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**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED MARCH 16, 2015**

**PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

(To Prospectus Dated August 28, 2014)

**4,500,000 Shares**

**Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc.**

**Common Stock**

We are offering 4,500,000 shares of our common stock.

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol CRZO. On March 16, 2015, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market was \$47.36 per share.

**Investing in our common stock involves risks. See Risk Factors on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement and on page 2 of the accompanying prospectus.**

The underwriters have agreed to purchase the shares of common stock from us at a price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share, which will result in \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million of net proceeds to us before expenses, or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million assuming full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares. The underwriters propose to offer the shares of common stock from time to time for sale in one or more transactions on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, in the over-the-counter market, through negotiated transactions or otherwise at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices.

We have granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to 675,000 additional shares of common stock at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share.

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**a criminal offense.**

The shares of common stock are expected to be ready for delivery in New York, New York on or about March , 2015.

*Book-Running Managers*

**Citigroup**

**Goldman, Sachs & Co.**

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This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the terms of this offering of our common stock. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which gives more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering of common stock. We sometimes refer to the prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, taken together, as the prospectus. If the information varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

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**FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, contain statements concerning our intentions, expectations, projections, assessments of risk, estimations, plans or predictions for the future, beliefs, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance and underlying assumptions and other statements that are not historical facts. These statements are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include, among others, statements regarding:

our growth strategies;

our ability to explore for and develop oil and gas resources successfully and economically;

our estimates and forecasts of the timing, number and results of wells we expect to drill and other exploration activities;

our estimates regarding timing and levels of production;

changes in reserves, acreage and working capital requirements;

commodity price risk management activities and the impact on our average realized prices,

anticipated trends in our business;

availability of pipeline connections and water disposal on economic terms;

the effects of competition on us;

our future results of operations;

our liquidity and our ability to finance our exploration and development activities, including accessibility of borrowings under our revolving credit facility, our borrowing base, and the result of any borrowing base redetermination;

our planned expenditures, prospects budgeted and capital expenditure plan;

future market conditions in the oil and gas industry;

our ability to make, integrate and develop acquisitions and realize any expected benefits or effects of completed acquisitions;

the benefits, results, effects, availability of and results of new and existing joint ventures and sales transactions;

receipt of receivables, drilling carry and proceeds from sales;

our ability to complete planned transactions on desirable terms;

the impact of governmental regulation, taxes, market changes and world events; and

our use of proceeds and any benefits or effects thereof.

You generally can identify our forward-looking statements by the words anticipate, believe, budgeted, continue, could, estimate, expect, forecast, goal, intend, may, objective, plan, potential, predict, projection, scheduled, should, or other similar words. Such risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, those relating to the worldwide economic downturn, availability of financing, our dependence on our exploratory drilling activities, the volatility of

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and changes in oil and gas prices, the need to replace reserves depleted by production, operating risks of oil and gas operations, our dependence on our key personnel, factors that affect our ability to manage our growth and achieve our business strategy, results, delays and uncertainties that may be encountered in drilling, development or production, interpretations and impact of oil and gas reserve estimation and disclosure requirements, activities and approvals of our partners and parties with whom we have alliances, technological changes, capital requirements, the timing and amount of borrowing base determinations (including determinations by lenders) and availability under our revolving credit facility, evaluations of us by lenders under our credit facility, the potential impact of government regulations, including current and proposed legislation and regulations related to hydraulic fracturing, oil and natural gas drilling, air emissions and climate change, regulatory determinations, litigation, competition, the uncertainty of reserve information and future net revenue estimates, acquisition risks, availability of equipment and crews, actions by our midstream and other industry partners, weather, actions by lenders, our ability to obtain permits and licenses, the results of audits and assessments, the failure to obtain certain bank and lease consents, the existence and resolution of title defects, new taxes and impact fees, delays, costs and difficulties relating to our joint ventures, actions by joint venture partners, results of exploration activities, the availability and completion of land acquisitions, completion and connection of wells and other factors detailed in this prospectus and in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ).

We have based our forward-looking statements on our management's beliefs and assumptions based on information available to our management at the time the statements are made. We caution you that assumptions, beliefs, expectations, intentions and projections about future events may and often do vary materially from actual results. Therefore, we cannot assure you that actual results will not differ materially from those expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements.

Some of the factors that could cause actual results to differ from those expressed or implied in forward-looking statements are described under "Risk Factors" and in other sections of this prospectus and described under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in the documents that we incorporate by reference into this prospectus, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and current reports on Form 8-K, and all other documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual outcomes may vary materially from those indicated. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by reference to these risks and uncertainties. You should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of the particular statement, and, except as required by law, we undertake no duty to update or revise any forward-looking statement.



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**SUMMARY**

*This summary highlights selected information about us but does not contain all the information that may be important to you. This prospectus supplement includes specific terms of the offering and information about our business and financial data. You should read carefully this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the matters set forth under the caption Risk Factors, and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before making an investment decision. In this prospectus, references to Carrizo, the Company, we and us refer to Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. and its subsidiaries.*

*For more information about the industry terms used in this prospectus supplement, please read Glossary of Certain Industry Terms in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.*

**Our Company**

Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. is a Houston-based energy company which, together with its subsidiaries, is actively engaged in the exploration, development, and production of oil and gas primarily from resource plays located in the United States. Our current operations are principally focused in proven, producing oil and gas plays primarily in the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas, the Utica Shale in Ohio, the Niobrara Formation in Colorado and the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania.

**Our Business Strategy**

Our objective is to increase value through the execution of a business strategy focused on organic growth through the drillbit. Key elements of our business strategy include:

*Grow primarily through drilling.* We pursue a manufacturing-style development drilling program. We seek to identify resource plays through our extensive experience with the help of geological and geophysical analysis of 3-D seismic and other data and then accumulate sizeable acreage positions in high-quality areas. This provides us with the scale to drive efficiencies through our operations and improve our margins. Our ability to successfully identify, define and develop resource plays is demonstrated by our consistent success in rapidly growing oil and gas reserves and production in our oil and gas focused plays.

*Maintain our financial flexibility.* We are committed to preserving our financial flexibility. We have historically funded our capital program with a combination of cash generated from operations, proceeds from the sale of assets, proceeds from sales of securities, proceeds, payments or carried interest from our joint ventures and borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

*Control operating and capital costs.* We emphasize efficiencies to lower our costs to find, develop and produce our oil and gas reserves. This includes concentrating on our core areas, which allows us to optimize drilling and completion techniques as well as benefit from economies of scale. In addition, as we operate a significant percentage of our properties, the majority of our capital expenditure plan is discretionary allowing us the ability to reduce or reallocate our spending in response to changes in market conditions. For example, we have reduced our 2015 capital expenditure plan by approximately 42% from our 2014 capital expenditures (excluding prior acquisitions), which reflects our strategy of maintaining financial flexibility in a low commodity price environment.

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*Manage risk exposure.* We seek to limit our financial risks, in part by seeking well-funded partners to ensure that we are able to move forward on projects in a timely manner. We also attempt to limit our exposure to reductions in commodity prices by actively hedging production of both crude oil and natural gas. Our current long-term strategy is to manage exposure for a substantial, but varying, portion of forecasted production up to 36 months.

*Pursue growth in crude oil plays.* Since April 2010, we have pursued a growth strategy in crude oil plays driven by the attractive relative economics associated with this commodity. By focusing on and implementing this strategy, our crude oil production as a percentage of total production has increased significantly from 3% for the year ended December 31, 2010 to 58% for the year ended December 31, 2014, which resulted in a significant increase in crude oil revenue as a percentage of total revenues from 10% for the year ended December 31, 2010 to 86% for the year ended December 31, 2014. Additionally, over 95% of our 2015 drilling and completion capital expenditure plan is directed towards opportunities that we believe are predominantly prospective for crude oil development. We continue to focus our capital program on resource plays where individual wells tend to have lower risk, such as our operations in the Eagle Ford.

*Utilize our experience as a technical advantage.* We believe we have developed a technical advantage from our extensive experience drilling over 700 horizontal wells in various resource plays, including the Eagle Ford, Utica, Niobrara, Marcellus, and previously, the Barnett, which has allowed our management, technical staff and field operations teams to gain significant experience in resource plays. We now leverage this advantage in our existing as well as prospective shale trends. We plan to focus substantially all of our capital expenditures in these resource plays, particularly during 2015, in the Eagle Ford where we have acquired, or are acquiring significant acreage positions and hold a large prospect inventory.

### **Our Competitive Strengths**

We believe we have the following competitive strengths that will support our efforts to successfully execute our business strategy:

*Large inventory of oil-focused drilling locations.* We have developed a significant inventory of future oil-focused drilling locations, primarily in our well-established positions in the Eagle Ford, Niobrara, and Utica. As of December 31, 2014, we owned leases covering approximately 253,968 gross (144,063 net) acres in these areas. Approximately 57% of our estimated U.S. proved reserves at December 31, 2014 were undeveloped.

*Successful drilling history.* We follow a disciplined approach to drilling wells by applying proven horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing technology. Additionally, we rely on advanced technologies, such as 3-D seismic and micro-seismic analysis, to better define geologic risk and enhance the results of our drilling efforts. Our successful drilling program has significantly de-risked our acreage positions in key resource plays.

*Experienced management and professional workforce.* Our management has executed multiple joint ventures, transitioned our focus to oil by entering new plays and completed non-core asset sales. We have an experienced staff, both employees and contractors, of oil and gas professionals, including geophysicists, petrophysicists, geologists, petroleum engineers, production and reservoir engineers and technical support staff. We believe our experience and expertise, particularly as they relate to successfully identifying and developing resource plays, is a competitive advantage.

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*Operational control.* As of December 31, 2014, we operated approximately 90% of the wells in Eagle Ford in which we held an interest. We held an average interest of approximately 89% in these operated wells. Our significant operational control provides us with the flexibility to align capital expenditures with cash flow and control our costs as we transition to an advanced development mode in key plays. We are generally able to adjust drilling plans in response to changes in commodity prices.

*Financial flexibility to fund expansion.* We maintain a financial profile that provides operational flexibility, and our capital structure provides us with the ability to execute our business plan. We believe that we have the ability and financial flexibility to fund the planned development of our assets through 2015.

### **Recent Developments**

We actively monitor conditions in the capital markets and may determine to engage in a debt financing transaction in the near future. If we were to access the debt capital markets, we would expect to use the proceeds therefrom to repurchase or redeem all or a portion of the outstanding \$600.0 million of our 8.625% senior notes due 2018. We may use borrowings under our revolving credit facility (which facility is being repaid in part with proceeds from this offering) to repurchase or redeem such indebtedness. To the extent we incur any such additional indebtedness, and do not use the proceeds to repay existing indebtedness, our overall level of indebtedness would increase as a result of such transaction. We cannot predict with certainty the timing, amount and terms of any future incurrences of debt or reductions in debt. The completion of this offering of shares of our common stock is not contingent upon the completion of a transaction in the debt capital markets and this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus shall not be deemed an offer to sell or a solicitation to buy any such debt securities.

### **Corporate Information**

Our principal executive offices are located at 500 Dallas Street, Suite 2300, Houston, Texas 77002, and our telephone number at that location is (713) 328-1000. Information contained on our website, <http://www.carrizo.com>, is not part of this prospectus.

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**The Offering**

Issuer	Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc.
Common Stock Offered by Us	4,500,000 shares.
Common Stock Outstanding After the Offering Before Exercise of the Underwriters' Option to purchase additional shares	50,653,816 shares(a).
Common Stock Outstanding After the Offering Including Full Exercise of the Underwriters' option to purchase additional shares	51,328,816 shares(a).
Use of Proceeds	We expect to use the net proceeds from this offering, and any proceeds from the exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares, to repay borrowings under our revolving credit facility and for general corporate purposes. See Use of Proceeds.
NASDAQ Global Select Market Symbol	CRZO
Risk Factors	You should consider carefully the Risk Factors on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement and page 2 of the accompanying prospectus and in our other filings with the SEC before making an investment in our common stock.

