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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 1-33249

Legacy Reserves LP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

16-1751069  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

303 W. Wall Street, Suite 1400  
Midland, Texas  
(Address of principal executive offices)

79701  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(432) 689-5200

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Units representing limited partner interests listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC.

Securities registered pursuant to 12(g) of the Act:

None.

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting

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company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).  
Yes  No

The aggregate market value of units held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$945.7 million on June 30, 2012, based on \$25.01 per unit, the last reported sales price of the units on the NASDAQ Global Select Market on such date.

57,271,419 units representing limited partner interests in the registrant were outstanding as of February 26, 2013.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Parts of the definitive proxy statement for the registrant’s 2013 annual meeting of unitholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this annual report on Form 10-K.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Bbl. One stock tank barrel or 42 U.S. gallons liquid volume.

Bcf. Billion cubic feet.

Boe. One barrel of oil equivalent determined using a ratio of six Mcf of natural gas to one Bbl of crude oil, condensate or natural gas liquids.

Boe/d. Barrels of oil equivalent per day.

Btu. British thermal unit, which is the heat required to raise the temperature of a one-pound mass of water from 58.5 to 59.5 degrees Fahrenheit.

Developed acreage. The number of acres that are allocated or assignable to productive wells or wells capable of production.

Development project. A drilling or other project which may target proven reserves, but which generally has a lower risk than that associated with exploration projects.

Development well. A well drilled within the proved area of an oil or natural gas reservoir to the depth of a stratigraphic horizon known to be productive.

Dry hole or well. A well found to be incapable of producing hydrocarbons in sufficient quantities such that proceeds from the sale of such production would exceed production expenses and taxes.

Field. An area consisting of a single reservoir or multiple reservoirs all grouped on or related to the same individual geological structural feature and/or stratigraphic condition.

Gross acres or gross wells. The total acres or wells, as the case may be, in which a working interest is owned.

Hydrocarbons. Oil, NGLs and natural gas are all collectively considered hydrocarbons.

Liquids. Oil and NGLs.

MBbls. One thousand barrels of crude oil or other liquid hydrocarbons.

MBoe. One thousand barrels of crude oil equivalent, using a ratio of six Mcf of natural gas to one Bbl of crude oil, condensate or natural gas liquids.

Mcf. One thousand cubic feet.

MGal. One thousand gallons of natural gas liquids or other liquid hydrocarbons.

MMBbls. One million barrels of crude oil or other liquid hydrocarbons.

MMBoe. One million barrels of crude oil equivalent, using a ratio of six Mcf of natural gas to one Bbl of crude oil, condensate or natural gas liquids.

MMBtu. One million British thermal units.

MMcf. One million cubic feet.

Net acres or net wells. The sum of the fractional working interests owned in gross acres or gross wells, as the case may be.

NGLs. The combination of ethane, propane, butane and natural gasolines that when removed from natural gas become liquid under various levels of higher pressure and lower temperature.

NYMEX. New York Mercantile Exchange.

Oil. Crude oil and condensate.

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Productive well. A well that is found to be capable of producing hydrocarbons in sufficient quantities such that proceeds from the sale of such production exceed production expenses and taxes.

Proved developed reserves. Reserves that can be expected to be recovered through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods. Additional oil and natural gas expected to be obtained through the application of fluid injection or other improved recovery techniques for supplementing the natural forces and mechanisms of primary recovery are included in “proved developed reserves” only after testing by a pilot project or after the operation of an installed program has confirmed through production response that increased recovery will be achieved.

Proved developed non-producing or PDNPs. Proved oil and natural gas reserves that are developed behind pipe or shut-in or that can be recovered through improved recovery only after the necessary equipment has been installed, or when the costs to do so are relatively minor. Shut-in reserves are expected to be recovered from (1) completion intervals which are open at the time of the estimate but which have not started producing, (2) wells that were shut-in for market conditions or pipeline connections, or (3) wells not capable of production for mechanical reasons. Behind-pipe reserves are expected to be recovered from zones in existing wells that will require additional completion work or future re-completion prior to the start of production.

Proved reserves. Proved oil and natural gas reserves are those quantities of oil and gas, which, by analysis of geoscience and engineering data, can be estimated with reasonable certainty to be economically producible—from a given date forward, from known reservoirs, and under existing economic conditions, operating methods, and government regulations—prior to the time at which contracts providing the right to operate expire, unless evidence indicates that renewal is reasonably certain, regardless of whether deterministic or probabilistic methods are used for the estimation.

Proved undeveloped drilling location. A site on which a development well can be drilled consistent with spacing rules for purposes of recovering proved undeveloped reserves.

Proved undeveloped reserves or PUDs. Proved oil and natural gas reserves that are expected to be recovered from new wells on undrilled acreage or from existing wells where a relatively major expenditure is required for re-completion. Reserves on undrilled acreage are limited to those drilling units offsetting productive units that are reasonably certain of production when drilled. Proved reserves for other undrilled units are claimed only where it can be demonstrated with certainty that there is continuity of production from the existing productive formation. Estimates for proved undeveloped reserves are not attributed to any acreage for which an application of fluid injection or other improved recovery technique is contemplated, unless such techniques have been proven effective by actual tests in the area and in the same reservoir.

Re-completion. The completion for production of an existing wellbore in another formation from that which the well has been previously completed.

Reserve acquisition cost. The total consideration paid for an oil and natural gas property or set of properties, which includes the cash purchase price and any value ascribed to units issued to a seller adjusted for any post-closing items.

