired Debt" means, with respect to any specified Person:

- (1) Indebtedness of any other Person existing at the time such other Person is merged with or into or became a Restricted Subsidiary of such specified Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person merging with or into, or becoming a Restricted Subsidiary of, such specified Person; and
- (2) Indebtedness secured by a Lien encumbering any asset acquired by such specified Person, *provided* that the amount of any such Acquired Debt shall not exceed the Fair Market Value of the assets subject to such Lien.
- "Additional Interest" means, with respect to any Securities, the additional interest thereon, if any, required by the Registration Rights Agreement applicable to such Securities.
- "Additional Securities" means any Securities (other than the Initial Securities or the Exchange Securities) issued under this Indenture in accordance with Sections 2.2 and 4.3 hereof, as part of the same series as the Initial Securities to the extent outstanding and any Exchange Securities then outstanding.
- "Affiliate" of any specified Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For purposes of this definition, "control," as used with respect to any Person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by agreement or otherwise. For purposes of this definition, the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with" shall have correlative meanings.

"Agent" means any Registrar, Paying Agent, Depositary Custodian, or Authenticating Agent.

"Applicable Procedures" means, with respect to any payment, tender, redemption, transfer or exchange of or for beneficial interests in any Global Security, the rules and procedures of the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream that apply to such payment, tender, redemption, transfer or exchange.

"Asset Sale" means:

- (1) the sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition (including, without limitation, by means of a sale and leaseback transaction) of any assets, including, without limitation, any sale of hydrocarbons or other mineral products as a result of the creation of Production Payments and Reserve Sales; *provided* that the sale, lease conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole will be governed by <u>Section 4.11</u> hereof and/or <u>Section 5.1</u> hereof and not by the provisions of <u>Section 4.7</u> hereof; and
- (2) the issuance of Equity Interests by any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries or the sale of Equity Interests in any of its Subsidiaries (other than directors' qualifying shares or shares required by applicable law to be held by a Person other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary).

Notwithstanding the preceding, the following items shall not be deemed to be Asset Sales:

- (1) any single transaction or series of related transactions that: (a) involves assets having a Fair Market Value of less than \$20.0 million; or (b) results in Net Proceeds to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of less than \$20.0 million;
 - (2) a transfer of assets between or among the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries;
 - (3) an issuance of Equity Interests by a Restricted Subsidiary to the Company or to another Restricted Subsidiary;
- (4) a disposition of cash or Cash Equivalents, inventory, accounts receivable, surplus or obsolete equipment or other similar property or any other disposition of property in the ordinary course of business (excluding the disposition of oil and gas in place and other interests in real property unless made in connection with a Permitted Business Investment) or the early termination or unwinding of any Hedging Obligation;
 - (5) a Permitted Investment or a Restricted Payment that is permitted by Section 4.4 hereof;
- (6) a disposition of oil, natural gas or other hydrocarbons or other mineral products in the ordinary course of business of the oil and gas production operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries;
- (7) any abandonment, relinquishment, farm-in, farm-out, lease and sub-lease of developed and/or undeveloped properties made or entered into in the ordinary course of business, but excluding any disposition as a result of the creation of a Production Payment and Reserve Sale;
 - (8) the creation or perfection of a Lien or disposition of any asset subject to such Lien in connection with enforcement thereof;
- (9) any trade or exchange by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of properties or assets (each, a "Permitted Asset Exchange") used or useful in the Oil and Gas Business for other properties or assets used or useful in the Oil and Gas Business owned or

held by another Person (including Capital Stock of a Person engaged in the Oil and Gas Business that is or becomes a Restricted Subsidiary), including any cash or Cash Equivalents necessary in order to achieve an exchange of equivalent value, *provided* that the Fair Market Value of the properties or assets traded or exchanged by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary (including any cash or Cash Equivalents to be delivered by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary) is reasonably equivalent to the Fair Market Value of the properties or assets (together with any cash or Cash Equivalents) to be received by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, and *provided further* that any cash received in the transaction must be applied in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.7 as if such transaction were an Asset Sale;

- (10) the surrender or waiver of contract rights or the settlement, release or surrender of contract, tort or other claims of any kind;
- (11) any assignment of an overriding royalty or net profits interest to an employee or consultant of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business in connection with the generation of prospects or the development of oil and natural gas projects;
- (12) the sale or other disposition (whether or not in the ordinary course of business) of oil and gas properties, *provided* at the time of such sale or other disposition such properties do not have associated with them any proved reserves;
- (13) any Production Payment or Reserve Sale, *provided* that any such Production Payment or Reserve Sales shall have been created, incurred, issued, assumed or guaranteed in connection with the acquisition or financing of, and within 180 days after the acquisition of, the property that is subject thereto;
- (14) the licensing or sublicensing of intellectual property or other general intangibles to the extent that such license does not prohibit the licensor from using the intellectual property and licenses, leases or subleases of other property; and
 - (15) any sale of Equity Interests in, or Indebtedness or other securities of, an Unrestricted Subsidiary.
 - "Bankruptcy Law" means Title 11, United States Code, or any similar U.S. federal or state law for the relief of debtors.
 - "Beneficial Owner" has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act.
 - "Board of Directors" means:
 - (1) with respect to a corporation, the board of directors of the corporation or any committee thereof duly authorized to act on behalf of such board;
 - (2) with respect to a partnership, the board of directors or other governing body of the general partner of the partnership;
- (3) with respect to a limited liability company, the board of directors or other governing body, and in the absence of same, the manager or board of managers or the managing member or members or any controlling committee thereof; and
 - (4) with respect to any other Person, the board or committee of such Person serving a similar function.

- "Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the applicable Person to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors of such Person and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification, and delivered to the Trustee.
- "Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in New York, New York or the Trustee are authorized or required by law to close.
- "Capital Lease Obligation" means, at the time any determination thereof is to be made, the amount of the liability of a Person in respect of a capital lease that would at that time be required to be capitalized on a balance sheet of such Person in accordance with GAAP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any lease (whether entered into before or after the Issue Date) that would have been classified as an operating lease pursuant to GAAP as in effect on the Issue Date will be deemed not to represent a Capital Lease Obligation.

"Capital Stock" means:

- (1) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;
- (2) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;
 - (3) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership or membership interests (whether general or limited); and
- (4) any other interest or participation (other than any debt security convertible into an equity interest) that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person.

"Cash Equivalents" means:

- (1) United States dollars;
- (2) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof (*provided* that the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged in support thereof) having maturities of not more than one year from the date of acquisition;
- (3) demand accounts, time deposit accounts, certificates of deposit and Eurodollar time deposits with maturities of 365 days or less from the date of acquisition, bankers' acceptances with maturities not exceeding 365 days and overnight bank deposits, in each case, with any domestic commercial bank having capital and surplus in excess of \$250.0 million and a Thomson Bank Watch Rating of "B" or better;
- (4) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than seven days for underlying securities of the types described in clauses (2) and (3) above entered into with any financial institution meeting the qualifications specified in clause (3) above;

- (5) commercial paper having one of the two highest ratings obtainable from Moody's or S&P and in each case maturing within 365 days after the date of acquisition;
- (6) deposits and certificates of deposit with any commercial bank not meeting the qualifications specified in clause (3) above, *provided* all such deposits do not exceed \$1.0 million in the aggregate at any one time;
- (7) securities issued and fully guaranteed by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States of America, or by any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof, rated at least "A" by Moody's or S&P and having maturities of not more than 365 days from the date of acquisition;
- (8) Indebtedness or preferred stock issued by Persons with a rating of "A" or higher from S&P or "A-2" from Moody's, with maturities of 365 days or less from the date or acquisition; and
- (9) money market or other mutual funds substantially all of the assets of which constitute Cash Equivalents of the kinds described in clauses (1) through (8) of this definition.
 - "Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following:
- (1) the sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole;
 - (2) the adoption by the Board of Directors of a plan of liquidation or dissolution of the Company; or
- (3) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any Person, entity or "group" (within the meaning of Section 13(d) or 14(d) of the Exchange Act), other than one or more Permitted Holders (or any intermediate companies owned or controlled directly or indirectly by one or more Permitted Holders), becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of the Company, measured by voting power rather than number of shares.
 - "Clearstream" means Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, or any successor securities clearance agency.
- "Commodity Agreement" means any oil or natural gas hedging agreement and other agreement or arrangement designed to protect the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary against or manage exposure to fluctuations in oil or natural gas prices and not for speculative purposes.
- "Company" means the Person named as the "Company" in the first paragraph of this Indenture until a successor Person shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Company" shall mean such successor Person.

- "Consolidated Net Income" means, with respect to any specified Person for any period, the aggregate of the net income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, on a consolidated basis, determined in accordance with GAAP; provided that there shall be excluded therefrom:
- (1) the net income (or loss) of any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary or that is accounted for by the equity method of accounting, except to the extent of the amount of dividends or distributions paid in cash to the specified Person or a Restricted Subsidiary thereof;
- (2) the net income of any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by that Restricted Subsidiary of that net income is not at the date of determination permitted without any prior governmental approval (that has not been obtained) or, directly or indirectly, by operation of the terms of its charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule or governmental regulation applicable to that Restricted Subsidiary or its stockholders;
 - (3) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles;
 - (4) any write-downs or impairments of non-current assets:
- (5) any unrealized non-cash gains or losses or charges in respect of hedge or non-hedge derivatives (including those resulting from the application of ASC 815);
- (6) any gain (or loss), together with any related provision for taxes on such gain (or loss), realized in connection with: (a) any Asset Sale; or (b) the disposition of any securities by such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or the extinguishment of any Indebtedness of such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (7) any extraordinary or non-recurring gain (or loss), together with any related provision for taxes on such extraordinary or non-recurring gain (or loss); and
 - (8) any non-cash compensation charge arising from any grant or vesting of stock, stock options or other equity-based awards.
- "Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee" means the office of the Trustee at which at any time its corporate trust business shall be administered, which office at the date hereof is located at Wells Fargo Bank National Association, 750 N. Saint Paul Place, Suite 1750, Dallas, Texas 75201, or such other address as the Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Holders and the Company given in accordance with <u>Section 11.2</u> hereof.

"Credit Agreement" means the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 28, 2012, among MRC Energy Company, as borrower, Royal Bank of Canada, as Administrative Agent, and the other lenders party thereto, including any related notes, guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, and in each case as amended, restated, modified, supplemented, extended, renewed, refunded, replaced or refinanced in whole or in part from time to time.

"Credit Facilities" means, with respect to the Company or any Guarantor, one or more credit facilities, debt facilities, indentures or commercial paper facilities (including, without limitation, the Credit Agreement), in each case with banks or other financial institutions or lenders or investors, providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, private placements, debt securities, receivables financings (including through the sale of receivables

to such lenders or to special purpose entities formed to borrow from such lenders against such receivables) or letters of credit or letter of credit guarantees, in each case, as amended, restated, modified, supplemented, extended, renewed, refunded, replaced or refinanced in whole or in part from time to time.

"Currency Agreements" means, at any time as to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, any foreign currency exchange agreement, option or future contract or other similar agreement or arrangement designed to protect against or manage the Company's or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and not for speculative purposes.

"Customary Recourse Exceptions" means, with respect to any Non-Recourse Debt of an Unrestricted Subsidiary, exclusions from the exculpation provisions with respect to such Non-Recourse Debt for the voluntary bankruptcy of such Unrestricted Subsidiary, fraud, misapplication of cash, environmental claims, waste, willful destruction and other circumstances customarily excluded by lenders from exculpation provisions or included in separate indemnification agreements in non-recourse financings.

"Default" means any event that is, or with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would be, an Event of Default.

"Definitive Security" means a certificated Security registered in the name of the Holder thereof and issued in accordance with Section 2.6 hereof, substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto except that such Security shall not bear the Global Security Legend and shall not have the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Security" attached thereto.

"Depositary" means The Depository Trust Company, until a successor shall have been appointed and become such Depositary pursuant to this Indenture and thereafter shall mean its successor.

"Depositary Custodian" means the Trustee as custodian with respect to the Global Securities or any other successor entity thereto.

"Disinterested Member" means, with respect to any transaction, a member of the Company's Board of Directors who does not have any material direct or indirect financial interest (other than as an owner of Equity Interests in the Company or as an officer, manager or employee of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary) in or with respect to such transaction and is not an Affiliate, or an officer, director, member of a supervisory, executive or management board or employee of any Person (other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary), who has any direct or indirect financial interest in or with respect to such transaction.

"Disqualified Stock" means any Capital Stock that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible, or for which it is exchangeable, in each case at the option of the holder thereof), or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable, for any consideration other than Capital Stock pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or is redeemable for any consideration other than Capital Stock at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part, on or prior to the date that is 91 days after the date on which the Securities mature. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any Capital Stock that would constitute Disqualified Stock solely because the holders thereof have the

right to require the Company to repurchase such Capital Stock upon the occurrence of a change of control or an asset sale shall not constitute Disqualified Stock if the terms of such Capital Stock provide that the Company may not repurchase or redeem any such Capital Stock pursuant to such provisions unless such repurchase or redemption complies with <u>Section 4.4</u> hereof.

"Dollar-Denominated Production Payments" mean production payment obligations recorded as liabilities in accordance with GAAP, together with all undertakings and obligations in connection therewith.

"Domestic Subsidiary" means any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is formed under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States or the District of Columbia.

"EBITDA" means, with respect to any Person for any period, without duplication, the Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period,

- (i) plus the sum of the following, without duplication and to the extent deducted (and not added back) in calculating such Consolidated Net Income:
- (1) provision for taxes based on income or profits of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period;
- (2) Fixed Charges of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period;
- (3) depreciation, depletion, amortization (including amortization of goodwill and other intangibles but excluding amortization of prepaid cash expenses that were paid in a prior period), accretion, impairment and other non-cash expenses (excluding any such non-cash expense to the extent that it represents an accrual of or reserve for cash expenses in any future period or amortization of a prepaid cash expense that was paid in a prior period other than non-cash charges resulting from the application of ASC 410) of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period; *and*
- (4) if such Person accounts for its oil and natural gas operations using successful efforts or a similar method of accounting, consolidated exploration and abandonment expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(ii) and minus the sum of:

- (1) non-cash items increasing such Consolidated Net Income for such period, other than items that were accrued in the ordinary course of business, in each case, on a consolidated basis and determined in accordance with GAAP; *and*
- (2) (to the extent included in determining Consolidated Net Income) the sum of (a) the amount of deferred revenues that are amortized during the period and are attributable to reserves that are subject to Volumetric Production Payments; and (b) amounts recorded in accordance with GAAP as repayments of principal and interest pursuant to Dollar-Denominated Production Payments.

- "Equity Interests" mean Capital Stock and all warrants, options or other rights to acquire Capital Stock (but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock).
- "Equity Offering" means any public or private sale after the date of this Indenture of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or any contribution to the capital of the Company in respect of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company, other than issuances to any Subsidiary of the Company.
 - "Euroclear" means Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., or any successor securities clearance agency.
 - "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and any successor statute thereto, in each case as amended from time to time.
- *"Exchange Offer Registration Statement"* means the registration statement of the Company relating to any offer to exchange Exchange Securities for either Initial Securities or Additional Securities pursuant to a Registration Rights Agreement.
- "Exchange Securities" means Securities issued in an exchange offer for Initial Securities or Additional Securities in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement.
- *"Exchanging Dealer"* means a broker-dealer that exchanges Securities in a Registered Exchange Offer that it has acquired for its own account as a result of market making activities or other trading activities.
 - "Existing Indebtedness" means Indebtedness outstanding on the Issue Date, other than under the Credit Agreement.
- "Fair Market Value" means, with respect to any Asset Sale (or Permitted Asset Exchange) or Restricted Payment (or Investment or Permitted Investment), the price that would be negotiated in an arm's-length transaction between a willing seller and a willing and able buyer, neither of which is under any compulsion to complete the transaction, as such price is determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Company in the case of amounts of \$50.0 million or more and otherwise by an officer of the Company.

"Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio" means, with respect to any specified Person for any period, the ratio of the EBITDA of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period to the Fixed Charges of such Person for such period. In the event that the specified Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries incurs, assumes, Guarantees, redeems or repays any Indebtedness (other than revolving credit borrowings unless, in connection with any such repayment, the commitments to lend associated with such revolving credit borrowings are permanently reduced or canceled) or issues or redeems preferred stock subsequent to the commencement of the period for which the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is being calculated but prior to the date on which the event for which the calculation of the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is made (the "Calculation Date"), then the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio shall be calculated giving pro forma effect to such incurrence, assumption, Guarantee, redemption or repayment of Indebtedness, or such issuance or redemption of preferred stock, as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter reference period.

In addition, for purposes of calculating the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio:

- (1) acquisitions that have been made by the specified Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, including through mergers or consolidations and including any related financing transactions, and increases in ownership of Restricted Subsidiaries, during the four-quarter reference period or subsequent to such reference period and on or prior to the Calculation Date shall be given pro forma effect as if they had occurred on the first day of the four-quarter reference period;
- (2) the EBITDA attributable to discontinued operations, as determined in accordance with GAAP, and operations or businesses (and ownership interests therein) disposed of prior to the Calculation Date, shall be excluded;
- (3) the Fixed Charges attributable to discontinued operations, as determined in accordance with GAAP, and operations or businesses (and ownership interests therein) disposed of prior to the Calculation Date, shall be excluded, but only to the extent that the obligations giving rise to such Fixed Charges will not be obligations of the specified Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries following the Calculation Date;
- (4) any Person that is a Restricted Subsidiary on the Calculation Date will be deemed to have been a Restricted Subsidiary at all times during such four-quarter period; and
- (5) any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary on the Calculation Date will be deemed not to have been a Restricted Subsidiary at all times during such four-quarter period.

For purposes of this definition, whenever pro forma effect is to be given to any calculation under this definition, the pro forma calculations will be determined in good faith by a responsible financial or accounting officer of the Company; provided that such officer may in his or her discretion include any reasonably identifiable and factually supportable pro forma changes to EBITDA, including any pro forma expenses and cost reductions, that have occurred or in the judgment of such officer are reasonably expected to occur within 12 months of the date of the applicable transaction (regardless of whether such expense or cost reduction or any other operating improvements could then be reflected properly in pro forma financial statements prepared in accordance with Regulation S-X under the Securities Act or any other regulation or policy of the SEC). If any Indebtedness bears a floating rate of interest and is being given pro forma effect, the interest expense on such Indebtedness will be calculated as if the average rate in effect from the beginning of such period to the date of determination had been the applicable rate for the entire period (taking into account any Interest Rate Agreement applicable to such Indebtedness, but if the remaining term of such Interest Rate Agreement is less than 12 months, then such Interest Rate Agreement shall only be taken into account for that portion of the period equal to the remaining term thereof). If any Indebtedness that is being given pro forma effect bears an interest rate at the option of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, the interest rate shall be calculated by applying such optional rate chosen by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary. Interest on Indebtedness that may optionally be determined at an interest rate based upon a factor of a prime or similar rate, a eurocurrency interbank offered rate, or other rate, shall be deemed to have been based upon the rate actually chosen, or, if none, then based upon such optional rate chosen as the Company may designa

- "Fixed Charges" means, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum, without duplication, of:
- (1) the consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, whether paid or accrued and whether or not capitalized, including, without limitation, amortization of original issue discount, non-cash interest payments (other than amortization of debt issuance costs or debt extinguishment costs), the interest component of any deferred payment obligations, the interest component of all payments associated with Capital Lease Obligations, commissions, discounts, and other fees and charges incurred in respect of letters of credit or bankers' acceptance financings, and net payments, if any, pursuant to Interest Rate Agreements; *plus*
- (2) any interest expense on Indebtedness of another Person that is Guaranteed by such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries or secured by a Lien on assets of such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries, whether or not such Guarantee or Lien is called upon; *plus*
- (3) all dividend payments, whether or not in cash, on any series of Disqualified Stock of such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or preferred stock of any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, in each case other than dividend payments on Equity Interests payable solely in Equity Interests of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) or to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company.
- "GAAP" means accounting principles generally accepted in the United States set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements, and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entities as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession, which are in effect from time to time.
 - "Global Securities" means, individually and collectively, each of the Restricted Global Securities and the Unrestricted Global Securities.
- "Global Security Legend" means the legend set forth in Section 2.6(g)(2), which is required to be placed on all Global Securities issued under this Indenture.
- "Government Securities" means direct obligations, or certificates representing an ownership interest in such obligations, of the United States of America (including any agency or instrumentality thereof) for the payment of which the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged and that are not callable at the issuer's option.
- "Guarantee" means, without duplication, any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of any Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any Indebtedness of any other Person and any other obligation, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, of such Person:
 - (1) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness of such other Person, or
- (2) entered into for the purpose of assuring in any other manner the obligee of such Indebtedness of the payment therefor to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part);

provided, *however*, that the term "Guarantee" shall not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business. The term "Guarantee" used as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

"Guarantors" means each Subsidiary that executes this Indenture as an initial Subsidiary Guarantor, any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that becomes a Subsidiary Guarantor in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture, and their respective successors and assigns.

"Hedging Obligations" means, with respect to any Person, the obligations of such Person under Currency Agreements, Interest Rate Agreements and Commodity Agreements.

- "Holder" means a person in whose name a Security is registered on the Registrar's books.
- "Indebtedness" means, with respect to any specified Person, without duplication,
- (1) all obligations of such Person, whether or not contingent, in respect of:
- (a) the principal of and premium, if any, in respect of outstanding (i) Indebtedness of such Person for money borrowed and (ii) Indebtedness evidenced by notes, debentures, bonds or other similar instruments for the payment of which such Person is responsible or liable;
 - (b) all Capital Lease Obligations of such Person;
- (c) the deferred purchase price of property, which purchase price is due more than six months after the date of taking delivery of title to such property, including all obligations of such Person for the deferred purchase price of property under any title retention agreement, but excluding accrued expenses and trade accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business; and
- (d) the reimbursement obligation of any obligor for the principal amount of any letter of credit, banker's acceptance or similar transaction (excluding obligations with respect to letters of credit securing obligations (other than obligations described in clauses (a) through (c) above) entered into in the ordinary course of business of such Person to the extent such letters of credit are not drawn upon or, if and to the extent drawn upon, such drawing is reimbursed no later than the tenth Business Day following receipt by such Person of a demand for reimbursement following payment on the letter of credit);
 - (2) all liabilities of others of the kind described in the preceding clause (1) that such Person has Guaranteed or that are otherwise its legal liability;
- (3) with respect to any Production Payment and Reserve Sale, any warranties or guaranties of production or payment by such Person with respect to such Production Payment and Reserve Sale but excluding other contractual obligations of such Person with respect to such Production Payment and Reserve Sale;

- (4) Indebtedness (as otherwise defined in this definition) of another Person secured by a Lien on any asset of such Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by such Person, the amount of such obligations being deemed to be the lesser of:
 - (a) the full amount of such obligations so secured and
 - (b) the fair market value of such asset as determined in good faith by such specified Person;
- (5) Disqualified Stock of such Person or a Restricted Subsidiary in an amount equal to the greater of the maximum mandatory redemption or repurchase price (not including, in either case, any redemption or repurchase premium) or the liquidation preference thereof; and
- (6) the aggregate preference in respect of amounts payable on the issued and outstanding shares of preferred stock of any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries in the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up (excluding any such preference attributable to such shares of preferred stock that are owned by such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; *provided* that if such Person is the Company, such exclusion shall be for such preference attributable to such shares of preferred stock that are owned by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries),

if and to the extent that any of the preceding items (other than in respect of letters of credit) would appear as a liability upon a balance sheet of the specified Person prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Indebtedness" shall not include:

- (a) accrued expenses, royalties and trade payables;
- (b) contingent obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (c) asset-retirement obligations or obligations in respect of reclamation and workers' compensation (including pensions and retiree medical care) that are not overdue by more than 90 days;
 - (d) except as provided in clause (4) above, Production Payments and Reserve Sales;
 - (e) in-kind obligations relating to net oil or natural gas balancing positions arising in the ordinary course of business;
- (f) any obligation of a Person in respect of a farm-in agreement or similar arrangement whereby such Person agrees to pay all or a share of the drilling, completion or other expenses of an exploratory or development well (which agreement may be subject to a maximum payment obligation, after which expenses are shared in accordance with the working or participation interest therein or in accordance with the agreement of the parties) or perform the drilling, completion or other operation on such well in exchange for an ownership interest in an oil or natural gas property; and
- (g) any repayment or reimbursement obligation of such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to Customary Recourse Exceptions, unless and until an event or circumstance occurs that triggers the Person's or such Restricted Subsidiary's direct repayment or reimbursement obligation (as opposed to contingent or performance obligations) to the lender or other Person to whom such obligation is actually owed, in which case the amount of such direct payment or reimbursement obligation shall constitute Indebtedness.

For purposes hereof, the maximum fixed repurchase price of any Disqualified Stock which does not have a fixed repurchase price shall be calculated in accordance with the terms of such Disqualified Stock as if such Disqualified Stock were purchased on any date on which Indebtedness shall be required to be determined pursuant to this Indenture, and if such price is based upon, or measured by, the fair market value of such Disqualified Stock, such fair market value to be determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the issuer of such Disqualified Stock.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Indebtedness shall not include any indebtedness that has been defeased or discharged in accordance with GAAP or defeased or discharged pursuant to the deposit of cash, U.S. government obligations and Cash Equivalents (sufficient to satisfy all obligations relating thereto at maturity or redemption, as applicable) in a trust or account created or pledged for the sole benefit of the holders of such indebtedness, in accordance with the terms of the instruments governing such indebtedness.

"Indenture" means this Indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Indirect Participant" means a Person who holds a beneficial interest in a Global Security through a Participant.

"Initial Purchasers" means, with respect to the Initial Securities, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, RBC Capital Markets, LLC, BMO Capital Markets Corp., Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc., Comerica Securities, Inc., IBERIA Capital Partners L.L.C., Stephens Inc. and Wunderlich Securities, Inc.

"Interest Payment Date," when used with respect to any Security, means the Stated Maturity of an installment of interest on such Security.

"Interest Rate Agreements" means, with respect to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, interest rate agreements, interest rate cap agreements and interest rate collar agreements and other agreements or arrangements designed to protect such Person against fluctuations in or manage exposure to interest rates, with respect to any Indebtedness that is permitted to be incurred under this Indenture.

"Investment Grade Rating" means a rating equal to or higher than:

- (1) Baa3 (or the equivalent) with a stable or better outlook by Moody's; and
- (2) BBB- (or the equivalent) with a stable or better outlook by S&P,

or, if either such entity ceases to make a rating on the Securities publicly available for reasons outside of the Company's control, the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any other rating agency.

"Investment Grade Rating Event" means the first day on which the Securities have an Investment Grade Rating from each of S&P and Moody's, and no Default has occurred and is then continuing under this Indenture.

"Investments" means, with respect to any Person, all investments by such Person in other Persons (including Affiliates) in the forms of loans (including Guarantees of Indebtedness or other obligations), advances or capital contributions (excluding commission, travel and similar advances to officers and employees made in the ordinary course of business), purchases or other acquisitions for consideration of Indebtedness, Equity Interests or other securities, together with all items that are or would be classified as investments on a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP. If the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company sells or otherwise disposes of any Equity Interests of any direct or indirect Restricted Subsidiary of the Company such that, after giving effect to any such sale or disposition, such Person is no longer a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, the Company shall be deemed to have made an Investment on the date of any such sale or disposition equal to the Fair Market Value of the Equity Interests of such Restricted Subsidiary not sold or disposed of.

"Issue Date" means the first date on which the Securities are issued, authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

"Joint Venture Subsidiary" means Fulcrum Delaware Water Resources, LLC.

"Lien" means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, encumbrance for security purposes, or security interest of any kind in respect of such asset, whether or not filed, recorded or otherwise perfected under applicable law, including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or other agreement to sell or give a security interest in any assets and any filing of or agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) of any jurisdiction.

"Make Whole Premium" means, with respect to a Security at any time, the excess, if any, of (a) the present value at such time of (i) the Redemption Price of such Security at April 15, 2018 set forth in the table in Section 3.7(a) plus (ii) any required interest payments due on such Security through April 15, 2018 (except for currently accrued and unpaid interest), discounted to the Redemption Date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate plus 50 basis points, over (b) the principal amount of such Security.

"Midstream Assets" means (i) assets used primarily for gathering, transmission, compression, storage, disposal, processing, treating, marketing, fractionation, dehydration, stabilization or treatment of natural gas, natural gas liquids, oil or other hydrocarbons, carbon dioxide or water and (ii) Equity Interests of any Person whose assets primarily consist of assets referred to in clause (i).

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and any successor to its rating agency business.

"Net Cash Proceeds," means, with respect to any issuance or sale of Capital Stock or the sale or incurrence of any Indebtedness, the cash proceeds of such issuance or sale net of attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, underwriters' or placement agents' fees, listing fees, discounts or commissions and brokerage, consultant and other fees and charges actually incurred in connection with such issuance or sale and net of taxes paid or payable as a result of such issuance or sale.