(a) Based on shares outstanding as of March 13, 2015.

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The summary historical consolidated financial data set forth below as of and for each of the three years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference herein. The summary consolidated financial data are qualified in their entirety by and should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. Historical results are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for any future period.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
(In thousands, except per share amounts)			
<b>Statements of Income from Continuing Operations Data:</b>			
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Crude oil	\$ 610,483	\$ 421,311	\$ 286,119
Natural gas liquids	25,050	15,530	10,631
Natural gas	74,654	83,341	71,430
Total revenues	710,187	520,182	368,180
<b>Costs and expenses:</b>			
Lease operating	74,157	46,828	31,471
Production taxes	29,544	19,811	13,542
Ad valorem taxes	8,450	8,701	9,813
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	317,383	214,291	165,993
General and administrative	77,029	77,492	48,708
(Gain) loss on derivatives, net	(201,907)	18,417	(31,371)
Interest expense, net	53,171	54,689	48,158
Loss on sale of oil and gas properties		45,377	
Other (income) expense, net	2,150	(185)	(267)
Total costs and expenses	359,977	485,421	286,047
<b>Income From Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes</b>	350,210	34,761	82,133
Income tax expense	(127,927)	(12,903)	(30,956)
<b>Income From Continuing Operations</b>	\$ 222,283	\$ 21,858	\$ 51,177
Income from continuing operations per common share Basic	\$ 4.90	\$ 0.54	\$ 1.29
Income from continuing operations per common share Diluted	\$ 4.81	\$ 0.53	\$ 1.28
Weighted average common shares outstanding Basic	45,372	40,781	39,591
Weighted average common shares outstanding Diluted	46,194	41,355	40,026
<b>Statements of Cash Flow From Continuing Operations Data:</b>			
Net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations	\$ 502,275	\$ 367,474	\$ 253,071
Net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations	(940,676)	(509,885)	(465,151)
Net cash provided by financing activities from continuing operations	300,290	120,326	237,778
<b>Other Data:</b>			
Capital expenditures oil and gas properties	\$ (860,604)	\$ (786,976)	\$ (735,711)
Proceeds from sales of oil and gas properties, net	12,576	238,470	341,597
Proceeds from borrowings and issuances (repayments of debt), net	301,500	(69,325)	244,772
Proceeds from common stock offerings, net of offering costs		189,686	
Adjusted EBITDA(1)	533,356	412,214	319,451



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	Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)		
<b>Balance Sheet From Continuing Operations Data (at end of period):</b>			
Working capital (deficit)	\$ (141,278)	\$ (32,138)	\$ (43,432)
Total property and equipment, net	2,629,253	1,794,215	1,487,674
Total assets	2,981,476	2,110,760	1,749,488
Total debt, net of debt discount and premium	1,351,346	900,247	967,808
Total shareholders' equity	1,103,441	841,604	585,016

- (1) Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. Adjusted EBITDA is defined and reconciled to its most directly comparable GAAP measure, income from continuing operations under Non-GAAP Financial Measure below.

**Non-GAAP Financial Measure**

We define Adjusted EBITDA as income from continuing operations before income tax, interest, depreciation, depletion, and amortization and certain other items management believes affect the comparability of operating results. We believe Adjusted EBITDA, as defined, may provide investors and analysts useful information relative to the valuation, comparison, rating and investment recommendations of companies in the oil and gas industry. Adjusted EBITDA, as defined, is a financial measure commonly used in the oil and gas industry and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for income from continuing operations or any other measure of a company's financial performance or profitability presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Because Adjusted EBITDA, as defined, excludes some, but not all, items that affect income from continuing operations, the Adjusted EBITDA, as defined, presented in the table below may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. The most comparable GAAP financial measure, income from continuing operations, and information reconciling the GAAP and non-GAAP measures are included below.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
	(In thousands, except per share data)		
<b>Income From Continuing Operations</b>			
Income tax expense	\$ 222,283	\$ 21,858	\$ 51,177
	127,927	12,903	30,956
<b>Income From Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes</b>	<b>350,210</b>	<b>34,761</b>	<b>82,133</b>
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	317,383	214,291	165,993
Interest expense, net	53,171	54,689	48,158
Non-cash (gain) loss on derivatives, net	(215,436)	30,908	7,553
Stock-based compensation expense, net	25,878	29,373	11,689
Loss on sale of Barnett Shale properties		45,377	
Other (income) expense, net	2,150	2,815	3,925
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 533,356</b>	<b>\$ 412,214</b>	<b>\$ 319,451</b>

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**RISK FACTORS**

*Before making a decision whether to invest in our common stock, you should consider carefully the risks described under Risk Factors and elsewhere in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as they may be amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time by other reports that we subsequently file with the SEC and in our other filings with the SEC, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as well as the risks described in the accompanying prospectus. The risks described are not the only ones we face. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial individually or in the aggregate may also impair our business operations. Additional risks and uncertainties described elsewhere in this prospectus supplement or in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement may also adversely affect our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects, as well as the value of an investment in our common stock.*

*If any of the risks actually were to occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flow could be affected materially and adversely. In that case, you could lose all or part of your investment in our common stock.*

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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

We expect to receive net proceeds from this offering of 4,500,000 shares of common stock offered by this prospectus, before paying offering expenses, of approximately \$        million (or approximately \$        million assuming full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares). We expect to use the net proceeds from this offering, and any proceeds from the exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares, to repay borrowings under our revolving credit facility and for general corporate purposes.

As of December 31, 2014, we had no borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility, which matures on July 2, 2018. As of December 31, 2014, we had \$0.6 million in letters of credit, which reduced the amount available under our revolving credit facility. As of March 13, 2015, we had \$268.0 million of borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility with a weighted average interest rate of 2.03%. Borrowings under the revolving credit facility were used to fund our capital expenditure program including \$148.8 million (after working capital adjustments of \$1.2 million) to fund the deferred purchase payment for our 2014 acquisition of 6,820 net acres in the Eagle Ford.

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Assuming no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares, the following table sets forth our unaudited cash and capitalization as of December 31, 2014:

on an actual basis; and

on an as adjusted basis to give effect to the sale of the common stock in this offering and the application of the net proceeds from this offering as described in "Use of Proceeds."

You should read this table in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes, the section entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the section entitled "Summary of Recent Developments."

	<b>As of December 31, 2014</b>	
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>As Adjusted</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share amount)</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,838	
Long-term debt(1)		
Senior secured revolving credit facility due 2018(2)		
8.625% senior notes due 2018	600,000	600,000
7.50% senior notes due 2020	600,000	600,000
4.375% convertible senior notes due 2028	4,425	4,425
Deferred purchase payment(3)	150,000	150,000
Total long-term debt	\$ 1,354,425	\$ 1,354,425
Shareholders' equity		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value (90,000,000 shares authorized (historical and as adjusted), 46,127,924 issued and outstanding (historical), 50,627,924 issued and outstanding (as adjusted))	461	506
Additional paid-in capital	915,436	
Retained earnings	187,544	187,544
Total shareholders' equity	1,103,441	
Total capitalization	\$ 2,457,866	

(1) Excludes debt discount and debt premium.

(2) As of March 13, 2015, we had approximately \$268.0 million of borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility. See "Use of Proceeds."

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Represents the deferred purchase payment obligation associated with our acquisition of approximately 6,820 net acres in the Eagle Ford, which was repaid on February 13, 2015 in the amount of \$148.8 million after working capital adjustments of \$1.2 million.

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On March 13, 2015, we had 46,153,816 shares of common stock outstanding, held of record by approximately 153 record holders. Our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, trades on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol CRZO.

The closing price of our common stock on March 13, 2015 as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market was \$47.12 per share. The following table shows the high and low sales prices per share of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market for the periods indicated.

	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2015</b>		
January 1, 2015 through March 13, 2015	\$ 53.65	\$ 38.44
<b>Fiscal Year 2014</b>		
First Quarter	\$ 54.94	\$ 39.78
Second Quarter	69.39	50.29
Third Quarter	70.49	53.05
Fourth Quarter	54.92	31.70
<b>Fiscal Year 2013</b>		
First Quarter	\$ 27.33	\$ 19.49
Second Quarter	29.89	22.90
Third Quarter	37.52	28.39
Fourth Quarter	47.87	37.42

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**CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX**

**CONSIDERATIONS FOR NON-U.S. HOLDERS**

The following is a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to Non-U.S. Holders (as defined below) arising from the acquisition, ownership and disposition of shares of our common stock. This discussion is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), Treasury Regulations promulgated under the Code, court decisions, published positions of the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) and other applicable authorities, all as in effect on the date of this prospectus supplement and all of which are subject to change or differing interpretations, possibly with retroactive effect.

This summary does not address the U.S. federal income tax considerations of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of shares of our common stock by Non-U.S. Holders that are subject to special provisions under the Code, including Non-U.S. Holders that:

are tax-exempt organizations, qualified retirement plans, or other tax-deferred accounts;

are financial institutions or insurance companies or that are broker-dealers, dealers, or traders in securities or currencies that elect to apply a mark-to-market accounting method;

own shares of our common stock as part of a straddle, hedging transaction, conversion transaction, constructive sale, or other arrangement involving more than one position;

acquire shares of our common stock in connection with the exercise of employee stock options or otherwise as compensation for services;

hold shares of our common stock other than as a capital asset within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code; and

are U.S. expatriates or former long term residents of the United States.

Moreover, this discussion does not address any aspect of non-income taxation, any state, local or Non-U.S. taxation or the effect of any tax treaty. No ruling has or will be obtained from the IRS regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences relating to the purchase, ownership or disposition of shares of our common stock. As a result, no assurance can be given that the IRS will not assert, or that a court will not sustain, a position contrary to the conclusions set forth below.

If a partnership (including any entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) is a beneficial owner of shares of our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner in that partnership will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are an organization that is a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes or a partner in such organization, you are urged to consult with your own tax advisor as to the U.S. federal tax considerations that are applicable to you.

**THIS DISCUSSION IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL ANALYSIS OF THE TAX CONSEQUENCES RELATING TO AN INVESTMENT IN SHARES OF OUR COMMON STOCK. WE URGE YOU TO CONSULT YOUR OWN TAX ADVISOR CONCERNING THE U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES TO YOU IN LIGHT OF YOUR PARTICULAR**

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**FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES AND ANY CONSEQUENCES ARISING UNDER THE LAWS OF ANY STATE, LOCAL, NON-U.S. OR OTHER TAXING JURISDICTION OR UNDER ANY APPLICABLE TAX TREATY.**

**Non-U.S. Holder**

For purposes of this summary, a *Non-U.S. Holder* is a beneficial owner of shares of our common stock that is not a partnership or other entity classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes and that is not:

an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation, or other entity classified as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, that is created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any state in the United States, including the District of Columbia;

an estate if the income of such estate is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of the source of such income; or

a trust if (i) such trust has validly elected to be treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes or (ii) a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust.

**Distributions**

If distributions with respect to shares of our common stock are made, such distributions will be treated as dividends to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits as determined under the Code. Any portion of a distribution that exceeds our current or accumulated earnings and profits will first be applied to reduce the Non-U.S. Holder's basis in shares of our common stock, and, to the extent such portion exceeds the Non-U.S. Holder's basis, the excess will be treated as gain from the disposition of shares of our common stock, the tax treatment of which is discussed below under the heading *Gain on Sale or Other Disposition*.