R/P ratio (reserve life). The reserves as of the end of a period divided by the production volumes for the same period.

Reserve replacement. The replacement of oil and natural gas produced with reserve additions from acquisitions, reserve additions and reserve revisions.

Reserve replacement cost. An amount per Boe equal to the sum of costs incurred relating to oil and natural gas property acquisition, exploitation, development and exploration activities (as reflected in our year-end financial statements for the relevant year) divided by the sum of all additions and revisions to estimated proved reserves, including reserve purchases. The calculation of reserve additions for each year is based upon the reserve report of our independent engineers. Management uses reserve replacement cost to compare our company to others in terms of our historical ability to increase our reserve base in an economic manner. However, past performance does not necessarily reflect future reserve replacement cost performance. For example, increases in oil and natural



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gas prices in recent years have increased the economic life of reserves, adding additional reserves with no required capital expenditures. On the other hand, increases in oil and natural gas prices have increased the cost of reserve purchases and reserves added through development projects. The reserve replacement cost may not be indicative of the economic value added of the reserves due to differing lease operating expenses per barrel and differing timing of production.

Reservoir. A porous and permeable underground formation containing a natural accumulation of producible oil and/or natural gas that is confined by impermeable rock or water barriers and is individual and separate from other reserves.

Standardized measure. The present value of estimated future net revenues to be generated from the production of proved reserves, determined in accordance with assumptions required by the Financial Accounting Standards Board and the Securities and Exchange Commission (using current costs and the average annual prices based on the un-weighted arithmetic average of the first-day-of-the-month price for each month) without giving effect to non-property related expenses such as general and administrative expenses, debt service and future income tax expenses or to depreciation, depletion and amortization, and discounted using an annual discount rate of 10%. Because we are a limited partnership that allocates our taxable income to our unitholders, no provisions for federal or state income taxes have been provided for in the calculation of standardized measure. Standardized measure does not give effect to commodity derivative transactions.

Undeveloped acreage. Lease acreage on which wells have not been drilled or completed to a point that would permit the production of commercial quantities of oil and natural gas regardless of whether such acreage contains proved reserves.

Working interest. The operating interest that gives the owner the right to drill, produce and conduct operating activities on the property and the right to a share of production.

Workover. Operations on a producing well to restore or increase production.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT  
REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This document contains forward-looking statements that are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, which may include statements about:

- our business strategy;
- the amount of oil and natural gas we produce;
- the price at which we are able to sell our oil and natural gas production;
- our ability to acquire additional oil and natural gas properties at economically attractive prices;
- our drilling locations and our ability to continue our development activities at economically attractive costs;
- the level of our lease operating expenses, general and administrative costs and finding and development costs, including payments to our general partner;
- the level of our capital expenditures;
- the level of cash distributions to our unitholders;
- our future operating results; and
- our plans, objectives, expectations and intentions.

All of these types of statements, other than statements of historical fact included in this document, are forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as “may,” “could,” “should,” “expect,” “plan,” “project,” “intend,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “predict,” “potential,” “pursue,” “target,” “continue,” such terms or other comparable terminology.

The forward-looking statements contained in this document are largely based on our expectations, which reflect estimates and assumptions made by our management. These estimates and assumptions reflect our best judgment based on currently known market conditions and other factors. Although we believe such estimates and assumptions to be reasonable, they are inherently uncertain and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that are beyond our control. In addition, management’s assumptions about future events may prove to be inaccurate. All readers are cautioned that the forward-looking statements contained in this document are not guarantees of future performance, and our expectations may not be realized or the forward-looking events and circumstances may not occur. Actual results may differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements due to factors described in “Item 1A. Risk Factors.” The forward-looking statements in this document speak only as of the date of this document; we disclaim any obligation to update these statements unless required by securities law, and we caution you not to unduly rely on them.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

References in this annual report on Form 10-K to “Legacy Reserves,” “Legacy,” “we,” “our,” “us,” or like terms refer to Legacy Reserves LP and its subsidiaries.

Legacy Reserves LP

We are an independent oil and natural gas limited partnership headquartered in Midland, Texas, and are focused on the acquisition and development of oil and natural gas properties primarily located in the Permian Basin, Mid-Continent and Rocky Mountain regions of the United States. Our primary business objective is to generate stable cash flows allowing us to make cash distributions to our unitholders and to support and increase quarterly cash distributions per unit over time through a combination of acquisitions of new properties and development of our existing oil and natural gas properties.

Our oil and natural gas production and reserve data as of December 31, 2012 are as follows:

we had proved reserves of approximately 83.2 MMBoe, of which 68% were oil and natural gas liquids (“NGLs”) and 88% were classified as proved developed producing, 2% were proved developed non-producing, and 10% were proved undeveloped;

our proved reserves had a standardized measure of \$1.4 billion; and

our proved reserves to production ratio was approximately 11.4 years based on the annualized production volumes for the three months ended December 31, 2012, with the exception of the volumes associated with the COG 2012 Acquisition, defined below, for which the twelve days of production from the date of acquisition to December 31, 2012 was annualized.

We have grown primarily through two activities: the acquisition of producing oil and natural gas properties and the development of properties in established producing trends. From 2007 through 2012, we completed 113 acquisitions of oil and natural gas properties for a total of approximately \$1.5 billion, excluding \$96.3 million of non-cash asset retirement obligations. These acquisitions of primarily long-lived, oil-weighted assets, along with our ongoing development activities and operational improvements, have allowed us to achieve significant operational and financial growth during this time period.