- "Net Proceeds" means the aggregate cash proceeds received by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of any Asset Sale (including, without limitation, any cash received upon the sale or other disposition of any non-cash consideration received in any Asset Sale), net of, without duplication:
- (1) the direct costs relating to such Asset Sale, including, without limitation, legal, title, engineering, environmental, accounting and investment banking fees, and sales commissions, and any relocation expenses incurred as a result thereof;
 - (2) taxes paid or payable as a result thereof;
 - (3) amounts required to be applied to the repayment of Indebtedness secured by a Lien on the asset or assets that were the subject of such Asset Sale;
- (4) any reserve established in accordance with GAAP against liabilities associated with such Asset Sale or any amount placed in escrow for adjustment in respect of the purchase price of such Asset Sale, until such time as such reserve is reversed or such escrow arrangement is terminated, in which case Net Proceeds shall be increased by the amount of the reserve so reversed or the amount returned to the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries from such escrow arrangement, as the case may be; and
 - (5) any distributions and other payments required to be made to minority interest holders in any Restricted Subsidiaries as a result of such Asset Sale.
- "Net Working Capital" means (a) all current assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries except current assets from Commodity Agreements, less (b) all current liabilities of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, except (i) current liabilities included in Indebtedness, (ii) current liabilities associated with asset retirement obligations relating to oil and gas properties and (iii) any current liabilities from Commodity Agreements, in each case as set forth in the consolidated financial statements of the Company prepared in accordance with GAAP (excluding any adjustments made pursuant to FASB ASC 815).

"Non-Recourse Debt" means Indebtedness:

- (1) as to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (a) provides credit support of any kind (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument that would constitute Indebtedness) or (b) is directly or indirectly liable as a guarantor or otherwise, in each case except for Customary Recourse Exceptions; and
- (2) no default with respect to which (including any rights that the holders thereof may have to take enforcement action against an Unrestricted Subsidiary) would permit upon notice, lapse of time or both any holder of any other Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to declare a default on such other Indebtedness or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its Stated Maturity.
- "Officer" means, with respect to any Person, the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, the Chief Financial Officer, any Vice President, the Treasurer, the Controller or the Secretary of such Person.
- "Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed on behalf of the Company by two Officers or by an Officer and either an Assistant Treasurer or an Assistant Secretary of the Company and that complies with Sections 11.4 and 11.5 of this Indenture and is delivered to the Trustee.

"Oil and Gas Business" means:

- (1) the business of acquiring, exploring, exploring, developing, producing, operating and disposing of interests in oil, natural gas, liquefied natural gas and other hydrocarbons, mineral or renewable energy properties or products produced in association with any of the foregoing;
- (2) the business of gathering, marketing, distributing, treating, processing, storing, refining, selling and transporting any production from such interests or properties and products produced in association therewith and the marketing of oil, natural gas, other hydrocarbons, minerals and renewable energy;
- (3) any other related energy business, directly or indirectly, from oil, natural gas and other hydrocarbons, minerals and renewable energy produced substantially from properties in which the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries, directly or indirectly, participate;
 - (4) any business relating to oil field sales and service or drilling rigs; or
- (5) any business or activity relating to, arising from, or necessary, appropriate or incidental to the activities described in the foregoing clauses (1) through (4) of this definition.

"Oil and Gas Liens" means:

- (1) Liens on any specific property or any interest therein, construction thereon or improvement thereto to secure all or any part of the costs incurred for surveying, exploration, drilling, extraction, development, operation, production, construction, alteration, repair or improvement of, in, under or on such property and the plugging and abandonment of wells located thereon (it being understood that, in the case of oil and gas producing properties, or any interest therein, costs incurred for "development" will include costs incurred for all facilities relating to such properties or to projects, ventures or other arrangements of which such properties form a part or that relate to such properties or interests);
- (2) Liens on an oil or gas producing property to secure obligations incurred or Guarantees of obligations incurred in connection with or necessarily incidental to commitments for the purchase or sale of, or the transportation or distribution of, the products derived from such property;
- (3) Liens arising under partnership agreements, oil and gas leases, overriding royalty agreements, net profits agreements, production payment agreements, royalty trust agreements, incentive compensation programs on terms that are reasonably customary, in the Oil and Gas Business for geologists, geophysicists and other providers of technical services to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, farmout agreements, farm-in agreements, division orders, contracts for the sale, purchase, exchange, transportation, gathering or processing of oil, gas or other hydrocarbons, unitizations and pooling designations, declarations, orders and agreements, development agreements, operating agreements, production sales contracts, area of mutual interest agreements, gas balancing or deferred production agreements, injection, repressuring and recycling agreements, salt water or other

disposal agreements, seismic or geophysical permits or agreements, and other agreements that are customary in the Oil and Gas Business; *provided*, *however*, that in all instances such Liens are limited to the assets that are the subject of the relevant agreement, program, order or contract;

- (4) Liens securing Production Payments and Reserve Sales; *provided* that such Liens are limited to the property that is subject to such Production Payments and Reserve Sales, and such Production Payments and Reserve Sales; and
 - (5) Liens on pipelines or pipeline facilities that arise by operation of law.
- "Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion from legal counsel that complies with <u>Sections 11.4</u> and <u>11.5</u> of this Indenture and is delivered to the Trustee. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Company or the Trustee.
- "*Participant*" means, with respect to the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream, a Person who has an account with the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream, respectively (and, with respect to The Depository Trust Company, shall include Euroclear and Clearstream).
- "Permitted Acquisition Indebtedness" means Indebtedness (including Disqualified Stock) of the Company or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to the extent such Indebtedness was Indebtedness:
- (1) of an acquired Person prior to the date on which such Person became a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of having been acquired and not incurred in contemplation of such acquisition; or
- (2) of a Person that was merged, consolidated or amalgamated with or into the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary that was not incurred in contemplation of such merger, consolidation or amalgamation,

provided that on the date such Person became a Restricted Subsidiary or the date such Person was merged, consolidated and amalgamated with or into the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable, after giving pro forma effect thereto,

- (a) the Company would be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test under Section 4.3(a) or
- (b) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Company would be not less than the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Company immediately prior to such transaction.
- "Permitted Business Investments" means Investments made in the ordinary course of, and of a nature that is or shall have become customary in, the Oil and Gas Business, including through agreements, transactions, interests or arrangements that permit one to share risk or costs, comply with regulatory requirements regarding local ownership or satisfy other objectives customarily achieved through the conduct of the Oil and Gas Business jointly with third parties, including without limitation:
- (1) ownership of oil, natural gas, other related hydrocarbon, water and mineral properties or any interest therein or gathering, transportation, processing, treating, storage, disposal or related systems; and
- (2) the entry into operating agreements, joint ventures, processing agreements, working interests, royalty interests, mineral leases, farm-in agreements, farm-out agreements, development agreements, production sharing agreements, area of mutual interest agreements, contracts for the sale, transportation, disposal or exchange of oil and natural gas and related hydrocarbons, water and minerals, unitization agreements, pooling arrangements, joint bidding agreements, service contracts, partnership agreements (whether general or limited), limited liability company agreements or other similar or customary agreements, transactions, properties, interests or arrangements, and Investments and expenditures in connection therewith or pursuant thereto, in each case made or entered into in the ordinary course of the Oil and Gas Business, excluding, however, Investments in corporations and publicly-traded limited partnerships.

"Permitted Holders" means, collectively, (1) Joseph Wm. Foran, (2) any family member, heir or estate of the foregoing, (3) any trust directly or indirectly controlled by or for the benefit of any of the foregoing, and (4) any other Persons directly or indirectly controlled by any of the foregoing.

"Permitted Investments" means:

- (1) any Investment in the Company or in a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;
- (2) any Investment in Cash Equivalents;
- (3) any Investment by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in a Person if as a result of such Investment:
- (a) such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company; or
- (b) such Person is merged, consolidated or amalgamated with or into, or transfers or conveys substantially all of its assets to, or is liquidated into, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;
 - or any Investment held by such Person at the time of such transaction, *provided* such Investment was not made in contemplation of such transaction;
- (4) any Investment made as a result of the receipt of non-cash consideration from an Asset Sale (or other disposition excluded from the definition thereof) that was made pursuant to and in compliance with <u>Section 4.7</u> hereof;
 - (5) any Investment to the extent made in exchange for the issuance of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company;
- (6) receivables owing to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary created or acquired in the ordinary course of business and payable or dischargeable in accordance with customary trade terms; *provided*, *however*, that such trade terms may include such concessionary trade terms as the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary deems reasonable under the circumstances;
- (7) payroll, travel, relocation and similar advances to officers, directors and employees to cover matters that are expected at the time of such advances ultimately to be treated as expenses for accounting purposes and that are made in the ordinary course of business;

- (8) loans or advances to employees made in the ordinary course of business of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary made for bona fide business purposes;
- (9) Capital Stock, obligations or securities received in settlement of debts created in the ordinary course of business and owing to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or in satisfaction of judgments or pursuant to any plan of reorganization or similar arrangement upon the bankruptcy or insolvency of a debtor or received in connection with a work-out or recapitalization of the issuer or as a result of a foreclosure or other transfer of title or perfection or enforcement of any lien with respect to any secured Investment in default;
 - (10) Hedging Obligations;
 - (11) Permitted Business Investments and/or Permitted Other Business Investments;
- (12) Investments in accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, negotiable instruments held for collection and lease, utility and worker's compensation, performance and other similar deposits provided to third parties and endorsements for collection or deposit arising in the ordinary course of business;
 - (13) advances, deposits and prepayments for purchases of any assets, including any Equity Interests;
- (14) any Investment existing on the Issue Date and any Investment that replaces, refinances or refunds an existing Investment; *provided* that the new Investment is in an amount that does not exceed the amount replaced, refinanced or refunded, and is made in the same Person as the Investment replaced, refinanced or refunded;
- (15) Investments arising from agreements of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary providing for indemnification, adjustment of purchase price, earnouts or similar obligations, in each case incurred or assumed in connection with the disposition or acquisition of any business, assets or a Restricted Subsidiary in accordance with this Indenture; and
- (16) other Investments in any Person having an aggregate Fair Market Value (measured on the date each such Investment was made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value), when taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this clause (16) since the Issue Date, not to exceed the greater of \$75.0 million and 5.0% of ACNTA determined at the time of such Investment; *provided*, *however*, that if any Investment pursuant to this clause (16) is made in any Person that is not the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary at the date of the making of such Investment and such Person becomes the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary after such date, such Investment shall thereafter be deemed to have been made pursuant to clause (1) above and shall cease to have been made pursuant to this clause (16) for so long as such Person continues to be the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary.

In connection with any assets or property contributed or transferred to any Person as an Investment, such property and assets shall be equal to the Fair Market Value at the time of the Investment, without regard to subsequent changes in value.

With respect to any Investment, the Company may, in its sole discretion, allocate or re-allocate all or any portion of any Investment to one or more of the above clauses so that the entire Investment is a Permitted Investment.

"Permitted Liens" means:

- (1) Liens on any property or assets of the Company and any Restricted Subsidiary securing Indebtedness and other obligations under Credit Facilities that were permitted by the terms of this Indenture to be incurred;
 - (2) Liens in favor of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary;
- (3) Liens on any property or assets of a Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or is merged with or into or consolidated with the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, *provided* that such Liens were in existence prior to the contemplation of such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or such merger or consolidation and do not extend to any property or assets other than those of the Person that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or is merged into or consolidated with the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;
- (4) Liens on any property or assets existing at the time of acquisition thereof by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, *provided* that such Liens were not incurred in contemplation of such acquisition;
- (5) Liens to secure the performance of statutory obligations, surety or appeal bonds, performance bonds or other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;
 - (6) Liens existing on the Issue Date;
- (7) Liens arising from Uniform Commercial Code financing statement filings regarding operating leases entered into by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;
- (8) Liens securing Indebtedness incurred to refinance Indebtedness that was previously so secured, *provided* that (i) the amount of such Indebtedness is not increased except as necessary to pay premiums or expenses incurred in connection with such refinancing and (ii) any such Lien is limited to all or part of the same property or assets (plus improvements, accessions, proceeds or dividends or distributions in respect thereof) that secured (or, under the written arrangements under which the original Lien arose, could secure) the Indebtedness being refinanced or is in respect of property that is the security for a Permitted Lien hereunder;
 - (9) Liens securing Hedging Obligations of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (10) Liens for the purpose of securing the payment of all or a part of the purchase price of, or Capital Lease Obligations, purchase money obligations or other payments incurred to finance the acquisition, lease, improvement or construction of or repairs or additions to, assets or property acquired, leased or constructed in the ordinary course of business; *provided* that:
- (a) the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness secured by such Liens is otherwise permitted to be incurred under this Indenture and does not exceed the cost of the assets or property so acquired or constructed; and
- (b) such Liens are created within 180 days of the later of the acquisition, lease, completion of improvements, construction, repairs or additions or commencement of full operation of the assets or property subject to such Lien and do not encumber any other assets or property of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary other than such assets or property (plus improvements, accessions, proceeds, insurance, and dividends or distributions in respect thereof);

- (11) any Lien incurred in the ordinary course of business incidental to the conduct of the business of the Company or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries or the ownership of their property (including (a) easements, rights of way, minor defects and irregularities in title and similar encumbrances, (b) rights or title of lessors under leases (other than Capital Lease Obligations), (c) rights of collecting banks having rights of setoff, revocation, refund or chargeback with respect to money or instruments of the Company or the Restricted Subsidiaries on deposit with or in the possession of such banks, (d) Liens imposed by law, including Liens under workers' compensation or similar legislation and mechanics', carriers', warehousemen's, materialmen's, suppliers' and vendors' Liens, (e) Liens incurred to secure performance of obligations with respect to statutory or regulatory requirements, performance or return-of-money bonds, surety bonds or other obligations of a like nature and incurred in a manner consistent with industry practice, (f) Liens on insurance policies and proceeds thereof, or other deposits, to secure insurance premium financing and (g) Oil and Gas Liens, in each case which are not incurred in connection with the borrowing of money, the obtaining of advances or credit or the payment of the deferred purchase price of property (other than trade accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business));
- (12) Liens for taxes, assessments and governmental charges not yet due or the validity of which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate reserves have been established to the extent required by GAAP as in effect at such time;
 - (13) Liens on the Capital Stock of any Unrestricted Subsidiary to the extent securing Indebtedness of Unrestricted Subsidiaries;
- (14) any extension, renewal, refinancing or replacement, in whole or in part, of any Lien described in the foregoing clauses so long as (x) no additional collateral is granted as security thereby and (y) the Indebtedness secured by the new Lien is not increased to any amount greater than the sum of (i) the outstanding principal amount, or, if greater, committed amount, of the Indebtedness renewed, refunded, refinanced, replaced, defeased or discharged with such Indebtedness and (ii) an amount necessary to pay any fees and expenses, including premiums, related to such renewal, refunding, refinancing, replacement, defeasance or discharge;
 - (15) Liens created for the benefit of (or to secure) all of the Securities (including Additional Securities) issued under this Indenture;
 - (16) Liens on cash, Cash Equivalents and other property arising in connection with the defeasance, discharge or redemption of Indebtedness; and
- (17) in addition to the foregoing, Liens securing obligations the outstanding principal amount of which does not, taken together with the principal amount of all other obligations secured by Liens Incurred under this clause (17) that are at that time outstanding, exceed the greater of \$75.0 million and 5.0% of ACNTA at the time of incurrence.

"Permitted MLP Securities" means equity securities (including incentive distribution rights) of a master limited partnership (or limited liability company or similar business entity with pass-through treatment for U.S. Federal income tax purposes) that has a class of equity securities traded on the New York Stock Exchange, the NYSE AMEX Equities or the Nasdaq Stock Market (or any successor thereof).

"Permitted Other Business Investments" means Investments by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in any Person (including in any Unrestricted Subsidiary or joint venture of the Company), provided that:

- (1) at the time of such Investment and immediately thereafter, the Company could incur \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness under the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in Section 4.3(a);
- (2) if such Person has outstanding Indebtedness at the time of such Investment, either (a) all such Indebtedness is Non-Recourse Debt or (b) any such Indebtedness of such Person that is recourse to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (which shall include, without limitation, all Indebtedness of such Person for which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries may be directly or indirectly, contingently or otherwise, obligated to pay, whether pursuant to the terms of such Indebtedness, by law or pursuant to any guarantee, including, without limitation, any "claw-back," "make-well" or "keep-well" arrangement) could, at the time such Investment is made, be incurred at that time by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries under the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in Section 4.3(a); and
- (3) such Person is not engaged, in any material respect, in any business other than the Oil and Gas Business.

"Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness" means any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries issued in exchange for, or the Net Cash Proceeds of which are used to extend, refinance, renew, replace, defease or refund other Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than intercompany Indebtedness); provided that:

- (1) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of, plus premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest on the Indebtedness so extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded (plus the amount of reasonable expenses incurred in connection therewith);
- (2) the Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final maturity date no earlier than the earlier of the final maturity date of the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, deferred or refunded or 91 days after the final maturity date of the Securities;

- (3) the Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a Weighted Average Life to Maturity at the time such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness is incurred that is equal to or greater than the shorter of (A) the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, deferred or refunded and (B) 91 days after the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Securities;
- (4) if the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded is subordinated in right of payment to the Securities or a Subsidiary Guarantee, such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness is subordinated in right of payment to the Securities or such Subsidiary Guarantee on terms at least as favorable, taken as a whole, to the Holders of Securities as those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded; and
- (5) such Indebtedness is not incurred by a Restricted Subsidiary if the Company is the obligor on the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded; *provided*, *however*, that a Restricted Subsidiary that is also a Guarantor may Guarantee Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness incurred by the Company, whether or not such Restricted Subsidiary was an obligor or guarantor of the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded; *provided further*, *however*, that if such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness is subordinated to the Securities, such Guarantee shall be subordinated to such Restricted Subsidiary's Subsidiary Guarantee to at least the same extent.
- "*Person*" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.
- "Private Exchange" means an offer to exchange Private Exchange Securities for either Initial Securities or Additional Securities in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement.
- "Private Exchange Securities" means Exchange Securities issued in exchange for either Initial Securities or Additional Securities other than pursuant to a Registered Exchange Offer.
- "Private Placement Legend" means the legend set forth in $\underline{Section\ 2.6(g)(1)}$ to be placed on all Securities issued under this Indenture except where otherwise permitted by the provisions of this Indenture.
- "Production Payment and Reserve Sales" means the grant or transfer by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary to any Person of a royalty, overriding royalty, net profits interest or Production Payment in oil and natural gas properties, reserves or the right to receive all or a portion of the production or the proceeds from the sale of production attributable to such properties where, in the case of each of the foregoing, the holder of such interest has recourse solely to such production or proceeds of production for the recovery of its investment in such interest, subject to the obligation of the grantor or transferor to operate and maintain, or cause the subject interests to be operated and maintained, in a reasonably prudent manner or other customary standard and subject to the obligation of the grantor or transferor to indemnify for environmental, title or other matters customary with respect to the foregoing interests.

"Production Payments" means, collectively, Dollar-Denominated Production Payments and Volumetric Production Payments.

- "QIB" means any "qualified institutional buyer" (as defined in Rule 144A).
- "Redemption Date," when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, means the date fixed for such redemption by or pursuant to this Indenture.
- "Redemption Price," when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, means the price at which it is to be redeemed pursuant to this Indenture.
- "*Registered Exchange Offer*" means an offer to exchange Exchange Securities for either Initial Securities or Additional Securities pursuant to an Exchange Offer Registration Statement as required by a Registration Rights Agreement.
- "Registration Rights Agreement" means, with respect to the Initial Securities, the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of the Issue Date, among the Company, the Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers, or any similar registration rights agreement with respect to Additional Securities.
 - "Regulation S" means Regulation S promulgated under the Securities Act.
- "Regulation S Global Security" means a permanent Global Security substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto bearing the Global Security Legend and the Private Placement Legend, that has the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Security" attached thereto, and that is deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or its nominee, issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Securities initially sold in reliance on Regulation S.
 - "Reporting Default" means a Default described in clause (4) of Section 6.1 hereof.
- "Resale Restriction Termination Date" means (i) in the case of Securities initially sold in reliance on Rule 144A, the date that is one year after the later of the Issue Date (or the date of original issue of any Additional Notes) and the last date on which the Company or any Affiliate of the Company was the owner of such Securities (or any predecessor Securities) or (ii) in the case of Securities initially sold in reliance on Regulation S, 40 days after the later of the Issue Date (or the date of original issue of any Additional Notes) and the date on which Securities (or any predecessor Securities) were first offered to persons other than distributors (as defined in Rule 902 of Regulation S) in reliance on Regulation S.
 - "Restricted Definitive Security" means a Definitive Security bearing the Private Placement Legend.
 - "Restricted Global Security" means a Global Security bearing the Private Placement Legend (including the Regulation S Global Security).
 - "Restricted Period" means the 40-day distribution compliance period as defined in Regulation S.
 - "Restricted Security" means either a Restricted Definitive Security or a Restricted Global Security.
 - "Restricted Subsidiary" of a Person means any Subsidiary of the referenced Person that is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

- "Rule 144" means Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act.
- "Rule 144A" means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act.
- "Rule 904" means Rule 904 promulgated under the Securities Act.
- "S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., and any successor to its rating agency business.
- "SEC" means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.
- "Securities" means securities issued under this Indenture. The Initial Securities, the Exchange Securities and the Additional Securities shall be treated as a single class for all purposes under this Indenture, including waivers, amendments, redemptions and offers to purchase, and unless otherwise provided or the context otherwise requires, all references to the Securities shall include the Initial Securities, the Exchange Securities and the Additional Securities.
 - "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933 and any successor statute thereto, in each case as amended from time to time.
- "Securities Custodian" means the custodian with respect to a Global Security (as appointed by the Depositary) or any successor Person, and shall initially be the initial Registrar.
- "Shelf Registration Statement" means a registration statement of the Company used by a Holder in connection with its offer and sale of Securities pursuant to a Registration Rights Agreement.
- "Significant Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary that would be a "significant subsidiary" as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X, promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Regulation is in effect on the Issue Date.
- "Stated Maturity" means, with respect to any installment of interest or principal on any series of Indebtedness, the date on which such payment of interest or principal was scheduled to be paid in the documentation governing such Indebtedness, and shall not include any contingent obligations to repay, redeem or repurchase any such interest or principal prior to the date originally scheduled for the payment thereof.
- "Subordinated Indebtedness" means Indebtedness of the Company (or a Guarantor) that is expressly subordinated or junior in right of payment to the Securities (or a Subsidiary Guarantee, as appropriate) pursuant to a written agreement to that effect.
 - "Subsidiary" means any subsidiary of the Company. A "subsidiary" of any Person means:
- (1) a corporation a majority of whose Voting Stock is at the time, directly or indirectly owned by such Person, by one or more subsidiaries of such Person or by such Person and one or more subsidiaries of such Person; or
- (2) a partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or similar entity, in which such Person or a subsidiary of such Person is, at the date of determination, either

entitled to receive more than 50 percent of the assets of such entity upon its dissolution, or in the case of a limited partnership or limited liability company, is the controlling general partner or managing or controlling member, as applicable.

"Subsidiary Guarantee" means a Guarantee by a Subsidiary Guarantor of the Company's obligations pursuant to Article X hereof.

"Treasury Rate" means the yield to maturity at the time of computation of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15(519) which has become publicly available at least two Business Days prior to the date fixed for redemption (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from the Redemption Date to April 15, 2018; provided, however, that if such period is not equal to the constant maturity of a United States Treasury security for which a weekly average yield is given, the Company shall obtain the Treasury Rate by linear interpolation (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth of a year) from the weekly average yields of United States Treasury securities for which such yields are given, except that if the period from the Redemption Date to April 15, 2018 is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year shall be used. The Company will (a) calculate the Treasury Rate on the second Business Day preceding the applicable Redemption Date and (b) prior to such Redemption Date file with the Trustee an Officers' Certificate setting forth the Make Whole Premium and the Treasury Rate and showing the calculation of each in reasonable detail.

"Trustee" means the Person named as the "Trustee" in the first paragraph of this Indenture until a successor Trustee shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Trustee" shall mean or include each Person who is then a Trustee hereunder.

"Trust Indenture Act" or "TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 as in force at the Issue Date, except as provided in <u>Section 9.3</u>; provided, however, that in the event the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 is amended after such date, "Trust Indenture Act" or "TIA" means, to the extent required by any such amendment, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 as so amended.

"Trust Officer" means any officer within the corporate trust department of the Trustee, including any vice president, assistant vice president, assistant secretary, assistant treasurer, trust officer or any other officer of the Trustee who customarily performs functions similar to those performed by the Persons who at the time shall be such officers, respectively, or to whom any corporate trust matter is referred because of such person's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture.

"Unrestricted Definitive Security" means one or more Definitive Securities that do not bear and are not required to bear the Private Placement Legend.

"*Unrestricted Global Security*" means a permanent Global Security substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto that bears the Global Security Legend and that has the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Security" attached thereto, and that is deposited with or on behalf of and registered in the name of the Depositary, representing a series of Securities that do not bear the Private Placement Legend.

- "Unrestricted Security" means either an Unrestricted Definitive Security or an Unrestricted Global Security.
- "Unrestricted Subsidiary" means any of (i) the Joint Venture Subsidiary and (ii) any Subsidiary of the Company that is designated by the Board of Directors as an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to a Board Resolution, but only to the extent that such Subsidiary:
- (1) has no Indebtedness other than Non-Recourse Debt, except as permitted under clause (2)(b) of the definition of "Permitted Other Business Investments":
- (2) is not party to any agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding with the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company unless the terms of any such agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding are no less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that might be obtained at the time from Persons who are not Affiliates of the Company, except as permitted under <u>Section 4.8</u>; and
- (3) is a Person with respect to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries has any obligation (a) to subscribe for additional Equity Interests or (b) to maintain or preserve such Person's financial condition.

The Board of Directors may designate any Restricted Subsidiary to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary if that designation is in compliance with the next succeeding sentence and would not otherwise cause a Default. If a Restricted Subsidiary is designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, such designation shall be deemed an Investment in the Subsidiary so designated and all outstanding Investments owned by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the Subsidiary so designated, shall be valued at their Fair Market Value at the time of such designation for purposes of determining compliance with Section 4.4 hereof; provided, however, that such covenant need not be complied with if the Subsidiary to be so designated has total assets of \$1,000 or less. That designation will only be permitted if the amount of such Investment is either permitted as a Restricted Payment under Section 4.4 hereof or a Permitted Investment at that time and if such Restricted Subsidiary otherwise meets the definition of an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

Any designation of a Subsidiary of the Company as an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be evidenced to the Trustee by filing with the Trustee a copy of the Board Resolution giving effect to such designation certified in an Officers' Certificate that also certifies that such designation complied with the preceding conditions and was permitted by Section 4.4, in which case such designation shall be effective as of the date specified in such resolution. If, at any time, any Unrestricted Subsidiary would fail to meet the preceding requirements as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, it shall thereafter cease to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary for purposes of this Indenture and any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary shall be deemed to be incurred by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company as of such date and, if such Indebtedness is not permitted to be incurred as of such date under Section 4.3 hereof, the Company shall be in default of such covenant.

The Board of Directors of the Company may at any time designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary; *provided* that such designation shall be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company of any outstanding Indebtedness of such Unrestricted Subsidiary and such designation shall only be permitted if (1) such Indebtedness is permitted under <u>Section 4.3</u> hereof, calculated on a pro forma basis as if such designation had occurred at the beginning of the four-quarter reference period; and (2) no Default or Event of Default would be in existence following such designation.

All Subsidiaries of an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall also be Unrestricted Subsidiaries.

"U.S. Person" means any U.S. person as defined for purposes of Regulation S.

"Volumetric Production Payments" mean production payment obligations recorded as deferred revenue in accordance with GAAP, together with all undertakings and obligations in connection therewith.

"Voting Stock" of any Person as of any date means the Capital Stock of such Person that is at the time entitled (without reference to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of the directors, managers or trustees of such Person.

"Weighted Average Life to Maturity" means, when applied to any Indebtedness at any date, the number of years obtained by dividing:

- (1) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (a) the amount of each then remaining installment, sinking fund, serial maturity or other required payments of principal, including payment at final maturity, in respect thereof, by (b) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth) that will elapse between such date and the making of such payment; by
 - (2) the then outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness.

Section 1.2 Other Definitions

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"Act"	Section 11.16
"Alternate Offer"	Section 4.11(g)
"Affiliate Transaction"	Section 4.8(a)
"Asset Sale Offer"	Section 4.7(c)
"Asset Sale Payment"	Section 4.7(c)
"Asset Sale Payment Date"	Section 4.7(d)
"Authenticating Agent"	Section 2.2
"Calculation Date"	Section 1.1("Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio")
"Change of Control Offer"	Section 4.11(a)
"Change of Control Payment"	Section 4.11(a)
"Change of Control Payment Date"	Section 4.11(a)
"covenant defeasance option"	Section 8.1(b)
"Defaulted Interest"	Section 2.11
"Event of Default"	Section 6.1
"Excess Proceeds"	Section 4.7(c)
"incur"	Section 4.3(a)
"Initial Securities"	Preamble
"legal defeasance option"	Section 8.1(b)
"Legal Holiday"	Section 11.7
"Obligations"	Section 10.1
"Paying Agent"	Section 2.3
"Payment Default"	Section 6.1(6)(A)
"Permitted Asset Exchange"	Section 1.1("Asset Sale")
"Permitted Consideration"	Section 4.7(a)
"Permitted Indebtedness"	Section 4.3(b)
"Registrar"	Section 2.3
"Restricted Payment"	Section 4.4(a)

Section 1.3 Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act

This Indenture is subject to the mandatory provisions of the Trust Indenture Act which are incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture. The following Trust Indenture Act terms have the following meanings:

"Commission" means the SEC;

"indenture securities" means the Securities and the Subsidiary Guarantees;

"indenture security holder" means a Holder;

"indenture to be qualified" means this Indenture;

"indenture trustee" or "institutional trustee" means the Trustee; and

"obligor" on the indenture securities means the Company and any other obligor (including any Guarantor) on the indenture securities.