Except as described in the discussion below under the headings *Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act* and *Information Reporting and Backup Withholding*, dividends paid in respect of shares of our common stock to a Non-U.S. Holder generally will be subject to U.S. withholding tax at a 30% rate (or a lower rate under an applicable tax treaty) unless such dividend is effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States (and, if a treaty applies, the income is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder in the United States), in which case such gain generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at rates generally applicable to U.S. persons, and, if the Non-U.S. Holder is a foreign corporation, the after-tax portion of such gain may also be subject to the branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or a lower rate under an applicable income tax treaty).

**Gain on Sale or Other Disposition**

Except as described in the discussion below under the headings *Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act* and *Information Reporting and Backup Withholding*, a Non-U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on any gain realized upon the sale, exchange, or other taxable disposition of shares of our common stock unless:

the gain is effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States (and, if a treaty applies, the income is attributable to a permanent establishment

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maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder in the United States), in which case such gain generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at rates generally applicable to U.S. persons, and, if the Non-U.S. Holder is a foreign corporation, the after-tax portion of such gain may also be subject to the branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or a lower rate under an applicable income tax treaty);

the Non-U.S. Holder is an individual present in the United States for 183 days or more in the year of such sale, exchange or other taxable disposition and certain other conditions are met, in which case such gain will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or a lower rate under an applicable income tax treaty); or

we are or have been a U.S. real property holding corporation (USRPHC) for U.S. federal income tax purposes at any time during the shorter of the five-year period ending on the date of disposition and the Non-U.S. Holder's holding period for its shares of our common stock and, if shares of our common stock are regularly traded on an established securities market, the Non-U.S. Holder held, directly or indirectly, at any time during such period, more than 5% of the issued and outstanding common stock.

Shares of our common stock currently qualify as regularly traded on an established securities market, and it is also likely that we are a USRPHC. As a result, gain recognized on the sale, exchange, or other taxable disposition of our common stock by a Non-U.S. Holder who held, directly or indirectly, more than 5% of our issued and outstanding common stock at any time during the five-year period ending on the date of such disposition could be subject to U.S. federal income tax at rates generally applicable to U.S. persons (FIRPTA Tax). In addition, such Non-U.S. Holder may under certain circumstances be subject to withholding in an amount equal to 10% of the gross proceeds on the sale or disposition. If the Non-U.S. Holder files a U.S. federal income tax return, any amounts so withheld will generally be credited against, and refunded to the extent in excess of, any FIRPTA Tax such Non-U.S. Holder owes.

**Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**

Generally, we must report to the IRS and to the Non-U.S. Holder the amount of any dividends paid to such Non-U.S. Holder and the amount of tax, if any, withheld with respect to those payments. Copies of the information returns reporting such dividends and any withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which the Non-U.S. Holder resides under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty.

In general, a Non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to backup withholding with respect to dividend payments that we make to such Non-U.S. Holder provided that we do not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such Non-U.S. Holder is a U.S. person, as defined under the Code, and we have received from such Non-U.S. Holder a properly completed IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, as applicable, or appropriate substitute form or such Non-U.S. Holder otherwise establishes an exemption.

Generally, no information reporting or backup withholding will be required regarding the proceeds of the sale of shares of our common stock made outside the United States and conducted through the foreign office of a financial intermediary that is not a U.S. payor or U.S. middleman within the meaning of the applicable Treasury regulations. In addition, no information reporting or backup withholding will be required regarding the proceeds of the sale of shares of our common stock made within the United States or conducted through a financial intermediary that is a U.S. payor or U.S. middleman, if the payor receives a properly completed IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, as applicable, or appropriate substitute form and does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such Non-Holder is a U.S. person, as defined under the Code, or such Non-Holder otherwise establishes an exemption.

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Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or a credit against the Non-U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

**Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act**

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ( FATCA ) generally imposes a 30% withholding tax on certain payments made to foreign financial institutions ( FFI ) and non-financial foreign entities ( NFFE ) unless such FFI or NFFE (1) enters into an agreement with the United States to satisfy certain reporting requirements or (2) otherwise establishes an exception to such reporting requirements as an exempt recipient of such payment. An intergovernmental agreement between the United States and the foreign jurisdiction of such non-U.S. payee may modify these requirements.

FATCA currently applies to U.S. source dividends and, after December 31, 2016, will also apply to gross proceeds from the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of certain financial instruments that produce U.S. source dividends. Non-U.S. Holders may be affected by FATCA, and you are urged to consult your own tax advisor regarding its potential application. We intend to comply with FATCA and will not pay any additional amounts with respect to such withholding.

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**UNDERWRITING**

Under the terms and subject to the conditions contained in an underwriting agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, named below, the following respective numbers of shares of common stock:

<b>Underwriter</b>	<b>Number of Shares</b>
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	

<b>Total</b>	<b>4,500,000</b>
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The underwriters will offer the shares of common stock for sale from time to time in one or more transactions (which may include block transactions), on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, in the over-the-counter market, through negotiated transactions or otherwise, or a combination of those methods of sale, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. The underwriters may do so by selling the shares of common stock to or through broker/dealers, who may receive compensation in the form of underwriting discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or the purchasers of the shares of common stock for whom they may act as agents. In connection with the sale of the shares of common stock, the underwriters may be deemed to have received compensation from us in the form of underwriting discounts, and the underwriters may also receive commissions from the purchasers of the shares of common stock for whom they may act as agents. The underwriters and any broker/dealers that participate with the underwriters in the distribution of the shares of common stock may be deemed to be underwriters, and any discounts or commissions received by them and any profit on the resale of the shares of common stock by them may be deemed to be underwriting discounts or commissions.

The underwriters are purchasing the shares of common stock from us at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share (resulting in net proceeds to us, before deducting offering expenses, of approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million (or approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million if the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares is exercised in full)). The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriters are obligated to purchase all the shares of common stock if any are purchased, other than those covered by the option to purchase additional shares described above.

The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriters are obligated to purchase all the shares of common stock in the offering if any are purchased, other than those shares covered by the option described below. The underwriting agreement also provides that if an underwriter defaults, the purchase commitments of non-defaulting underwriters may be increased or the offering may be terminated.

We have granted to the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase on a pro rata basis up to 675,000 additional shares at the offering price less the underwriting discounts.

The expenses of the offering that are payable by us are estimated to be \$500,000.

**Lock-Up Agreements**

We have agreed that we will not offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, or file with the SEC a registration statement or amendment to a registration statement under the Securities Act relating to, any shares of our common stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any shares of our common stock, or publicly disclose the intention to make any such offer, sale,

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pledge, disposition or filing, without the prior written consent of Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Goldman, Sachs & Co. for a period of 45 days after the date of this prospectus supplement, except (i) issuances pursuant to the exercise of options outstanding on the date hereof, (ii) grants of employee stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units and stock-settled stock appreciation rights and other securities issuances pursuant to the terms of a plan in effect on the date hereof, (iii) issuances pursuant to the exercise or vesting of such options, restricted stock units, stock appreciation rights and other securities, (iv) issuances to our employees under the terms of the employee stock purchase plan in effect on the date hereof, (v) issuances pursuant to our 401(k) plan, (vi) issuances to directors pursuant to the incentive plan in effect on the date hereof, (vii) the filing of registration statements on Form S-8 and amendments thereto in connection with those securities and plans, (viii) the filing of amendments to our currently effective shelf registration statement, (ix) issuances pursuant to the exercise or conversion of our convertible notes, (x) issuances of warrants, shares and shares underlying warrants pursuant to the land agreement described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, (xi) entering into Rule 10b5-1 trading plans prior to the expiration of the lock-up agreements but having an effective date for the first sales under such plans after the expiration of the lock-up period and (xii) the taking of any of the foregoing actions in connection with the issuance of shares or other securities as consideration for acquisitions or the issuance of securities in private placements by us.

Our executive officers and directors that we have determined are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act have agreed that they will not offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of our common stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any shares of our common stock, enter into a transaction that would have the same effect, or enter into any swap, hedge or other arrangement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of our common stock, whether any of these transactions are to be settled by delivery of our common stock or other securities, in cash or otherwise, or publicly disclose the intention to make any such offer, sale, pledge or disposition, or to enter into any such transaction, swap, hedge or other arrangement, without, in each case, the prior written consent of Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Goldman, Sachs & Co. for a period of 45 days after the date of this prospectus supplement; *provided, however*, that the foregoing shall not apply to (a) bona fide gifts, provided the recipient thereof agrees to be bound by the lock-up, (b) dispositions to any personal or family trust, provided that the trust agrees to be bound by the lock-up, (c) bona fide pledges of securities either existing on the date of this prospectus or subsequently entered, if in the latter case the pledgee of such securities agrees to be bound by the lock-up agreement, (d) any sales or exercises of options or stock appreciation rights pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plans in effect as of the date of this prospectus, (e) a number of shares of common stock equal to 50% of the number of shares of restricted stock or restricted stock units granted to such officer or director that vest during the lock-up period, (f) sales of shares of common stock under any Rule 10b5-1 trading plan to provide funds for the satisfaction of anticipated tax liabilities in contemplation of the vesting of restricted stock or restricted stock units during the 70 days following the date of this prospectus, or (g) the execution and delivery of a Rule 10b5-1 plan or amendment to an existing plan provided that the effective date for the first sale under such plan does not occur during the lock-up period.

### **Listing**

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol CRZO.

### **Short Positions and Penalty Bids**

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell shares of common stock in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, syndicate covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Short sales involve syndicate sales of shares of common stock in excess of the number of

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shares to be purchased by the underwriters in the offering, which creates a syndicate short position. Covered short sales are sales of shares of common stock made in an amount up to the number of shares represented by the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered syndicate short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of common stock available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the option to purchase additional shares. Transactions to close out the covered syndicate short position involve either purchases of common stock in the open market after the distribution has been completed or exercise of the option to purchase additional shares. The underwriters may also make naked short sales of common stock in excess of the option to purchase additional shares. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing common stock in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the common stock in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering.

Any of these activities may have the effect of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the common stock. They may also cause the price of our common stock to be higher than the price that would otherwise exist in the open market in the absence of these transactions. These transactions may be effected on the NASDAQ Global Select Market or otherwise and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

## **Other Relationships**

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities sales and trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, market making, financing, brokerage activities and other financial and non-financial activities and services.

Certain of the underwriters and their respective affiliates have from time to time performed, and may in the future perform, various financial advisory, commercial banking and investment banking services for us and for our affiliates, including the services referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph in the ordinary course of business for which they have received and would receive customary compensation.

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates, officers, directors and employees may purchase, sell or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade securities, derivatives, loans, commodities, currencies, credit default swaps and other financial instruments for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and trading activities may involve or relate to assets, securities and/or instruments of the issuer (directly, as collateral securing other obligations or otherwise) and/or persons and entities with relationships with the issuer. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market color or trading ideas and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such assets, securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they should acquire, long and/or short positions in such assets, securities and instruments.

## **Electronic Distribution**

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in electronic format may be made available on the websites maintained by one or more of the underwriters. The underwriters may agree to allocate a number of shares for sale to their online brokerage account holders. The shares will be allocated

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to underwriters that may make internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations. In addition, shares may be sold by the underwriters to securities dealers who resell shares to online brokerage account holders.

Other than this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in electronic format, information contained in any website maintained by an underwriter is not part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus or registration statement of which the accompanying prospectus forms a part, has not been endorsed by us and should not be relied on by investors in deciding whether to purchase shares. The underwriters are not responsible for information contained in websites that they do not maintain.