Business Strategy

The key elements of our business strategy are to:

• Make accretive acquisitions of producing properties generally characterized by long-lived reserves with stable production and reserve development potential;

• Add proved reserves and maximize cash flow and production through development projects and operational efficiencies;

• Maintain financial flexibility; and

• Reduce commodity price risk through oil and natural gas derivative transactions.

## Operating Regions

Permian Basin. The Permian Basin, one of the largest and most prolific oil and natural gas producing basins in the United States, was discovered in 1921 and extends over 100,000 square miles in West Texas and southeast New Mexico. It is characterized by oil and natural gas fields with long production histories and multiple producing formations. The Permian Basin was our only core operating region until we expanded in April 2007 and remains our largest operating region containing the vast majority of our drilling locations and development projects. The majority of our producing wells in the Permian Basin are mature oil wells that also produce high-Btu casinghead gas with significant NGL content. Our \$90 million capital expenditures budget for 2013 is largely

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focused on the Permian Basin, and includes our one-rig drilling program in the Wolfberry as well as our Bone Spring locations and other drilling, recompletion and capital workover projects. As discussed subsequently under "Acquisition Activities," we closed an acquisition of oil and natural gas properties in the Permian Basin for a net cash purchase price of \$502.6 million in December 2012, which is the largest acquisition in our history. In total, our acquisitions of Permian Basin properties in 2012 constituted approximately 87% of our \$634.8 million of total acquisitions during the year.

Mid-Continent. Our properties in the Mid-Continent region are primarily in the Texas Panhandle and Oklahoma. The vast majority of these properties were acquired through several transactions from April 2007 through October 2008. Our Texas Panhandle wells produce mostly from shallow Granite Wash, Brown Dolomite and Red Cave formations. Our operated properties in the Texas Panhandle are mostly mature oil wells that also produce high-Btu casinghead gas with significant NGL content, while our non-operated properties are mostly mature, low pressure natural gas wells with high NGL content. Our Texas Panhandle fields contain proved reserves of 6.0 MMBoe, are 71% liquids and comprise approximately 60% of our proved reserves in the region. Our most notable field in Oklahoma is the East Binger field in Caddo County, Oklahoma. The East Binger Unit, the majority property in the field, is an active miscible nitrogen injection (tertiary recovery) project that produces from the Marchand Sand. This field contains 3.2 MMBoe of proved reserves, are 82% liquids and comprise approximately 32% of our proved reserves in the region. Our remaining properties in the Mid-Continent region are located in multiple counties in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas and Arkansas.

Rocky Mountain. The Rocky Mountain region became a core operating region for us after we completed a \$125.5 million acquisition in the Big Horn and Wind River Basins in Wyoming during February 2010. We have complemented this acquisition and established a position in the Powder River Basin through several smaller acquisitions from 2010 through 2012. The properties in Wyoming are largely mature oil wells with a natural water drive that produce primarily from the Dinwoody-Phosphoria, Tensleep and Minnelusa formations. We expanded our footprint in this region with our acquisition of oil properties in North Dakota and Montana for \$69.3 million (before impairment) in May 2012 and complemented this acquisition through smaller acquisitions during the year. The North Dakota properties produce primarily from the Madison and Bakken formations, while the Montana properties produce mostly from the Sawtooth and Bowes formations.

Our proved reserves by area are as follows:

Proved Reserves by Operating Region as of December 31, 2012

Operating Regions	Oil (MBbls)	Natural Gas (MMcf)	NGLs(MBbls)	Total (MMBoe)	% Liquids	% PDP	% Total	
Permian Basin	38,660	140,163	(a) 863	62,884	62.9	% 85.2	% 75.6	%
Mid-Continent	3,456	16,457	3,664	9,863	72.2	% 97.6	% 11.8	%
Rocky Mountain	9,808	2,360	85	10,286	96.2	% 95.0	% 12.4	%
Other	84	330	19	158	65.2	% 100.0	% 0.2	%
Total	52,008	159,310	4,631	83,191	68.1	% 87.9	% 100.0	%

We primarily report and account for our Permian Basin natural gas volumes inclusive of the NGL content in those natural gas volumes. Given the price disparity between an equivalent amount of NGLs compared to natural gas, our (a) realized natural gas prices in the Permian Basin are substantially higher than NYMEX Henry Hub natural gas prices.

Acquisition Activities

During the year ended December 31, 2012, we completed 19 acquisitions of oil and natural gas properties with an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$627.6 million, excluding \$38.9 million of non-cash asset retirement obligations and \$7.2 million of prospective acreage acquisition cost. Based on year end reserve data we added a total of approximately 27.0 MMBoe of proved reserves based on oil and natural gas prices of \$91.17 and

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\$2.76 per Bbl and MMBtu, respectively, as of December 31, 2012 at an average reserve acquisition cost of \$23.21 per Boe, which excludes associated non-cash asset retirement obligations and \$7.2 million of acquisition cost related to undeveloped acreage.