All other Trust Indenture Act terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the Trust Indenture Act, defined by the Trust Indenture Act by reference to another statute or defined by an SEC rule have the meanings assigned to them by such definitions.

Section 1.4 Rules of Construction

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) a term has the meaning assigned to it;
- (2) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP;
- (3) "or" is not exclusive;
- (4) "including" means including without limitation;
- (5) words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular;
- (6) unless otherwise indicated, all references to "Articles" or "Sections" are to Articles or Sections, as the case may be, of this Indenture;
- (7) references to sections of or rules under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act shall be deemed to include substitute, replacement or successor sections or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time;

- (8) references to any sections or rules of the Accounting Standards Codification shall be deemed to include successor sections or rules adopted by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (or any successor thereto); and
- (9) "herein," "hereof" and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole (as amended or supplemented from time to time) and not to any particular Article, Section or other subdivision.

ARTICLE II THE SECURITIES

Section 2.1 Form and Dating

- (a) *General*. The Securities and the Trustee's certificate of authentication shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto. The notation of Subsidiary Guarantee shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto, and shall be notated on the Securities. The Securities may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rule or usage. Each Security shall be dated the date of its authentication. The Securities shall be in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The terms and provisions contained in the Securities shall constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this Indenture and the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby. However, to the extent any provision of any Security or any Guarantee conflicts with the express provisions of this Indenture, the provisions of this Indenture (to the extent permitted by law) shall govern and be controlling.
- (b) *Global Securities*. The Securities issued in global form shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto (including the Global Security Legend thereon and the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Security" attached thereto). The Securities issued in definitive form shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto (but without the Global Security Legend thereon and without the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Security" attached thereto). Each Global Security shall represent the amount of outstanding Securities specified therein, and each Global Security shall provide that it shall represent the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Securities represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Security to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Securities represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee or the Securities Custodian, at the direction of the Trustee, in accordance with the instructions given by the Holder thereof as required by Section 2.6 hereof.
- (c) *Regulation S Global Securities*. Any Securities offered and sold in reliance on Regulation S shall be issued initially in the form of a Regulation S Global Security, which shall be deposited on behalf of the purchasers of the Securities represented thereby with the Securities Custodian, and registered in the name of the Depositary or the nominee of the Depositary for the accounts of designated agents holding on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream, duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee as hereinafter provided. Prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, any resale or transfer of beneficial interests in a Regulation S Global Security to U.S. Persons shall not be permitted unless such resale or transfer is made pursuant to Rule 144A or Regulation S.

- (d) *144A Global Securities*. Any Securities offered and sold in reliance on Rule 144A shall be issued initially in the form of a 144A Global Security, which shall be deposited on behalf of the purchasers of the Securities represented thereby with the Securities Custodian, and registered in the name of the Depositary or the nominee of the Depositary, duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee as hereinafter provided.
- (e) *Definitive Securities*. Notwithstanding any other provision of this <u>Section 2.1</u>, any issuance of Definitive Securities shall be at the Company's discretion, except in the circumstances set forth in <u>Section 2.6(a)</u> hereof.

Section 2.2 Execution and Authentication

An Officer shall sign the Securities for the Company by manual, facsimile or electronically transmitted signature. One Officer shall sign each notation of Subsidiary Guarantee for each Guarantor by manual, facsimile or electronically transmitted signature.

If an Officer whose signature is on a Security no longer holds that office at the time the Trustee authenticates the Security, the Security shall be valid nevertheless.

A Security shall not be valid until an authorized signatory of the Trustee manually authenticates the Security. The signature of the Trustee on a Security shall be conclusive evidence that such Security has been duly and validly authenticated and issued under this Indenture.

The Trustee shall authenticate and deliver: (i) Initial Securities for original issue in an aggregate principal amount of \$400,000,000 on the Issue Date, (ii) if and when issued, Additional Securities (which may be issued in either a registered or a private offering under the Securities Act) and (iii) Exchange Securities for issue only in an exchange offer pursuant to a Registration Rights Agreement, and only in exchange for Initial Securities or Additional Securities of an equal principal amount, in each case upon a written order of the Company signed by an Officer of the Company. Such order shall specify the amount of the Securities to be authenticated and the date on which the original issue of Securities is to be authenticated and whether the Securities are to be in global or definitive form and whether they are to bear the Private Placement Legend. The Company may issue Additional Securities under this Indenture subsequent to the Issue Date, subject to Section 4.3 of this Indenture.

The Trustee may appoint an agent (the "Authenticating Agent") reasonably acceptable to the Company to authenticate the Securities. Unless limited by the terms of such appointment, any such Authenticating Agent may authenticate Securities whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent.

Section 2.3 Registrar and Paying Agent

The Company shall at all times maintain in the continental United States an office or agency where Securities may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange (the "*Registrar*"), and an office or agency where Securities may be presented for payment (the "*Paying Agent*"). The Registrar shall keep a register of the Securities and of their transfer and exchange. The Company may have one or more co-registrars and one or more additional paying agents. The term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar, and the term "Paying Agent" includes any such additional paying agent.

The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent, subject to the provisions of this <u>Section 2.3</u> and <u>Section 4.14</u>. Any Paying Agent or Registrar may resign as such upon 30 days' prior written notice to the Company and the Trustee; upon resignation of any Paying Agent or Registrar, the Company shall appoint a successor Paying Agent or Registrar, as the case may be, complying with the requirements of this <u>Section 2.3</u>, no later than 30 days thereafter and shall provide notice to the Trustee of such successor Paying Agent or Registrar.

If at any time there shall be Securities outstanding that are not Global Securities and there shall be no Paying Agent with an office or agency in the City of New York, State of New York, where the Securities may be presented or surrendered for payment, the Company shall forthwith designate such a Paying Agent in order that the Securities shall at all times be payable in the City of New York, the State of New York. The Company initially appoints the Trustee to act as Depository Custodian with respect to the Global Securities. The Trustee and each Agent are hereby authorized to act in accordance with Applicable Procedures with respect to any Global Security.

The Company initially appoints Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Registrar and Paying Agent for the Securities.

The immunities, protections and exculpations available to the Trustee under this Indenture shall also be available to each Agent, and the Company's obligations under <u>Section 7.7</u> to compensate and indemnify the Trustee shall extend likewise to each Agent.

Section 2.4 Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust

By at least 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the date on which any principal, premium, if any, or interest on any Security is due and payable, the Company shall deposit with the Paying Agent in immediately available funds a sum sufficient to pay such principal, premium, if any, and interest when due. The Company shall require each Paying Agent (other than the Trustee) to agree in writing that such Paying Agent shall hold in trust for the benefit of Holders or the Trustee all money held by such Paying Agent for the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest (if any) on the Securities and shall notify the Trustee of any default by the Company in making any such payment. If the Company or a Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate the money held by it as Paying Agent and hold it as a separate trust fund. The Company at any time may require a Paying Agent (other than the Trustee) to pay all money held by it to the Trustee and to account for any funds disbursed by such Paying Agent. Upon complying with this Section 2.4, the Paying Agent (if other than the Company or a Subsidiary) shall have no further liability for the money delivered to the Trustee.

Section 2.5 Holder Lists

The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of Holders. If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee, in writing at least seven Business Days before each Interest Payment Date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of Holders.

Section 2.6 Transfer and Exchange

- (a) *Transfer and Exchange of Global Securities*. A Global Security may not be transferred as a whole except by the Depositary to a nominee of the Depositary, by a nominee of the Depositary or to another nominee of the Depositary, or by the Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary or a nominee of such successor Depositary. Owners of beneficial interests in Global Securities shall not be entitled to receive Definitive Securities unless:
- (1) the Company delivers to the Trustee and the Registrar notice from the Depositary that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as Depositary or that it is no longer a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in either case, a successor Depositary is not appointed by the Company within 90 days; or
- (2) there has occurred and is continuing an Event of Default and the Depositary notifies the Trustee and the Registrar of its decision to exchange the Global Securities for Definitive Securities; *provided* that in no event shall the Regulation S Global Security be exchanged by the Company for Definitive Securities prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period.

Upon the occurrence of either of the preceding events in (1) or (2) above, Definitive Securities shall be issued in such names as the Depositary shall instruct the Trustee and the Registrar. Global Securities also may be exchanged or replaced, in whole or in part, as provided in Section 2.7 hereof. Every Security authenticated and delivered in exchange for, or in lieu of, a Global Security or any portion thereof, pursuant to this Section 2.6 or Section 2.7 hereof, shall be authenticated and delivered in the form of, and shall be, a Global Security. A Global Security may not be exchanged for another Security other than as provided in this Section 2.6(a); however, beneficial interests in a Global Security may be transferred and exchanged as provided in Section 2.6(b), (c) or (f) hereof.

- (b) *Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in the Global Securities*. The transfer and exchange of beneficial interests in the Global Securities shall be effected through the Depositary, in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and the Applicable Procedures. Beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Securities shall be subject to restrictions on transfer comparable to those set forth herein, including those set forth in the Private Placement Legend, to the extent required by the Securities Act. Transfers of beneficial interests in the Global Securities also shall require compliance with either subparagraph (1) or (2) below, as applicable, as well as one or more of the other following provisions of this <u>Section 2.6</u>, as applicable:
- (1) *Transfer of Beneficial Interests in the Same Global Security.* Beneficial interests in any Restricted Global Security may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the same Restricted Global Security in accordance with the transfer restrictions set forth in the Private Placement Legend; *provided, however*, that prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, (A) transfers of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Global Security may not be to a U.S. Person or for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person (other than an Initial Purchaser) and (B) such beneficial interests may be held only through Euroclear or Clearstream (as Indirect Participants in the Depositary). Beneficial interests in such Unrestricted Global Security may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Security. No written orders or instructions shall be required to be delivered to the Registrar to effect the transfers described in the preceding sentence of this Section 2.6(b)(1).

- (2) All Other Transfers and Exchanges of Beneficial Interests in Global Securities. In connection with all transfers and exchanges of beneficial interests that are not subject to Section 2.6(b)(1) above, the transferor of such beneficial interest must deliver to the Registrar either:
 - (A) (i) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to credit or cause to be credited a beneficial interest in another Global Security in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged; and
 - (ii) instructions given in accordance with the Applicable Procedures containing information regarding the Participant account to be credited with such increase; or
 - (B) (i) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to cause to be issued a Definitive Security in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged; and
 - (ii) instructions given by the Depositary to the Registrar containing information regarding the Person in whose name such Definitive Security shall be registered to effect the transfer or exchange referred to in Section 2.6(b)(2)(B)(i) above; provided that in no event shall Definitive Securities be issued upon the transfer or exchange of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Global Security prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period.

Upon consummation of a Registered Exchange Offer by the Company in accordance with <u>Section 2.6(f)</u> hereof, the requirements of this <u>Section 2.6(b)</u> (2) shall be deemed to have been satisfied upon receipt by the Registrar of the instructions contained in the Letter of Transmittal delivered by the Holder of such beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Securities. Upon satisfaction of all of the requirements for transfer or exchange of beneficial interests in Global Securities contained in this Indenture, the Securities or otherwise applicable under the Securities Act, the principal amount of the relevant Global Security(s) shall be adjusted pursuant to <u>Section 2.6(h)</u> hereof.

- (3) *Transfer of Beneficial Interests to Another Restricted Global Security*. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Security may be transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Restricted Global Security if the transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.6(b)(2) above and the Registrar receives the following:
 - (A) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the 144A Global Security, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof; and
 - (B) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Global Security, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof, and if such transfer occurs prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, then the transferee must hold such beneficial interest through either Euroclear or Clearstream (as Indirect Participants in the Depositary).

- (4) Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in a Restricted Global Security for Beneficial Interests in the Unrestricted Global Security. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Security may be exchanged by any holder thereof for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Security or transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Security if the exchange or transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.6(b)(2) above and:
 - (A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to a Registered Exchange Offer in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement and the holder of the beneficial interest to be transferred, in the case of an exchange, or the transferree, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal (or via the Depositary's book-entry system) that it is not (i) a broker-dealer, (ii) a Person participating in the distribution of the Exchange Securities or (iii) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Company;
 - (B) such transfer is effected pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement;
 - (C) such transfer is effected by an Exchanging Dealer pursuant to an Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement; or
 - (D) the Registrar receives the following:
 - (i) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Security, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(a) thereof; or
 - (ii) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Security, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and state "blue sky" laws and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

If any such transfer is effected pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (D) above at a time when an Unrestricted Global Security has not yet been issued, the Company shall issue and, upon receipt of a written order in accordance with <u>Section 2.2</u> hereof, the Trustee shall authenticate one or more Unrestricted Global Securities in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of beneficial interests transferred pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (D) above.

Beneficial interests in an Unrestricted Global Security cannot be exchanged for, or transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of, a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security.

- (c) Transfer or Exchange of Beneficial Interests for Definitive Securities.
- (1) Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Securities to Restricted Definitive Securities. If, in accordance with Section 2.6(a), any holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Security or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Security, then, upon receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:
 - (A) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Security, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (2)(a) thereof;
 - (B) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof; or
 - (C) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 904, a certificate to the effect set forth in <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof,

the Registrar shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Global Security to be reduced accordingly pursuant to $\underline{Section 2.6(h)}$ hereof, and the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Security in the appropriate principal amount. Any Definitive Security issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security pursuant to this $\underline{Section 2.6(c)}$ shall be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the holder of such beneficial interest shall instruct the Registrar through instructions from the Depositary and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee shall deliver such Definitive Securities to the Persons in whose names such Securities are so registered. Any Definitive Security issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security pursuant to this $\underline{Section 2.6(c)(1)}$ shall bear the Private Placement Legend and shall be subject to all restrictions on transfer contained therein. Notwithstanding $\underline{Sections 2.6(c)(1)(A)}$ and $\underline{(C)}$ hereof, a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Global Security may not be exchanged for a Definitive Security or transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Security prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, except in the case of a transfer pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 903 or Rule 904.

- (2) <u>Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Securities to Unrestricted Definitive Securities</u>. A holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security may exchange such beneficial interest for an Unrestricted Definitive Security or may transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Security, in each case only pursuant to <u>Section 2.6(a)</u> and only if:
 - (A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to a Registered Exchange Offer in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement and the holder of such beneficial interest, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal (or via the Depositary's book-entry system) that it is not (i) a broker-dealer, (ii) a Person participating in the distribution of the Exchange Securities or (iii) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Company;
 - (B) such transfer is effected pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement;
 - (C) such transfer is effected by an Exchanging Dealer pursuant to an Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement; or
 - (D) the Registrar receives the following:
 - (i) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for an Unrestricted Definitive Security, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1) (b) thereof; or
 - (ii) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Security, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and state "blue sky" laws and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

(3) Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Securities to Unrestricted Definitive Securities. If any holder of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Security proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Definitive Security or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Security, then, upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 2.6(b)(2) hereof, the Registrar shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Global Security to be reduced accordingly pursuant to Section 2.6(h) hereof, and the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive

Security in the appropriate principal amount. Any Definitive Security issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this $\underline{\text{Section 2.6(c)(3)}}$ shall be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the holder of such beneficial interest shall instruct the Registrar through instructions from the Depositary and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee shall deliver such Definitive Securities to the Persons in whose names such Securities are so registered. Any Definitive Security issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this $\underline{\text{Section 2.6(c)(3)}}$ shall not bear the Private Placement Legend.

- (d) Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Securities for Beneficial Interests.
- (1) Restricted Definitive Securities to Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Securities. If any Holder of a Restricted Definitive Security proposes to exchange such Security for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security or to transfer such Restricted Definitive Security to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security, then, upon receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:
 - (A) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Security proposes to exchange such Security for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security, a certificate from such Holder in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (2)(b) thereof;
 - (B) if such Restricted Definitive Security is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof; or
 - (C) if such Restricted Definitive Security is being transferred to a non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 904, a certificate to the effect set forth in <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof,

the Trustee shall cancel the Restricted Definitive Security, the Registrar shall increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of, in the case of clause (A) above, the appropriate Restricted Global Security, in the case of clause (B) above, the 144A Global Security, and in the case of clause (C) above, the Regulation S Global Security. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if there are no Global Securities outstanding prior to any such transfer, Definitive Securities may be transferred for beneficial interests in a Global Security only if the Company so agrees.

- (2) Restricted Definitive Securities to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Securities. A Holder of a Restricted Definitive Security may exchange such Security for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Security or transfer such Restricted Definitive Security to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Security only if:
 - (A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to a Registered Exchange Offer in accordance with applicable Registration Rights Agreement and the Holder, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal (or via the Depositary's book-entry system) that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the Exchange Securities or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Company;

- (B) such transfer is effected pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement;
- (C) such transfer is effected by an Exchanging Dealer pursuant to an Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement; or
 - (D) the Registrar receives the following:
 - (i) if the Holder of such Definitive Securities proposes to exchange such Securities for a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Security, a certificate from such Holder in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(c) thereof; or
 - (ii) if the Holder of such Definitive Securities proposes to transfer such Securities to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Security, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and state "blue sky" laws and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

Upon satisfaction of the conditions of any of the subparagraphs in this Section 2.6(d)(2), the Trustee shall cancel the Definitive Securities and the Registrar shall increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of the Unrestricted Global Security. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if there are no Global Securities outstanding prior to any such transfer, Definitive Securities may be transferred for beneficial interests in a Global Security only if the Company so agrees.

(3) *Unrestricted Definitive Securities to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Securities.* A Holder of an Unrestricted Definitive Security may exchange such Security for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Security or transfer such Definitive Security to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Security at any time. Upon receipt of a request for such an exchange or transfer, the Trustee shall cancel the applicable Unrestricted Definitive Security and the Registrar shall increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of one of the Unrestricted Global Securities.

If any such exchange or transfer from a Definitive Security to a beneficial interest is effected pursuant to subparagraph (2)(B), (2)(D) or (3) above at a time when an Unrestricted Global Security has not yet been issued, the Company shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.2 hereof, the Trustee shall authenticate one or more Unrestricted Global Securities in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Definitive Securities so transferred.

- (e) *Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Securities for Definitive Securities*. Upon request by a Holder of Definitive Securities and such Holder's compliance with the provisions of this Section 2.6(e), the Registrar shall register the transfer or exchange of Definitive Securities. Prior to such registration of transfer or exchange, the requesting Holder shall present or surrender to the Registrar the Definitive Securities duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instruction of transfer in form satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by such Holder or by its attorney, duly authorized in writing. In addition, the requesting Holder shall provide any additional certifications, documents and information, as applicable, required pursuant to the following provisions of this Section 2.6(e).
- (1) Restricted Definitive Securities to Restricted Definitive Securities. Any Restricted Definitive Security may be transferred to and registered in the name of Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Security if the Registrar receives the following:
 - (A) if the transfer will be made pursuant to Rule 144A, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;
 - (B) if the transfer will be made pursuant to Rule 904, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof; and
 - (C) if the transfer will be made pursuant to any other exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications required by item (3) thereof.
- (2) Restricted Definitive Securities to Unrestricted Definitive Securities. Any Restricted Definitive Security may be exchanged by the Holder thereof for an Unrestricted Definitive Security or transferred to a Person or Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Security if:
 - (A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to a Registered Exchange Offer in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement and the Holder, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal (or via the Depositary's book-entry system) that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the Exchange Securities or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Company;
 - (B) any such transfer is effected pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement;
 - (C) any such transfer is effected by an Exchanging Dealer pursuant to an Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement; or

- (D) the Registrar receives the following:
 - (i) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Securities proposes to exchange such Securities for an Unrestricted Definitive Security, a certificate from such Holder in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(d) thereof; or
 - (ii) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Security proposes to transfer such Securities to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Security, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar so requests, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and state "blue sky" laws and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

- (3) *Unrestricted Definitive Securities to Unrestricted Definitive Securities*. A Holder of Unrestricted Definitive Securities may transfer such Securities to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Security. Upon receipt of a request to register such a transfer, the Registrar shall register the Unrestricted Definitive Security pursuant to the instructions from the Holder thereof.
- (f) (1) *Registered Exchange Offer*. Upon the occurrence of a Registered Exchange Offer in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement, the Company shall issue and, upon receipt of a written order in accordance with <u>Section 2.2</u>, the Trustee shall authenticate:
 - (A) one or more Unrestricted Global Securities in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Securities tendered for acceptance by Persons that certify in the applicable Letters of Transmittal (or via the Depositary's book-entry system), among other things, that (I) they are not broker-dealers, (II) they are not participating in a distribution of the Exchange Securities and (III) they are not affiliates (as defined in Rule 144) of the Company, and accepted for exchange in the Registered Exchange Offer; and
 - (B) Unrestricted Definitive Securities in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of any Restricted Definitive Securities accepted for exchange in the Registered Exchange Offer.

Concurrently with the issuance of such Securities, the Registrar shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Restricted Global Securities to be reduced accordingly, and the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate, and deliver to the Persons designated by the Holders of any Definitive Securities so accepted, Unrestricted Definitive Securities in the appropriate principal amount.

(2) If upon consummation of a Registered Exchange Offer, any Initial Purchaser holds Initial Securities acquired by it as part of the initial distribution thereof, the

Company, upon written request of such Initial Purchaser, simultaneously with the delivery of the Exchange Securities pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer, shall issue and deliver to such Initial Purchaser and, upon receipt of a written order in accordance with Section 2.2 hereof, the Trustee shall authenticate, one or more Restricted Definitive Securities representing Private Exchange Securities in a Private Exchange for the Initial Securities held by such Initial Purchaser, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the Initial Securities so exchanged by such Initial Purchaser in the Private Exchange.

(g) *Legends*. The following legends shall appear on the face of all Global Securities and Definitive Securities issued under this Indenture unless specifically stated otherwise in the applicable provisions of this Indenture.

(1) Private Placement Legend.

(A) Except as permitted by subparagraph (B) below or as otherwise agreed between the Company and the Holder, each Global Security and each Definitive Security (and all Securities issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall bear a legend, until the Resale Restriction Termination Date, in substantially the following form:

"THE SECURITY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) EVIDENCED HEREBY WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM. EACH PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT (A) SUCH SECURITY MAY BE RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, ONLY (1)(a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A FOREIGN PERSON IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (c) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF APPLICABLE) OR (d) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANOTHER EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT (AND BASED UPON AN OPINION OF COUNSEL ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMPANY IF THE COMPANY SO REQUESTS), (2) TO THE COMPANY OR (3) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND, IN EACH CASE, IN

ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE JURISDICTION AND (B) THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN CLAUSE (A) ABOVE. NO REPRESENTATION CAN BE MADE AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 FOR RESALE OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY."

(B) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Global Security or Definitive Security issued pursuant to subparagraph (b)(4), (c)(2), (c)(3), (d)(2), (d)(3), (e)(2), (e)(3) or (f) of this Section 2.6 (and all Securities issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall not bear the Private Placement Legend. The Company, acting in its discretion, may remove the Private Placement Legend from any Restricted Security at any time on or after the Resale Restriction Termination Date applicable to such Restricted Security. Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, the Company may effect such removal by issuing and delivering, in exchange for such Restricted Security, an Unrestricted Security, registered to the same Holder and in an equal principal amount, and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 2.6, upon receipt of a written order of the Company given at least three Business Days in advance of the proposed date of exchange specified therein (which shall be no earlier than the Resale Restriction Termination Date), the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver such Unrestricted Security as directed in such order.

(2) Global Security Legend. Each Global Security shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"THIS GLOBAL SECURITY IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS SECURITY) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (I) THE REGISTRAR MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.6 OF THE INDENTURE, (II) THIS GLOBAL SECURITY MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.6(a) OF THE INDENTURE AND (III) THIS GLOBAL SECURITY MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.10 OF THE INDENTURE.

UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR SECURITIES IN DEFINITIVE FORM, THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY THE DEPOSITARY OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY. UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE

DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (55 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK) ("DTC") TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN."

- (h) Cancellation and/or Adjustment of Global Securities. At such time as all beneficial interests in a particular Global Security have been exchanged for Definitive Securities or a particular Global Security has been redeemed, repurchased or canceled in whole and not in part, each such Global Security shall be returned to or retained and canceled by the Trustee in accordance with Section 2.10 hereof. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in a Global Security is exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Security or for Definitive Securities, the principal amount of Securities represented by such Global Security shall be reduced accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Security by the Trustee or by the Securities Custodian at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such reduction; and if the beneficial interest is being exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Security, such other Global Security shall be increased accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Security by the Trustee or by the Securities Custodian at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such increase.
 - (i) General Provisions Relating to Transfers and Exchanges.
- (1) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate Global Securities and Definitive Securities upon the Company's order or at the Registrar's request.
- (2) No service charge shall be made to a holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Security or to a Holder of a Definitive Security for any registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge or other fee required by law and payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer taxes or similar governmental charge payable upon exchange or transfer pursuant to Sections 2.9, 3.6, 3.7, 4.7 and 4.11 hereof).
- (3) All Global Securities and Definitive Securities issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Global Securities or Definitive Securities shall be the valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Global Securities or Definitive Securities surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.
- (4) None of the Company, the Trustee or the Registrar shall be required (A) to issue, to register the transfer of or to exchange any Securities during a period of 15 days before the day of any selection of Securities for redemption under <u>Section 3.2</u> hereof

and ending at the close of business on the day of selection, (B) to register the transfer of or to exchange any Securities so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Security being redeemed in part or (C) to register the transfer of or to exchange a Security between a record date and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date.

- (5) Prior to the due presentation for registration of transfer of any Security, the Company, each Guarantor, the Trustee, the Paying Agent or the Registrar may deem and treat the Person in whose name a Security is registered as the absolute owner of such Security for the purpose of receiving payment of principal, interest and premium (if any) on such Security and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Security is overdue, and none of the Company, the Trustee, the Paying Agent or the Registrar shall be affected by notice to the contrary.
- (6) The Trustee shall authenticate Global Securities and Definitive Securities upon receipt of a written order of the Company and in accordance with the other provisions of Section 2.2 hereof.
- (7) All certifications, certificates and Opinions of Counsel required to be submitted to the Registrar pursuant to this <u>Section 2.6</u> to effect a registration of transfer or exchange may be submitted by facsimile.
- (8) The Trustee shall have no responsibility or obligation to any beneficial owner of a Global Security, a member of, or a participant in the Depositary or other Person with respect to the accuracy of the records of the Depositary or its nominee or of any participant or member thereof, with respect to any ownership interest in the Securities or with respect to the delivery to any participant, member, beneficial owner or other Person (other than the Depositary) of any notice (including any notice of optional redemption) or the payment of any amount, under or with respect to such Securities. The Trustee shall have no obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Indenture or under applicable law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any Security (including any transfers between or among Depositary participants, members or beneficial owners in any Global Security) other than to require delivery of such certificates and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by, the terms of this Indenture, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof. Neither the Trustee nor any of its agents shall have any responsibility for any actions taken or not taken by the Depositary.

Section 2.7 Replacement Securities

If any mutilated Security is surrendered to the Registrar, or the Company and the Registrar receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Security, the Company will issue and the Trustee, upon receipt of a written order of the Company conforming to Section 2.2 hereof, will authenticate a replacement Security if the Registrar's and the Company's reasonable requirements are met. If required by the Registrar or the Company, an indemnity bond must be supplied by the Holder that is sufficient in the judgment of the Registrar, the Trustee and the Company to protect the Company, the Trustee, the Registrar, any other Agent and any Authenticating Agent from any loss that any of them may suffer if a Security is replaced.

Every replacement Security is an additional obligation of the Company and will be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with all other Securities duly issued hereunder, *provided* it is held by a protected purchaser within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, rather than authenticating and delivering a replacement Security for a mutilated, destroyed, loss or stolen Security which has been redeemed or the principal of which has matured, the Company or the Paying Agent may make payment of the amount due on such security to the Holder upon receipt of the above-described indemnity bond.

Section 2.8 Outstanding Securities

The Securities outstanding at any time are all the Securities authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest in a Global Security effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof, and those described in this Section as not outstanding. Except as set forth in Section 11.6 hereof, a Security does not cease to be outstanding because the Company or an Affiliate of the Company holds the Security.

If a Security is replaced pursuant to <u>Section 2.7</u> hereof, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replaced Security is held by a protected purchaser.

If the principal amount of any Security is considered paid under <u>Section 4.1</u> hereof, it ceases to be outstanding and interest on it ceases to accrue.

If the Paying Agent (other than the Company, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate of any thereof) holds, on a Redemption Date or maturity date, money sufficient to pay Securities payable on that date, then on and after that date such Securities will be deemed to be no longer outstanding and will cease to accrue interest.