### **Indemnification**

We have agreed to indemnify the several underwriters against liabilities under the Securities Act or contribute to payments that the underwriters may be required to make in that respect.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in the European Economic Area**

In relation to each member state of the European Economic Area that has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a relevant member state ), an offer to the public of the shares which are the subject of the offering described in this prospectus supplement may not be made in that relevant member state, except that an offer to the public in that relevant member state of the shares may be made at any time under the following exemptions under the Prospectus Directive, if they have been implemented in that relevant member state:

to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive; or

to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the underwriters for any such offer; or

in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided, that no such offer of the shares shall result in a requirement for the publication by the Issuers or any underwriter of a prospectus supplement pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

Each purchaser of the shares described in this prospectus supplement located in a relevant member state who receives any communication in respect of, or who acquires any shares under, the offer contemplated in this prospectus supplement will be deemed to have represented, warranted and agreed to with each underwriter and the company that (a) it is a qualified investor within the meaning of Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospectus Directive and (b) in the case of any shares acquired by it as a financial intermediary, as that term is used in Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, (i) the shares acquired by it in the offer have not been acquired on behalf of, nor have they been acquired with a view to their offer or resale to, persons in any relevant member state, other than qualified investors, as that term is defined in the Prospectus Directive, or in circumstances in which the prior consent of the underwriters have been given to the offer or resale; or (ii) where the shares have been acquired by it on behalf of persons in any relevant member state other than qualified investors, the offer of such shares to it is not treated under the Prospectus Directive as having been made to such persons.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer to the public in relation to any shares in any relevant member state means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and any shares to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to

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purchase or subscribe for the notes, as the expression may be varied in that member state by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that member state, and the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, including by Directive 2010/73/EU), and includes any relevant implementing measure in each relevant member state.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom**

Any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ( the FSMA )) in connection with the issue or sale of any shares has only been communicated or caused to be communicated and will only be communicated or cause to be communicated in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us or to any subsidiary guarantor.

All applicable provisions of the FSMA must be complied with in respect to anything done by any person in relation to the shares in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

### **Notice to Residents of Canada**

The securities may be sold only to purchasers purchasing as principal that are both accredited investors as defined in National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus and Registration Exemptions and permitted clients as defined in National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations. Any resale of the securities must be made in accordance with an exemption from the prospectus requirements and in compliance with the registration requirements of applicable securities laws.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in France**

Neither this prospectus supplement nor any other offering material relating to the shares described in this prospectus supplement has been submitted to the clearance procedures of the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* or of the competent authority of another member state of the European Economic Area and notified to the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers*. The shares have not been offered or sold and will not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, to the public in France. Neither this prospectus supplement nor any other offering material relating to the shares has been or will be:

released, issued, distributed or caused to be released, issued or distributed to the public in France; or

used in connection with any offer for subscription or sale of the shares to the public in France.  
Such offers, sales and distributions will be made in France only:

to qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) and/or to a restricted circle of investors (*cercle restreint d'investisseurs*), in each case investing for their own account, all as defined in, and in accordance with articles L.411-2, D.411-1, D.411-2, D.734-1, D.744-1, D.754-1 and D.764-1 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*;

to investment services providers authorized to engage in portfolio management on behalf of third parties; or

in a transaction that, in accordance with article L.411-2-II-1<sup>o</sup>-or-2<sup>o</sup>-or 3<sup>o</sup> of the French *Code monétaire et financier* and article 211-2 of the General Regulations (*Règlement Général*) of the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers*, does not constitute a public offer (*appel public à l'épargne*).

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The shares may be resold directly or indirectly, only in compliance with articles L.411-1, L.411-2, L.412-1 and L.621-8 through L.621-8-3 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in Hong Kong**

The shares may not be offered or sold in Hong Kong by means of any document other than (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong), or (ii) to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder, or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong) and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the shares may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to shares which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in Japan**

The shares offered in this prospectus supplement have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan. The shares have not been offered or sold and will not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to or for the account of any resident of Japan (including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), except (i) pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and (ii) in compliance with any other applicable requirements of Japanese law.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in Singapore**

This prospectus supplement has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the shares may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the shares be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA), (ii) to a relevant person pursuant to Section 275(1), or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA, in each case subject to compliance with conditions set forth in the SFA.

Where the shares are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or

a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

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shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the shares pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

to an institutional investor (for corporations, under Section 274 of the SFA) or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person pursuant to an offer that is made on terms that such shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or such rights and interest in that trust are acquired at a consideration of not less than S\$200,000 (or its equivalent in a foreign currency) for each transaction, whether such amount is to be paid for in cash or by exchange of securities or other assets, and further for corporations, in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA;

where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer; or

where the transfer is by operation of law.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in Australia**

No prospectus or other disclosure document (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) of Australia ( **Corporations Act** )) in relation to the common stock has been or will be lodged with the Australian Securities & Investments Commission ( **ASIC** ). This document has not been lodged with ASIC and is only directed to certain categories of exempt persons. Accordingly, if you receive this document in Australia:

(a) you confirm and warrant that you are either:

(i) a sophisticated investor under section 708(8)(a) or (b) of the Corporations Act;

(ii) a sophisticated investor under section 708(8)(c) or (d) of the Corporations Act and that you have provided an accountant's certificate to us which complies with the requirements of section 708(8)(c)(i) or (ii) of the Corporations Act and related regulations before the offer has been made;

(iii) a person associated with the company under section 708(12) of the Corporations Act; or

(iv) a professional investor within the meaning of section 708(11)(a) or (b) of the Corporations Act, and to the extent that you are unable to confirm or warrant that you are an exempt sophisticated investor, associated person or professional investor under the Corporations Act any offer made to you under this document is void and incapable of acceptance; and

(b) you warrant and agree that you will not offer any of the common stock for resale in Australia within 12 months of that common stock being issued unless any such resale offer is exempt from the requirement to issue a disclosure document under section 708 of the Corporations Act.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in Chile**

The shares are not registered in the Securities Registry (Registro de Valores) or subject to the control of the Chilean Securities and Exchange Commission (Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros de Chile). This prospectus supplement and other offering materials relating to the offer of the shares do not constitute a public offer of, or an invitation to subscribe for or purchase, the shares in the Republic of Chile, other than to individually identified purchasers pursuant to a private offering within the meaning of Article 4 of the Chilean Securities Market Act (Ley de Mercado de Valores) (an offer that is not addressed to the public at large or to a certain sector or specific group of the public ).

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**LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the issuance of the common stock and certain other legal matters in connection with the issuance of the common stock will be passed upon for us by Baker Botts L.L.P., Houston, Texas, and Gerald A. Morton, our General Counsel and Vice President Business Development. Certain legal matters with respect to the common stock will be passed upon for the underwriters by Sidley Austin LLP, Houston, Texas.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2014, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014 have been incorporated by reference herein and in the accompanying prospectus 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 combined statements of revenues and direct operating expenses of oil and gas properties acquired by Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. are included in Exhibit 99.1 of Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed December 16, 2014 and have been incorporated by reference herein and in the accompanying prospectus in reliance upon the report 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 letter report of Ryder Scott Company, independent consulting petroleum engineers, and information with respect to our oil and gas reserves derived from such reports, have been incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus upon the authority of each such firm as experts with respect to such matters covered in such reports and in giving such reports.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any documents we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room. Our SEC filings are also available to the public at the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov> and our website at <http://www.carrizo.com>. In addition, copies of these reports, proxy statements and other information concerning us can also be inspected at the offices of the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC, which are located at 1735 K Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. Information on our website or any other website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus and does not constitute part of this prospectus.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement and, as permitted by SEC rules, does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus to any of our contracts or other documents, the reference may not be complete and, for a copy of the contract or document, you should refer to the exhibits that are part of or incorporated by reference into the registration statement.



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The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to the documents containing such information. Information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus. Any statement contained in this prospectus or a document incorporated by reference in this prospectus will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or any other document subsequently filed with the SEC that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus modifies or supersedes the statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and future filings we make with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act until this offering is completed or terminated excluding any information furnished but not filed, unless we specifically provide that such furnished information is to be incorporated by reference:

our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014; and

our current report on Form 8-K filed on October 27, 2014 and February 19, 2015 and our current report on Form 8-K/A filed on December 16, 2014.

We will provide a copy of any and all of the information that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus to any person, including a beneficial owner, to whom a prospectus is delivered, without charge, upon written or oral request. You may obtain a copy of these filings by writing or telephoning:

Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc.

Attention: Investor Relations

500 Dallas Street, Suite 2300

Houston, Texas 77002

(713) 328-1000

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**Senior Debt Securities**

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**Common Stock**

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**Warrants**

We may offer from time to time senior debt securities, subordinated debt securities, common stock, preferred stock or warrants. We may offer the securities separately or together, in separate series or classes and in amounts, at prices and on terms described in one or more offerings. We will provide the specific terms of the securities in supplements to this prospectus. In addition, selling shareholders to be named in a prospectus supplement may offer and sell from time to time shares of our common stock in such amounts as set forth in a prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise set forth in a prospectus supplement, we will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of our common stock by any selling shareholders. You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement carefully before you invest.

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol CRZO.

**You should consider carefully the risk factors beginning on page 2 of this prospectus, in any applicable prospectus supplement and in any document we incorporate by reference before purchasing any of our securities.**

**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 August 28, 2014.**

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**About This Prospectus**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) using a shelf registration process. Using this process, we may offer any combination of the securities described in this prospectus, and the selling shareholders may offer common stock, in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that may be offered. Each time securities are offered pursuant to this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will describe the specific terms of the offering. The prospectus supplement may also add to, update or change the information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement. Please carefully read this prospectus and the prospectus supplement, in addition to the information contained in the documents we refer to under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

**You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus and the prospectus supplement. Neither we nor the selling shareholders have authorized anyone to provide you with different information. You should assume that the information appearing in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus and the prospectus supplement is accurate only as of the date on its cover page and that any information we have incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since such dates.**

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**Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc.**

In this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, unless indicated otherwise, references to Carrizo, the Company, we and us refer to Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

**Our Company**

Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. is a Houston-based energy company which, together with its subsidiaries, is actively engaged in the exploration, development, and production of oil and gas primarily from resource plays located in the United States. Our current operations are principally focused in proven, producing oil and gas plays primarily in the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas, the Utica Shale in Ohio, the Niobrara Formation in Colorado, and the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania.

**Corporate Information**

Our principal executive offices are located at 500 Dallas Street, Suite 2300, Houston, Texas 77002, and our telephone number at that location is (713) 328-1000. Information contained on our website, <http://www.carrizo.com>, is not part of this prospectus.

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**Risk Factors**

*An investment in our securities involves risks. You should carefully consider all of the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement and other information which may be incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement as provided under "Where You Can Find More Information," including our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or current reports on Form 8-K, and all other documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference also contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Please read "Forward-Looking Statements." Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including the risks described elsewhere in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. If any of these risks occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows could be materially and adversely affected. In that case, the trading price of our securities could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment. Additional risks not currently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also have a material adverse effect on us.*

***Risks Related to Our Common Stock***

**The market price of our common stock is volatile.**

The trading price of our common stock and the price at which we may sell common stock in the future are subject to large fluctuations in response to any of the following:

- limited trading volume in our common stock;
- variations in operating results;
- our involvement in litigation;
- general U.S. or worldwide financial market conditions;
- conditions impacting the prices of oil and gas;
- announcements by us and our competitors;
- our liquidity and access to capital;
- our ability to raise additional funds;

events impacting the energy industry;

changes in government regulations; and

other events, including those described in the documents incorporated by reference herein.