COG 2012 Acquisition. On December 20, 2012, Legacy purchased certain oil and natural gas properties located primarily in the Permian Basin from COG Operating LLC and Concho Oil and Gas, LLC, wholly-owned subsidiaries of Concho Resources Inc., for a net cash purchase price of \$502.6 million (the "COG 2012 Acquisition"). The purchase price was financed partially with net proceeds from Legacy's November 2012 public offering of units representing limited partner interests and the remainder with proceeds from Legacy's December private offering of 8% senior unsecured notes due 2020 (the "Senior Notes"). The operating results from the COG 2012 Acquisition properties are included in the financial statements to this Form 10-K from the date of the acquisition on December 20, 2012.

The allocation of the COG 2012 Acquisition purchase price to the fair value of the acquired assets and assumed liabilities was as follows (in thousands):

Proved oil and natural gas properties including related equipment	\$ 495,897	
Unproved properties	37,994	
Total assets	533,891	
Future abandonment costs	(31,274	)
Fair value of net assets acquired	\$ 502,617	

## Development Activities

We have also increased reserves and production through development of our existing and acquired properties. Our development projects are primarily focused on drilling and completing new wells, but also include accessing additional productive formations in existing well-bores, formation stimulation, and artificial lift equipment enhancement, as well as secondary (waterflood) and tertiary (miscible CO<sub>2</sub> and nitrogen) recovery projects.

As of December 31, 2012, we identified 201 gross (137.7 net) proved undeveloped ("PUD") drilling locations, 118 of which were identified and economically viable at December 31, 2011. The table below details the activity in our PUD locations from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012:

	Gross Locations	Net Locations	Net Volume (MBoe)
Balance, December 31, 2011	187	126.5	8,041
PUDs converted to PDP by drilling	(31	) (17.9	) (1,581
PUDs removed due to performance	(6	) (4.4	) (387
PUDs removed from future drilling schedule (a)	(5	) (2.5	) (187
Acquisition activity	42	31.7	2,101
Additions due to performance	14	4.3	368
Other	—	—	(177
Balance, December 31, 2012	201	137.7	8,178

These PUD locations were removed from our PUD inventory because we determined, based upon review of our (a) current inventory and as indicated in our future drilling plans, that these PUD locations are not scheduled to be drilled within five years after recognition as proved reserves.

As of December 31, 2012, we identified 106 gross (70.1 net) re-completion and fracture stimulation projects.

Excluding acquisitions, we expect to make capital expenditures of approximately \$90 million during the year ending December 31, 2013.

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## Oil and Natural Gas Derivative Activities

Our business strategy includes entering into oil and natural gas derivative contracts which are designed to mitigate price risk for a majority of our oil, NGL and natural gas production over a three- to five-year period. We have entered into these derivative contracts for approximately 70% of our expected oil, NGL and natural gas production from total proved reserves for the year ending December 31, 2013. We have also entered into these derivative contracts for approximately 31%, on average, of our expected oil, NGL and natural gas production from total proved reserves for 2014 through 2017. Our derivative contracts are in the form of fixed price swaps and three-way collars for NYMEX WTI oil, fixed price swaps for West Texas Waha natural gas, ANR-Oklahoma natural gas and Rocky Mountain CIG natural gas and fixed price swaps for the Midland-to-Cushing oil differential. Each three-way collar contract combines a short call, a long put and a short put. The use of the short put allows us to buy a put and sell a call at higher prices, thus establishing a higher ceiling and limiting our exposure to future settlement payments while also reducing our downside risk. We receive the short call price if the market price is above the short call price, and we receive the market price if the market price is in between the short call and long put prices. If the market price is below the price of the long put, we receive the long put price only if the market price is still above the short put price. If the market price has fallen below the short put price, we receive the market price plus the spread between the short put and long put prices.

## Marketing and Major Purchasers

For the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, Legacy sold oil, NGL and natural gas production representing 10% or more of total revenues to purchasers as detailed in the table below:

	2012	2011	2010		
Enterprise (Teppco) Crude Oil, LP	12	% 14	% 23	%	
Plains Marketing, LP	10	% 11	% 10	%	

Our oil sales prices are based on formula pricing and calculated either using a discount to NYMEX WTI oil or using the appropriate buyer's posted price, plus Platt's P-Plus monthly average, less the Midland-Cushing differential less a transportation fee.

Although we believe we could identify a substitute purchaser, if we were to lose any of our oil or natural gas purchasers, the loss could temporarily cause a loss or deferral of production and sale of our oil and natural gas in that particular purchaser's service area. However, if one or more of our larger purchasers ceased purchasing oil or natural gas altogether, the loss of any such purchaser could have a detrimental impact on our short-term production volumes and our ability to find substitute purchasers for our production volumes in a timely manner, though we do not believe this would have a long-term material adverse effect on our operations.

## Competition

We operate in a highly competitive environment for acquiring properties, securing and retaining trained personnel and marketing oil and natural gas. Our competitors may be able to pay more for productive oil and natural gas properties and development projects and to evaluate, bid for and purchase a greater number of properties and prospects than our financial or personnel resources permit. Our ability to acquire additional properties and to find and develop reserves in the future will depend on our ability to evaluate and select suitable properties and to consummate transactions in a highly competitive environment.

## Seasonal Nature of Business

Generally, but not always, the demand for natural gas decreases during the summer months and increases during the winter months thereby affecting the price we receive for natural gas. Seasonal anomalies, such as mild winters or hotter than normal summers, sometimes lessen this fluctuation. Demand for natural gas and NGLs can be particularly weak in the fall and spring which, coupled with high inventory levels, could result in the shut-in and deferral of production.