Section 2.9 Temporary Securities

Until Definitive Securities are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate temporary Securities. Temporary Securities shall be substantially in the form of Definitive Securities but may have variations that the Company considers appropriate for temporary Securities. Without unreasonable delay, the Company shall prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate Definitive Securities in exchange for temporary Securities. Holders of temporary Securities shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as a holder of Definitive Securities.

Section 2.10 Cancellation

The Company at any time may deliver Securities to the Trustee or any Registrar for cancellation. The Registrar and the Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Securities surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee or the Registrar (and no one else) shall cancel and destroy (subject to the record retention requirements of the Exchange Act) all Securities surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation in accordance with its retention policy then in effect. The Company may not issue new Securities to replace Securities it has redeemed, paid or delivered to the Trustee or the Registrar for cancellation.

Section 2.11 Defaulted Interest

If the Company defaults in a payment of interest ("Defaulted Interest") on the Securities, the Company shall pay Defaulted Interest (as provided in Section 4.1) in any lawful manner. The Company may pay the Defaulted Interest to the Persons who are Holders on a subsequent special record date. The Company shall fix or cause to be fixed (or upon the Company's failure to do so the Trustee shall fix pursuant to a written instruction of Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Securities) any such special record date and payment date to the reasonable satisfaction of the Trustee which special record date shall not be less than 10 days prior to the payment date for such Defaulted Interest and the Company, or at the Company's request, the Trustee, shall promptly mail or cause to be mailed to each Holder a notice that states the special record date, the payment date and the amount of Defaulted Interest to be paid. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each Security and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the Company shall deposit with the Trustee an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for such deposit prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when so deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such Defaulted Interest as provided in this Section 2.11.

Section 2.12 CUSIP Numbers

The Company in issuing the Securities may use "CUSIP," "ISIN" or similar numbers (if then generally in use) and, if so, the Trustee shall use such numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders; *provided*, *however*, that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Securities or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Securities, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Company will promptly notify the Trustee in writing of any change in the "CUSIP" numbers.

ARTICLE III REDEMPTION

Section 3.1 Notices to Trustee

If the Company elects to redeem Securities pursuant to <u>Section 3.7</u> or <u>Section 4.11(i)</u> hereof, it shall notify the Trustee in writing of the Redemption Date and the principal amount of Securities to be redeemed.

The Company shall give each notice to the Trustee and the Registrar provided for in this Section 3.1 at least three (3) Business Days before the date of giving notice of the redemption pursuant to Section 3.3, unless the Trustee consents to a shorter period. If such redemption is to be effected pursuant to Section 3.7(b) or Section 4.11(i), then such notice shall be accompanied by an Officers' Certificate to the effect that such redemption will comply with the conditions therein. If fewer than all the Securities are to be redeemed, the record date relating to such redemption shall be selected by the Company and set forth in the related notice given to the Trustee, which record date shall be not less than 15 days after the date of such notice.

Section 3.2 Selection of Securities to Be Redeemed

In the case of any partial redemption, selection of the Securities for redemption will be made by the Trustee in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange, if any, on which the Securities are listed or, if the Securities are not listed, then on a pro rata basis (or, in the case of Securities in global form, the Securities represented thereby will be selected in accordance with the Depositary's prescribed method) and in such manner as complies with applicable legal requirements. The Trustee shall make the selection from outstanding Securities not previously called for redemption. The Trustee may select for redemption portions of the principal of Securities that have denominations larger than \$2,000. Securities and portions of them the Trustee selects shall be in minimum amounts of \$2,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Provisions of this Indenture that apply to Securities called for redemption also apply to portions of Securities called for redemption. The Trustee shall notify the Company promptly of the Securities or portions of Securities to be redeemed. The Trustee may rely upon information provided by the Registrar for purposes of this Section 3.2.

Section 3.3 Notice of Redemption

At least 30 days but not more than 60 days before a date for redemption of Securities, the Company shall mail a notice of redemption by first-class mail to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed at such Holder's registered address or, with respect to Global Securities, otherwise give such notice in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Depositary; *provided*, however, notices of redemption may be given more than 60 days prior to a Redemption Date if the notice is issued in connection with the Company's exercise of its legal defeasance or its covenant defeasance option in accordance with Section 8.1(b) or the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture in accordance with Section 8.1(a).

The notice shall identify the Securities to be redeemed and shall state:

- (1) the Redemption Date;
- (2) the Redemption Price (if then determined and otherwise the basis for its determination);
- (3) the name and address of the Paying Agent where Securities are to be surrendered;
- (4) that Securities called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the Redemption Price;
- (5) if fewer than all the outstanding Securities are to be redeemed, the identification and principal amounts of the particular Securities to be redeemed;
- (6) that, unless the Company defaults in making such redemption payment, interest on Securities (or portion thereof) called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the Redemption Date;

- (7) the CUSIP, ISIN or similar number, if any, printed on the Securities being redeemed;
- (8) that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of the CUSIP, ISIN or similar number, if any, listed in such notice or printed on the Securities; and
 - (9) any conditions precedent to such redemption.

At the Company's request, the Trustee shall give the notice of redemption in the Company's name and at the Company's expense; provided, however, that the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee, at least three (3) Business Days prior to the giving of notice of redemption (or such shorter period as is acceptable to the Trustee), an Officers' Certificate requesting that the Trustee give such notice and setting forth the information to be stated in the notice as provided in the preceding paragraph. The notice, if mailed in the manner provided herein or sent pursuant to Applicable Procedures shall be presumed to have been given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice.

Section 3.4 Effect of Notice of Redemption

Once notice of redemption is mailed to Holders, Securities (or portions thereof) called for redemption become irrevocably due and payable on the Redemption Date and at the Redemption Price, subject to satisfaction of any condition permitted below. A notice of redemption may be subject to one or more conditions precedent specified in the notice of redemption, including completion of an Equity Offering or other corporate transaction. Upon surrender to the Paying Agent, such Securities shall be paid at the Redemption Price stated in the notice, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the Redemption Date; provided that if the Redemption Date is after the taking of a record of the Holders on a record date and on or prior to the related Interest Payment Date, the accrued and unpaid interest shall be payable to the Person in whose name the redeemed Securities are registered on such record date. Failure to give notice or any defect in the notice to any Holder shall not affect the validity of the notice to any other Holder.

Section 3.5 Deposit of Redemption Price

No later than 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Redemption Date, the Company shall deposit with the Paying Agent (or, if the Company or a Subsidiary is the Paying Agent, shall segregate and hold in trust) money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of and accrued and unpaid interest on all Securities to be redeemed on that date. If the Company complies with the provisions of this <u>Section 3.5</u>, then on and after the Redemption Date, interest will cease to accrue on the Securities or the portions of Securities called for redemption.

Section 3.6 Securities Redeemed in Part

Upon cancellation of a Security that is redeemed in part, the Company shall issue and the Trustee shall authenticate for the Holder (at the Company's expense) a new Security equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the Security surrendered. The Trustee shall notify the Registrar of the issuance of such new Security.

Section 3.7 Optional Redemption

(a) On or after April 15, 2018, the Company may redeem all or a part of the Securities at any time or from time to time at the following Redemption Prices (expressed as percentages of the principal amount) plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the applicable Redemption Date, if redeemed during the 12-month period beginning April 15 of the years indicated:

Year 2018	Redemption Price
2018	105.156%
2019	103.438%
2020	101.719%
2021 and thereafter	100.000%

- (b) Prior to April 15, 2018, the Company may on one or more occasions redeem up to an aggregate amount equal to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Securities (including Additional Securities) originally issued prior to the Redemption Date under this Indenture in an amount not greater than the Net Cash Proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings at a Redemption Price of 106.875% of the principal amount of the Securities, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the Redemption Date; *provided*, that (i) at least 65% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities (including any Additional Securities) originally issued remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption (excluding Securities held by the Company and its Subsidiaries) and (ii) each such redemption occurs within 180 days of the date of the closing of the related Equity Offering.
 - (c) In addition, at any time prior to April 15, 2018, the Company may redeem all or part of the Securities at a Redemption Price equal to the sum of:
 - (i) the principal amount thereof, plus
 - (ii) the Make Whole Premium at the Redemption Date, plus

accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the Redemption Date.

- (d) Any redemption pursuant to this Section 3.7 shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3.1 through 3.6 hereof.
- (e) The Securities will not be redeemable at the option of the Company except as set forth in this Section 3.7 and in <u>Section 4.11(i)</u>. The Company is not, however, prohibited from acquiring the Securities by means other than a redemption, whether pursuant to a tender offer, open market transactions or otherwise, so long as the acquisition does not otherwise violate the terms of this Indenture.

ARTICLE IV COVENANTS

Section 4.1 Payment of Securities

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities that it shall promptly pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Securities on the dates and in the manner provided in the Securities, this Indenture and, in the case of any Additional Interest, the applicable Registration Rights Agreement. Payments of principal,

premium, if any, and interest on the Securities shall be deemed due for all purposes under this Indenture whether such payments are due at Stated Maturity, upon redemption, upon required repurchase pursuant to Section 4.7 or 4.11 hereof, upon declaration or otherwise. Principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Securities shall be considered paid on the date due if by 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on such date the Paying Agent holds in accordance with this Indenture money sufficient to pay all principal, premium, if any, and interest then due.

The Company will pay, to the extent lawful, interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal and premium, if any, at the rate then in effect on the Securities; it will pay, to the extent lawful, interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace periods), from time to time on demand at the same rate as on overdue principal.

All references in this Indenture, the Securities or the Subsidiary Guarantees to "interest" shall be deemed to include Additional Interest unless the context otherwise requires. The Company shall give the Trustee advance written notice of the amount of any Additional Interest that may be payable with respect to the Securities. The Trustee shall not at any time be under any duty or responsibility to any Holder of the Securities to determine the Additional Interest, or with respect to the nature, extent, or calculation of the amount of Additional Interest owed, or with respect to the method employed in such calculation of the Additional Interest.

Section 4.2 SEC Reports

Whether or not required by the SEC, so long as any Securities are outstanding, the Company will furnish to the Trustee and the Holders of Securities, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations:

(1) all quarterly and annual financial information that would be required to be contained in a filing with the SEC on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if the Company were required to file such Forms, including a section on "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and, with respect to the annual information only, a report on the annual financial statements by the Company's certified independent public accountants; and

(2) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the SEC on Form 8-K if the Company were required to file such reports.

Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officers' Certificates).

If the Company has designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary any of its Subsidiaries that is a Significant Subsidiary (or that, taken together with other Unrestricted Subsidiaries, would be a Significant Subsidiary), then the quarterly and annual financial information required by the preceding paragraph shall include a reasonably detailed presentation, either on the face of the financial statements or in the footnotes thereto, and in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, of the financial

condition and results of operations of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries separate from the financial condition and results of operations of the Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Company.

The availability of the foregoing materials on the SEC's website or on the Company's website shall be deemed to satisfy the foregoing delivery obligations; *provided*, *however*, that the Trustee shall have no obligation whatsoever to determine whether or not such materials are available on any such website.

In the event that any direct or indirect parent company of the Company becomes a guarantor of the Securities, the Company may satisfy its obligations in this covenant with respect to financial information relating to the Company by furnishing financial information relating to such parent company; *provided* that the same is accompanied by consolidating information that explains in reasonable detail the differences between the information relating to such parent, on the one hand, and the information relating to the Company and its Subsidiaries on a standalone basis, on the other hand. In addition, the Company agrees that, for so long as any Securities remain outstanding and are "restricted securities" under Rule 144 under the Securities Act, if at any time it is not required to file with the SEC the reports required by the preceding paragraphs of this Section 4.2, it will furnish to beneficial owners of Securities and to prospective investors, upon request, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act.

Section 4.3 Incurrence of Indebtedness

- (a) The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, issue, assume, Guarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable, contingently or otherwise, with respect to (collectively, "incur") any Indebtedness (including Acquired Debt); provided, however, that the Company and any Restricted Subsidiary may incur Indebtedness (including Acquired Debt), if the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Company's most recently ended four full fiscal quarters for which internal financial statements are available immediately preceding the date on which such additional Indebtedness is incurred would have been at least 2.0 to 1.0, determined on a pro forma basis (including a pro forma application of the Net Cash Proceeds therefrom), as if the additional Indebtedness had been incurred at the beginning of such four-quarter period.
 - (b) <u>Section 4.3(a)</u> will not prohibit the incurrence of any of the following items of Indebtedness (collectively, "*Permitted Indebtedness*"):
- (1) the incurrence by the Company and any Restricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness under one or more Credit Facilities; *provided* that the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness incurred under this clause (1) and outstanding at any time does not exceed an amount equal to the greater of (a) \$400.0 million and (b) the sum of (x) \$150.0 million and (y) 35.0% of ACNTA at the time of incurrence;
- (2) the incurrence by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of Existing Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness described under clauses (1), (3) or (6) of this Section 4.3(b));
- (3) the incurrence by the Company and the Guarantors of Indebtedness represented by (A) the Initial Securities, (B) any Exchange Securities issued pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement in exchange for the Securities, and (C) any Subsidiary Guarantees;

- (4) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness represented by Capital Lease Obligations, mortgage financings, industrial revenue bonds, purchase money obligations or other Indebtedness or preferred stock, or synthetic lease obligations, in each case, incurred for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or cost of design, development, construction, installation or improvement of property (real or personal and including Capital Stock), plant or equipment used in the business of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (in each case, whether through the direct purchase of such assets or the Equity Interests of any Person owning such assets), in an aggregate principal amount, taken together with Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof, that does not exceed the greater of \$50.0 million and 5.0% of ACNTA at the time of incurrence;
- (5) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in exchange for, or the Net Cash Proceeds of which are used to refund, refinance, replace, defease or discharge Indebtedness (other than intercompany Indebtedness) that was permitted by this Indenture to be incurred under Section 4.3(a) or clauses (2), (3), (4), (12) or (15) or this clause (5) of this Section 4.3(b);
- (6) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of intercompany Indebtedness between or among the Company and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; *provided*, *however*, that:
 - (A) (i) if the Company is the obligor on such Indebtedness and the obligee is not a Guarantor, such Indebtedness must be expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full in cash of all obligations with respect to the Securities, and (ii) if a Guarantor is the obligor of such Indebtedness and the obligee is neither the Company nor a Guarantor, such Indebtedness must be expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full in cash of all obligations of such Guarantor with respect to its Subsidiary Guarantee; and
 - (B) (i) any subsequent issuance or transfer of Equity Interests that results in any such Indebtedness being held by a Person other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary thereof and (ii) any sale or other transfer of any such Indebtedness to a Person that is not either the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary thereof, shall be deemed, in each case, to constitute an incurrence of such Indebtedness by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, that was not permitted by this clause;
 - (7) in-kind obligations relating to net oil and natural gas balancing positions arising in the ordinary course of business;
- (8) self-insurance obligations and any obligations in respect of completion bonds, performance bonds, bid bonds, plugging and abandonment bonds, appeal bonds, surety bonds, bankers acceptances, letters of credit, insurance obligations or bonds and other similar bonds and obligations incurred by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business and any Guarantees or letters of credit functioning as or supporting any of the foregoing bonds or obligations;

- (9) any obligation (including deferred premiums) under Interest Rate Agreements, Currency Agreements and Commodity Agreements; *provided* that such Interest Rate Agreements, Currency Agreements and Commodity Agreements are entered into for bona fide hedging purposes of the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries (as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors or senior management of the Company);
- (10) any obligation arising from agreements of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary providing for indemnification, Guarantee, adjustment of purchase price, holdback, contingency payment obligation based on the performance of the acquired or disposed asset or similar obligations, in each case, incurred or assumed in connection with the acquisition or disposition of any business, asset or Capital Stock;
- (11) any obligation arising from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course of business, *provided*, *however*, that such Indebtedness is extinguished within five Business Days of incurrence;
 - (12) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Permitted Acquisition Indebtedness;
- (13) any Guarantee of Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary to the extent that the guaranteed Indebtedness was permitted to be incurred by another provision of this <u>Section 4.3</u>; *provided* that if the Indebtedness being guaranteed is subordinated or pari passu with the Securities, the Guarantee must be subordinated or pari passu, as applicable, to the same extent as the Indebtedness guaranteed;
- (14) Indebtedness incurred on behalf of, or representing guarantees of Indebtedness of, Persons other than the Company or any Restricted Subsidiaries in which the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary has an Investment; *provided*, *however*, that the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness incurred under this clause (14), when aggregated with the principal amount of all other Indebtedness then outstanding and incurred pursuant to this clause (14), does not exceed the greater of \$35.0 million and 5.0% of ACNTA at the time of incurrence; and
- (15) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness in addition to Indebtedness permitted by clauses (1) through (14) above of this Section 4.3(b) or Section 4.3(a) in an aggregate principal amount (or accreted value, as applicable) at any time outstanding, including all Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness incurred to renew, refund, refinance, replace, defease or discharge any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to this clause (15), not to exceed the greater of (a) \$75.0 million and (b) 5.0% of the Company's ACNTA, determined as of the date of incurrence of such Indebtedness after giving effect to such incurrence and the application of the proceeds therefrom.
 - (c) For purposes of determining compliance with this Section 4.3:
- (1) in the event that an item of proposed Indebtedness meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of Permitted Indebtedness described in clauses (1) through (15) of Section 4.3(b), or is entitled to be incurred pursuant to Section 4.3(a), the Company will be permitted to classify such item of Indebtedness (or any portion thereof) on the date of its incurrence and, subject to clause (2) below may later reclassify such item of Indebtedness (or any portion thereof), in any manner that complies with this covenant, and

only be required to include the amount and type of such Indebtedness in one of such clauses or may include the amount and type of such Indebtedness partially in one such clause and partially in one or more other such clauses;

- (2) all Indebtedness outstanding on the Issue Date under the Credit Agreement after giving effect to the offering of the Initial Securities and the use of proceeds thereof shall be deemed initially incurred on the Issue Date under clause (1) of Section 4.3(b) and not Section 4.3(a) or clause (2) of Section 4.3(b);
- (3) Guarantees of, or obligations in respect of letters of credit relating to, Indebtedness which is otherwise included in the determination of a particular amount of Indebtedness shall not be included;
- (4) the amount of Indebtedness issued at a price that is less than the principal amount thereof will be equal to the amount of the liability in respect thereof determined in accordance with GAAP; and
- (5) Indebtedness of any Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary shall be deemed to have been incurred by the Company and the Restricted Subsidiary at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary; and
- (6) the accrual of interest or dividends, the accretion or amortization of original issue discount, the payment of interest on any Indebtedness in the form of additional Indebtedness with the same terms, the reclassification of preferred equity as Indebtedness due to a change in accounting principles, the payment of dividends on Disqualified Stock or preferred equity in the form of additional shares of the same class of Disqualified Stock or preferred equity will not be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness or an issuance of Disqualified Stock or preferred equity for purposes of this covenant.
- (d) For purposes of determining compliance with any U.S. dollar-denominated restriction on the incurrence of Indebtedness, the U.S. dollar-equivalent principal amount of Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date such Indebtedness was incurred, in the case of term Indebtedness, or first committed, in the case of revolving credit Indebtedness; *provided* that if such Indebtedness is incurred to refinance other Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency, and such refinancing would cause the applicable U.S. dollar-dominated restriction to be exceeded if calculated at the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date of such refinancing, such U.S. dollar-dominated restriction shall be deemed not to have been exceeded so long as the principal amount of such refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of such Indebtedness being refinanced. Notwithstanding any other provision of this covenant, the maximum amount of Indebtedness that the Company may incur pursuant to this covenant shall not be deemed to be exceeded solely as a result of fluctuations in the exchange rate of currencies. The principal amount of any Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness, if incurred in a different currency from the Indebtedness being refinanced, shall be calculated based on the currency exchange rate applicable to the currencies in which such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness is denominated that is in effect on the date of such refinancing.

Section 4.4 Restricted Payments

- (a) The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly:
- (1) declare or pay any dividend or make any other payment or distribution on account of the Company's or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' Equity Interests (including, without limitation, any payment by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in connection with any merger or consolidation involving the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' Equity Interests in their capacity as such (other than dividends or distributions payable in Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or payable to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company);
- (2) purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire for value (including, without limitation, in connection with any merger or consolidation involving the Company) any Equity Interests of the Company or any direct or indirect parent of the Company (other than any such Equity Interests owned by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company);
- (3) make any payment on or with respect to, or purchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value, prior to scheduled maturity or scheduled sinking fund payment, any Subordinated Indebtedness of the Company or any Guarantor, except (a) a payment of interest or principal on or after the date when due or within three Business Days prior thereto, (b) in anticipation of satisfying a sinking fund obligation, principal installment payment or payment due at final maturity, in each case due within one year of the date of such payment, purchase or other acquisition or retirement or (c) payments on Indebtedness owed to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary; or
- (4) make any Investment other than a Permitted Investment (all such payments and other actions set forth in clauses (1) through (3) above and this clause (4) being collectively referred to as "Restricted Payments"),

unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such Restricted Payment:

- (i) no Default (except a Reporting Default) or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof;
- (ii) the Company would, at the time of such Restricted Payment and after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Restricted Payment had been made at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period, have been permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in Section 4.3(a) hereof; and
- (iii) such Restricted Payment, together with the aggregate amount of all other Restricted Payments made by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries after the Issue Date (excluding Restricted Payments permitted by clauses (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12) or (13) of Section 4.4(b) below), is less than the sum, without duplication, of
 - (A) 50% of the Consolidated Net Income of the Company for the period (taken as one accounting period) from April 1, 2015 to the end of the

Company's most recently ended fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available at the time of such Restricted Payment (or, if such Consolidated Net Income for such period is a deficit, less 100% of such deficit); *plus*

- (B) 100% of the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds and 100% of the Fair Market Value of securities or other property other than cash (including Capital Stock of Persons engaged in the Oil and Gas Business or assets used in the Oil and Gas Business) received by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary since the Issue Date from the issue or sale of Equity Interests of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock), other than Equity Interests sold to a Subsidiary of the Company or to an employee stock ownership plan or to a trust established by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries for the benefit of their employees, *plus*
- (C) the amount by which Indebtedness is reduced on the Company's consolidated balance sheet upon the conversion or exchange (other than by a Subsidiary of the Company) subsequent to the Issue Date of any Indebtedness convertible or exchangeable for Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company (plus the amount of any accrued interest then outstanding on such Indebtedness to the extent the obligation to pay such interest is extinguished less the amount of any cash, or the Fair Market Value of any property (as determined in good faith by an Officer of the Company), distributed by the Company upon such conversion or exchange), together with the net proceeds, if any, received by the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries upon such conversion or exchange; *plus*
- (D) an amount equal to the sum of (i) the net reduction in the Investments (other than Permitted Investments) made by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in any Person resulting from repurchases, repayments or redemptions of such Investments by such Person, proceeds realized on the sale of such Investments and proceeds representing the return of capital (excluding dividends and distributions to the extent included in Consolidated Net Income), in each case received by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary since the Issue Date, and (ii) to the extent such Person is an Unrestricted Subsidiary, the portion (proportionate to the Company's equity interest in such Subsidiary) of the Fair Market Value of the net assets of such Unrestricted Subsidiary at the time such Unrestricted Subsidiary is designated a Restricted Subsidiary; provided, however, that to the extent the foregoing sum exceeds, in the case of any such Person or Unrestricted Subsidiary, the amount of Investments (excluding Permitted Investments) previously made (and treated as a Restricted Payment) by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in such Person or Unrestricted Subsidiary since the Issue Date, such excess shall not be included in this clause (D) unless the amount represented by such excess has not been and will not be taken into account in one of the foregoing clauses (A)-(C) of this Section 4.4(a)(iii).
- (b) The preceding provisions will not prohibit:

(1) the payment of any dividend or the consummation of any redemption within 60 days after the date of declaration or giving of redemption notice, as the case may be, thereof, if at said date of declaration or notice such payment would have complied with the provisions of this Indenture (and such payment shall be deemed to be paid on the date of payment for purposes of any calculation required by this covenant);

- (2) any Restricted Payment made in exchange for, or out of the Net Cash Proceeds of the substantially concurrent sale (other than to a Subsidiary of the Company) of, Equity Interests of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) with any such payment being deemed to be "substantially concurrent" if made within 180 days of the sale of the Equity Interests in question; *provided* that the amount of any such Net Cash Proceeds that are utilized for any such redemption, repurchase, retirement, defeasance or other acquisition shall be excluded from clause (iii)(B) of Section 4.4(a);
- (3) the defeasance, redemption, repurchase, retirement or other acquisition of any Subordinated Indebtedness of the Company or any Guarantor with the Net Cash Proceeds from an incurrence of any Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness permitted to be incurred under <u>Section 4.3</u> hereof;
- (4) the payment of any dividend or other distribution by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the holders of its common Equity Interests on a pro rata basis or on a basis more favorable to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (5) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value of any Equity Interests of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company held by any employees, former employees, directors or former directors of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (or heirs, estates or other permitted transferees of such employees or directors) pursuant to any agreements (including employment agreements), management equity subscription agreements or stock option agreements or plans (or amendments thereto), approved by the Board of Directors, under which such individuals purchase or sell or are granted the right to purchase or sell shares of Capital Stock; *provided* that the aggregate price paid for all such repurchased, redeemed, acquired or retired Equity Interests shall not exceed \$15.0 million in any calendar year, with unused amounts in any calendar year being permitted to be carried over to succeeding calendar years subject to a maximum of \$30.0 million in any calendar year; *provided further*, *however*, that such amount in any calendar year may be increased by an amount not to exceed:
 - (a) the cash proceeds received by the Company or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries from the sale of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or any direct or indirect parent of the Company (to the extent contributed to the Company) to members of management, directors, managers or consultants of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries or any direct or indirect parent of the Company that occurs after the Issue Date (*provided* that the amount of such cash proceeds utilized for any such repurchase, retirement, other acquisition or dividend will not increase the amount available for Restricted Payments under clause (iii)(B) of Section 4.4(a)), *plus*
 - (b) the cash proceeds of key man life insurance policies received by the Company or any direct or indirect parent of the Company (to the extent contributed to the Company) or the Restricted Subsidiaries after the Issue Date;

provided that the Company may elect to apply all or any portion of the aggregate increase contemplated by clauses (a) and (b) above in any calendar year; and provided, further, that cancellation of Indebtedness owing to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary from any present or former employees, directors, managers, officers or consultants of the Company, any Restricted Subsidiary or the direct or indirect parents of the Company in connection with a repurchase of Equity Interests of the Company or any of its direct or indirect parents will not be deemed to constitute a Restricted Payment for purposes of this covenant or any other provision of this Indenture;

- (6) loans or advances to employees of the Company or employees or directors of any Subsidiary of the Company, in each case as permitted by Section 402 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the proceeds of which are used to purchase Capital Stock of the Company, or to refinance loans or advances made pursuant to this clause (6), in an aggregate amount not in excess of \$2.0 million at any one time outstanding;
- (7) repurchases or other acquisitions for value of Capital Stock deemed to occur upon the exercise or exchange of stock options, warrants or other convertible securities if such Capital Stock represents a portion of the exercise or exchange price thereof or made in lieu of withholding taxes in connection with any such exercise or exchange;
- (8) upon the occurrence of a Change of Control or an Asset Sale and within 60 days after the completion of the offer to repurchase the Securities under Section 4.11 or Section 4.7 hereof (including the purchase of all Securities tendered and required to be purchased), any purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance, acquisition or other retirement for value of Subordinated Indebtedness required under the terms thereof as a result of such Change of Control or Asset Sale at a purchase or redemption price not to exceed 101% of the outstanding principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, *provided* that, in the notice to Holders relating to a Change of Control or Asset Sale hereunder, the Company shall describe this clause (8);
- (9) the purchase by the Company of fractional shares arising out of stock dividends, splits or business combinations or conversion of convertible or exchangeable securities of debt or equity issued by the Company;
- (10) payments to dissenting stockholders (x) pursuant to applicable law or (y) in connection with the settlement or other satisfaction of legal claims made pursuant to or in connection with a consolidation, merger or transfer of assets in connection with a transaction that is not prohibited by this Indenture;
- (11) dividends on Disqualified Stock of the Company or preferred stock of any Restricted Subsidiary if such dividends are included in the calculation of Fixed Charges;
- (12) payments made by any Person other than the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary to the stockholders of the Company in connection with or as part of (a) a merger or consolidation of the Company with or into such Person or a subsidiary of such Person, or (b) a merger of a subsidiary of such Person into the Company; or
 - (13) other Restricted Payments not to exceed \$25.0 million in the aggregate since the Issue Date.

The amount of all Restricted Payments (other than cash) shall be the Fair Market Value on the date of the Restricted Payment of the asset(s) or securities proposed to be transferred or issued by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, pursuant to the Restricted Payment. The Fair Market Value of any assets or securities other than cash that are required to be valued by this covenant will be determined, in the case of amounts in excess of \$20.0 million, by an officer of the Company and, in the case of amounts in excess of \$50.0 million, by the Board of Directors of the Company whose Board Resolution with respect thereto will be delivered to the Trustee.

For purposes of determining compliance with this <u>Section 4.4</u>, if a Restricted Payment meets the criteria of more than one of the types of Restricted Payments described in clauses (1)-(13) above or pursuant to clause (a) of this <u>Section 4.4</u>, the Company, in its sole discretion, may order and classify, and subsequently reorder and reclassify, such Restricted Payment in any manner in compliance with this covenant.