**We do not anticipate paying dividends on our common stock in the near future.**

We have not paid any dividends on our common stock in the past and do not intend to pay cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. We currently intend to retain any earnings for the future operation and development of our business, including exploration, development and acquisition activities. Any future dividend payments will be restricted by the terms of our revolving credit facility.

**Certain anti-takeover provisions may affect your rights as a shareholder.**

Our articles of incorporation authorize our board of directors to set the terms of and issue preferred stock without shareholder approval. Our board of directors could use the preferred stock as a means to delay, defer or

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prevent a takeover attempt that a shareholder might consider to be in our best interest. In addition, our revolving credit facility contains terms that may restrict our ability to enter into change of control transactions, including requirements to repay borrowings under our revolving credit facility on a change in control. These provisions, along with specified provisions of the Texas Business Organizations Code and our articles of incorporation and bylaws, may discourage or impede transactions involving actual or potential changes in our control, including transactions that otherwise could involve payment of a premium over prevailing market prices to holders of our common stock.

### **Sales of substantial amounts of shares of our common stock could cause the price of our common stock to decrease.**

This prospectus covers the issuance and sale by us and by selling shareholders of a substantial number of shares of our common stock. Our stock price may decrease due to the additional amount of shares available in the market as a result of sales under this prospectus.

### ***Risks Related to Our Debt Securities***

**A holder's right to receive payments on the debt securities is effectively subordinate to the rights of our existing and future secured creditors. Further, the guarantees of senior debt securities by the subsidiary guarantors are effectively subordinated to the subsidiary guarantors' existing and future secured indebtedness.**

Holders of our secured indebtedness and the secured indebtedness of the subsidiary guarantors will have claims that are prior to the claims of holders of senior debt securities to the extent of the value of the assets securing that other indebtedness. Notably, we are party to a revolving credit facility, which is secured by liens on substantially all of our assets and guaranteed by all of our Material Domestic Subsidiaries (as defined in the credit agreement governing our revolving credit facility). The senior debt securities will be effectively subordinated to that secured indebtedness. In the event of any distribution or payment of our assets in any foreclosure, dissolution, winding-up, liquidation, reorganization or other bankruptcy proceeding, holders of secured indebtedness will have prior claim to our assets that constitute their collateral. Holders of the senior debt securities will participate ratably with all holders of our unsecured indebtedness that is deemed to be of the same class as the senior debt securities, and potentially with all of our other general creditors, based upon the respective amounts owed to each holder or creditor, in our remaining assets. In any of the foregoing events, we cannot assure you that there will be sufficient assets to pay amounts due on the senior debt securities. As a result, holders of senior debt securities may receive less, ratably, than holders of secured indebtedness.

### **Holders of debt securities may be structurally subordinated to the creditors of our subsidiaries.**

Most of our interests are held through our wholly-owned subsidiaries. Contractual provisions or laws, as well as our subsidiaries' financial condition and operating requirements, may limit our ability to obtain cash from our subsidiaries that we use to pay our debt service obligations, including payments on the debt securities. In addition, holders of the debt securities will have a junior position to the claims of creditors, including trade creditors and tort claimants, of our subsidiaries to the extent that our subsidiaries do not guarantee such debt securities. The debt securities will be obligations exclusively of the Company and not of its subsidiaries, except to the extent such debt securities are guaranteed by one or more of our subsidiaries. Not all of our wholly-owned subsidiaries are, or are required to be, subsidiary guarantors.

**A holder's right to receive payments on the debt securities could be adversely affected if any of our subsidiaries is not a guarantor of the debt securities and declares bankruptcy, liquidates or reorganizes.**

If any of our subsidiaries is not a guarantor of the debt securities and declares bankruptcy, liquidates or reorganizes, holders of such subsidiary's indebtedness and its trade creditors will generally be entitled to payment of their claims from the assets of the subsidiary before any assets are made available for distribution to us.



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**Changes in our credit ratings or the debt markets may adversely affect the market price of our debt securities.**

The market price for our debt securities will depend on a number of factors, including:

our credit ratings with major credit rating agencies;

the prevailing interest rates being paid by other companies similar to us;

the market price of our common stock;

our financial condition, operating performance and future prospects; and

the overall condition of the financial markets and global and domestic economies.

The condition of the financial markets and prevailing interest rates have fluctuated in the past and are likely to fluctuate in the future. Such fluctuations could have an adverse effect on the market price of our debt securities. In addition, credit rating agencies continually review their ratings for the companies that they follow, including us. The credit rating agencies also evaluate the industries in which we operate as a whole and may change their credit rating for us based on their overall view of such industries. A negative change in our rating could have an adverse effect on the market price of our debt securities.

**A subsidiary guarantee could be voided if it constitutes a fraudulent transfer under U.S. bankruptcy or similar state law, which would prevent the holders of our debt securities from relying on that subsidiary to satisfy claims.**

Under U.S. bankruptcy law and comparable provisions of state fraudulent transfer laws, our subsidiary guarantees can be voided, or claims under the subsidiary guarantees may be subordinated to all other debts of that subsidiary guarantor if, among other things, the subsidiary guarantor, at the time it incurred the indebtedness evidenced by its guarantee or, in some states, when payments become due under the guarantee, received less than reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration for the incurrence of the guarantee and:

was insolvent or rendered insolvent by reason of such incurrence;

was engaged in a business or transaction for which the guarantor's remaining assets constituted unreasonably small capital; or

intended to incur, or believed that it would incur, debts beyond its ability to pay those debts as they mature. Our subsidiary guarantees may also be voided, without regard to the above factors, if a court finds that the subsidiary guarantor entered into the guarantee with the actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud its creditors.

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

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

the sum of its debts, including contingent liabilities, were greater than the fair saleable value of all its assets;

the present fair saleable value of its assets is less than the amount that would be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts, including contingent liabilities, as they become absolute and mature; or

it could not pay its debts as they become due.

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

**Our ability to obtain cash from our subsidiaries to make payments on our debt securities may be limited.**

Most of our interests are conducted through our wholly-owned subsidiaries. Contractual provisions or laws, as well as our subsidiaries' financial condition and operating requirements, may limit our ability to obtain cash from our subsidiaries that we use to pay our debt service obligations. If we cannot meet our payment obligations on the debt securities, we may be in default.

**We may incur additional debt ranking equal to the debt securities.**

If we incur additional debt that ranks equally with the debt securities, the holders of that debt will be entitled to share ratably with the holders of the debt securities in any proceeds distributed in connection with any insolvency liquidation, reorganization, dissolution and other winding-up of us. This may have the effect of reducing the amount of proceeds paid to holders of debt securities.

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**Forward-Looking Statements**

This prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, contains statements concerning our expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance and underlying assumptions and other statements that are not historical facts. These statements are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include, among others, statements regarding:

our growth strategies;

our ability to explore for and develop natural gas and oil resources successfully and economically;

our estimates and forecasts of the timing and number of wells we expect to drill and other exploration activities;

our estimates regarding timing and levels of production;

anticipated trends in our business;

the effects of competition on us;

our future results of operations;

our liquidity and our ability to finance our exploration and development activities;

our capital expenditure plan;

future market conditions in the oil and gas industry;

our ability to make, integrate and develop acquisitions; and

the impact of governmental regulation, taxes, market changes and world events.

You generally can identify our forward-looking statements by the words anticipate, believe, budgeted, continue, could, estimate, expect, forecast, goal, intend, may, objective, plan, potential, predict, project, or other similar words. Such statements involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, those relating to the

worldwide economic downturn, availability of financing, our dependence on our exploratory drilling activities, the volatility of and changes in oil and gas prices, the need to replace reserves depleted by production, operating risks of oil and gas operations, our dependence on our key personnel, factors that affect our ability to manage our growth and achieve our business strategy, results, delays and uncertainties that may be encountered in drilling, development or production, interpretations and impact of new oil and gas reserve estimation and disclosure requirements, activities and approvals of our partners and parties with whom we have alliances, technological changes, capital requirements, borrowing base determinations and availability under our revolving credit facility, evaluations of the Company by lenders under our revolving credit facility, the potential impact of government regulations, including current and proposed legislation and regulations related to hydraulic fracturing, air emissions and climate change, regulatory determinations, litigation, competition, the uncertainty of reserve information and future net revenue estimates, property acquisition risks, availability of equipment, actions by our midstream and other industry partners, weather, availability of financing, actions by lenders, our ability to obtain permits and licenses, the results of audits and assessments, the failure to obtain certain bank and lease consents, the existence of title defects, delays, costs and difficulties relating to our joint ventures, actions by joint venture partners, results of exploration activities and other factors detailed in this prospectus and our other filings with the SEC.

We have based our forward-looking statements on our management's beliefs and assumptions based on information available to our management at the time the statements are made. We caution you that assumptions, beliefs, expectations, intentions and projections about future events may and often do vary materially from actual results. Therefore, we cannot assure you that actual results will not differ materially from those expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements.

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Some of the factors that could cause actual results to differ from those expressed or implied in forward-looking statements are described under **Risk Factors** and in other sections of this prospectus or any prospectus supplement and described under **Risk Factors** and elsewhere in the documents that we incorporate by reference into this prospectus, including our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or current reports on Form 8-K, and all other documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual outcomes may vary materially from those indicated. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by reference to these risks and uncertainties. You should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of the particular statement, and, except as required by law, we undertake no duty to update any forward-looking statement.

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Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, the net proceeds from the sale of the securities will be used for general corporate purposes, including:

repayment or refinancing of debt,

acquisitions,

working capital,

capital expenditures, and

repurchases and redemptions of securities.

Pending any specific application, we may initially invest funds in short-term marketable securities or apply them to the reduction of other short-term indebtedness.

**Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges**

The following table presents our historical ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2013 and for the six months ended June 30, 2014.

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>				<b>Six Months Ended</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>June 30, 2014</b>
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	1.06x	1.77x	1.66x	(1)	(2)	(3)

For purposes of this table, earnings consist of income or loss from continuing operations before income taxes, plus fixed charges, less interest capitalized. Fixed charges consist of interest expensed and capitalized, amortized discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness and an estimate of the interest within rental expense.

(1) For the year ended December 31, 2010, earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$2.3 million primarily due to a loss on the extinguishment of debt of \$31.0 million.

(2) For the year ended December 31, 2009, earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$337.8 million primarily due to impairments of oil and gas properties of \$338.9 million.

(3) For the six months ended June 30, 2014, earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$0.4 million primarily due to losses on derivatives of \$60.6 million.

We had no preferred stock outstanding for any period presented, and accordingly, the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends is the same as the ratio of earnings to fixed charges.



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**Description of Debt Securities**

Our debt securities covered by this prospectus will be our general unsecured obligations. We will issue senior debt securities on a senior unsecured basis under an indenture dated as of May 28, 2008, as amended or supplemented from time to time, among us, our subsidiaries Bandelier Pipeline Holding, LLC, Carrizo (Eagle Ford) LLC, Carrizo (Marcellus) LLC, Carrizo (Marcellus) WV LLC, Carrizo (Niobrara) LLC, Carrizo (Utica) LLC, Carrizo Marcellus Holding Inc., CLLR, Inc., Hondo Pipeline, Inc., and Mescalero Pipeline, LLC (the **Subsidiary Guarantors**), and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. We refer to this indenture as the senior indenture. We will issue subordinated debt securities under one or more separate indentures between us, the **Subsidiary Guarantors**, if applicable, and a trustee that we will name in the prospectus supplement. We refer to any such indenture as a subordinated indenture. We refer to the senior indenture and the subordinated indentures collectively as the indentures. The senior indenture and the subordinated indentures will be substantially identical, except for provisions relating to subordination. The senior debt securities will constitute senior debt and will rank equally with all of our unsecured and unsubordinated debt. The subordinated debt securities will be subordinated to, and thus have a junior position to, our senior debt (as defined with respect to the series of subordinated debt securities) and may rank equally with or senior or junior to our other subordinated debt that may be outstanding from time to time.