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### Environmental Matters and Regulation

General. Our operations are subject to stringent and complex federal, state and local laws and regulations governing environmental protection as well as the discharge of materials into the environment. These laws and regulations may, among other things:

- require the acquisition of various permits before drilling commences;
- restrict the types, quantities and concentration of various substances that can be released into the environment in connection with oil and natural gas drilling and production activities;
- limit or prohibit drilling activities on certain lands lying within wilderness, wetlands and other protected areas; and
- require remedial measures to mitigate pollution from former and ongoing operations, such as requirements to close pits and plug abandoned wells.

These laws, rules and regulations may also restrict the rate of oil and natural gas production below the rate that would otherwise be possible. The regulatory burden on the oil and natural gas industry increases the cost of doing business in the industry and consequently affects profitability. Additionally, Congress and federal and state agencies frequently revise environmental laws and regulations, and any changes that result in more stringent and costly waste handling, disposal and cleanup requirements for the oil and natural gas industry could have a significant impact on our operating costs.

The following is a summary of some of the existing laws, rules and regulations to which our operations are subject.

**Waste Handling.** The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, or RCRA, and comparable state statutes, regulate the generation, transportation, treatment, storage, disposal and cleanup of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes. Under the auspices of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, or the EPA, the individual states administer some or all of the provisions of RCRA, sometimes in conjunction with their own, more stringent requirements. Drilling fluids, produced waters, and most of the other wastes associated with the exploration, development, and production of crude oil or natural gas are currently regulated under RCRA's non-hazardous waste provisions. However, it is possible that certain oil and natural gas drilling and production wastes now classified as non-hazardous could be classified as hazardous wastes in the future. Any such change could result in an increase in our costs to manage and dispose of wastes, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial position.

**Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.** The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, or CERCLA, also known as the Superfund law, imposes joint and several liability, without regard to fault or legality of conduct, on classes of persons who are considered to be responsible for the release of a hazardous substance into the environment. These persons include the owner or operator of the site where the release occurred and anyone who disposed or arranged for the disposal of a hazardous substance released at the site. Under CERCLA, such persons may be subject to joint and several liability for the costs of cleaning up the hazardous substances that have been released into the environment, for damages to natural resources and for the costs of certain health studies. In addition, it is not uncommon for neighboring landowners and other third-parties to file claims for personal injury and property damage allegedly caused by the hazardous substances released into the environment.

We currently own, lease, or operate numerous properties that have been used for oil and natural gas development and production for many years. Although we believe that we have utilized operating and waste disposal practices that were standard in the industry at the time, hazardous substances, wastes, or hydrocarbons may have been released on or under the properties owned or leased by us, or on or under other locations, including off-site locations, where such substances have been taken for disposal. In addition, some of our properties have been operated by third parties or by previous owners or operators whose treatment and disposal of hazardous substances, wastes, or hydrocarbons were not

under our control. These properties and the substances disposed or

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released on them may be subject to CERCLA, RCRA, and analogous state laws. Under such laws, we could be required to remove previously disposed of substances and wastes, remediate contaminated property, or perform remedial plugging or pit closure operations to prevent future contamination.

**Water Discharges.** The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, or the Clean Water Act, and analogous state laws, impose restrictions and strict controls with respect to the discharge of pollutants, including spills and leaks of oil and other substances, into waters of the United States. The discharge of pollutants into regulated waters is prohibited, except in accordance with the terms of a permit issued by the EPA or an analogous state agency. Federal and state regulatory agencies can impose administrative, civil and criminal penalties for non-compliance with discharge permits or other requirements of the Clean Water Act and analogous state laws and regulations.

The Oil Pollution Act of 1990, as amended or OPA, which amends the Clean Water Act, establishes strict liability for owners and operators of facilities that cause a release of oil into waters of the United States. In addition, owners and operators of facilities that store oil above threshold amounts must develop and implement spill response plans.

**Safe Drinking Water Act.** Our injection well facilities may be regulated under the Underground Injection Control, or UIC, program established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, or SDWA. The state and federal regulations implementing that program require mechanical integrity testing and financial assurance for wells covered under the program. The federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 amended the UIC provisions of the federal SDWA to exclude hydraulic fracturing from the definition of underground injection. Congress has considered bills to repeal this exemption. Further, some states have adopted and others are considering legislation to restrict hydraulic fracturing. Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming have adopted regulations requiring drilling operators conducting hydraulic fracturing activities to publically disclose the chemicals that are used.

**Endangered Species Act.** Additionally, environmental laws such as the Endangered Species Act, or ESA, may impact exploration, development and production activities on public or private lands. The ESA provides broad protection for species of fish, wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered in the United States, and prohibits taking of endangered species. Federal agencies are required to ensure that any action authorized, funded or carried out by them is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or modify their critical habitat. While some of our facilities may be located in areas that are designated as habitat for endangered or threatened species, we believe that we are in substantial compliance with the ESA. However, the designation of previously unidentified endangered or threatened species could cause us to incur additional costs or become subject to operating restrictions or bans in the affected areas.

**Air Emissions.** The Federal Clean Air Act, and comparable state laws, regulates emissions of various air pollutants through air emissions permitting programs and the imposition of other requirements. In addition, the EPA has developed, and continues to develop, stringent regulations governing emissions of toxic air pollutants at specified sources including pursuing the energy extraction sector under a National Enforcement Initiative. Federal and state regulatory agencies can impose administrative, civil and criminal penalties for non-compliance with air permits or other requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act and associated state laws and regulations. Finally, more stringent state and local regulations, such as the EPA rules issued in April 2012, which add new requirements for the oil and gas sector under the New Source Review Program and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants program, could result in increased costs and the need for operational changes.