Section 4.5 Liens

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien on any property or asset now owned or hereafter acquired, except Permitted Liens, to secure (a) any Indebtedness of the Company unless prior to, or contemporaneously therewith, the Securities are equally and ratably secured for so long as such other Indebtedness is so secured, or (b) any Indebtedness of any Guarantor, unless prior to, or contemporaneously therewith, the Subsidiary Guarantee of such Guarantor is equally and ratably secured for so long as such other Indebtedness is os secured; provided, however, that if such Indebtedness is expressly subordinated to the Securities or a Subsidiary Guarantee, the Lien securing such Indebtedness will be subordinated and junior to the Lien securing the Securities or such Subsidiary Guarantee, as the case may be, with the same relative priority as such Indebtedness has with respect to the Securities or such Subsidiary Guarantee.

Section 4.6 Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Subsidiaries

- (a) The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create or permit to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary to:
- (1) pay dividends or make any other distributions on its Capital Stock to the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries, or pay any Indebtedness owed to the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries (it being understood that the priority of any preferred stock in receiving dividends, distributions or liquidating distributions prior to dividends, distributions or liquidating distributions being paid on Capital Stock shall not be deemed a restriction on the ability to make distributions on Capital Stock);
- (2) make loans or advances to the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries (it being understood that the subordination of loans or advances made to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries shall not be deemed a restriction on the ability to make loans or advances); or
 - (3) transfer any of its properties or assets to the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries.

- (b) However, the preceding restrictions will not apply to encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of:
- (1) agreements existing on the Issue Date, including the Credit Agreement as in effect on the Issue Date and this Indenture, the Securities and the Subsidiary Guarantees;
- (2) any instrument governing Indebtedness or Capital Stock of a Person acquired by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries as in effect at the time of such acquisition (except to the extent such Indebtedness was incurred in connection with or in contemplation of such acquisition), which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person, or the property or assets of the Person, so acquired, *provided* that, in the case of Indebtedness, such Indebtedness was permitted by the terms of this Indenture to be incurred;
- (3) any agreement for the sale or other disposition of Capital Stock or assets of a Restricted Subsidiary that restricts distributions by such Restricted Subsidiary pending such sale or other disposition;
- (4) any amendment, restatement, modification, supplement, extension, renewal, refunding, replacement or refinancing of Indebtedness referred to in clauses (1) or (2) of this Section 4.6(b), provided that the encumbrances or restrictions contained in the agreements governing the foregoing are not materially more restrictive, taken as a whole, than those contained in the agreements governing such Indebtedness as determined in good faith by the Company;
- (5) cash or other deposits, or net worth requirements or similar requirements, imposed by suppliers, or other deposits by parties under agreements entered into in the ordinary course of the Oil and Gas Business of the types described in the definition of Permitted Business Investments;
 - (6) any applicable law, rule, regulation, order, approval, license, permit or similar restriction;
- (7) provisions limiting the disposition or distribution of assets or property or transfer of Capital Stock in joint venture agreements, asset sale agreements, sale-leaseback agreements, stock sale agreements, limited liability company organizational documents, and other similar agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business, consistent with past practice or with the approval of the Company's Board of Directors or any of its officers, which limitation is applicable only to the assets, property or Capital Stock that are the subject of such agreements;
- (8) any encumbrance or restriction contained in the terms of any Indebtedness or Capital Stock permitted to be incurred under this Indenture or any agreement pursuant to which such Indebtedness was incurred if either (x) in the case of Indebtedness, the encumbrance or restriction applies only in the event of a payment default or a default with respect to a financial covenant in such Indebtedness or agreement or (y) the Company determines that any such encumbrance or restriction either (i) will not materially affect the Company's ability to make principal or interest payments on the Securities and such restrictions are not materially less favorable to Holders of Securities than is customary in comparable financings or (ii) are not materially more restrictive, taken as a whole, with

respect to any Restricted Subsidiary than those in effect on the Issue Date with respect to that Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to agreements in effect on the Issue Date or those contained in this Indenture or the Credit Agreement, in each case as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors or an officer of the Company;

- (9) encumbrances or restrictions applicable only to a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Domestic Subsidiary;
- (10) any encumbrance or restriction with respect to an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to or by reason of an agreement that the Unrestricted Subsidiary is a party to or entered into before the date on which such Unrestricted Subsidiary became a Restricted Subsidiary; *provided* that such agreement was not entered into in anticipation of the Unrestricted Subsidiary becoming a Restricted Subsidiary and any such encumbrance or restriction does not extend to any assets or property of the Company or any other Restricted Subsidiary other than the assets and property of such Unrestricted Subsidiary; and
 - (11) with respect to clause (3) of Section 4.6(a) only, any of the following encumbrances or restrictions:
 - (A) purchase money obligations for property acquired in the ordinary course of business or otherwise permitted under this Indenture that impose restrictions on the property so acquired;
 - (B) Permitted Liens or Liens securing Indebtedness otherwise permitted to be incurred pursuant to the provisions of <u>Section 4.5</u> hereof that limit the right of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to dispose of the assets subject to such Lien;
 - (C) restrictions contained in asset sale agreements limiting the transfer of such assets pending the closing of such sale;
 - (D) restrictions on the subletting, assignment or transfer of any property or asset that is subject to a lease, license, sub-license or similar contract, or on the assignment or transfer of any such lease, license, sub-license or other contract;
 - (E) agreements governing Hedging Obligations entered into in the ordinary course of business; and
 - (F) customary restrictions on the disposition or distribution of assets or property in agreements entered into in the ordinary course of the Oil and Gas Business of the types described in the definition of Permitted Business Investments.

Section 4.7 Asset Sales

- (a) The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, consummate an Asset Sale unless:
- (1) the Company (or the Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be) receives consideration at the time of such Asset Sale at least equal to the Fair Market Value of the Equity Interests or other assets issued or sold or otherwise disposed of (which may be determined at the time of entering into any agreement with respect to such Asset Sale); and

- (2) (A) at least 75% of the aggregate consideration received by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, from such Asset Sale and all other Asset Sales since the Issue Date, on a cumulative basis, is in the form of cash, Cash Equivalents or assets of the type referred to in clauses (2) or (3) of Section 4.7(b) below, or any combination of the foregoing (together, "Permitted Consideration") or (B) the Fair Market Value of all forms of consideration other than Permitted Consideration since the Issue Date does not exceed in the aggregate 10% of the ACNTA of the Company (determined at the time of receipt of such consideration), with the Fair Market Value of each item of consideration measured at the time received and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value. For purposes of this provision, each of the following shall be deemed to be cash:
 - (A) any liabilities (as shown on the Company's or such Restricted Subsidiary's most recent balance sheet) of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than contingent liabilities and liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the Securities or any Subsidiary Guarantee) that are assumed by the transferee of any such assets pursuant to a novation agreement or similar agreement that releases the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary from further liability;
 - (B) with respect to any Asset Sale of properties used or useful in the Oil and Gas Business by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries where the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary retains an interest in such property, the amount of the costs and expenses of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary related to the exploration, development, completion or production of such properties and activities related thereto which the transferee (or an Affiliate thereof) agrees to pay;
 - (C) Indebtedness (other than contingent liabilities and liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the Securities or a Subsidiary Guarantee) of any Restricted Subsidiary that is no longer a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such Asset Sale; *provided* that the Company and each other Restricted Subsidiary are released from any Guarantee of such Indebtedness in connection with such Asset Sale;
 - (D) any securities, notes or other obligations received by the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that are converted within 180 days by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash (to the extent of the cash received in that conversion); and
 - (E) solely in the case of any Asset Sale of Midstream Assets, Permitted MLP Securities.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of any Asset Sale pursuant to a condemnation, appropriation or similar taking, including by deed in lieu of condemnation, such Asset Sale shall not be required to satisfy the requirements of clauses (1) and (2) above.

(b) Within the later of (x) one year after the date of receipt of any Net Proceeds from an Asset Sale and (y) six months after the date of an agreement entered into within such

one-year period committing the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary to make an acquisition or expenditure referred to in clauses (2) or (3) below, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary may apply such Net Proceeds at its option, in any one or more of the following:

- (1) to repay, prepay, redeem or repurchase any Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than Subordinated Indebtedness);
- (2) to acquire all or substantially all of the assets of, or a majority of the Voting Stock of, a company principally engaged in the Oil and Gas Business that will, upon such acquisition, become a Restricted Subsidiary or acquire any minority interest in a Restricted Subsidiary; or
 - (3) to make capital expenditures or to acquire properties or assets, in each case that are used or useful in the Oil and Gas Business.

Pending the final application of any such Net Proceeds, the Company may invest such Net Proceeds in any manner not prohibited by this Indenture.

- (c) Any Net Proceeds from Asset Sales that are not applied or invested as provided in Section 4.7(b) will constitute "Excess Proceeds." When the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$25.0 million, the Company will make an offer (the "Asset Sale Offer") to all Holders of Securities and, to the extent required by the terms thereof, all holders of other Indebtedness that is pari passu in right of payment with the Securities containing provisions similar to those set forth in this Indenture with respect to offers to purchase or redeem with the proceeds of sales of assets to purchase the maximum principal amount of Securities and such other pari passu Indebtedness that may be purchased out of the Excess Proceeds. The offer price with respect to the Securities in any Asset Sale Offer will be equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase (the "Asset Sale Payment"), and will be payable in cash. If any Excess Proceeds remain after consummation of an Asset Sale Offer, the Company may use such Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by this Indenture. If the aggregate principal amount of Securities and such other pari passu Indebtedness tendered into such Asset Sale Offer exceeds the amount of Excess Proceeds, the Trustee shall select the Securities and such other pari passu Indebtedness to be purchased on a pro rata basis, on the basis of the aggregate principal amounts tendered in round denominations (which in the case of the Securities will be minimum denominations of \$2,000 principal amount or multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof). Upon completion of each Asset Sale Offer, the amount of Excess Proceeds shall be reset at zero.
- (d) Within 30 days following the date when the Company becomes obligated to make an Asset Sale Offer, the Company will send a notice to each Holder (with a copy to the Trustee) describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Asset Sale and offering to repurchase Securities on the date (the "Asset Sale Payment Date") specified in such notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed, pursuant to the procedures required by this Indenture and described in such notice.
 - (e) On the Asset Sale Payment Date, the Company will, to the extent lawful:
- (1) accept for payment all Securities or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer, subject to proration based on the amount of Excess Proceeds pursuant to clause (c) above of this Section 4.7;

- (2) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the amount of Excess Proceeds that, after giving effect to proration with holders of *pari passu* Indebtedness pursuant to clause (c) above of this <u>Section 4.7</u>, is allocable to the Securities or portions thereof so tendered (or, if less, the aggregate Asset Sale Payment for all Securities validly tendered and not withdrawn); and
- (3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Securities so accepted together with an Officers' Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Securities or portions thereof being purchased by the Company.
- (f) The Paying Agent will promptly mail (or cause to be transferred through the facilities of the Depositary) to each Holder of Securities so tendered and not withdrawn and accepted for payment in accordance with this Section 4.7, the Asset Sale Payment for such tendered Securities, and the Trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each Holder a new Security equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the Securities surrendered, if any, by such Holder; provided that each such new Security will be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.
- (g) If the Asset Sale Offer Purchase Date is after the taking of a record of the Holders on a record date and on or before the related Interest Payment Date, any accrued and unpaid interest will be paid to the Person in whose name a purchased Security is registered on such record date, and no other interest will be payable to Holders who tender Securities pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer.
- (h) The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-l under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with an Asset Sale Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of this Section 4.7, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this covenant by virtue of the Company's compliance with such securities laws or regulations.

Section 4.8 Transactions with Affiliates

- (a) The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, make any payment to, or sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its properties or assets to, or purchase any property or assets from, or enter into or make or amend any transaction, contract, agreement, understanding, loan, advance or Guarantee with, or for the benefit of, any Affiliate (each, an "Affiliate Transaction") involving aggregate consideration to or from the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in excess of \$5.0 million, unless:
- (1) such Affiliate Transaction is on terms that are no less favorable to the Company or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that could reasonably be expected to be obtained at the time of such transaction in arm's-length dealings by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary with a Person that is not an Affiliate or, if in the good faith judgment of the Company, no comparable transaction is available with which to compare such Affiliate Transaction, such Affiliate Transaction is otherwise fair to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary from a financial point of view; and
- (2) (A) the Company delivers to the Trustee with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration to or from the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in excess of \$20.0 million, an Officers' Certificate certifying that such Affiliate Transaction complies with the requirements of clause (1) above, and (B) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration to or from the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in excess of \$50.0 million, a majority of the Disinterested Members of the Board of Directors, if any, (or, if there is only one Disinterested Member, such Disinterested Member) have approved such Affiliate Transaction(s), as evidenced by a Board Resolution delivered to the Trustee and certified by an Officers' Certificate as having been adopted by the Board of Directors

- (b) The following items shall not be deemed to be Affiliate Transactions and, therefore, will not be subject to the provisions of Section 4.8(a) hereof:
- (1) any employment or severance agreement or other employee, consulting, service, termination or director compensation agreement, arrangement or plan, (or any amendment thereto with respect thereto), or indemnification agreements, entered into by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary with officers and employees of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary thereof and the payment of compensation to officers and employees of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary thereof (including amounts paid pursuant to employee benefit plans, employee stock option or similar plans), so long as such agreement or payment is in the ordinary course of business or has been approved by a majority of the Disinterested Members of the Board of Directors (or, if there is only one Disinterested Member, such Disinterested Member);
 - (2) transactions between or among the Company and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries;
 - (3) Restricted Payments that, in each case, are permitted by <u>Section 4.4</u> hereof or Permitted Investments;
- (4) customary compensation, indemnification and other benefits made available to officers, directors or employees of the Company or any Affiliate of the Company, including reimbursement or advancement of out-of-pocket expenses and provisions of officers' and directors' liability insurance;
- (5) loans or advances to employees, officers or directors in the ordinary course of business of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, in each case only as permitted by Section 402 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, but in any event not to exceed \$2.0 million in the aggregate outstanding at any one time;
- (6) any transactions undertaken pursuant to any contracts in existence on the Issue Date (as in effect on the Issue Date) and any renewals, replacements or modifications of such contracts (pursuant to new transactions or otherwise) on terms no less favorable to the Holders of the Securities than those in effect on the Issue Date;
- (7) in the case of (i) contracts for (A) drilling or other oil-field services or supplies, (B) the sale, storage, gathering, processing, treating, transport or disposal of hydrocarbons or water or activities or services reasonably related thereto or (C) the lease or rental of office or storage space or (ii) other operation-type or administrative services

contracts, any such contracts that are entered into in the ordinary course of business (x) which are fair to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, in the good faith determination of the Board of Directors of the Company or the senior management thereof or (y) which are on terms substantially similar to those contained in similar contracts entered into by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary and third parties or, if neither the Company nor any Restricted Subsidiary has entered into a similar contract with a third party, that the terms are on the whole not materially less favorable than those that would be reasonably expected to be available from third parties on an arm's-length basis, as determined in good faith by the Company;

- (8) transactions with a Person (other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary) that is an Affiliate of the Company solely because the Company owns, directly or through a Subsidiary, an Equity Interest in, or controls, such Person;
- (9) any sale or other issuance of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company to, or receipt of a capital contribution from, an Affiliate (or a Person that becomes an Affiliate) of the Company;
- (10) any transaction in which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, deliver to the Trustee a letter from an accounting, appraisal or investment banking firm of national standing stating that such transaction meets the requirements of clause (1) of Section 4.8(a);
- (11) any Transaction between the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary on the one hand and any Person deemed to be an Affiliate solely because a director of such Person is also a director of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, on the other hand; *provided* that such director abstains from voting as a director of the Company or the Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable, in connection with the approval of the transaction; and
- (12) Transactions with customers, clients, suppliers or purchasers or sellers of goods or services, in each case in the ordinary course of the business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries and otherwise in compliance with this Indenture; *provided* that such Transactions are on terms substantially similar to those obtained by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in similar Transactions with third parties or, if neither the Company nor any Restricted Subsidiary has entered into a similar Transaction with a third party, that are on the whole not materially less favorable than those that would be reasonably expected to be available from third parties on an arm's-length basis, as determined in good faith by the Company.

Section 4.9 Additional Subsidiary Guarantees

If, after the Issue Date, any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is not already a Guarantor guarantees any Indebtedness of the Company or any Guarantor under a Credit Facility, then that Subsidiary will become a Guarantor by executing a supplemental indenture substantially in the form of Exhibit E hereto and delivering it along with an Officers' Certificate and Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of the supplemental indenture is authorized and permitted by this Indenture and the Securities and constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of such Restricted Subsidiary to the Trustee within 30 days of the date on which it guaranteed such Indebtedness.

Section 4.10 Business Activities

The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, engage in any business other than the Oil and Gas Business, except to such extent as would not be material to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

Section 4.11 Change of Control

- (a) If a Change of Control occurs, unless the Company has previously or concurrently exercised its right to redeem all of the Securities pursuant to Section 3.07 hereof, each Holder of Securities will have the right to require the Company to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of that Holder's Securities pursuant to the offer described below (the "Change of Control Offer"). In the Change of Control Offer, the Company will offer a payment (the "Change of Control Payment") in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Securities to be repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the date of purchase. Except as provided in Section 4.11(g) below, no later than 30 days following any Change of Control, the Company will send a notice to each Holder (with a copy to the Trustee) describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and offering to repurchase Securities on the date (the "Change of Control Payment Date") specified in such notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is sent, pursuant to the procedures required by this Indenture and described in such notice. The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Securities as a result of a Change of Control. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of the covenant described herein, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this covenant by virtue of the Company's compliance with such securities laws or regulations.
 - (b) On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Company will, to the extent lawful:
 - (1) accept for payment all Securities or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;
- (2) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Securities or portions thereof so tendered; and
- (3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Securities so accepted together with an Officers' Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Securities or portions thereof being purchased by the Company.
- (c) The Paying Agent will promptly mail (or cause to be transferred through the facilities of the Depositary) to each Holder of Securities so tendered and not withdrawn the Change of Control Payment for such tendered Securities, and the Trustee will promptly authenticate and send (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each Holder a new Security equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the Securities surrendered, if any, by such Holder; *provided* that each such new Security will be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The Trustee will notify the Registrar of the issuance of the new Security.

- (d) If the Change of Control Payment Date is after the taking of a record of the Holders on a record date and on or before the related Interest Payment Date, any accrued and unpaid interest will be paid to the Person in whose name a Security is registered on such record date, and no other interest will be payable to Holders who tender pursuant to the Change of Control Offer.
- (e) The Company will announce to the Holders of Notes the results of the Change of Control Offer on or as soon as practicable after the Change of Control Payment Date.
- (f) The provisions described above that require the Company to make a Change of Control Offer following a Change of Control will be applicable regardless of whether or not any other provisions of this Indenture are applicable.
- (g) The Company will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if (1) a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Company and purchases all Securities validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer, (2) a notice of redemption for all outstanding Securities has been given in accordance with this Indenture, unless and until there is a default in payment of the applicable Redemption Price or (3) in connection with or in contemplation of any publicly announced Change of Control, the Company has made an offer to purchase (an "Alternate Offer") any and all Securities validly tendered at a cash price equal to or higher than the Change of Control Payment and has purchased all Securities properly tendered in accordance with the terms of the Alternate Offer.
- (h) A Change of Control Offer or an Alternate Offer may be made in advance of a Change of Control, and conditioned upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, if a definitive agreement is in place for the Change of Control at the time of making the Change of Control Offer or Alternate Offer.
- (i) If Holders of not less than 90% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Securities validly tender and do not withdraw such Securities in a Change of Control Offer or Alternate Offer and the Company, or any other Person making a Change of Control Offer or Alternate Offer in lieu of the Company pursuant to Section 4.11(g), purchases all of the Securities validly tendered and not withdrawn by such Holders, the Company will have the right, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice, given not more than 30 days following such purchase pursuant to the Change of Control Offer or Alternate Offer described above, to redeem all Securities that remain outstanding following such purchase at a Redemption Price in cash equal to the applicable Change of Control Payment or Alternate Offering price, as applicable, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the Redemption Date. Any redemption pursuant to this Section 4.11(i) shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3.1 through 3.6 hereof.

Section 4.12 Maintenance of Office or Agency for Registration of Transfer, Exchange and Payment of Securities

So long as any of the Securities shall remain outstanding, the Company will, in accordance with <u>Section 2.3</u> hereof, maintain an office or agency (which may be an office of the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee, or the Registrar) in the continental United States where the Securities may be surrendered for exchange or registration of transfer and where the Securities may be presented or surrendered for payment. If the Company shall fail to maintain any such office or agency or shall fail to give such notice of the location or of any change in the location thereof, such surrenders or presentations may be made at the designated Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and the Company hereby appoints the Trustee its agent to receive at the aforesaid office all such surrenders or presentations. The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies in the continental United States where Securities may be presented or surrendered for any and all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations. The Company will give to Trustee prompt written notice of the location of any such office or agency and of any change of location thereof.

Section 4.13 Appointment to Fill a Vacancy in the Office of Trustee

The Company, whenever necessary to avoid or fill a vacancy in the office of Trustee, will appoint, in the manner provided in <u>Section 7.8</u>, a Trustee, so that there shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder.

Section 4.14 Provision as to Paying Agent

- (a) If the Company shall appoint a Paying Agent other than the Trustee, in accordance with the terms of this Indenture, it will cause such Paying Agent to execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such Agent shall undertake, subject to the provisions of this <u>Section 4.14</u>:
- (1) that it will hold all sums held by it as such agent for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Securities (whether such sums have been paid to it by the Company or by any other obligor on the Securities) in trust for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities and will notify the Trustee of the receipt of sums to be so held;
- (2) that it will give the Trustee notice of any failure by the Company (or by any other obligor on the Securities) to make any payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Securities when the same shall be due and payable;
- (3) that it will at any time during the continuance of any Event of Default specified in <u>Section 6.1</u>, upon the written request of the Trustee, deliver to the Trustee all sums so held in trust by it; and
- (4) that it will acknowledge, accept and agree to comply in all aspects with the provisions of this Indenture relating to the duties, rights and liabilities of such Paying Agent.
- (b) If the Company shall not act as its own Paying Agent, it will, by 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the due date of the principal of or premium, if any, or interest on any Securities, deposit with such Paying Agent a sum in same day funds sufficient to pay the

principal of, premium, if any, or interest so becoming due, such sum to be held in trust for the benefit of the Holders of Securities entitled to such principal of or premium, if any, or interest, and (unless such Paying Agent is the Trustee) the Company will promptly notify the Trustee of its failure so to act.

- (c) If the Company shall act as its own Paying Agent, it will, by 11:00 a.m., (New York City time) on each due date of the principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the Securities, set aside, segregate and hold in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto, a sum sufficient to pay such principal or premium or interest so becoming due and will notify the Trustee of any failure to take such action.
- (d) Anything in this <u>Section 4.14</u> to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company may, at any time, for the purpose of obtaining a satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, or for any other reason, pay or cause to be paid to the Paying Agent for delivery to the Trustee all sums held in trust by it, as required by this <u>Section 4.14</u>, such sums to be delivered by the Paying Agent to the Trustee to be held by the Trustee upon the trusts herein contained.
- (e) Anything in this <u>Section 4.14</u> to the contrary notwithstanding, the agreement to hold sums in trust as provided in this <u>Section 4.14</u> is subject to the provisions of Section 8.4 and Section 8.6.

Section 4.15 Maintenance of Corporate Existence

So long as any of the Securities shall remain outstanding, the Company will at all times (except as otherwise provided or permitted in this <u>Article V</u> of this Indenture) do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its corporate existence.

Section 4.16 Compliance Certificate

- (a) The Company and the Guarantors shall deliver to the Trustee within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company, beginning with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, a statement (which need not be an Officers' Certificate) signed by the principal executive officer, the principal accounting officer or the principal financial officer of each of the Company and the Guarantors, stating that a review of the activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries during the preceding fiscal year has been made under the supervision of the signing Officers with a view to determining whether each of the Company and the Guarantors has performed its obligations under this Indenture, and further stating whether or not the signers know of any Default or Event of Default that occurred during such period. If they do, the certificate shall describe such Default or Event of Default, its status and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.
- (b) So long as any of the Securities are outstanding, the Company will deliver to the Trustee, forthwith upon any Officer becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, an Officers' Certificate specifying such Default or Event of Default and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

Section 4.17 Taxes

The Company will pay, and will cause each of its Restricted Subsidiaries to pay, prior to delinquency, all material taxes, assessments and governmental levies except such as are

contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings or where the failure to effect such payment would not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

Section 4.18 Stay, Extension and Usury Laws

The Company and each of the Guarantors covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay, extension or usury law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Company and each of the Guarantors (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such Law, and covenants that it will not, by resort to any such law, hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law has been enacted.

Section 4.19 Covenant Termination

From and after the occurrence of an Investment Grade Rating Event, and upon delivery by the Company to the Trustee of an Officers' Certificate notifying the Trustee of the event giving rise to the Investment Grade Rating Event (including the date of such event), the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries will no longer be subject to the provisions of this Indenture set forth in Sections 4.3, 4.4, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.10 and Clause (4) of Section 5.1(a). The Trustee shall not have any obligation to monitor the occurrence or dates of any Investment Grade Rating Event and may rely conclusively on such Officers' Certificate. The Trustee shall not have any obligation to notify the Holders of the occurrence or dates of any Investment Grade Rating Event, but may provide a copy of such Officers' Certificate to any Holder of Securities upon request.

After the foregoing provisions have been terminated, the Company may not designate any of its Subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries pursuant to the second sentence of the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary" in <u>Section 1.1</u>.

ARTICLE V SUCCESSOR COMPANY

Section 5.1 Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets

(a) The Company may not: (1) consolidate or merge with or into another Person (whether or not the Company is the surviving corporation); or (2) sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to another Person, unless:

(1) either:

- (A) the Company is the surviving corporation; or
- (B) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made is a Person organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

- (2) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) or the Person to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made assumes all the obligations of the Company under the Securities and this Indenture pursuant to a supplemental indenture reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee;
 - (3) immediately after such transaction no Default or Event of Default exists;
- (4) either (a) the Company or the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) would, on the date of such transaction after giving pro forma effect thereto and any related financing transactions as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period, be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in Section 4.3(a) hereof or (b) immediately after giving effect to such transaction on a pro forma basis and any related financing transactions as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period, the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of the Company is equal to or greater than the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of the Company immediately before such transaction; and
- (5) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger or disposition and such supplemental indenture (if any) comply with this Indenture and all conditions precedent herein relating to such transaction have been satisfied and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the Securities and this Indenture constitute the valid and binding obligations of the Company (or, if applicable, the successor company).
- (b) For purposes of this covenant, the sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of one or more Subsidiaries of the Company, which properties or assets, if held by the Company instead of such Subsidiaries, would constitute all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company on a consolidated basis, shall be deemed to be the transfer of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company.
- (c) Clauses (a)(3) and (a)(4) of this Section 5.1 will not apply to a sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of assets between or among the Company and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that are Guarantors.

Section 5.2 Successor Substituted

Upon any consolidation or merger, or any sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole in accordance with Section 5.1 hereof, the successor formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition is made (in each case, if not the Company) shall succeed to, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture and the Securities with the same effect as if such successor had been named as the Company herein and shall be substituted for the Company (so that

from and after the date of such consolidation, merger, sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition, the provisions of this Indenture referring to the "Company" shall refer instead to the successor and not to the predecessor); and thereafter, except in the case of such a disposition by way of a lease, the Company shall be discharged and released from all obligations and covenants under this Indenture and the Securities.

ARTICLE VI DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 6.1 Events of Default

Each of the following is an "Event of Default":

- (1) default for 30 days in the payment when due of interest on the Securities;
- (2) default in the payment when due of the principal of, or premium, if any, on the Securities;
- (3) failure by the Company to comply with its obligations to offer to purchase or purchase Notes under <u>Sections 4.7</u> and <u>4.11</u> or its failure to comply with <u>Section 5.1</u> hereof;
 - (4) failure by the Company for 180 days after receipt of written notice specified below to comply with Section 4.2 hereof;
- (5) failure by the Company for 60 days after receipt of written notice specified below to comply with any of its other agreements contained in this Indenture;
- (6) default under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there is issued or by which there is secured or evidenced any Indebtedness for money borrowed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (or the payment of which is Guaranteed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries), whether such Indebtedness or Guarantee now exists, or is created after the Issue Date, if that default:
 - (A) is caused by a failure to pay when due any principal of such Indebtedness prior to the expiration of the grace period provided in such Indebtedness (a "Payment Default"); or
 - (B) results in the acceleration of such Indebtedness prior to its Stated Maturity;

and, in each case, the principal amount of any such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness under which there has been a Payment Default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$25.0 million or more; *provided*, *however*, that if any such Payment Default is cured or waived or any such acceleration rescinded, or such Indebtedness is repaid, within a period of 30 days from the continuation of such Payment Default beyond the applicable grace period or the occurrence of such acceleration, as the case may be, such Event of Default and any consequential acceleration of the Securities shall be automatically rescinded, so long as such rescission does not conflict with any judgment or decree;

- (7) failure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to pay final judgments entered by a court or courts of competent jurisdiction aggregating in excess of \$25.0 million (net of any amounts covered by insurance or a binding indemnity agreement), which judgments are not paid, discharged or stayed for a period of 60 days;
- (8) any Subsidiary Guarantee of a Guarantor shall be held in any judicial proceeding to be unenforceable or invalid or, except as permitted by this Indenture, shall cease for any reason to be in full force and effect or any Guarantor, or any Person acting on behalf of any Guarantor, shall deny or disaffirm its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee, in each case with respect to any Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Guarantors that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary; and
- (9) (A) the Company or a Significant Subsidiary or a group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:
 - (i) commences a voluntary case or proceeding;
 - (ii) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case or proceeding in which it is a debtor;
 - (iii) consents to the appointment of a Custodian of it or for any substantial part of its property;
 - (iv) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or
 - (v) consents to the institution of a bankruptcy or an insolvency proceeding against it; or takes any comparable action under any foreign laws relating to insolvency; or
 - (B) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:
 - (i) is for relief against the Company or any Significant Subsidiary or a group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary in an involuntary case in which it is a debtor;
 - (ii) appoints a Custodian of the Company or any Significant Subsidiary or a group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary or for any substantial part of its property; or
 - (iii) orders the winding up or liquidation of the Company or any Significant Subsidiary or a group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together would constitute a Significant Subsidiary; or any similar relief is granted under any foreign laws and the order, decree or relief remains unstayed and in effect for 60 consecutive days.