We have summarized material provisions of the indentures, the debt securities and the guarantees below. This summary is not complete. We have filed the senior indenture and the form of subordinated indenture with the SEC as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and you should read the indentures for provisions that may be important to you. Please read **Where You Can Find More Information**.

In this summary description of the debt securities, unless we state otherwise or the context clearly indicates otherwise, all references to **us** or **we** mean Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. only.

**Provisions Applicable to Each Indenture**

**General.** The indentures do not limit the amount of debt securities that may be issued under each indenture, and do not limit the amount of other unsecured debt or securities that we may issue. We may issue debt securities under the indentures from time to time in one or more series, each in an amount authorized prior to issuance. The indentures also give us the ability to reopen a previous issue of a series of debt securities and issue additional debt securities of that series.

As of June 30, 2014, we had approximately \$121.0 million of secured indebtedness, consisting of borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility, and \$904.4 million of senior unsecured debt securities outstanding under the senior indenture, comprised of our 4.375% convertible senior notes due 2028, 8.625% senior notes due 2018, and 7.50% senior notes due 2020. The **Subsidiary Guarantors** guaranteed our revolving credit facility, our 8.625% senior notes and our 7.50% senior notes.

The indentures do not contain any covenants or other provisions designed to protect holders of the debt securities in the event we participate in a highly leveraged transaction or upon a change of control. The indentures also do not contain provisions that give holders the right to require us to repurchase their securities in the event of a decline in our credit ratings for any reason, including as a result of a takeover, recapitalization or similar restructuring or otherwise.

**Terms.** The prospectus supplement relating to any series of debt securities being offered will include specific terms relating to the offering. These terms will include some or all of the following:

whether the debt securities will be senior or subordinated debt securities;

the title of the debt securities;

the total principal amount of the debt securities;

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whether the debt securities will be issued in individual certificates to each holder or in the form of temporary or permanent global debt securities held by a depository on behalf of holders;

the date or dates on which the principal of, and any premium on, the debt securities will be payable;

any interest rate, the date from which interest will accrue, interest payment dates and record dates for interest payments;

any right to extend or defer the interest payment periods and the duration of the extension;

whether and under what circumstances any additional amounts with respect to the debt securities will be payable;

whether debt securities are entitled to a guarantee of any Subsidiary Guarantors;

the place or places where payments on the debt securities will be payable;

any provisions for optional redemption or early repayment;

any sinking fund or other provisions that would require the redemption, purchase or repayment of debt securities;

the denominations in which the debt securities will be issued, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof;

whether payments on the debt securities will be payable in foreign currency or currency units or another form and whether payments will be payable by reference to any index or formula;

the portion of the principal amount of debt securities that will be payable if the maturity is accelerated, if other than the entire principal amount;

any additional means of defeasance of the debt securities, any additional conditions or limitations to defeasance of the debt securities or any changes to those conditions or limitations;

any changes or additions to the events of default or covenants described in this prospectus;

any restrictions or other provisions relating to the transfer or exchange of debt securities;

any terms for the conversion or exchange of the debt securities for other securities of ours or any other entity;

with respect to any subordinated indenture, any changes to the subordination provisions for the subordinated debt securities; and

any other terms of the debt securities not prohibited by the applicable indenture.

We may sell the debt securities at a discount, which may be substantial, below their stated principal amount. These debt securities may bear no interest or interest at a rate that at the time of issuance is below market rates. If we sell these debt securities, we will describe in the prospectus supplement any material United States federal income tax consequences and other special considerations.

If we sell any of the debt securities for any foreign currency or currency unit or if payments on the debt securities are payable in any foreign currency or currency unit, we will describe in the prospectus supplement the restrictions, elections, tax consequences, specific terms and other information relating to those debt securities and the foreign currency or currency unit.

***Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets.*** We and the Subsidiary Guarantors may not consolidate with or merge into any entity or sell, lease, convey, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets to any entity unless:

immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no default or event of default would occur and be continuing or would result from the transaction; and

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if we or the Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, are not the continuing entity, the resulting entity or transferee assumes the due and punctual payments on the debt securities and the performance of our covenants and obligations under the indenture and the debt securities.

Upon any such consolidation or merger in which we are not the continuing entity or any such asset sale, lease, conveyance, transfer or disposition involving us, the resulting entity or transferee will be substituted for us under the applicable indenture and debt securities. In the case of an asset sale, conveyance, transfer or disposition other than a lease, we will be released from the applicable indenture.

***Events of Default.*** Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, the following are events of default with respect to a series of debt securities:

failure to pay interest when due on that series of debt securities for 30 days;

failure to pay principal of or any premium on that series of debt securities when due;

failure to make any sinking fund payment when required for that series for 30 days;

failure to comply with any covenant or agreement in that series of debt securities or the applicable indenture (other than an agreement or covenant that has been included in the indenture solely for the benefit of one or more other series of debt securities) for 90 days after written notice by the trustee or by the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of each series of debt securities issued under that indenture that are affected by that failure;

specified events involving bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. or any Subsidiary Guarantor, if it is a guarantor with respect to that series of debt securities and it is a significant subsidiary as defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Act;

specified events involving the guarantees; and

any other event of default provided for in that series of debt securities.

A default under one series of debt securities will not necessarily be a default under another series. The indentures provide that the trustee generally must mail notice of a default or event of default of which it has actual knowledge to the registered holders of the applicable debt securities within 90 days of occurrence. However, the trustee may withhold notice to the holders of the debt securities of any default or event of default (except in any payment on the debt securities) if the trustee considers it in the interest of the holders of the debt securities to do so.

If an event of default relating to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occurs, the principal of and interest on all the debt securities issued under the applicable indenture will become immediately due and payable without any action on the part of the trustee or any holder. If any other event of default for any series of debt securities occurs and is continuing, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt

securities of the series affected by the default may declare the principal of and all accrued and unpaid interest on those debt securities immediately due and payable. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the series affected by the event of default may in some cases rescind this accelerated payment requirement.

A holder of a debt security of any series issued under an indenture may pursue any remedy under that indenture only if:

the holder gives the trustee written notice of a continuing event of default for that series;

the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series make a written request to the trustee to pursue the remedy;

the holders offer to the trustee indemnity satisfactory to the trustee;

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the trustee fails to act for a period of 60 days after receipt of the request and offer of indemnity; and

during that 60-day period, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of that series do not give the trustee a direction inconsistent with the request.

This provision does not, however, affect the right of a holder of a debt security to sue for enforcement of any overdue payment.

In most cases, holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series may direct the time, method and place of:

with respect to debt securities of a series, the conducting of any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee and exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee relating to or arising as a result of specified events of default; or

with respect to all debt securities issued under the applicable indenture that are affected, the conducting of any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee and exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee relating to or arising other than as a result of such specified events of default.

The trustee, however, may refuse to follow any such direction that conflicts with law or the indentures, is unduly prejudicial to the rights of other holders of the debt securities, or would involve the trustee in personal liability. In addition, prior to acting at the direction of holders, the trustee will be entitled to be indemnified by those holders against any loss and expenses caused thereby.

The indentures require us to file each year with the trustee a written statement as to our compliance with the covenants contained in the applicable indenture.

***Modification and Waiver.*** Each indenture may be amended or supplemented if the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series issued under that indenture that are affected by the amendment or supplement consent to it. Without the consent of the holder of each debt security issued under the indenture and affected, however, no modification to that indenture may:

reduce the amount of debt securities whose holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;

reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of interest on the debt security;

reduce the principal of, any premium on or any mandatory sinking bond payment with respect to, or change the stated maturity of, the debt security, or reduce the amount of the principal of an original issue discount security that would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity of such debt security;

reduce any premium payable on the redemption of the debt security or change the time at which the debt security may or must be redeemed;

change any obligation to pay additional amounts on the debt security;

make payments on the debt security payable in currency other than as originally stated in the debt security;

impair the holder's right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on the debt security;

make any change in the percentage of principal amount of debt securities necessary to waive compliance with certain provisions of the indenture or to make any change in the provision related to modification;

with respect to the subordinated indenture, modify the provisions relating to the subordination of any subordinated debt security in a manner adverse to the holder of that security; or

waive a continuing default or event of default regarding any payment on the debt securities.



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Each indenture may be amended or supplemented or any provision of that indenture may be waived without the consent of any holders of debt securities issued under that indenture in certain circumstances, including:

to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;

to provide for the assumption of our obligations under the indenture by a successor upon any merger or consolidation or asset sale, lease, conveyance, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of our assets, in each case as permitted under the indenture;

to provide for uncertificated debt securities in addition to or in place of certificated debt securities or to provide for bearer debt securities;

to provide any security for, any guarantees of or any additional obligors on any series of debt securities;

to comply with any requirement to effect or maintain the qualification of that indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the Trust Indenture Act );

to add covenants that would benefit the holders of any debt securities or to surrender any rights we have under the indenture;

to add events of default with respect to any debt securities;

to make any change that does not adversely affect any outstanding debt securities of any series issued under that indenture in any material respect; provided, that any change made solely to conform the provisions of the indenture to a description of debt securities in a prospectus supplement will not be deemed to adversely affect any outstanding debt securities of that series issued in any material respect; and

to supplement the provisions of an indenture to permit or facilitate defeasance or discharge of securities that does not adversely affect any outstanding debt securities of any series issued under that indenture in any material respect.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive any existing or past default or event of default with respect to those debt securities. Those holders may not, however, waive any default or event of default in any payment on any debt security or compliance with a provision that cannot be amended or supplemented without the consent of each holder affected.

***Defeasance.*** When we use the term defeasance, we mean discharge from some or all of our obligations under an indenture. If any combination of funds or government securities are deposited with the trustee under an indenture sufficient to make payments on the debt securities of a series issued under that indenture on the dates those payments

are due and payable, then, at our option, either of the following will occur:

we and any Subsidiary Guarantors will be discharged from our obligations with respect to the debt securities of that series ( legal defeasance ); or

we and any Subsidiary Guarantors will no longer have any obligation to comply with the consolidation, merger and sale of assets covenant and other specified covenants relating to the debt securities of that series, and the related events of default will no longer apply ( covenant defeasance ).

If a series of debt securities is defeased, the holders of the debt securities of the series affected will not be entitled to the benefits of the applicable indenture, except for obligations to register the transfer or exchange of debt securities, replace stolen, lost or mutilated debt securities or maintain paying agencies and hold moneys for payment in trust. In the case of covenant defeasance, our obligation to pay principal, premium and interest on the debt securities and, if applicable, a Subsidiary Guarantor's guarantee of the payments, will also survive.

Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will be required to deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel that the deposit and related defeasance would not cause the holders of the debt securities to

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recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If we elect legal defeasance, that opinion of counsel must be based upon a ruling from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service or a change in law to that effect.

***Governing Law.*** New York law will govern the indentures, the debt securities and the guarantees.

***Trustee.*** Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, acts as trustee under the senior indenture. Unless we inform you otherwise in a prospectus supplement, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, will act as trustee with respect to the senior debt securities described in such prospectus supplement. We will name the trustee under a subordinated indenture in the prospectus supplement.

If an event of default occurs under an indenture and is continuing, the trustee under that indenture will be required to use the degree of care and skill of a prudent person in the conduct of that person's own affairs. The trustee will become obligated to exercise any of its powers under that indenture at the request of any of the holders of any debt securities issued under that indenture only after those holders have offered the trustee indemnity satisfactory to it.