**National Environmental Policy Act.** Oil and natural gas exploration and production activities on federal lands are subject to the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA. NEPA requires federal agencies, including the Department of the Interior, to evaluate major agency actions having the potential to significantly impact the environment. In the course of such evaluations, an agency may prepare an Environmental Assessment that assesses the potential direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of a proposed project and, if necessary, will prepare a more

detailed Environmental Impact Statement that may be made available for public review and comment. All of our current exploration and production activities, as well as proposed exploration and development plans, on federal lands require governmental permits that are subject to the requirements of NEPA. This process has the potential to delay the development of oil and natural gas projects.

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OSHA and Other Laws and Regulation. We are subject to the requirements of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and comparable state statutes. The OSHA hazard communication standard, the EPA community right-to-know regulations under Title III of CERCLA and similar state statutes require that we organize and/or disclose information about hazardous materials used or produced in our operations. We believe that we are in compliance with these applicable requirements and with other OSHA and comparable requirements.

On December 7, 2009, the EPA announced its findings that emissions of greenhouse gases present an “endangerment to human health and the environment.” The EPA based this finding on a conclusion that greenhouse gases are contributing to the warming of the earth’s atmosphere and other climate changes. The EPA began to adopt regulations that would require a reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases from certain stationary sources and has required monitoring and reporting for other stationary sources. In late September 2009, the EPA issued rules requiring the reporting of greenhouse gases from large greenhouse gas emissions sources in the United States beginning in 2011 for emissions in 2010. Mandatory reporting requirements for oil and natural gas systems were published on November 30, 2010 and require reporting in 2012 for emissions in 2011. Additional regional, federal or state requirements may be imposed in the future. New legislation or regulatory programs that restrict emissions of greenhouse gases in areas in which we conduct business could have an adverse affect on our operations and demand for our products. Currently, our operations are not adversely impacted by existing state and local climate change initiatives and, at this time, it is not possible to accurately estimate how potential future laws or regulations addressing greenhouse gas emissions would impact our business. Finally, it should be noted that some scientists have concluded that increasing concentrations of GHGs in the Earth’s atmosphere may produce climate changes that have significant physical effects, such as increased frequency and severity of storms, floods and other climatic events; if any such effects were to occur, they could have an adverse effect on our exploration and production operations.

We believe that we are in substantial compliance with all existing environmental laws and regulations applicable to our current operations and that our continued compliance with existing requirements will not have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations. For instance, we did not incur any material capital expenditures for remediation or pollution control activities for the year ended December 31, 2012. Additionally, as of the date of this document, we are not aware of any environmental issues or claims that require material capital expenditures during 2013. However, we cannot assure you that the passage of more stringent laws or regulations in the future will not have a negative impact on our financial position or results of operations.

### Other Regulation of the Oil and Natural Gas Industry

The oil and natural gas industry is extensively regulated by numerous federal, state and local authorities. Legislation affecting the oil and natural gas industry is under constant review for amendment or expansion, frequently increasing the regulatory burden. Also, numerous departments and agencies, both federal and state, are authorized by statute to issue rules and regulations binding on the oil and gas industry and its individual members, some of which carry substantial penalties for failure to comply. Although the regulatory burden on the oil and natural gas industry increases our cost of doing business and, consequently, affects our profitability, these burdens generally do not affect us any differently or to any greater or lesser extent than they affect other companies in the oil and natural gas industry with similar types, quantities and locations of production.

Legislation continues to be introduced in Congress and development of regulations continues in the Department of Homeland Security and other agencies concerning the security of industrial facilities, including oil and natural gas facilities. Our operations may be subject to such laws and regulations. Presently, it is not possible to accurately estimate the costs we could incur to comply with any such facility security laws or regulations, but such expenditures could be substantial.

Drilling and Production. Our operations are subject to various types of regulation at federal, state and local levels. These types of regulation include requiring permits for the drilling of wells, drilling bonds and reports concerning operations. Most states, and some counties and municipalities, in which we operate also regulate one or more of the following:

- the location of wells;
- the method of drilling and casing wells;

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the surface use and restoration of properties upon which wells are drilled;  
the plugging and abandoning of wells; and  
notice to surface owners and other third parties.

State laws regulate the size and shape of drilling and spacing units or pro-ration units governing the pooling of oil and natural gas properties. Some states allow forced pooling or integration of tracts to facilitate exploration while other states rely on voluntary pooling of lands and leases. In some instances, forced pooling or unitization may be implemented by third parties and may reduce our interest in the unitized properties. In addition, state conservation laws establish maximum rates of production from oil and natural gas wells, generally regulate and seek to restrict the venting or flaring of natural gas and impose requirements regarding the ratability of production. These laws and regulations may limit the amount of oil and natural gas we can produce from our wells or limit the number of wells or the locations at which we can drill. Moreover, each state generally imposes a production or severance tax with respect to the production and sale of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids within its jurisdiction.

Natural gas regulation. The availability, terms and cost of transportation significantly affect sales of natural gas. The interstate transportation and sale or resale of natural gas is subject to federal regulation, including regulation of the terms, conditions and rates for interstate transportation, storage and various other matters, primarily by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or the FERC. Federal and state regulations govern the price and terms for access to natural gas pipeline transportation. The FERC's regulations for interstate natural gas transmission in some circumstances may also affect the intrastate transportation of natural gas.