However, a Default under clauses (4) and (5) of this <u>Section 6.1</u> will not constitute an Event of Default until the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the

outstanding Securities notify the Company of the Default and the Company does not cure such Default within the time specified in clauses (4) and (5) of this Section 6.1 after receipt of such notice. Such notice must specify the Default, demand that it be remedied and state that such notice is a "Notice of Default."

Section 6.2 Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment

If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default described in clause (9) of Section 6.1) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee by notice to the Company, or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Securities by notice to the Company and the Trustee, may declare the principal of, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all the Securities to be due and payable. Upon such a declaration, such principal and accrued and unpaid interest will be due and payable immediately. If an Event of Default described in clause (9) of Section 6.1 above occurs and is continuing, the principal of, and accrued and unpaid interest on all the Securities will become and be immediately due and payable without any further action or notice on the part of the Trustee or any Holders. The Holders of a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Securities by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all the Securities rescind any such acceleration with respect to the Securities and its consequences if (1) rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction and (2) all existing Events of Default, other than the nonpayment of the principal of, and interest on the Securities that have become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived.

Section 6.3 Other Remedies

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of principal of, premium (if any) or interest on the Securities or to enforce the performance of any provision of the Securities or this Indenture.

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Securities or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. No remedy is exclusive of any other remedy. All available remedies are cumulative to the extent permitted by law.

Section 6.4 Waiver of Past Defaults

The Holders of a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Securities, by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all the Securities waive an existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences hereunder except a Default or Event of Default in respect of a provision that under Section 9.2 hereof cannot be amended without the consent of each Holder affected. When a Default or Event of Default is waived, it is deemed cured, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any consequent right.

Section 6.5 Control by Majority

The Holders of a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee.

However, the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture or, subject to <u>Section 7.1</u> hereof, that the Trustee determines is unduly prejudicial to the rights of other Holders or would involve the Trustee in personal liability; *provided*, *however*, that the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction. Subject to <u>Section 7.1</u>, prior to taking any action hereunder, the Trustee shall be entitled to indemnification satisfactory to it against all loss, liability and expense caused by taking or not taking such action.

Section 6.6 Limitation on Suits

Except to enforce the right to receive payment of principal, premium (if any) or interest when due, a Holder may not pursue any remedy with respect to this Indenture, the Securities or the Subsidiary Guarantees unless:

- (1) the Holder has previously given the Trustee written notice stating that an Event of Default is continuing;
- (2) Holders of at least 25% in outstanding principal amount of the Securities have made a written request to the Trustee to pursue the remedy;
- (3) such Holder or Holders have furnished the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense;
- (4) the Trustee has not complied with the Holders' request within 60 days after receipt of the request and the furnishing of security or indemnity; and
- (5) the Holders of a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Securities have not given the Trustee a direction that, in the opinion of the Trustee, is inconsistent with the request during such 60-day period.

A Holder may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder or to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder (it being understood that the Trustee does not have an affirmative duty to ascertain whether or not any such use by a Holder prejudices the rights of any other Holders or obtains preference or priority over such other Holders).

Section 6.7 Rights of Holders to Receive Payment

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder to receive payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Securities held by such Holder, on or after the respective due dates expressed in the Securities, or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

Section 6.8 Collection Suit by Trustee

If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(1) or Section 6.1(2) hereof occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Company or any Guarantor for the whole amount then due and owing (together with interest on any unpaid interest to the extent lawful) and the amounts provided for in Section 7.7 hereof to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, disbursement and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

Section 6.9 Trustee May File Proofs of Claim

The Trustee may file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee and the Holders allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Company or any Guarantor or their respective creditors or properties and, unless prohibited by law or applicable regulations, may vote on behalf of the Holders in any election of a trustee in bankruptcy or other Person performing similar functions, and any Custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make payments to the Trustee and, in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due it for the compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and its counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.7 hereof.

Section 6.10 Priorities

If the Trustee collects any money or property pursuant to this Article VI, it shall pay out the money or property in the following order:

First: costs and expenses of collection, including all sums paid or advanced by the Trustee hereunder and the compensation, expenses and disbursements of the Trustee, its agents, and counsel and all other amounts due to the Trustee under <u>Section 7.7</u> hereof;

Second: to Holders for amounts due and unpaid on the Securities for principal and interest and premium, if any, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on the Securities for principal and interest and premium, if any, respectively; and

Third: to the Company or to such party as a court of competent jurisdiction shall direct.

The Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders pursuant to this Section 6.10.

Section 6.11 Undertaking for Costs

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 6.11 does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder pursuant to Section 6.7 hereof or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in outstanding principal amount of the Securities.

ARTICLE VII TRUSTEE

Section 7.1 Duties of Trustee

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

- (b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default: (i) the Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and (ii) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture. However, the Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).
- (c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct, except that:
 - (1) this $\underline{\text{Section } 7.1(c)}$ does not limit the effect of $\underline{\text{Section } 7.1(b)}$ hereof;
- (2) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Trust Officer unless it is proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and
- (3) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 6.5 hereof.
 - (d) Every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to this Section 7.1.
 - (e) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Company.
 - (f) Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.
- (g) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds to believe that repayment of such funds or adequate security or indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

Section 7.2 Rights of Trustee.

- (a) The Trustee may rely on any document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper Person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.
- (b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officers' Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on the Officers' Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

- (c) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care.
- (d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.
- (e) The Trustee may consult with counsel, and the advice or opinion of counsel with respect to legal matters relating to this Indenture and the Securities shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect to any action taken, omitted or suffered by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the advice or opinion of such counsel.
- (f) Except for (i) a default under Section 6.1(1) or Section 6.1(2) hereof, or (ii) any other event of which the Trustee has actual knowledge and which event, with the giving of notice or the passage of time or both, would constitute an Event of Default under this Indenture, the Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any default or event unless specifically notified in writing of such event by the Company or by the Holders of at least 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the Securities.
- (g) In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for special, indirect, punitive or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including, but not limited to, loss of profit) irrespective of whether the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.
- (h) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.
- (i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder.
 - (j) The Trustee shall not be required to give any bond or surety in respect of the performance of its powers and duties hereunder.
- (k) The Trustee may request that the Company deliver a certificate setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture.
- (l) The Company will be responsible for making calculations called for under the Securities, including but not limited to determination of Additional Interest, Redemption Price, premium, if any, and any other amounts payable on the Securities. The Company will make the calculations in good faith and, absent manifest error, its calculations will be final and binding on the Holders of the Securities. The Company will provide a schedule of its calculations to the Trustee when applicable, and the Trustee is entitled to rely conclusively on the accuracy of the Company's calculations without independent verification.

Section 7.3 Individual Rights of Trustee

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. However, in the event that the Trustee acquires any conflicting interest (as defined in the TIA) after a Default has occurred and is continuing, it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days, apply to the SEC for permission to continue as Trustee or resign. The Trustee is also subject to Sections 7.10 and 7.11 hereof.

Section 7.4 Trustee's Disclaimer

The Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Securities, it shall not be accountable for the Company's use of the proceeds from the Securities, it shall not be responsible for the use or application of any money received by any Paying Agent (other than itself as Paying Agent), and it shall not be responsible for any statement of the Company in this Indenture or in any document issued in connection with the sale of the Securities or in the Securities other than the Trustee's certificate of authentication. Under no circumstances shall the Trustee be liable in its individual capacity for the obligations evidenced by the Securities.

Section 7.5 Notice of Defaults

If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and if a Trust Officer has knowledge thereof as set forth in Section 7.2(f), the Trustee shall send to each Holder notice of the Default or Event of Default within 90 days after it occurs. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default relating to payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any Security (including payments pursuant to the redemption or required repurchase provisions of such Security), the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as its board of directors, the executive committee of its board of directors or a committee of its Trust Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of Holders.

Section 7.6 Reports by Trustee to Holders

- (a) Within 60 days after each March 15 beginning with the March 15 following the date of this Indenture, the Trustee shall mail to each Holder a brief report that complies with Trust Indenture Act Section 313(a) (but if no event described in Trust Indenture Act §313(a) has occurred within the 12 months preceding the reporting date, no report need be transmitted). The Trustee also shall comply with Trust Indenture Act Section 313(b). The Trustee shall also transmit by mail all reports required by Trust Indenture Act Section 313(c).
- (b) A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to Holders shall be mailed to the Company and filed with the SEC and each stock exchange (if any) on which the Securities are listed. The Company agrees to notify promptly the Trustee whenever the Securities become listed on any stock exchange and of any delisting thereof.

Section 7.7 Compensation and Indemnity

(a) The Company shall pay to the Trustee from time to time, and the Trustee shall be entitled to, reasonable compensation for its services hereunder and under the Securities as the Company and the Trustee shall from time to time agree in writing. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express

trust. The Company shall reimburse the Trustee upon request for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred or made by it, including costs of collection, costs of preparing and reviewing reports, certificates and other documents, costs of preparation and mailing of notices to Holders and reasonable costs of counsel retained by the Trustee in connection with the delivery of an Opinion of Counsel or otherwise, in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable compensation and expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee's agents and counsel. The Company shall indemnify, defend, protect and hold harmless the Trustee (in its individual and trustee capacities) and its officers, directors and agents from and against any and all loss, liability, claims, action, suit, cost or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) of any kind and nature whatsoever incurred by it in connection with the acceptance or administration of this Indenture and the trusts thereunder or the performance of its duties hereunder and under the Securities, including the costs and expenses of enforcing this Indenture (including this Section 7.7) and of defending itself against any claims (whether asserted by any Holder, the Company or otherwise). The Trustee shall notify the Company promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity of which it has received written notice. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Company shall not relieve the Company of its obligations hereunder. The Company shall defend the claim and the Trustee may have separate counsel and the Company shall pay the fees and expenses of such counsel. The Company is not required to reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss, liability claim, again, suit, cost or expense incurred by the Trustee through the Trustee's own willful misconduct or gross negligence.

- (b) To secure the Company's payment obligations in this <u>Section 7.7</u>, the Trustee shall have a lien prior to the Securities on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee other than money or property held in trust to pay principal of, premium (if any) and interest on particular Securities.
- (c) The Company's obligations pursuant to this Section 7.7 shall survive the discharge of this Indenture and the resignation or removal of the Trustee. Without prejudice to any other rights available to the Trustee under applicable law, when the Trustee incurs expenses after the occurrence of a Default specified in Section 6.1(9) hereof with respect to the Company, the expenses are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

Section 7.8 Replacement of Trustee

- (a) A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee will become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this <u>Section 7.8</u>.
- (b) The Trustee may resign at any time by so notifying the Company. The Holders of a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Securities may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Company and may appoint a successor Trustee. The Company may remove the Trustee if: (i) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10 hereof; (ii) the Trustee is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent; (iii) a Custodian or other public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or (iv) the Trustee otherwise becomes incapable of acting.
- (c) If the Trustee resigns or is removed by the Company or by the Holders of a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Securities and such Holders do not reasonably promptly appoint a successor Trustee, or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason (the Trustee in such event being referred to herein as the retiring Trustee), the Company shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee.

- (d) A successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Company. Thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to the Holders. The retiring Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee, subject to the lien provided for in Section 7.7 hereof.
- (e) If a successor Trustee does not take office within 30 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee or the Holders of 10% in outstanding principal amount of the Securities may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.
- (f) If the Trustee fails to comply with <u>Section 7.10</u> hereof after written notice thereto, the Holders of at least 10% in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.
- (g) Notwithstanding the replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this <u>Section 7.8</u>, the Company's obligations under <u>Section 7.7</u> hereof shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

Section 7.9 Successor Trustee by Merger

- (a) If the Trustee consolidates with, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all its corporate trust business or assets to, another corporation or banking association, the resulting, surviving or transferee corporation or banking association without any further act shall be the successor Trustee.
- (b) If at the time such successor or successors by merger, conversion or consolidation to the Trustee shall succeed to the trusts created by this Indenture, any of the Securities shall have been authenticated but not delivered, any such successor to the Trustee may adopt the certificate of authentication of any predecessor Trustee, and deliver such Securities so authenticated; and if at that time any of the Securities shall not have been authenticated, any successor to the Trustee may authenticate such Securities either in the name of any predecessor hereunder or in the name of the successor to the Trustee; and in all such cases such certificates shall have the full force which it is anywhere in the Securities or in this Indenture provided that the certificate of the Trustee shall have.

Section 7.10 Eligibility; Disqualification

The Trustee shall at all times satisfy the requirements of Trust Indenture Act Section 310(a). There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder that is a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state thereof that is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trustee power, that is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authorities and that has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50 million as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition. The Trustee shall comply with Trust Indenture Act Section 310(b).

Section 7.11 Preferential Collection of Claims Against Company

The Trustee shall comply with Trust Indenture Act Section 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in Trust Indenture Act Section 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to Trust Indenture Act Section 311(a) to the extent indicated.

ARTICLE VIII DISCHARGE OF INDENTURE; DEFEASANCE

Section 8.1 Discharge of Liability on Securities; Defeasance

(a) Subject to Section 8.1(c) hereof, when (i)(x) the Company delivers to the Trustee all outstanding Securities (other than Securities replaced pursuant to Section 2.7 hereof) for cancellation or (y) all outstanding Securities not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable at their scheduled maturity or (z) all outstanding Securities not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become scheduled for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee as a result of the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company in accordance with Article III hereof, (ii) the Company irrevocably deposits or causes to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust solely for the benefit of the Holders money in U.S. dollars, Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants (in the case of Government Securities) without consideration of any reinvestment of interest to pay and discharge the entire Indebtedness on such Securities not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation for principal, premium, if any, and accrued interest to the date of Stated Maturity or redemption, (iii) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all sums then payable by it under this Indenture and the Securities and (iv) the Company has delivered irrevocable instructions to the Trustee to apply the deposited money toward the payment of such Securities at Stated Maturity or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, then the Trustee shall acknowledge satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture and the obligations of the Company and the Guarantors under the Securities and the Subsidiary Guarantees, on demand of the Company (accompanied by an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that all conditions precedent specified herein relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture

(b) Subject to Section 8.2 hereof, the Company at its option at any time may terminate (i) all its obligations, except as specified in Section 8.1(c) hereof, under the Securities and this Indenture and all obligations of the Guarantors with respect to their Subsidiary Guarantees ("legal defeasance option"), and after giving effect to such legal defeasance, any omission to comply with such obligations shall no longer constitute a Default or Event of Default or (ii) its obligations under Section 4.2, Section 4.3, Section 4.4, Section 4.5, Section 4.6, Section 4.7, Section 4.8, Section 4.9, Section 4.10 and Section 4.11 hereof, except to the extent such obligations are imposed by Section 318(c) of the Trust Indenture Act, and clause (a)(4) of Section 5.1 hereof, and the Company may omit to comply with and shall have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such Section, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such Section or by reason of any reference in any such Section to any other provision herein or in any other document and such omission to comply with such Sections shall no longer constitute a Default or an Event of Default under Section 6.1(3) (solely as it relates to clause

(a)(4) of Section 5.1) and Section 6.1(4) hereof and the operation of Section 6.1(5), Section 6.1(6), Section 6.1(7), Section 6.1(8) hereof and (with respect only to Significant Subsidiaries) Section 6.1(9) hereof, and the events specified in such Sections shall no longer constitute an Event of Default (this clause (ii) being referred to as the "covenant defeasance option"), but otherwise the remainder of this Indenture and the Securities shall be unaffected thereby. The Company may exercise its legal defeasance option notwithstanding its prior exercise of its covenant defeasance option. If the Company exercises its legal defeasance option or its covenant defeasance option, each Guarantor shall be released from its obligations with respect to its Subsidiary Guarantee as provided in Section 10.9(b) hereof.

If the Company exercises its legal defeasance option, payment of the Securities may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default. If the Company exercises its covenant defeasance option, payment of the Securities may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(4), Section 6.1(5), Section 6.1(6), Section 6.1(7), Section 6.1(8) hereof and (with respect only to Significant Subsidiaries) Section 6.1(9) hereof or the failure of the Company to comply with clause (a)(4) of Section 5.1 hereof.

Upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth herein and upon request of the Company, the Trustee shall acknowledge in writing the discharge of those obligations that the Company terminates.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8.1(a) and Section 8.1(b) hereof, the obligations of the Company in Section 2.3, Section 2.4, Section 2.5, Section 2.6, Section 2.7, Section 2.9, Section 7.7, Section 7.8 hereof, and in this Article VIII shall survive until the Securities have been paid in full. Thereafter, the obligations of the Company in Section 7.7, Section 8.4 and Section 8.5 hereof shall survive.

Section 8.2 Conditions to Defeasance

The Company may exercise its legal defeasance option or its covenant defeasance option only if:

(1) the Company shall have irrevocably deposited with the Trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities, cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the outstanding Securities on the Stated Maturity or on the applicable Redemption Date, as the case may be, and the Company must specify whether the Securities are being defeased to Stated Maturity or to a particular Redemption Date (*provided* that if such redemption is made as provided in Section 3.7(c), (x) the amount of cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, that must be irrevocably deposited will be determined using an assumed Make Whole Premium calculated as of the date of such deposit and (y) the depositor must irrevocably deposit or cause to be deposited additional money in trust on the redemption date as necessary to pay the Make Whole Premium as determined on such date);

(2) in the case of the legal defeasance option, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably acceptable to the Trustee confirming that (a) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (b) since the Issue Date, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such

Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of the outstanding Securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such legal defeasance option and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such legal defeasance option had not occurred;

- (3) in the case of the covenant defeasance option, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably acceptable to the Trustee confirming that the Holders of the outstanding Securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such covenant defeasance option and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such covenant defeasance option had not occurred;
- (4) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit or the grant of any Lien securing such borrowings);
- (5) such legal defeasance option or covenant defeasance option will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any material agreement or instrument (other than this Indenture and the agreements governing any other Indebtedness being defeased, discharged or replaced) to which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is bound;
- (6) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of preferring the Holders of Securities over the other creditors of the Company with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors of the Company or others; and
- (7) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, stating that all conditions precedent relating to the legal defeasance option or the covenant defeasance option have been complied with.

Section 8.3 Delivery and Application of Trust Money

The Trustee shall hold in trust money or Government Securities deposited with it pursuant to this <u>Article VIII</u>. It shall apply the deposited money and the money from Government Securities in accordance with this Indenture to the payment of principal, premium, if any, of and interest on the Securities.

Section 8.4 Repayment to Company

The Trustee and each Paying Agent shall promptly turn over to the Company upon request any excess money or securities held by them upon payment of all the obligations under this Indenture.

Subject to any applicable abandoned property law, the Trustee and each Paying Agent shall pay to the Company upon request any money held by them for the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on the Securities that remains unclaimed for two years (or any such money then held by the Company or any Subsidiary shall be discharged from any

trust hereunder), and, thereafter, Holders entitled to the money must look to the Company for payment as unsecured general creditors; *provided*, *however*, that, if any Definitive Securities are then outstanding, the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, may at the expense of the Company cause to be published once, in The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal (national edition), notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which will not be less than 30 days from the date of such notification or publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be repaid to the Company.

Section 8.5 Indemnity for Government Securities

The Company shall pay and shall indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against deposited Government Securities or the principal and interest received on such Government Securities.

Section 8.6 Reinstatement

If the Trustee or any Paying Agent is unable to apply any money or Government Securities in accordance with this <u>Article VIII</u> by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, the obligations of the Company under this Indenture and the Securities shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to this <u>Article VIII</u> until such time as the Trustee or such Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money or Government Securities in accordance with this <u>Article VIII</u>; provided, however, that, if the Company has made any payment in respect of any Securities because of the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Securities to receive such payment from the money or Government Securities held by the Trustee or any Paying Agent.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

Section 9.1 Without Consent of Holders

The Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture, the Securities or the Subsidiary Guarantees without notice to or consent of any Holder:

- (1) to cure any ambiguity, defect, inconsistency, omission or mistake;
- (2) to provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities;
- (3) to provide for the assumption of the Company's or a Guarantor's obligations to Holders of the Securities in the case of a merger or consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of the Company's or a Guarantor's properties or assets in compliance with this Indenture;
 - (4) to add or release Guarantors in compliance with this Indenture;
- (5) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders, add Events of Default or surrender any right or power conferred upon the Company or any Guarantor or that in the opinion of the Company does not adversely affect in any material respect the legal rights hereunder of any Holder;

- (6) to conform to the description of the Initial Securities under the caption "Description of the Notes" in the offering memorandum of the Company dated April 9, 2015 relating to the initial offering of the Securities;
 - (7) to secure the Securities, including pursuant to the requirements of <u>Section 4.5</u>;
 - (8) to comply with the requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of this Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act;
 - (9) to comply with requirements of the Depositary with respect to the Securities;
 - (10) to provide for the issuance of Exchange Securities or Additional Securities.

Section 9.2 With Consent of Holders

The Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture, the Securities or the Subsidiary Guarantees with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities (including consents obtained in connection with the purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, Securities). Subject to the following sentence, any existing Default or compliance with any provision of this Indenture, the Securities or the Subsidiary Guarantees may be waived with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities (including consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, Securities). However, without the consent of each Holder, an amendment, supplement or waiver may not (with respect to any Securities held by a non-consenting Holder):

- (1) reduce the principal amount of Securities whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- (2) reduce the principal of or change the fixed maturity of any Security or alter or waive the provisions with respect to the redemption of the Securities (other than provisions relating to <u>Section 4.7</u> or <u>4.11</u> or provisions relating to minimum notices required for redemption of Securities described in <u>Article III or in the terms of the Securities</u>);
 - (3) reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of interest on any Security;
- (4) waive a Default or Event of Default in the payment of principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the Securities, except a Default in payments that have become due solely because of an acceleration of the Securities that has been rescinded;
 - (5) make any Security payable in a currency other than that stated in the Securities;

- (6) make any change in the provisions of this Indenture relating to waivers of past Defaults or the rights of Holders of Securities to receive payments of principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the Securities (except as permitted by clause (2) above);
 - (7) release any Guarantor from its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee except in accordance with the terms of this Indenture; or
 - (8) make any change in the preceding amendment, supplement and waiver provisions of this Section 9.2

The consent of the Holders is not necessary under this <u>Section 9.2</u> to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment or waiver. It is sufficient if the consent approves the substance of the proposed amendment or waiver.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this <u>Section 9.2</u> becomes effective, the Company shall mail to each Holder of Securities affected thereby a notice briefly describing such amendment. The failure to give such notice to any or all Holders, or any defect therein, shall not impair or affect the validity of any amendment, supplement or waiver under this <u>Section 9.2</u>.

Section 9.3 Compliance with Trust Indenture Act

Every amendment to this Indenture, the Securities or the Subsidiary Guarantees shall comply with the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect.

Section 9.4 Notation on or Exchange of Securities

If an amendment or supplement changes the terms of a Security, the Trustee may require the Holder of the Security to deliver it to the Trustee. The Trustee may place an appropriate notation on the Security regarding the changed terms and return it to the Holder. Alternatively, if the Company or the Trustee so determines, the Company in exchange for the Security shall issue and the Trustee shall authenticate a new Security that reflects the changed terms, but the failure to make the appropriate notation or to issue a new Security shall not affect the validity and effect of such amendment or supplement.

Section 9.5 Trustee to Sign Amendments

The Trustee shall sign any amendment or supplement authorized pursuant to this <u>Article IX</u> if the amendment or supplement does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. If it does, the Trustee may but need not sign it. In signing such amendment or supplement the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to <u>Section 7.1</u> hereof) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such amendment or supplement is authorized or permitted by this Indenture and is valid, binding and enforceable against the Company or any Guarantor, as the case may be, in accordance with its terms.

ARTICLE X SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEES

Section 10.1 Subsidiary Guarantees

Each Guarantor which is a party hereto or becomes a party hereto by executing and delivering a supplement to this Indenture pursuant to Section 4.9 hereof, jointly and severally, unconditionally Guarantees to each Holder and to the Trustee and its successors and assigns the full and punctual payment of principal of, premium (if any) and interest on the Securities when due, whether at Stated Maturity, or upon redemption, required repurchase pursuant to Section 4.1 hereof, acceleration or otherwise, and all other monetary obligations owing by the Company under this Indenture (including obligations owing to the Trustee) and the Securities (all the foregoing being hereinafter collectively called the "Obligations"). The Guarantors further agree that the Obligations may be extended or renewed, in whole or in part, without notice or further assent from the Guarantors, and that the Guarantors will remain bound under this Article X notwithstanding any extension or renewal of any Obligation.

The Guarantors waive presentation to, demand of payment from and protest to the Company of any of the Obligations and also waive notice of protest for nonpayment. The Guarantors waive notice of any Default under the Securities or the Obligations. The obligations of the Guarantors hereunder shall not be affected by: (i) the failure of any Holder or the Trustee to assert any claim or demand or to enforce any right or remedy against the Company or any other Person under this Indenture, the Securities or any other agreement or otherwise; (ii) any extension or renewal of any Obligation; (iii) any rescission, waiver, amendment, modification or supplement of any of the terms or provisions of this Indenture (other than this Article X), the Securities or any other agreement; (iv) the release of security, if any, held by any Holder or the Trustee for the Obligations or any of them; (v) the failure of any Holder or the Trustee to exercise any right or remedy against any other guarantor of the Obligations; (vi) any change in the ownership of the Company; or (vii) any other act or thing or omission or delay to do any other act or thing which may or might in any manner or to any extent vary the risk of the Guarantors or would otherwise operate as a discharge of the Guarantors as a matter of law or equity, except for payment of the Securities in full.

The Guaranters, jointly and severally, further agree that their Subsidiary Guarantees herein constitute a guarantee of payment when due (and not a guarantee of collection) and waive any right to require that any resort be had by any Holder or the Trustee to security, if any, held for payment of the Obligations.

The obligations of the Guarantors hereunder shall not be subject to any reduction, limitation, impairment or termination for any reason (except to the extent provided in <u>Section 10.2</u> hereof), including any claim of waiver, release, surrender, alteration or compromise, and shall not be subject to any defense, setoff, counterclaim, recoupment or termination whatsoever or by reason of the invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of the Obligations or otherwise.

The Guarantors, jointly and severally, further agree that their Subsidiary Guarantees herein shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment, or any part thereof, of any Obligation is rescinded or must otherwise be restored by any Holder or the Trustee upon the bankruptcy or reorganization of the Company or otherwise.

In furtherance of the foregoing and not in limitation of any other right which any Holder or the Trustee has at law or in equity against the Guarantors by virtue hereof, upon the failure of the Company to pay any Obligation when and as the same shall become due, whether at Stated Maturity, upon redemption, required repurchase, acceleration or otherwise, the Guarantors hereby promise to and will, upon receipt of written demand by the Trustee, forthwith pay, or cause to be paid, in cash, to the Holders or the Trustee an amount equal to the sum of (i) the unpaid principal amount of such Obligations, (ii) accrued and unpaid interest on such Obligations (but only to the extent not prohibited by law) and (iii) all other monetary Obligations of the Company to the Holders and the Trustee.

The Guarantors, jointly and severally, agree that, as between the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Holders and the Trustee, on the other hand, (x) the maturity of the Obligations may be accelerated as provided in <u>Article VI</u> for the purposes of the Subsidiary Guarantee herein, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the Obligations, and (y) in the event of any declaration of acceleration of such Obligations as provided in <u>Article VI</u>, such Obligations (whether or not due and payable) shall forthwith become due and payable by the Guarantors for the purposes of this <u>Section 10.1</u>.

The Guarantors, jointly and severally, also agree to pay any and all costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred by the Trustee or any Holder in enforcing any rights under this <u>Section 10.1</u>.