Each indenture contains limitations on the right of the trustee, if it becomes our creditor or, if applicable, a creditor of any Subsidiary Guarantor, to obtain payment of claims or to realize on certain property received for any such claim, as security or otherwise. The trustee is permitted to engage in other transactions with us or, if applicable, any Subsidiary Guarantor. If, however, it acquires any conflicting interest, it must eliminate that conflict or resign within 90 days after ascertaining that it has a conflicting interest and after the occurrence of a default under the applicable indenture, unless the default has been cured, waived or otherwise eliminated within the 90-day period.

***Form, Exchange, Registration and Transfer.*** The debt securities will be issued in registered form, without interest coupons. There will be no service charge for any registration of transfer or exchange of the debt securities. However, payment of any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable for that registration may be required.

Debt securities of any series will be exchangeable for other debt securities of the same series, the same total principal amount and the same terms but in different authorized denominations in accordance with the applicable indenture. Holders may present debt securities for registration of transfer at the office of the security registrar or any transfer agent we designate. The security registrar or transfer agent will effect the transfer or exchange if its requirements and the requirements of the applicable indenture are met.

The trustee will be appointed as security registrar for the debt securities. If a prospectus supplement refers to any transfer agents we initially designate, we may at any time rescind that designation or approve a change in the location through which any transfer agent acts. We are required to maintain an office or agency for transfers and exchanges in each place of payment. We may at any time designate additional transfer agents for any series of debt securities.

In the case of any redemption, we will not be required to register the transfer or exchange of:

any debt security during a period beginning 15 business days prior to the mailing of any notice of redemption or mandatory offer to repurchase and ending on the close of business on the day of mailing of such notice; or

any debt security that has been called for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any debt security being redeemed in part.

***Payment and Paying Agent.*** Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, payments on the debt securities will be made in U.S. dollars at the office of the trustee and any paying agent. At our option, however, payments may be made by wire transfer for global debt securities or by check mailed to the address of

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the person entitled to the payment as it appears in the security register. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, interest payments will be made to the person in whose name the debt security is registered at the close of business on the record date for the interest payment.

Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, the trustee under the applicable indenture will be designated as the paying agent for payments on debt securities issued under that indenture. We may at any time designate additional paying agents or rescind the designation of any paying agent or approve a change in the office through which any paying agent acts.

If the principal of or any premium or interest on debt securities of a series is payable on a day that is not a business day, the payment will be made on the next succeeding business day as if made on the date that the payment was due and no interest will accrue on that payment for the period from and after the due date to the date of that payment on the next succeeding business date. For these purposes, unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, a business day is any day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in any of New York, New York or Houston, Texas or a place of payment on the debt securities of that series is authorized or obligated by law, regulation or executive order to remain closed.

Subject to the requirements of any applicable abandoned property laws, the trustee and paying agent will pay to us upon written request any money held by them for payments on the debt securities that remains unclaimed for two years after the date upon which that payment has become due. After payment to us, holders entitled to the money must look to us for payment. In that case, all liability of the trustee or paying agent with respect to that money will cease.

**Notices.** Any notice required by the indentures to be provided to holders of the debt securities will be given by mail to the registered holders at the addresses as they appear in the security register.

**Replacement of Debt Securities.** We will replace any debt securities that become mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost at the expense of the holder upon delivery to the trustee of the mutilated debt securities or evidence of the loss, theft or destruction satisfactory to us and the trustee. In the case of a lost, stolen or destroyed debt security, indemnity satisfactory to the trustee and us may be required at the expense of the holder of the debt securities before a replacement debt security will be issued.

**Book-Entry Debt Securities.** The debt securities of a series may be issued in the form of one or more global debt securities that would be deposited with a depository or its nominee identified in the prospectus supplement. Global debt securities may be issued in either temporary or permanent form. We will describe in the prospectus supplement the terms of any depository arrangement and the rights and limitations of owners of beneficial interests in any global debt security.

## **Provisions Applicable Solely to Subordinated Debt Securities**

**Subordination.** Under the subordinated indenture, payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on the subordinated debt securities will generally be subordinated and junior in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Senior Debt, as defined below. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we may not make any payment of principal of, or any premium or interest on, the subordinated debt securities if we fail to pay the principal, interest, premium or any other amounts on any Senior Debt when due.

The subordination does not affect our obligation, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay, when due, the principal of and any premium and interest on the subordinated debt securities. In addition, the subordination does not prevent the occurrence of any default under the subordinated indenture.

The subordinated indenture does not limit the amount of Senior Debt that we may incur. As a result of the subordination of the subordinated debt securities, if we become insolvent, holders of subordinated debt securities may receive less on a proportionate basis than other creditors.

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Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, **Senior Debt** will mean all debt, including guarantees, of ours, unless the debt states that it is not senior to the subordinated debt securities or our other junior debt. Senior Debt with respect to a series of subordinated debt securities could include other series of debt securities issued under a subordinated indenture.

### **Guarantee**

The Subsidiary Guarantors may fully and unconditionally guarantee on an unsecured basis the full and prompt payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on the debt securities issued by us when and as the payment becomes due and payable, whether at maturity or otherwise. The guarantee provides that in the event of a default in the payment of principal of or any premium or interest on a debt security, the holder of that debt security may institute legal proceedings directly against the applicable Subsidiary Guarantor to enforce the guarantee without first proceeding against us. If senior debt securities are so guaranteed, the guarantee will rank equally with all of the Subsidiary Guarantor's other unsecured and unsubordinated debt from time to time outstanding and senior to any subordinated debt of the Subsidiary Guarantor. If subordinated debt securities are so guaranteed, the guarantee will be subordinated to all of the Subsidiary Guarantor's other unsecured and unsubordinated debt from time to time outstanding.

The obligations of any Subsidiary Guarantor under the guarantee will be limited to the maximum amount that will not result in the obligations of the Subsidiary Guarantor under the guarantee constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under federal or state law, after giving effect to any other contingent and fixed liabilities of the Subsidiary Guarantor.

The guarantee may be released under certain circumstances. If we exercise our legal or covenant defeasance option with respect to debt securities of a particular series as described above in **Defeasance**, then any Subsidiary Guarantor will be released with respect to that series. Further, if no default has occurred and is continuing under the indentures, and to the extent not otherwise prohibited by the indentures, any Subsidiary Guarantor will be unconditionally released and discharged from the guarantee:

automatically upon any sale, exchange or transfer, whether by way of merger or otherwise, to any person that is not our affiliate, of all of our equity interests in the Subsidiary Guarantor;

automatically upon the merger of the Subsidiary Guarantor into us or any other Subsidiary Guarantor or the liquidation and dissolution of the Subsidiary Guarantor; or

following delivery of a written notice by us to the trustee, upon the release of all guarantees by the Subsidiary Guarantor of any debt of ours for borrowed money, except for any series of debt securities.

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### **Description of Capital Stock**

The description of our capital stock contained herein is a summary and is not intended to be complete. For a complete description of our capital stock, please read our amended and restated articles of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws, which have been filed with the SEC.

#### **General**

Our authorized capital stock consists of (1) 90,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and (2) 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. As of July 31, 2014, 46,028,577 shares of our common stock and no shares of preferred stock were outstanding.

#### **Common Stock**

The holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters on which such shareholders are permitted to vote. The holders of our common stock have no preemptive rights to purchase or subscribe for our securities, and our common stock is not convertible or subject to redemption by us.

Subject to the rights of the holders of any class of our capital stock having any preference or priority over our common stock, the holders of our common stock are entitled to dividends in such amounts as may be declared by our board of directors from time to time out of funds legally available for such payments and, if we are liquidated, dissolved or wound up, to a ratable share of any distribution to shareholders, after satisfaction of all our liabilities and the prior rights of any outstanding class of our preferred stock.

Wells Fargo Shareholder Services is the registrar and transfer agent for our common stock. Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol CRZO.

#### **Preferred Stock**

Our board of directors has the authority, without shareholder approval, to issue shares of preferred stock in one or more series, and to fix the number of shares and terms of each such series. We have no present plan to issue shares of preferred stock.

The prospectus supplement relating to any series of preferred stock we are offering will include specific terms relating to the offering and the name of any transfer agent for that series. We will file the form of the preferred stock with the SEC before we issue any of it, and you should read it for provisions that may be important to you. The prospectus supplement will include some or all of the following terms:

the title of the preferred stock;

the maximum number of shares of the series;

the dividend rate or the method of calculating the dividend, the date from which dividends will accrue and whether dividends will be cumulative;



any liquidation preference;

any optional redemption provisions;

any sinking fund or other provisions that would obligate us to redeem or purchase the preferred stock;

any terms for the conversion or exchange of the preferred stock for other securities of ours or any other entity;

any voting rights; and

any other preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights or any qualifications, limitations or restrictions on the rights of the shares.

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The issuance of shares of preferred stock could adversely affect the voting power of holders of our common stock, discourage an unsolicited acquisition proposal or make it more difficult for a third party to gain control of the Company. For instance, the issuance of a series of preferred stock might impede a business combination by including class voting rights that would enable the holder to block such a transaction or facilitate a business combination by including voting rights that would provide a required percentage vote of the shareholders. Although our board of directors is required to make any determination to issue preferred stock based on its judgment as to the best interests of our shareholders, the board could act in a manner that would discourage an acquisition attempt or other transaction that some of the shareholders might believe to be in their best interests or in which shareholders might receive a premium for their stock over the then market price of the stock. Our board of directors does not presently intend to seek shareholder approval prior to any issuance of currently authorized stock unless otherwise required by law or the rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market.

## **Special Meetings**

Our articles of incorporation provide that special meetings of our shareholders may be called only by the chairman of our board of directors, our president, a majority of our board of directors or by shareholders holding not less than 50% of our outstanding voting stock.

## **Voting**

Our common stock does not have cumulative voting rights. Accordingly, holders of a majority of the total votes entitled to vote in an election of directors will be able to elect all of the directors, subject to any voting rights of a specific class or series of stock.

Our articles of incorporation or Texas law requires the affirmative vote of holders of:

66  $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the outstanding shares entitled to vote on the matter to approve mergers, consolidations, share exchanges, liquidations, terminations or dispositions of all or substantially all of our assets to the extent, for each of the foregoing transactions, that a shareholder vote is required under Texas law; and

a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote on the matter to approve any amendment to our articles of incorporation for which a shareholder vote is required.

The foregoing vote requirements are subject to the rights any class or series may have to separately vote on such matters as a class or series.

Our bylaws provide that shareholders who wish to nominate directors or to bring business before a shareholders meeting must notify us and provide pertinent information at least 80 days before the meeting date, or within 10 days after public announcement pursuant to our bylaws of the meeting date, if the meeting date has not been publicly announced at least 90 days in advance.

Our articles of incorporation and bylaws provide that no director may be removed from office except for cause and upon the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast in the election of our directors. The following events constitute cause :

the director has been convicted, or is granted immunity to testify where another has been convicted, of a felony;

the director has been found by a court or by the affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of authorized directors (whether or not any vacancies exist) to be grossly negligent or guilty of willful misconduct in the performance of duties to us;

the director is adjudicated mentally incompetent; or

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the director has been found by a court or by the affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of authorized directors (whether or not any vacancies exist) to have breached his duty of loyalty to us or our shareholders or to have engaged in a transaction with us from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

### **Texas Anti-Takeover Law**

We are subject to Subchapter M (the Business Combination Law) of the Texas Business Organizations Code. In general, the Business Combination Law prevents an affiliated shareholder or its affiliates or associates from entering into or engaging in a business combination with an issuing public corporation during the three-year period immediately following the affiliated shareholder's acquisition of shares unless:

before the date the person became an affiliated shareholder, the board of directors of the issuing public corporation approved the business combination or the acquisition of shares made by the affiliated shareholder; or

not less than six months after the date the person became an affiliated shareholder, the business combination is approved by the affirmative vote of holders of at least two-thirds of the issuing public corporation's outstanding voting shares not beneficially owned by the affiliated shareholder or its affiliates or associates.