Although natural gas prices are currently unregulated, Congress historically has been active in the area of natural gas regulation. We cannot predict whether new legislation to regulate natural gas might be proposed, what proposals, if any, might actually be enacted by Congress or the various state legislatures, and what effect, if any, the proposals might have on the operations of the underlying properties. Sales of condensate and natural gas liquids are not currently regulated and are made at market prices.

State regulation. The various states regulate the drilling for, and the production, gathering and sale of, oil and natural gas, including imposing severance taxes and requirements for obtaining drilling permits. For example, Texas currently imposes a 4.6% severance tax on oil production and a 7.5% severance tax on natural gas production. States also regulate the method of developing new fields, the spacing and operation of wells and the prevention of waste of natural gas resources. States may regulate rates of production and may establish maximum daily production allowable from natural gas wells based on market demand or resource conservation, or both. States do not regulate wellhead prices or engage in other similar direct economic regulation, but there can be no assurance that they will not do so in the future. The effect of these regulations may be to limit the amounts of natural gas that may be produced from our wells, and to limit the number of wells or locations we can drill.

The petroleum industry is also subject to compliance with various other federal, state and local regulations and laws. Some of those laws relate to resource conservation and equal employment opportunity. We do not believe that compliance with these laws will have a material adverse effect on us.

## Employees

As of December 31, 2012, we had 206 full-time employees, including 20 petroleum engineers, 10 accountants and 9 landmen, none of whom are subject to collective bargaining agreements. We also contract for the services of independent consultants involved in land, engineering, regulatory, accounting, financial and other disciplines as needed. We believe that we have a favorable relationship with our employees.

## Offices

We currently lease approximately 65,768 square feet of office space in Midland, Texas at 303 W. Wall Street, Suite 1400, where our principal offices are located. The lease for our Midland office expires in September 2015. In addition to our principal offices, we have a regional office located in Cody, Wyoming that houses engineering and accounting staff for our Wyoming operations.

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### Available Information

We make available free of charge on our website, [www.legacylp.com](http://www.legacylp.com), our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such information with, or furnish it to, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

The information on our website is not, and shall not be deemed to be, a part of this annual report on Form 10-K or incorporated into any of our other filings with the SEC.

### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

#### Risks Related to our Business

We may not have sufficient available cash to pay the full amount of our current quarterly distribution, or any distribution at all, following establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses, including payments to our general partner.

We may not have sufficient available cash each quarter to pay the full amount of our current quarterly distribution, or any distribution at all. The amount of cash we distribute in any quarter to our unitholders may fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter and may be significantly less than our current quarterly distribution. Under the terms of our partnership agreement, the amount of cash otherwise available for distribution will be reduced by our operating expenses and the amount of any cash reserves that our general partner establishes to provide for future operations, future capital expenditures, future debt service requirements and future cash distributions to our unitholders. Further, our debt agreements contain restrictions on our ability to pay distributions. The amount of cash we can distribute on our units principally depends upon the amount of cash we generate from our operations, which will fluctuate from quarter to quarter based on, among other things:

- the amount of oil, NGL and natural gas we produce;
- the price at which we are able to sell our oil, NGL and natural gas production;
- the amount and timing of settlements on our commodity and interest rate derivatives;
- whether we are able to acquire additional oil and natural gas properties at economically attractive prices;
- whether we are able to continue our development projects at economically attractive costs;
- the level of our lease operating expenses, general and administrative costs and development costs, including payments to our general partner;
- the level of our interest expense, which depends on the amount of our indebtedness and the interest payable thereon; and
- the level of our capital expenditures.

If we are not able to acquire additional oil and natural gas reserves on economically acceptable terms, our reserves and production will decline, which would adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

We may be unable to sustain distributions at the current level without making accretive acquisitions or substantial capital expenditures that maintain or grow our asset base. Oil and natural gas reserves are characterized by declining production rates, and our future oil and natural gas reserves and production and, therefore, our cash flow and our ability to make distributions are highly dependent on our success in economically finding or acquiring additional recoverable reserves and efficiently developing and exploiting our current reserves. Further, the rate of estimated decline of our oil and natural gas reserves may increase if our wells do not produce as expected. We may not be able to find, acquire or develop additional reserves to replace our current and future production at acceptable costs, which

would adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

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Our future growth may be limited because we distribute all of our available cash to our unitholders, and potential future disruptions in the financial markets may prevent us from obtaining the financing necessary for growth and acquisitions.

Since we will distribute all of our available cash (as defined in our partnership agreement) to our unitholders, our growth may not be as fast as businesses that reinvest their available cash to expand ongoing operations. Further, since we depend on financing provided by commercial banks and other lenders and the issuance of debt and equity securities to finance any significant growth or acquisitions, potential future disruptions in the global financial markets and any associated severe tightening of credit supply may prevent us from obtaining adequate financing from these sources, and, as a result, our ability to grow, both in terms of additional drilling and acquisitions, will be limited.

Increases in the cost of or failure of costs to adjust downward for drilling rigs, service rigs, pumping services and other costs in drilling and completing wells could reduce the viability of certain of our development projects.