Section 10.2 Limitation on Liability

Each Guarantor, and by its acceptance of Securities, each Holder, hereby confirm that it is the intention of all such parties that the Subsidiary Guarantee of such Guarantor not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of Bankruptcy Law, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state law to the extent applicable to any Subsidiary Guarantee. To effectuate the foregoing intention, the Trustee, the Holders and the Guarantors hereby irrevocably agree that the obligations of each Guarantor will be limited to the maximum amount that will, after giving effect to such maximum amount and all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such Guarantor that are relevant under such laws, and after giving effect to any collections from, rights to receive contribution from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Guarantor under this Article X, result in the obligations of such Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent transfer or conveyance.

Section 10.3 Execution and Delivery of Subsidiary Guarantee

To evidence its Subsidiary Guarantee set forth in Section 10.1, each Guarantor hereby agrees that a notation of such Subsidiary Guarantee substantially in the form attached as Exhibit D hereto will be endorsed by manual or facsimile signature by an Officer of such Guarantor on each Security authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and that this Indenture (or a supplemental indenture substantially in form of Exhibit E hereof) will be executed on behalf of such Guarantor by one of its Officers.

Each Guarantor hereby agrees that its Subsidiary Guarantee set forth in <u>Section 10.1</u> will remain in full force and effect notwithstanding any failure to endorse on each Security a notation of such Subsidiary Guarantee. If an Officer whose facsimile signature is on the

Subsidiary Guarantee no longer holds that office at the time the Trustee authenticates the Security on which the Subsidiary Guarantee is endorsed, the Subsidiary Guarantee will be valid nevertheless.

The delivery of any Security by the Trustee, after the authentication thereof hereunder, will constitute due delivery of the Subsidiary Guarantee set forth in this Indenture on behalf of the Guarantors.

In the event that the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries acquires or creates another Restricted Subsidiary (other than Foreign Subsidiaries) after the Issue Date, the Company will comply with the provisions of Section 4.9 hereof.

Section 10.4 Successors and Assigns

Except as otherwise provided in Section 10.9 hereof, this Article X shall be binding upon the Guarantors and their successors and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Trustee and the Holders and, in the event of any transfer or assignment of rights in accordance with the terms of this Indenture by any Holder or the Trustee, the rights and privileges conferred upon that party in this Indenture and in the Securities shall automatically extend to and be vested in such transferee or assignee, all subject to the terms and conditions of this Indenture, the Securities and the Subsidiary Guarantees.

Section 10.5 No Waiver

Neither a failure nor a delay on the part of either the Trustee or the Holders in exercising any right, power or privilege under this <u>Article X</u> shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall a single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise of any right, power or privilege. The rights, remedies and benefits of the Trustee and the Holders herein expressly specified are cumulative and not exclusive of any other rights, remedies or benefits which either may have under this <u>Article X</u> at law, in equity, by statute or otherwise.

Section 10.6 Right of Contribution

Each Guarantor hereby agrees that to the extent that a Guarantor shall have paid more than its proportionate share of any payment made hereunder, such Guarantor shall be entitled to seek and receive contribution from and against any other Guarantor hereunder who has not paid its proportionate share of such payment. Each Guarantor's right of contribution shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this <u>Article X</u>. The provisions of this <u>Section 10.6</u> shall in no respect limit the obligations and liabilities of any Guarantor to the Trustee and the Holders and each Guarantor shall remain liable to the Trustee and the Holders for the full amount guaranteed by such Guarantor hereunder.

Section 10.7 No Subrogation

Notwithstanding any payment or payments made by any of the Guarantors hereunder, no Guarantor shall be entitled to exercise any rights of subrogation it may have to any of the rights of the Trustee or any Holder against the Company or any other Guarantor or any collateral security or guarantee or right of offset held by the Trustee or any Holder for the payment of the Obligations, nor shall any Guarantor seek or be entitled to seek any contribution or reimbursement from the Company or any other Guarantor in respect of

payments made by such Guarantor hereunder, until all amounts owing to the Trustee and the Holders by the Company on account of the Obligations are paid in full. If any amount shall be paid to any Guarantor on account of such subrogation rights at any time when all of the Obligations shall not have been paid in full, such amount shall be held by such Guarantor in trust for the Trustee and the Holders, segregated from other funds of such Guarantor, and shall, forthwith upon receipt by such Guarantor, be turned over to the Trustee in the exact form received by such Guarantor (duly indorsed by such Guarantor to the Trustee, if required), to be applied against the Obligations.

Section 10.8 Modification

No modification, amendment or waiver of any provision of this <u>Article X</u>, nor the consent to any departure by the Guarantors therefrom, shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be made in accordance with Article IX hereof. No notice to or demand on the Guarantors in any case shall entitle the Guarantors to any other or further notice or demand in the same, similar or other circumstances.

Section 10.9 Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets of a Guarantor; Release of a Guarantor

- (a) Except in a transaction resulting in the release of a Subsidiary Guarantee of a Guarantor, the Company shall not permit a Guarantor to consolidate with or merge with or into (whether or not such Guarantor is the surviving Person), another Person (other than the Company or another Guarantor), unless:
 - (1) immediately after giving effect to that transaction, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing; and
- (2) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Guarantor) assumes all the obligations of that Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee pursuant to a supplemental indenture satisfactory to the Trustee.
 - (b) The Subsidiary Guarantee of a Guarantor shall be automatically and unconditionally released:
- (1) in connection with any sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of that Guarantor (including by way of merger or consolidation), other than to the Company or another Guarantor, if such transaction as of the time of such disposition does not violate Section 4.7 hereof;
- (2) in connection with any sale or other disposition of the Capital Stock of a Guarantor (including by way of merger or consolidation) other than to the Company or another Guarantor, if such transaction as of the time of such disposition does not violate Section 4.7 hereof and the Guarantor ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company as a result of such transaction;
- (3) if the Company designates any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Guarantor as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture;
- (4) if the Company exercises either its legal defeasance option or its covenant defeasance option in accordance with <u>Section 8.1(b)</u> hereof or if it satisfies and discharges this Indenture in accordance with <u>Section 8.1(a)</u> hereof; or
 - (5) at such time as such Guarantor ceases to guarantee any other Indebtedness of the Company or any other Guarantor under a Credit Facility.
- (c) Upon delivery by the Company to the Trustee of an Officers' Certificate to the effect that any of the conditions described in clauses (1)-(5) of Section 10.9(b) has occurred, and an Officers' Certificate and Opinion of Counsel each stating that, as required by Section 11.4, all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to such transactions have been complied with and that such release is authorized and permitted hereunder, the Trustee shall execute any supplemental indenture or other documents reasonably requested by the Company in order to evidence the release of any Guarantor from its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee and this Indenture.

ARTICLE XI MISCELLANEOUS

Section 11.1 Trust Indenture Act Controls

If any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with another provision which is required to be included in this Indenture by the Trust Indenture Act (or in any other indenture qualified thereunder), the provision required by the Trust Indenture Act shall control.

Section 11.2 Notices

Any notice or communication shall be in writing in the English language and delivered in person or mailed by first-class mail, sent by telecopier, sent by electronic mail in pdf format or delivered by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, addressed as follows (unless the Company and the Trustee agree to another method of delivery):

if to the Company or the Guarantors:

Matador Resources Company 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500 Dallas, Texas 75240 Attention: General Counsel

Facsimile: (972) 371-5201

if to the Trustee:

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association 750 N. Saint Paul Place Suite 1750 Dallas, Texas 75201

Facsimile: (214) 756-7401 Attention: Patrick Giordano

The Company or the Guarantors, by notice to the Trustee, or the Trustee by notice to the Company and the Guarantors, may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

Any notice or communication to a Holder shall be delivered to the Holder at the Holder's address as it appears on the registration books of the Registrar by first class mail, or by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery to its address shown on the register kept by the Registrar.

All notices and communications shall be deemed to have been duly given; at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered or if delivered electronically, in pdf format; five Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; (other than those sent to Holders) when answered back, if telecopied; and the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier, if sent by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery.

Failure to deliver a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders. If a notice or communication is delivered in the manner provided above, it is duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture or any Security, where this Indenture or any Security provides for notice of any event (including any notice of redemption or purchase) to a Holder of a Global Security (whether by mail or otherwise), such notice shall be sufficiently given if given to DTC (or its designee) pursuant to the standing instructions from DTC or its designee, including by electronic mail in accordance with Applicable Procedures.

Section 11.3 Communication by Holders with Other Holders

Holders may communicate pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act Section 312(b) with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Securities. The Company, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else shall have the protection of the Trust Indenture Act Section 312(c).

Section 11.4 Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent

Upon any request or application by the Company to the Trustee to take or refrain from taking any action under this Indenture, the Company shall, if requested, furnish to the Trustee: (i) an Officers' Certificate in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with; and (ii) an Opinion of Counsel in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent have been complied with.

Section 11.5 Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a covenant or condition provided for in this Indenture shall include: (i) a statement that the individual making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition; (ii) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based; (iii) a statement that, in the opinion of such individual, he has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and (iv) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such individual, such covenant or condition has been complied with.

Section 11.6 When Securities Disregarded

In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Securities have concurred in any direction, waiver or consent, Securities owned by the Company or by any Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with the Company shall be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding, except that, for the purpose of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such direction, waiver or consent, only Securities which a Trust Officer of the Trustee actually knows are so owned shall be so disregarded. Also, subject to the foregoing, only Securities outstanding at the time shall be considered in any such determination.

Section 11.7 Legal Holidays

A "*Legal Holiday*" is a day that is not a Business Day. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, the Securities or the Subsidiary Guarantees, if a payment date is a Legal Holiday, payment shall be made on the next succeeding day that is not a Legal Holiday, and no interest shall accrue for the intervening period. If a record date is a Legal Holiday, the record date shall not be affected.

Section 11.8 Governing Law

THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE AND ENFORCE THIS INDENTURE, THE SECURITIES AND THE SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEES.

Section 11.9 Force Majeure

In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, strikes, work stoppages, accidents, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (software and hardware) services; it being understood that the Trustee shall use reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

Section 11.10 No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees and Shareholders

No director, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner, stockholder or other owner of the Capital Stock of the Company or any Guarantor, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Company or the Guarantors under the Securities, this Indenture, the Subsidiary Guarantees, any Registration Rights Agreement or for any claim based on, in respect of or by reason of such obligations or their creation. By accepting a Security, each Holder waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issuance of the Securities.

Section 11.11 Successors

All agreements of the Company and (except as otherwise provided in <u>Section 10.9</u> hereof) the Guarantors in this Indenture, the Securities and the Subsidiary Guarantees shall bind their respective successors. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors.

Section 11.12 Multiple Originals; Counterparts

The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement. One signed copy is enough to prove this Indenture. This Indenture may be executed in multiple counterparts which, when taken together, shall constitute one instrument. The exchange of copies of this Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or PDF transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or PDF shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

Section 11.13 Severability

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Securities or the Subsidiary Guarantees is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions will not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 11.14 Table of Contents; Headings

The table of contents, cross-reference sheet and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not intended to be considered a part hereof and shall not modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

Section 11.15 No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements

This Indenture may not be used to interpret any other indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Company or its Subsidiaries or of any other Person. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

Section 11.16 Acts of Holders

- (a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by the Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by agents duly appointed in writing, and may be given or obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, outstanding Securities; and, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Company. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act" of the Holders signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and conclusive in favor of the Trustee and the Company if made in the manner provided in this Section 11.16.
- (b) The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument or writing may be proved by the affidavit of a witness of such execution or by a certificate of a notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, certifying that the individual signing such instrument or writing acknowledged to such witness, notary or officer the execution thereof. Where such execution is by a signer acting in a capacity other than his individual capacity, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient

proof of authority. The fact and date of the execution of any such instrument or writing, or the authority of the Person executing the same, may also be proved in any other manner which the Trustee deems sufficient.

- (c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this <u>Section 11.16</u>, the principal amount and serial numbers of Securities held by any Holder, and the date of holding the same, shall be proved by the register of the Securities maintained by the Registrar as provided in <u>Section 2.3</u>.
- (d) If the Company shall solicit from the Holders of the Securities any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, the Company may, at their option, by or pursuant to a resolution of its Board of Directors, fix in advance a record date for the determination of Holders entitled to give such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, but the Company shall have no obligation to do so. Notwithstanding TIA Section 316(c), such record date shall be the record date specified in or pursuant to such Board Resolution, which shall be a date not earlier than the date 30 days prior to the first solicitation of Holders generally in connection therewith or the date of the most recent list of Holders forwarded to the Trustee prior to such solicitation pursuant to Section 2.5 and not later than the date such solicitation is completed. If such a record date is fixed, such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act may be given before or after such record date, but only the Holders of record at the close of business on such record date shall be deemed to be Holders for the purposes of determining whether Holders of the requisite proportion of the then outstanding Securities have authorized or agreed or consented to such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, and for that purpose the then outstanding Securities shall be computed as of such record date; provided that no such authorization, agreement or consent by the Holders on such record date shall be deemed effective unless it shall become effective pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture not later than eleven months after the record date.
- (e) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act of the Holder of any Security shall bind every future Holder of the same Security and the Holder of every Security issued upon the registration or transfer thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the Trustee or the Company in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Security.
- (f) Without limiting the foregoing, a Holder entitled hereunder to take any action hereunder with regard to any particular Security may do so itself with regard to all or any part of the principal amount of such Security or by one or more duly appointed agents each of which may do so pursuant to such appointment with regard to all or any part of such principal amount.

For purposes of this Indenture, any action by the Holders which may be taken in writing may be taken by electronic means or as otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Trustee.

Section 11.17 USA PATRIOT Act

The parties hereto acknowledge that in accordance with Section 326 of the USA PATRIOT Act, the Trustee, like all financial institutions and in order to help fight the

funding of terrorism and money laundering, is required to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person or legal entity that establishes a relationship or opens an account. The Company agrees that it will provide the Trustee with information about the Company as the Trustee may reasonably request in order for the Trustee to satisfy the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act.

[Signatures on following pages]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Indenture to be duly executed as of the date first written above.

MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY

By: /s/ David E. Lancaster
Name: David E. Lancaster

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief

Financial Officer

GUARANTORS:

DELAWARE WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC

DLK WOLF MIDSTREAM, LLC

DLK BLACK RIVER MIDSTREAM, LLC

LONGWOOD GATHERING AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS GP, INC.

LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM SOUTH TEXAS, LLC LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM SOUTHEAST, LLC

LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM SOUTHEAST, LLC LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM DELAWARE, LLC

MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY

MRC ENERGY COMPANY

MRC DELAWARE RESOURCES, LLC

MRC ENERGY SOUTHEAST COMPANY, LLC

MRC ENERGY SOUTH TEXAS COMPANY, LLC

MRC PERMIAN COMPANY

MRC ROCKIES COMPANY

SOUTHEAST WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC

By: /s/ David E. Lancaster

Name: David E. Lancaster

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief

Financial Officer

LONGWOOD GATHERING AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, LP

By: Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc., its

general partner

By: /s/ David E. Lancaster

Name: David E. Lancaster

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief

Financial Officer

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WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By: /s/ Gregory S. Clarke

Name: Gregory S. Clarke
Title: Vice President

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[FACE OF SECURITY]

[Insert the Global Security Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

[Insert the Private Placement Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

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MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY 6.875% SENIOR NOTE DUE 2023

CUSIP NO. 576485 AA41 U57631 AA82 576485 AB23

No. Principal Amount \$

MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, promises to pay to , or registered assigns, the principal sum of dollars on April 15, 2023[, or such other principal amount as is indicated on the attached schedule]⁴.

Interest Payment Dates: April 15 and October 15, commencing October 15, 2015.

Record Dates: April 1 and October 1.

MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY

Name: David E. Lancaster

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Operating

Officer and Chief Financial Officer

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

as Trustee, certifies that this is one of the Securities referred to in the Indenture. $\,$

Authorized Signatory

Dated: , 20

By:

- For Securities sold in reliance on Rule 144A.
- ² For Securities sold in reliance on Regulation S.
- ³ For Unrestricted Securities.
- ⁴ For Global Securities.

[BACK OF SECURITY] MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY 6.875% SENIOR NOTE DUE 2023

Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

- 1. Interest. Matador Resources Company, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), promises to pay interest on the outstanding principal amount of this Security at the rate of 6.875% per annum. The Company will pay interest semi-annually in arrears on April 15 and October 15 of each year, or if any such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), provided, that the first Interest Payment Date shall be October 15, 2015. Interest on the Securities will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance; provided that if there is no existing Default in the payment of interest, and if this Security is authenticated between a record date referred to on the face hereof and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date, interest shall accrue from such next succeeding Interest Payment Date. The Company will pay, to the extent lawful, interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal and premium, if any, at the rate then in effect; it will pay, to the extent lawful, interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace periods) from time to time on demand at the same rate as on overdue principal. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.
- 2. Method of Payment. The Company will pay interest on the Securities (except Defaulted Interest) to the Persons who are registered Holders of Securities at the close of business on the April 1 or October 1 next preceding the Interest Payment Date, even if such Securities are canceled after such record date and on or before such Interest Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.11 of the Indenture with respect to Defaulted Interest. The Securities will be payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at the office or agency of the Paying Agent maintained for such purpose, or, at the option of the Company, payment of interest may be made by check mailed by such Paying Agent to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders; provided that payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds will be required with respect to principal of and interest, and premium, if any, on all Global Securities and all other Securities, the Holders of which hold at least \$5,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Securities and have provided wire transfer instructions to the Company and the Paying Agent for an account in the U.S. Such payment will be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts. Holders must surrender their Securities to the Paying Agent to collect payments of principal and premium, if any.
- 3. *Paying Agent and Registrar*. Initially, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may appoint and change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder, and the Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent or Registrar, all in accordance with the Indenture.
- 4. *Indenture*. The Company issued the Securities under an Indenture, dated as of April 14, 2015 (the "*Indenture*"), among the Company, the Guarantors named on the signature pages thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as the Trustee. The terms of the Securities include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the

Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act. The Securities are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and such Act for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Security conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling (to the extent permitted by law). The Securities are unsecured obligations of the Company. The Company initially has issued \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Securities. The Company may issue Additional Securities under the Indenture, subject to Section 4.3 of the Indenture.

5. Redemption.

(a) On or after April 15, 2018, the Company may redeem all or a part of the Securities at any time or from time to time at the following Redemption Prices (expressed as percentages of the principal amount) plus accrued and unpaid interest on the Securities, if any, to the applicable Redemption Date, if redeemed during the 12- month period beginning April 15 of the years indicated:

Year	Redemption Price
<u>Year</u> 2018	105.156%
2019	103.438%
2020	101.719%
2021 and thereafter	100.000%

- (b) Prior to April 15, 2018, the Company may on one or more occasions redeem up to an aggregate amount equal to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Securities (including Additional Securities) originally issued prior to the Redemption Date under the Indenture in an amount not greater than the Net Cash Proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings at a Redemption Price of 106.875% of the principal amount of the Securities, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the Redemption Date; *provided*, that (i) at least 65% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities (including any Additional Securities) originally issued remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption (excluding Securities held by the Company and its Subsidiaries) and (ii) each such redemption occurs within 180 days of the date of the closing of the related Equity Offering.
 - (c) In addition, at any time prior to April 15, 2018, the Company may redeem all or part of the Securities at a Redemption Price equal to the sum of:
 - (i) the principal amount thereof, plus
 - (ii) the Make Whole Premium at the Redemption Date, plus
 - accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the Redemption Date.
- (d) Following certain Change of Control Offers, the Company may redeem all of the Securities that remain outstanding, at the Redemption Price and subject to the terms and conditions, set forth in <u>Section 4.11(i)</u> of the Indenture.
- 6. *Denominations, Transfer, Exchange.* The Securities are in registered form without coupons in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The transfer of Securities may be registered and Securities may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar or the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Company may

require a Holder to pay any transfer tax or similar governmental charge or other fee required by law and payable in connection therewith. The Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Security or portion of a Security selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Security being redeemed in part. Also, the Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Securities for a period of 15 days before the day of any selection of Securities to be redeemed or during the period between a record date and the corresponding Interest Payment Date.

- 7. Persons Deemed Owners. The registered Holder of a Security may be treated as its owner for all purposes.
- 8. Amendment, Supplement and Waiver. Subject to certain exceptions, the Indenture and the Securities may be amended or supplemented with the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Securities, and any existing Default or compliance with any provision of the Indenture or the Securities may be waived with the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Securities. Without the consent of any Holder of a Security, the Indenture, the Subsidiary Guarantees or the Securities may be amended or supplemented with respect to certain matters specified in the Indenture.
- 9. *Defaults*. If an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, the principal of all the Securities may be declared (or will become) due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture.
- 10. *Defeasance*. The Indenture contains provisions for defeasance of (i) the entire indebtedness of the Company on this Security and (ii) certain restrictive covenants and the related Events of Default, subject to compliance by the Company with certain conditions set forth in the Indenture, which provisions apply to this Security.
 - 11. Authentication. This Security will not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee or an Authenticating Agent.
- 12. *Abbreviations*. Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (=tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (=Custodian), and U/G/M/A (=Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).
- 13. [Additional Rights of Holders of Restricted Global Securities and Restricted Definitive Securities. In addition to the rights provided to Holders of Securities under the Indenture, Holders of Restricted Global Securities and Restricted Definitive Securities will have all the rights set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of April 14, 2015, among the Company, the Guarantors and the other parties named on the signature pages thereof.]*
- 14. *CUSIP Numbers*. Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Company has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Securities and the Trustee may use CUSIP, ISIN or similar numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Securities or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

^{*} Delete for Exchange Security

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture [and/or the Registration Rights Agreement].* Requests may be made to:

Matador Resources Company 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500 Dallas, Texas 75240 Attention: General Counsel

^{*} Delete for Additional Securities.

	ASSIGNMENT FORM	
To assign this Security, fill in the form below:		
(I) or (we) assign and transfer this Security to:		
	(Insert assignee's	legal name)
	(Insert assignee's soc. sec. or tax I. D. no.)	
(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)	
and irrevocably appoint		
to transfer this Security on the books of the Company	The agent may substitute another to act for him.	
Date:		
	Your Signature:	
		(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Security)

Signature Guarantee:*

^{*} Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

	Option of Holder to	o Elect Purchase	
If you want to elect to have this Security below:	purchased by the Company pursu	nant to <u>Section 4.7</u> or <u>Section 4.1</u>	$\underline{1}$ of the Indenture, check the appropriate box
	\square Section 4.7	□ Section 4.11	
If you want to elect to have only part of amount you elect to have purchased:	the Security purchased by the Cor	npany pursuant to <u>Section 4.7</u> or	Section 4.11 of the Indenture, state the
	\$		
Date:			
		Your Signature:	
			(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Security)
		Tax Identification	No.:
Signature Guarantee:*			

^{*} Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

[TO BE ATTACHED TO GLOBAL SECURITIES]

SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF INTERESTS IN THE GLOBAL SECURITY

The following increases or decreases in this Global Security have been made:

	Amount of Decrease in Principal Amount of this	Amount of Increase in Principal Amount of this	Principal Amount of this Global Security Following such Decrease or	Signature of Authorized Officer of Trustee or Securities
Date of Exchange	Global Security	Global Security	Increase	Custodian

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

Matador Resources Company 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500 Dallas, Texas 75240

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association Corporate Trust – DAPS REORG 6th & Marquette Ave., 12th Floor, MAC N9303-121 Minneapolis, MN 55479

Phone: 1-800-344-5128 Fax: 1-866-969-1290

Email: dapsreorg@wellsfargo.com

Re: Matador Resources Company 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023

CUSIP 576485 AA4 1U57631 AA8 2

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of April 14, 2015 (the "*Indenture*"), among Matador Resources Company, as issuer (the "*Company*"), the Guarantors named on the signature pages thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

, (the "*Transferor*") owns and proposes to transfer the Security[ies] or beneficial interest in such Security[ies] in the principal amount of (the "*Transferor*"), to (the "*Transferee*"). In connection with the Transfer, the Transferor hereby certifies that:

[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

1. □ Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in the 144A Global Security or a Restricted Definitive Security pursuant to Rule 144A. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that the beneficial interest or Definitive Security is being transferred to a Person that the Transferor reasonably believes is purchasing the beneficial interest or Definitive Security for its own account, or for one or more accounts with respect to which such Person exercises sole investment discretion, and such Person and each such account is a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A, and such Transfer is in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Security will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the 144A Global Security and/or the Restricted Definitive Security and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

¹ For Securities sold in reliance on Rule 144A.

 $^{^{2} \;\;}$ For Securities sold in reliance on Regulation S.

2. \square Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Global Security or a Restricted Definitive Security pursuant to Regulation S. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 904 under the Securities Act and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that (i) the Transfer is not being made to a Person in the United States and (x) at the time the buy order was originated, the Transferee was outside the United States or such Transferor and any Person acting on its behalf reasonably believed and believes that the Transferee was outside the United States or (y) the transaction was executed in, on or through the facilities of a designated offshore securities market and neither such

(c) ☐ Check if Transfer is Pursuant to Other Exemption . (i) The Transfer is be the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 144 or Rule 904 and in and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any State of the United States and (ii) the Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities At the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Security will n Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Securities or Restricted Definitive Security	n compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with not be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private
This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and	the benefit of the Company.
	[Insert Name of Transferor]
	Ву:
	Name:
	Title:
Dated:	
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FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF EXCHANGE

Matador Resources Company 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500 Dallas, Texas 75240

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association Corporate Trust – DAPS REORG 6th & Marquette Ave., 12th Floor, MAC N9303-121 Minneapolis, MN 55479

Phone: 1-800-344-5128 Fax: 1-866-969-1290

Email: dapsreorg@wellsfargo.com

Re: Matador Resources Company 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023

CUSIP $[\bullet]^1 [\bullet]^2$

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of April 14, 2015 (the "*Indenture*"), among Matador Resources Company, as issuer (the "*Company*"), the Guarantors named on the signature pages thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

, (the "Owner") owns and proposes to exchange the Security[ies] or beneficial interest in such Security[ies] specified herein, in the principal amount of \$ (the "Exchange"). In connection with the Exchange, the Owner hereby certifies that:

- 1. Exchange of Restricted Definitive Securities or Beneficial Interests in a Restricted Global Security for Unrestricted Definitive Securities or Beneficial Interests in an Unrestricted Global Security
- (a) \square Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security to beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Security. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Security in an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Global Securities and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Security is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.
- 1 For Securities sold in reliance on Rule 144A.
- ² For Securities sold in reliance on Regulation S.

(b) \Box Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security to Unrestricted Definitive Security. In connection with the
Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security for an Unrestricted Definitive Security, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the
Definitive Security is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer
restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Securities and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained
in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Definitive Security is
being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.
(c) \square Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Security to beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Security. In connection with the
Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Security for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Security, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial
interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions
applicable to Restricted Definitive Securities and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the
Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest is being
acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.
(d) Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Security to Unrestricted Definitive Security. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a
Restricted Definitive Security for an Unrestricted Definitive Security, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Unrestricted Definitive Security is being acquired for
the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive
Securities and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement
Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Unrestricted Definitive Security is being acquired in compliance
with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.
with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the office states.
2. Exchange of Restricted Definitive Securities or Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Securities for Restricted Definitive Securities or
Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Securities

(a) \square Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security to Restricted Definitive Security. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security for a Restricted Definitive Security with an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies that the Restricted Definitive Security is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer. Upon consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the Restricted Definitive Security issued will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Definitive Security and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

(b) \square Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Security to beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Security. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's Restricted Definitive Security for a beneficial interest in the [CHECK ONE] \square 144A Global Security, \square Regulation S Global Security with an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby

certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer and (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Securities and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, and in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. Upon consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the beneficial interest issued will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the relevant Restricted Global Security and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and the benefit of the Company.

[Insert Name of Transf	eror]	
Ву:		
Name:		
Title:		

Dated:

EXHIBIT D

FORM OF NOTATION OF SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEE

For value received, the undersigned Guarantor (which term includes any successor to such Guarantor under the Indenture) has, jointly and severally, with each other Guarantor, unconditionally guaranteed, to the extent set forth in the Indenture and subject to the provisions in the Indenture dated as of April 14, 2015 (the "Indenture") among Matador Resources Company (the "Company"), the Guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), the full and punctual payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Securities (as defined in the Indenture) when due, whether at Stated Maturity, or upon redemption, required repurchase pursuant to Section 4.7 or Section 4.11 of the Indenture, acceleration or otherwise, and all other monetary obligations owing by the Company under the Indenture (including obligations owing to the Trustee) and the Securities, all as more fully provided in Article X of the Indenture. The obligations of the undersigned Guarantor to the Holders of Securities and to the Trustee pursuant to the Subsidiary Guarantee and the Indenture are expressly set forth in Article X of the Indenture and reference is hereby made to the Indenture for the precise terms of the Subsidiary Guarantee. Each Holder of a Security, by accepting the same, (a) agrees to and shall be bound by such provisions and (b) appoints the Trustee attorney-in-fact of such Holder for such purpose; provided, however, that each Subsidiary Guarantee is subject to release in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture.