For the purposes of the Business Combination Law, an affiliated shareholder is defined generally as a person who is or was within the preceding three-year period the beneficial owner of 20% or more of a corporation's outstanding voting shares. A business combination is defined generally to include:

mergers or share exchanges;

dispositions of assets having an aggregate value equal to 10% or more of the market value of the assets or of the outstanding common stock representing 10% or more of the earning power or net income of the corporation;

certain issuances or transactions by the corporation that would increase the affiliated shareholder's number of shares of the corporation;

certain liquidations or dissolutions; and

the receipt of tax, guarantee, loan or other financial benefits by an affiliated shareholder of the corporation. An issuing public corporation is defined generally as a Texas corporation with 100 or more shareholders, any voting shares registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, or any voting shares qualified for trading in a national market system.

The Business Combination Law does not apply to a business combination of an issuing public corporation that elects not to be governed thereby through either its original articles of incorporation or bylaws or by an amendment thereof. Our articles of incorporation and bylaws do not so provide, nor do we currently intend to make any such amendments.

The Business Combination Law may deter any potential unfriendly offers or other efforts to obtain control of us that are not approved by our board. This may deprive our shareholders of opportunities to sell shares of our common stock at a premium to the prevailing market price.

In discharging the duties of a director under Texas law, a director, in considering the best interests of the Company, may consider the long-term as well as the short-term interests of the Company and our shareholders, including the possibility that those interests may be best served by our continued independence.

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**Limitation of Director Liability and Indemnification Arrangements**

Our articles of incorporation contain a provision that limits the liability of our directors as permitted by the Texas Business Organizations Code. The provision eliminates the personal liability of a director to us and our shareholders for monetary damages for an act or omission in the director's capacity as a director. The provision does not change the liability of a director for breach of his duty of loyalty to us or to our shareholders, for an act or omission not in good faith that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, for an act or omission for which the liability of a director is expressly provided for by an applicable statute, or in respect of any transaction from which a director received an improper personal benefit. Pursuant to our articles of incorporation, the liability of directors will be further limited or eliminated without action by shareholders if Texas law is amended to further limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors.

Our bylaws provide for the indemnification of our officers and directors, and the advancement to them of expenses in connection with proceedings and claims, to the fullest extent permitted by the Texas Business Organizations Code. We have also entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and some of our officers that contractually provide for indemnification and expense advancement and include related provisions meant to facilitate the indemnitee's receipt of such benefits. In addition, we have purchased directors' and officers' liability insurance policies for our directors and officers in the future. Our bylaws and these agreements with directors and officers provide for indemnification for amounts:

in respect of the deductibles for these insurance policies;

that exceed the liability limits of our insurance policies; and

that are available, were available or become available to us or are generally available to companies comparable to us but which our officers or directors determine is inadvisable for us to purchase, given the cost.

Such indemnification may be made even though our directors and officers would not otherwise be entitled to indemnification under other provisions of our bylaws or these agreements.

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**Description of Warrants**

We may issue warrants to purchase debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, rights or other securities of the Company or any other entity or any combination of the foregoing. We may issue warrants independently or together with other securities. Warrants sold with other securities may be attached to or separate from the other securities. We will issue warrants under one or more warrant agreements between us and a warrant agent that we will name in the prospectus supplement.

The prospectus supplement relating to any warrants we are offering will include specific terms relating to the offering. We will file the form of any warrant agreement with the SEC, and you should read the warrant agreement for provisions that may be important to you. The prospectus supplement will include some or all of the following terms:

the title of the warrants;

the aggregate number of warrants offered;

the designation, number and terms of the debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, rights or other securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants, and procedures by which the number of securities purchasable may be adjusted;

the exercise price of the warrants;

the dates or periods during which the warrants are exercisable;

the designation and terms of any securities with which the warrants are issued;

if the warrants are issued as a unit with another security, the date, if any, on and after which the warrants and the other security will be separately transferable;

if the exercise price is not payable in U.S. dollars, the foreign currency, currency unit or composite currency in which the exercise price is denominated;

any minimum or maximum amount of warrants that may be exercised at any one time; and

any terms, procedures and limitations relating to the transferability, exchange or exercise of the warrants.





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**Selling Shareholders**

We may register shares of common stock covered by this prospectus for re-offers and resales by selling shareholders to be named in a prospectus supplement. We may register these shares to permit selling shareholders to resell their shares when they deem appropriate. A selling shareholder may resell all, a portion or none of such shareholder's shares at any time and from time to time. Selling shareholders may also sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of some or all of their shares of our common stock in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. We do not know when or in what amounts the selling shareholders may offer shares for sale under this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. We will not receive any proceeds from any sale of shares by a selling shareholder under this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. We may pay some or all expenses incurred with respect to the registration of the shares of common stock owned by the selling shareholders, other than underwriting fees, discounts or commissions, which will be borne by the selling shareholders. We will provide you with a prospectus supplement naming the selling shareholder(s), the amount of shares to be registered and sold and any other terms of the shares of common stock being sold by the selling shareholder(s).

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**Plan of Distribution**

We and the selling shareholders may sell the securities in and outside the United States through underwriters or dealers, directly to purchasers or through agents. The prospectus supplement will include the following information, to the extent applicable to the offering covered by the prospectus supplement:

the terms of the offering;

the names of any underwriters or agents, and the respective amounts of securities underwritten or purchased by each of them;

the name or names of any managing underwriter or underwriters;

the name or names of any selling shareholder(s);

the purchase price of the securities from us or the selling shareholders and, if the purchase price is not payable in U.S. dollars, the currency or composite currency in which the purchase price is payable;

the net proceeds to us or the selling shareholders from the sale of the securities;

any delayed delivery arrangements;

any underwriting discounts, commissions and other items constituting underwriters' compensation;

any initial public offering price;

any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers; and

any commissions paid to agents.

**Sale Through Underwriters or Dealers**

If we or the selling shareholders use underwriters in the sale of securities, the underwriters will acquire the securities for their own account. The underwriters may resell the securities from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. Underwriters may offer securities to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more firms acting as underwriters. Unless we inform you otherwise in the

prospectus supplement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to conditions, and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the securities if they purchase any of them. The underwriters may change from time to time any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers.

During and after an offering through underwriters, the underwriters may purchase and sell the securities in the open market. These transactions may include overallotment and stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover syndicate short positions created in connection with the offering. The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid, whereby selling concessions allowed to syndicate members or other broker-dealers for the offered securities sold for their account may be reclaimed by the syndicate if such offered securities are repurchased by the syndicate in stabilizing or covering transactions. These activities may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the offered securities, which may be higher than the price that might otherwise prevail in the open market. If commenced, these activities may be discontinued at any time.

If we or the selling shareholders use dealers in the sale of securities, we or the selling shareholders will sell the securities to them as principals. They may then resell those securities to the public at varying prices determined by the dealers at the time of resale. The dealers participating in any sale of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any sale of those securities. We will include in the prospectus supplement the names of the dealers and the terms of the transaction.

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### **Direct Sales and Sales Through Agents**

We or the selling shareholders may sell the securities directly. In that event, no underwriters or agents would be involved. We or the selling shareholders may also sell the securities through agents we designate from time to time. In the prospectus supplement, we will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of the securities, and we will describe any commissions or fees payable by us or the selling shareholders to the agent. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, any agent will agree to use its reasonable best efforts to solicit purchases for the period of its appointment.

We or the selling shareholders may sell the securities directly to institutional investors or others who may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any sale of those securities. We or the selling shareholders will describe the terms of any such sales in the prospectus supplement.

### **Delayed Delivery Contracts**

If we so indicate in the prospectus supplement, we or the selling shareholders may authorize agents, underwriters or dealers to solicit offers from certain types of institutions to purchase securities from us at the public offering price under delayed delivery contracts. These contracts would provide for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. The contracts would be subject only to those conditions described in the prospectus supplement. The prospectus supplement will describe the commission payable for solicitation of those contracts.

### **Remarketing**

We may offer and sell any of the securities in connection with a remarketing upon their purchase, in accordance with a redemption or repayment by their terms or otherwise, by one or more remarketing firms acting as principals for their own accounts or as our agents. We will identify any remarketing firm, the terms of any remarketing agreement and the compensation to be paid to the remarketing firm in the prospectus supplement. Remarketing firms may be deemed underwriters under the Securities Act.

### **Derivative Transactions**

We or the selling shareholders may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the prospectus supplement indicates, in connection with those derivatives, the third parties may sell securities covered by this prospectus and the prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third parties may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of stock, and may use securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of stock.

We, the selling shareholders or one of our affiliates may loan or pledge securities to a financial institution or other third party that in turn may sell the securities using this prospectus. Such financial institution or third party may transfer its short position to investors in our securities or in connection with a simultaneous offering of other securities offered by this prospectus or otherwise.

The third parties in any of the sale transactions described above will be underwriters and will be identified in the prospectus supplement or in a post-effective amendment to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.



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**General Information**

We or the selling shareholders may have agreements with the agents, dealers and underwriters to indemnify them against civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute with respect to payments that the agents, dealers or underwriters may be required to make. Agents, dealers and underwriters may engage in transactions with us or the selling shareholders or perform services for us or the selling shareholders in the ordinary course of their businesses.

The securities may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange. We cannot assure you that there will be a market for the securities.

We cannot assure you that the selling shareholders will sell all or any part of the securities to be listed under **Selling Shareholders** in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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### **Legal Matters**

The validity of the offered securities and other matters in connection with any offering of the securities will be passed upon for us by Baker Botts L.L.P., Houston, Texas, our outside counsel. Any underwriters will be advised about legal matters relating to any offering by their own legal counsel, which will be named in the prospectus supplement.

### **Experts**

The consolidated financial statements of the Company as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 and for each of years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2013, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013 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 letter report of Ryder Scott Company, L.P., as independent consulting petroleum engineers, and information with respect to our oil and gas reserves derived from such report, has been incorporated by reference into this prospectus upon the authority of such firm as experts with respect to such matters covered in such report and in giving such report.

### **Where You Can Find More Information**

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy this registration statement and any other documents we file at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room. Our SEC filings are also available to the public at the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov> and our website at <http://www.carrizo.com>. Copies of these reports, proxy statements and other information concerning us can also be inspected at the offices of the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC, which are located at 1735 K Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. Information on our website or any other website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus and does not constitute part of this prospectus.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement and, as permitted by SEC rules, does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus or the prospectus supplement to any of our contracts or other documents, the reference may not be complete and, for a copy of the contract or document, you should refer to the exhibits that are part of or incorporated by reference into the registration statement.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. Information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus. Any statement contained in this prospectus or a document incorporated by reference in this prospectus will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus, the prospectus supplement or any other subsequently filed document that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus modifies or supersedes the statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus. You should not assume the information in this prospectus is current as of any date other than the date on the front page of this prospectus.

We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and future filings we make with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the effectiveness of this registration statement and





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until the termination of offerings under this prospectus, in each case excluding any information furnished but not filed, unless we specifically provide that such furnished information is to be incorporated by reference:

our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013;

our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2014 and June 30, 2014;

our current reports on Form 8-K filed on May 16, 2014 and August 12, 2014; and

the description of our common stock in Exhibit 99.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 9, 2010, as we may update that description from time to time.

We will provide a copy of any and all of the information that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus to any person, including a beneficial owner, to whom a prospectus is delivered, without charge, upon written or oral request. You may obtain a copy of these filings by writing or telephoning:

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