[NAME OF GUARANTOR(s)]		
Ву:		
Name:		
Title:		

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FORM OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE TO BE DELIVERED BY FUTURE GUARANTORS

SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (this "Supplemental Indenture"), dated as of , 20 , among [Name of Future Guarantor(s)] (the "New Guarantor"), a subsidiary of Matador Resources Company, a Delaware corporation [or its permitted successor] (the "Company"), the existing Guarantors (as defined in the Indenture referred to herein), the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee under the Indenture referred to herein (the "Trustee"). The New Guarantor and the existing Guarantors are sometimes referred to collectively herein as the "Guarantors," or individually as a "Guarantor."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Company and the existing Guarantors have heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustee an indenture (the "*Indenture*"), dated as of April 14, 2015, relating to the 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "*Securities*") of the Company;

WHEREAS, <u>Section 4.9</u> of the Indenture in certain circumstances requires the Company to cause a newly acquired or created Restricted Subsidiary (i) to become a Guarantor by executing a supplemental indenture and (ii) to deliver an Opinion of Counsel to the Trustee as provided in such Section; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to <u>Section 9.1</u> of the Indenture, the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee are authorized to execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture to amend or supplement the Indenture without the consent of any Holder;

NOW THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the New Guarantor, the other Guarantors, the Company and the Trustee mutually covenant and agree for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Securities as follows:

- 1. CAPITALIZED TERMS. Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.
- 2. AGREEMENT TO GUARANTEE. The New Guarantor hereby agrees, jointly and severally, with all other Guarantors, to unconditionally Guarantee to each Holder and to the Trustee the Obligations, to the extent set forth in the Indenture and subject to the provisions in the Indenture. The obligations of the Guarantors to the Holders of Securities and to the Trustee pursuant to the Subsidiary Guarantees and the Indenture are expressly set forth in <u>Article X</u> of the Indenture and reference is hereby made to the Indenture for the precise terms of the Subsidiary Guarantees.
- 3. EXECUTION AND DELIVERY. The New Guarantor agrees that its Subsidiary Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding any failure to endorse on each Security a notation of such Subsidiary Guarantee.
- 4. NEW YORK LAW TO GOVERN. THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE AND ENFORCE THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

- 5. COUNTERPARTS. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement. This Supplemental Indenture may be executed in multiple counterparts which, when taken together, shall constitute one instrument. The exchange of copies of this Supplemental Indenture and of signatures by facsimile or PDF transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Supplemental Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Supplemental Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or PDF shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.
 - 6. EFFECT OF HEADINGS. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.
- 7. THE TRUSTEE. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this Supplemental Indenture. This Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed and attested, all as of the date first above written.

Dated:	, 20

[NE	W GUARANTOR]
By:	
	Name:
	Title:
TO]	THER GUARANTORS]
By:	
	Name:
	Title:
MA	TADOR RESOURCES COMPANY
By:	
	Name:
	Title:

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June 1, 2015

Matador Resources Company 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500 Dallas, Texas 75240

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As set forth in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (the "Registration Statement") filed on the date hereof with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") by Matador Resources Company, a Texas corporation (the "Company"), and certain of the Company's subsidiaries listed in the Registration Statement as guarantors (the "Guarantors"), under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), relating to the registration under the Act of the offering and issuance of \$400 million aggregate principal amount of the Company's 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Exchange Notes"), guaranteed by the Guarantors to the extent set forth in the Indenture (as defined below) (the "Guarantees"), to be offered by the Company and the Guarantors in exchange (the "Exchange Offer") for a like principal amount of the Company's issued and outstanding 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Outstanding Notes"), certain legal matters in connection with the Exchange Notes and the related Guarantees are being passed upon for you by us. The Exchange Notes and the related Guarantees are to be issued under an Indenture, dated as of April 14, 2015 (the "Indenture"), among the Company, the Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee.

In our capacity as your counsel in the connection referred to above and as a basis for the opinions hereinafter expressed, we have examined (i) the Registration Statement; (ii) the Indenture; (iii) the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Formation and Amended and Restated Bylaws, each as amended to date; (iv) the certificate of formation and the bylaws, limited liability company agreement, or limited partnership agreement, as applicable, each as amended to date, of each of the Guarantors; and (v) the originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified, of the corporate, limited liability company or partnership records of each of the Company and the Guarantors, including minute books of each of the Company and the Guarantors as furnished to us by each of the Company and the Guarantors, certificates of public officials and of representatives of each of the Company and the Guarantors, statutes and other instruments and documents, as we deemed necessary or advisable for purposes of the opinions hereinafter expressed. In giving such opinions, we have relied, to the extent we deemed appropriate, without independent investigation or verification, upon certificates of officers of the Company and of public officials with respect to the accuracy and completeness of the factual matters contained in or covered by such certificates. In making our examination, we have assumed that the signatures on all documents examined by us are genuine, that all documents submitted to us as originals are authentic and complete, that all documents submitted to us as certified or reproduced copies are true and correct copies of the originals thereof and that all information submitted to us was accurate and complete. In connection with the opinions below, we also have assumed that (i) the Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Trustee and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Trustee, (ii) the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments) will have become effective under the Act and the Indenture will have been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, and (iii) the Exchange Notes and the related Guarantees will have been duly executed, authenticated and delivered in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and issued in exchange for Outstanding Notes pursuant to, and in accordance with the terms of, the Exchange Offer as contemplated in the Registration Statement.

On the basis of the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications and limitations hereinafter set forth, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Exchange Notes, when issued, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as enforcement thereof is subject to (a) any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer or conveyance or other laws

relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, (b) general principles of equity (regardless of whether that enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), (c) public policy, applicable law relating to fiduciary duties and indemnification and contribution and (d) any implied covenants of good faith and fair dealing.

2. Each Guarantee of a Guarantor remains a valid and legally binding obligation of such Guarantor, enforceable against such Guarantor in accordance with its terms, except as that enforcement is subject to (a) any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer or conveyance or other laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, (b) general principles of equity (regardless of whether that enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), (c) public policy, applicable law relating to fiduciary duties and indemnification and contribution and (d) any implied covenants of good faith and fair dealing.

The opinions set forth above are limited in all respects to the federal laws of the United States of America and the laws of the state of Texas, in each case as in effect on the date hereof. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion of counsel as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. We also consent to the reference to our Firm under the heading "Legal Matters" in the prospectus forming a part of the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not hereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

DMR/MPB/JBP/CHJ

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table contains our consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated. You should read these ratios in connection with our consolidated financial statements, including the notes to those financial statements (amounts in table in thousands, except ratios).

	mo	or the three onths ended	Fronthouseur and d Donardon 21							
	March 31, 2015		For the years ended December 31, 2014 2013 2012 2011 2010							
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	(76,624)	\$175,129	2013 9 \$54,791		\$(34,691)	\$	2011 (15,830)	_	9,898
Add:		(, ,		. ,						,
Fixed charges (see below)		3,290	9,060	8,162		2,835		2,206		55
Amortization of capitalized interest		220	60'	7 383		187		7		_
Less:										
Interest capitalized		(979)	(2,83	(1,888))	(1,574)		(1,278)		_
Non-controlling interest in pre-tax income of subsidiaries that have not										
incurred fixed charges		(36)	1'	7						
Total earnings	\$	(74,094)	\$181,96	\$61,448		\$(33,243)	\$	(14,895)	\$ 9	9,953
Fixed charges										
Interest expensed	\$	2,070	\$ 5,334	4 \$ 5,687	:	\$ 1,002	\$	683	\$	3
Interest capitalized		979	2,83	1,888		1,574		1,278		—
Amortized premiums, discounts & capitalized expenses related to										
indebtedness		225	850	547		231		221		33
Estimate of interest within rental expense		15	4	40		28		24		19
Total fixed charges	\$	3,290	\$ 9,060	\$ 8,162		\$ 2,835	\$	2,206	\$	55
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges		(a)	20.09	7.53		(a)		(a)	17	79.99

During the period noted, our coverage ratio was less than 1:1. We would have needed to generate additional earnings of approximately \$70.8 million during the three months ended March 31, 2015, \$36.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2012 and \$17.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2011 to achieve a coverage ratio of 1:1.

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors Matador Resources Company:

We consent to the use of our reports dated March 2, 2015, with respect to the consolidated balance sheet of Matador Resources Company and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows, for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, incorporated herein by reference and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the registration statement.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Dallas, Texas June 1, 2015

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We have issued our report dated March 17, 2014 with respect to the consolidated financial statements included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 of Matador Resources Company, which is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement. We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement of the aforementioned report, and to the use of our name as it appears under the caption "Experts."

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

Dallas, Texas June 1, 2015

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ENGINEERS AND GEOLOGISTS

We hereby consent to the use of the name Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc. and to the references to our audits of Matador Resources Company's proved oil and natural gas reserves estimates and future net revenue as of December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015 included or incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-4 and the incorporation by reference of our corresponding audit letters, which appear in Matador Resources Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2015. We also consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" in this Registration Statement on Form S-4.

NETHERLAND, SEWELL & ASSOCIATES, INC.

By: /s/ C.H. (Scott) Rees III, P.E.

Name: C.H. (Scott) Rees III, P.E.

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Dallas, Texas May 29, 2015

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM T-1

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY
UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939
OF A CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(b) (2)

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

(Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

A National Banking Association (Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization if not a U.S. national bank) 94-1347393 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

101 North Phillips Avenue Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Address of principal executive offices)

57104 (Zip code)

Wells Fargo & Company
Law Department, Trust Section
MAC N9305-175
Sixth Street and Marquette Avenue, 17th Floor
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55479
(612) 667-4608
(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

Matador Resources Company (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

1311 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)

27-4662601 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500 Dallas, Texas 75240 (972) 371-5200

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrants' principal executive offices)

6.875% Senior Notes Due 2023

GUARANTORS

Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter(1)	State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization	I.R.S. Employer Identification No.
Delaware Water Management Company, LLC	Texas	35-2514885
DLK Wolf Midstream, LLC	Texas	36-4795481
DLK Black River Midstream, LLC	Texas	37-1767354
Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems, LP	Texas	20-5668690
Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc.	Texas	20-5668672
Longwood Midstream South Texas, LLC	Texas	37-1764590
Longwood Midstream Southeast, LLC	Texas	32-0448226
Longwood Midstream Delaware, LLC	Texas	61-1745124
Matador Production Company	Texas	75-3131373
MRC Delaware Resources, LLC	Texas	37-1776519
MRC Energy Company	Texas	36-4535752
MRC Energy Southeast Company, LLC	Texas	32-0447771
MRC Energy South Texas Company, LLC	Texas	30-0839694
MRC Permian Company	Texas	20-4090232
MRC Rockies Company	Texas	26-4001290
Southeast Water Management Company, LLC	Texas	38-3939361

The address for each registrant's principal executive office is 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500, Dallas, Texas 75240, and the telephone number of each registrant's principal executive office is (972) 371-5200.

Item 1. General Information. Furnish the following information as to the trustee:

(a) Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.

Comptroller of the Currency Treasury Department Washington, D.C.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Washington, D.C.

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco San Francisco, California 94120

(b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.

The trustee is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.

Item 2. Affiliations with Obligor. If the obligor is an affiliate of the trustee, describe each such affiliation.

None with respect to the trustee.

No responses are included for Items 3-14 of this Form T-1 because the obligor is not in default as provided under Item 13.

Item 15. Foreign Trustee. Not applicable.

Item 16. List of Exhibits. List below all exhibits filed as a part of this Statement of Eligibility.

Exhibit 1. A copy of the Articles of Association of the trustee now in effect.*

Exhibit 2. A copy of the Comptroller of the Currency Certificate of Corporate Existence for Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, dated January 14, 2015.**

Exhibit 3. A copy of the Comptroller of the Currency Certification of Fiduciary Powers for Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, dated January 6, 2014.**

Exhibit 4. Copy of By-laws of the trustee as now in effect.**

Exhibit 5. Not applicable.

Exhibit 6. The consent of the trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Act.

Exhibit 7. A copy of the latest report of condition of the trustee published pursuant to law or the requirements of its supervising or examining authority.

Exhibit 8. Not applicable.

Exhibit 9. Not applicable.

- * Incorporated by reference to the exhibit of the same number to the trustee's Form T-1 filed as exhibit 25 to the Form S-4 dated December 30, 2005 of file number 333-130784.
- ** Incorporated by reference to the exhibit of the same number to the trustee's Form T-1 filed as exhibit to the Filing 305B2 dated March 13, 2015 of file number 333-190926.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, the trustee, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in the City of Dallas and State of Texas on the 27th of May, 2015.

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

/s/ Patrick T. Giordano

Patrick T. Giordano Vice President

EXHIBIT 6

May 27, 2015

Securities and Exchange Commission Washington, D.C. 20549

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, the undersigned hereby consents that reports of examination of the undersigned made by Federal, State, Territorial, or District authorities authorized to make such examination may be furnished by such authorities to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon its request thereof.

Very truly yours,

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

/s/ Patrick T. Giordano

Patrick T. Giordano Vice President

Exhibit 7

Consolidated Report of Condition of

Wells Fargo Bank National Association of 101 North Phillips Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 And Foreign and Domestic Subsidiaries,

at the close of business March 31, 2015, filed in accordance with 12 U.S.C. §161 for National Banks.

			ar Amounts Millions
ASSETS			IVIIIIOIIS
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:			
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		\$	18,155
Interest-bearing balances			253,636
Securities:			
Held-to-maturity securities			67,133
Available-for-sale securities			227,089
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell:			
Federal funds sold in domestic offices			625
Securities purchased under agreements to resell			22,376
Loans and lease financing receivables:			
Loans and leases held for sale			19,541
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	822,149		
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	10,790		
Loans and leases, net of unearned income and allowance			811,359
Trading Assets			41,469
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)			7,480
Other real estate owned			2,217
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies			869
Direct and indirect investments in real estate ventures			1
Intangible assets Goodwill			21,627
Other intangible assets			17,259
Other assets Other assets			60,553
Total assets		¢ 1	
Total assets		D	1,571,389
LIABILITIES			
Deposits:			
In domestic offices		\$ 1	1,093,967
Noninterest-bearing	336,758		
Interest-bearing	757,209		
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs			150,855
Noninterest-bearing	912		
Interest-bearing	149,943		
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase:			
Federal funds purchased in domestic offices			1,004
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase			15,906
Trading liabilities			24,062
Other borrowed money			
(includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases)			87,908
Subordinated notes and debentures			16,899
Other liabilities			33,851
Total liabilities		\$ 1	1,424,452
EQUITY CAPITAL			
Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus			0
Common stock			519
Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)			106,692
Retained earnings			34,702
Accumulated other comprehensive income			4,587
Other equity capital components			0
Total bank equity capital			146,500
Noncontrolling (minority) interests in consolidated subsidiaries			437
			-
Total equity capital			146,937
Total liabilities, and equity capital		\$ 1	1,571,389

I, John R. Shrewsberry, Sr. EVP & CFO of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

John R. Shrewsberry Sr. EVP & CFO

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and is true and correct.

John Stumpf James Quigley Enrique Hernandez, Jr. Directors

MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY

Offer to Exchange

up to

\$400,000,000 of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023
that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933
for any and all outstanding
\$400,000,000 of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023
that have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933,
pursuant to the Prospectus, dated , 2015

THE EXCHANGE OFFER (AS DEFINED BELOW) WILL EXPIRE AT 5:00 P.M., NEW YORK CITY TIME, ON , 2015, UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE COMPANY IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION (THE "EXPIRATION TIME"). TENDERS OF EXCHANGE NOTES MAY BE WITHDRAWN AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION TIME.

, 2015

To DTC Participants:

Matador Resources Company (the "Company") is offering to exchange (the "Exchange Offer") its \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Exchange Notes"), the issuance of which has been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, for any and all of its 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Outstanding Notes") upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Prospectus dated , 2015 (the "Prospectus") and in the related Letter of Transmittal and the instructions thereto (the "Letter of Transmittal"). Capitalized terms used herein but not defined herein shall have the same meanings given to them in the Prospectus.

Enclosed herewith are copies of the following documents:

- 1. The Prospectus;
- 2. The Letter of Transmittal for your use and for the information of your clients, including an Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 for collection of information relating to backup federal income tax withholding;
- 3. A form of letter which may be sent to your clients for whose account you hold the Outstanding Notes in your name or in the name of a nominee, with space provided for obtaining such clients' instructions with regard to the Exchange Offer; and
 - 4. Return envelopes addressed to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, the Exchange Agent for the Exchange Offer.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EXCHANGE OFFER WILL EXPIRE AT 5:00 P.M., NEW YORK TIME, ON , 2015, UNLESS EXTENDED OR EARLIER TERMINATED. WE URGE YOU TO CONTACT YOUR CLIENTS AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE.

The Company has not retained any dealer-manager in connection with the Exchange Offer and will not pay any fee or commission to any broker, dealer, nominee or other person, other than the Exchange Agent, for soliciting tenders of the Outstanding Notes pursuant to the Exchange Offer. You will be reimbursed by the Company for customary mailing and handling expenses incurred by you in forwarding the enclosed materials to your clients and for handling or tendering for your clients.

Additional copies of the enclosed materials may be obtained by contacting the Exchange Agent as provided in the enclosed Letter of Transmittal.

Very truly yours,

Matador Resources Company

NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN OR IN THE ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS SHALL CONSTITUTE YOU OR ANY OTHER PERSON AS AN AGENT OF THE COMPANY OR THE EXCHANGE AGENT, OR AUTHORIZE YOU OR ANY OTHER PERSON TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF ANY OF THEM WITH RESPECT TO THE EXCHANGE OFFER NOT CONTAINED IN THE PROSPECTUS OR THE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY

Offer to Exchange

up to

\$400,000,000 of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023
that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933
for any and all outstanding
\$400,000,000 of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023
that have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933,
pursuant to the Prospectus, dated , 2015

THE EXCHANGE OFFER (AS DEFINED BELOW) WILL EXPIRE AT 5:00 P.M., NEW YORK CITY TIME, ON , 2015, UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE COMPANY IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION (THE "EXPIRATION TIME"). TENDERS OF EXCHANGE NOTES MAY BE WITHDRAWN AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION TIME.

, 2015

To Our Clients:

Enclosed for your consideration is a Prospectus dated , 2015 (the "Prospectus") and the related Letter of Transmittal and instructions thereto (the "Letter of Transmittal") in connection with the offer of Matador Resources Company (the "Company") to exchange (the "Exchange Offer") its \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Exchange Notes"), the issuance of which has been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, for any and all of its outstanding 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Outstanding Notes") upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Prospectus and the Letter of Transmittal. Consummation of the Exchange Offer is subject to certain conditions described in the Prospectus. All capitalized terms used herein but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Prospectus.

WE ARE THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF OUTSTANDING NOTES HELD BY US FOR YOUR ACCOUNT. A TENDER OF ANY SUCH OUTSTANDING NOTES CAN BE MADE ONLY BY US AS THE REGISTERED HOLDER AND PURSUANT TO YOUR INSTRUCTIONS. THE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL IS FURNISHED TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY AND CANNOT BE USED BY YOU TO TENDER OUTSTANDING NOTES HELD BY US FOR YOUR ACCOUNT.

Accordingly, we request instructions as to whether you wish us to tender any or all such Outstanding Notes held by us for your account pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Prospectus and the Letter of Transmittal. WE URGE YOU TO READ THE PROSPECTUS AND THE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL CAREFULLY BEFORE INSTRUCTING US TO TENDER YOUR OUTSTANDING NOTES.

Your instructions to us should be forwarded as promptly as possible in order to permit us to tender Outstanding Notes on your behalf in accordance with the provisions of the Exchange Offer. THE EXCHANGE OFFER WILL EXPIRE AT 5:00 P.M., NEW YORK CITY TIME, ON , 2015, UNLESS EXTENDED OR EARLIER TERMINATED. Outstanding Notes tendered pursuant to the Exchange Offer may be withdrawn only under the circumstances described in the Prospectus and the Letter of Transmittal.

Your attention is directed to the following:

1. The Exchange Offer is for the entire aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Notes.

- 2. Consummation of the Exchange Offer is conditioned upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Prospectus under the captions "Exchange Offer—Terms of The Exchange Offer" and "Exchange Offer—Conditions to the Exchange Offer."
 - 3. Tendering Holders may withdraw their tender at any time until 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on , 2015.
- 4. Any transfer taxes incident to the transfer of Outstanding Notes from the tendering Holder to the Company will be paid by the Company, except as provided in the Prospectus and the instructions to the Letter of Transmittal.
- 5. The Exchange Offer is not being made to, nor will the surrender of Outstanding Notes for exchange be accepted from or on behalf of, Holders of Outstanding Notes in any jurisdiction in which the Exchange Offer or acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdiction.
- 6. The acceptance for exchange of Outstanding Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn and the issuance of Exchange Notes will be made as soon as practicable after the Expiration Time.
- 7. The Company expressly reserves the right, in its reasonable discretion and in accordance with applicable law, (i) to delay accepting any Outstanding Notes, (ii) to terminate the Exchange Offer and not accept any Outstanding Notes for exchange if it determines that any of the conditions to the Exchange Offer, as set forth in the Prospectus, have not occurred or been satisfied, (iii) to extend the Expiration Time of the Exchange Offer and retain all Outstanding Notes tendered in the Exchange Offer other than those Outstanding Notes properly withdrawn, or (iv) to waive any condition or to amend the terms of the Exchange Offer in any manner. In the event of any extension, delay, non-acceptance, termination, waiver or amendment, the Company will as promptly as practicable give written notice of the action to the Exchange Agent and make a public announcement of such action. In the case of an extension, such announcement will be made no later than 9:00 A.M., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled Expiration Time.
- 8. Consummation of the Exchange Offer may have adverse consequences to Holders of Outstanding Notes not tendering such Outstanding Notes pursuant to the Exchange Offer, including that the reduced amount of Outstanding Notes as a result of the Exchange Offer may adversely affect the trading market, liquidity and market price of the Outstanding Notes.

If you wish to have us tender any or all of the Outstanding Notes held by us for your account, please so instruct us by completing, executing and returning to us the instruction form that follows.

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE EXCHANGE OFFER WITH RESPECT TO THE \$400,000,000 OF 6.875% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2023 ("OUTSTANDING NOTES")

INSTRUCTIONS

The undersigned acknowledge(s) receipt of your letter and the enclosed documents referred to therein relating to the Exchange Offer of Matador Resources Company with respect to the Outstanding Notes.

This will instruct you whether to tender the principal amount of Outstanding Notes indicated below held by you for the account of the undersigned pursuant to the terms of and conditions set forth in the Prospectus and the Letter of Transmittal. (check box as applicable)

Box 1 □ Please tender the Outstanding Notes held by you for my account, as indicated below.				
Box 2 \square Please do not tender the Outstanding Notes held by you for my account.				
Date:, 2015				
Principal Amount of Private Notes to be Tendered:				
	Signatures(s)*			
\$				
(must be in the principal amount of \$2,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof)				
multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof)				
	Please Print Name(s) Here			
	Please Type or Print Address			
	Area Code and Telephone Number			
	Taxpayer Identification or Social Security Number			
	My Account Number With You			
	-			

* UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, SIGNATURE(S) HEREON BY BENEFICIAL OWNER(S) SHALL CONSTITUTE AN INSTRUCTION TO THE NOMINEE TO TENDER ALL OUTSTANDING NOTES OF SUCH BENEFICIAL OWNER(S).



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June 1, 2015

Via EDGAR transmission Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F. Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549-3561

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Matador Resources Company Registration Statement on Form S-4

On behalf of our client, Matador Resources Company (the "Registrant"), we hereby transmit for electronic filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), a Registration Statement on Form S-4 ("Registration Statement") relating to the Registrant's offer to exchange (the "Exchange Offer") registered 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023 for any and all of their outstanding unregistered 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023.

In connection with the Registration Statement, I draw your attention to the following matters:

- The original notes, in the aggregate principal amount of \$400 million, were sold in a transaction not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act in reliance upon the exemption provided in Section 4(2) of the Securities Act and Rule 144A and Regulation S thereunder.
- The Registrant is registering the Exchange Offer in reliance on the Staff's position enunciated in *Exxon Capital Holdings Corp.*, SEC No-Action Letter (May 13, 1988), *Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc.*, SEC No-Action Letter (June 5, 1991), *Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc.*, SEC No-Action Letter (available June 5, 1991), *Shearman & Sterling*, SEC No-Action Letter (July 2, 1993) and similar no-action letters. In this regard, I enclose a supplemental letter from Matador Resources Company that makes the representations and undertakings with respect to the Exchange Offer contained in the *Morgan Stanley, Mary Kay* and *Shearman & Sterling* no-action letters.

BAKER BOTTS LLP

Securities and Exchange Commission

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• The Exchange Offer will remain open for at least 20 business days after the date notice thereof is mailed to holders of the original notes and will not expire until 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the twenty-first business day following such notice date. The actual expiration date will be included in the final prospectus for the Exchange Offer that will be disseminated to holders of the original notes.

The filing fee for the Registration Statement, calculated in accordance with Rule 457(f) under the Securities Act, in the amount of \$46,480 has been paid by wire transfer from Matador Resources Company's account at Comerica Bank to the Securities and Exchange Commission's account at U.S. Bank, N.A. in St. Louis, MO in accordance with Rule 111 under the Securities Act.

Should any questions or comments arise with respect to this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Douglass M. Rayburn Douglass M. Rayburn Baker Botts L.L.P.

cc: Craig Adams

Matador Resources Company

MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY

5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500 Dallas, Texas 75240

June 1, 2015

Via EDGAR transmission Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F. Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549-3561

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Matador Resources Company

Subsidiary Guarantors of Matador Resources Company

Registration Statement on Form S-4

Matador Resources Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc., Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems, LP, Matador Production Company, MRC Energy Company, MRC Permian Company, MRC Rockies Company, Delaware Water Management Company, LLC, DLK Wolf Midstream, LLC, DLK Black River Midstream, LLC, Longwood Midstream South Texas, LLC, Longwood Midstream Southeast, LLC, Longwood Midstream Delaware, LLC, MRC Delaware Resources, LLC, MRC Energy Southeast Company, LLC, MRC Energy South Texas Company, LLC and Southeast Water Management Company, LLC (together, the "Registrants") have today filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), a Registration Statement on Form S-4 to register their offer to exchange (the "Exchange Offer") registered 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023 ("Exchange Notes") for any and all of their outstanding unregistered 6.875% Senior Notes due 2023 ("Outstanding Notes"). The Exchange Offer is being made in reliance on the position of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Staff") enunciated in the Exxon Capital Holdings Corp., SEC No-Action Letter (May 13, 1988), Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc., SEC No-Action Letter (June 5, 1991), Shearman & Sterling, SEC No-Action Letter (July 2, 1993) and similar no-action letters (the "Prior No-Action Letters"). This letter is being provided in order to make to the Staff the representations and undertakings contained in the Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc. and Shearman & Sterling no-action letters referred to above.

Matador Resources Company, on behalf of the Registrants, hereby confirms and represents as follows:

- 1. Neither the Registrants nor any of their respective affiliates have entered into any arrangement or understanding with any person, including any broker-dealer, to distribute the Exchange Notes and, to the best of the Registrants' information and belief, each person participating in the Exchange Offer is acquiring the Exchange Notes in the ordinary course of its business and has no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution of the Exchange Notes to be received in the Exchange Offer.
- 2. The Registrants will make each person participating in the Exchange Offer aware (through the prospectus for the Exchange Offer or otherwise) that if such person is participating in the Exchange Offer for the purpose of distributing the Exchange Notes to be acquired in the Exchange Offer, such person (i) cannot rely on the Staff's position enunciated in the Prior No-Action Letters and (ii) must comply with the registration and prospectus

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delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any secondary resale transaction. The Registrants acknowledge that such a secondary resale transaction by such person participating in the Exchange Offer for the purpose of distributing the Exchange Notes should be covered by an effective registration statement containing the selling security holder information required by Item 507 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act.

- 3. The Registrants will make each person participating in the Exchange Offer aware that any broker-dealer who holds Outstanding Notes acquired for its own account as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities may participate in the Exchange Offer so long as the broker-dealer has not entered into any arrangement or understanding with the Registrants or any of their respective affiliates to distribute the Exchange Notes.
- 4. The Registrants will make each person participating in the Exchange Offer aware (through the prospectus for the Exchange Offer or otherwise) that any broker-dealer who holds Outstanding Notes acquired for its own account as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, and who receives Exchange Notes in exchange for such Outstanding Notes pursuant to the Exchange Offer, may be a statutory underwriter and must deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act (including the requirement that such prospectus contain a plan of distribution with respect to the applicable resale transaction) in connection with any resale of such Exchange Notes.
- 5. The Registrants will include in the letter of transmittal or similar documentation to be executed by an exchange offeree in order to participate in the Exchange Offer the following additional provisions:
 - i. If the exchange offeree is not a broker-dealer, a representation to the effect that it is not engaged in, and does not intend to engage in, a distribution of the Exchange Notes.
 - ii. If the exchange offeree is a broker-dealer holding Outstanding Notes acquired for its own account as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, an acknowledgement to the effect that it will deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale of Exchange Notes received in respect of such Outstanding Notes pursuant to the Exchange Offer; and a statement to the effect that by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act.
- 6. The Registrants further represent that with respect to any broker-dealer that participates in the Exchange Offer with respect to outstanding securities acquired for its own account as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, each such broker-dealer must confirm that it has not entered into any agreement or understanding with the Registrants or any of their respective affiliates to distribute the Exchange Notes.

If you have any questions concerning the foregoing, please contact Douglass M. Rayburn of Baker Botts L.L.P. at 214-953-6634.

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Very truly yours,

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