Higher oil and natural gas prices may increase the rig count and thus the cost of rigs and oil field services necessary to implement our development projects while also decreasing their availability. Increased capital requirements for our projects will result in higher reserve replacement costs which could reduce cash available for distribution. Higher project costs could cause certain of our projects to become uneconomic and therefore not to be implemented, reducing our production and cash available for distribution. Decreased availability of drilling equipment and services could significantly impact the planned execution of our scheduled development program.

If commodity prices decline and remain depressed for a prolonged period, a significant portion of our development projects may become uneconomic and cause write downs of the value of our oil and gas properties, which may adversely affect our financial condition and our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

Lower oil and natural gas prices may not only decrease our revenues, but also reduce the amount of oil and natural gas that we can produce economically. For example, the drastically lower oil and natural gas prices experienced in the fourth quarter of 2008 rendered more than half of the development projects we had planned at such time uneconomic and resulted in a substantial downward adjustment to our estimated proved reserves. Further, deteriorating commodity prices may cause us to recognize impairments in the value of our oil and natural gas properties. For example, in the year ended December 31, 2012 we incurred impairment charges of \$37.1 million, of which \$22.8 million was driven largely by commodity price changes. In addition, if our estimates of development costs increase, production data factors change or drilling results deteriorate, accounting rules may require us to write down, as a non-cash charge to earnings, the carrying value of our oil and natural gas properties for impairments. We may incur impairment charges in the future related to depressed commodity prices, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in the period taken.

Fluctuations in price and demand for our natural gas and NGLs may force us to shut in a significant number of our producing wells, which may adversely impact our revenues and ability to pay distributions to our unitholders.

We are subject to great fluctuations in the prices we are paid for our natural gas due to a number of factors including regional demand, weather, demand for NGLs which are recovered from our gas stream, and new natural gas pipelines. Drilling in shale resources has developed large amounts of new natural gas supplies, both from natural gas wells and associated natural gas from oil wells, that have depressed the prices paid for our natural gas and NGLs, and we expect the shale resources to continue to be drilled and developed by our competitors. We also face the potential risk of shut-in natural gas due to high levels of natural gas and NGL inventory in storage, weak demand due to mild weather and the effects of any economic downturns on industrial demand. Lack of NGL storage in Mont Belvieu where our West Texas and New Mexico NGLs are shipped for processing could cause the processors of our natural gas to curtail or shut-in our natural gas wells and potentially force us to shut-in oil wells that produce associated natural gas. For

example, following Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, when certain Permian Basin natural gas processors were forced to shut down their plants due to the shutdown of the Texas Gulf Coast

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NGL fractionators, we were able to produce our oil wells and vent or flare the associated natural gas. There is no certainty we will be able to vent or flare natural gas again due to potential changes in regulations. Furthermore, we may encounter problems in restarting production of previously shut-in wells.

Our commodity and interest rate derivative activities may limit our ability to profit from price gains, could result in cash losses and expose us to counterparty risk and as a result could reduce our cash available for distributions.

We have entered into, and we expect in the future to enter into, oil and natural gas derivative contracts intended to offset the effects of commodity price volatility related to a significant portion of our oil and natural gas production. Many derivative instruments that we employ require us to make cash payments to the extent the applicable index exceeds a predetermined price, thereby limiting our ability to realize the benefit of increases in oil and natural gas prices.

In addition, we have entered into, and we may in the future enter into, interest rate swap contracts intended to offset the effects of interest rate volatility related to our outstanding indebtedness under our revolving credit facility. These instruments require us to make cash payments to the extent applicable floating interest rates are less than our contracted fixed rates, thereby limiting our ability to realize the benefit of declining interest rates.

There is always risk that counterparties in any commodity or interest rate derivative transaction cannot or will not perform under our derivative contracts. If a counterparty fails to perform and the derivative transaction is terminated, our cash flow and ability to pay distributions could be adversely impacted.

Further, if our actual production and sales for any period are less than our expected production covered by derivative contracts and sales for that period (including reductions in production due to involuntary shut-ins or operational delays) or if we are unable to perform our drilling activities as planned, we might be forced to satisfy all or a portion of our derivative contracts without the benefit of the cash flow from our sale of the underlying physical commodity, resulting in a substantial diminution of our liquidity. Under our revolving credit facility, we are prohibited from entering into commodity derivative contracts covering all of our production, and we therefore retain the risk of a price decrease on our volumes not covered by commodity derivative contracts.

An increase in the differential between the West Texas Intermediate (“WTI”) or other benchmark prices of oil and the wellhead price we receive for our production could adversely affect our operating results and financial condition.

The prices that we receive for our oil production sometimes reflect a discount to the relevant benchmark prices, such as WTI, that are used for calculating derivative positions. The difference between the benchmark price and the price we receive is called a differential. Increases in the differential between the benchmark prices for oil and the wellhead price we receive could adversely affect our operating results and financial condition. For example, our realized oil price decreased \$3.84 per Bbl to \$85.78 per barrel for the year ended December 31, 2012 from \$89.62 per barrel for the year ended December 31, 2011. This decrease in realized oil prices was primarily caused by a larger average oil differential of \$2.75 per barrel as well as a lower average WTI price. This increased oil differential was largely due to a significant increase in the Midland-Cushing/WTI differential in 2012 compared to 2011. Significant differentials could adversely affect our operating results and financial condition.

Due to regional fluctuations in the actual prices received for our natural gas production, the derivative contracts we enter into may not provide us with sufficient protection against price volatility since they are based on indexes related to different and remote regional markets.

We sell our natural gas into local markets, the majority of which is produced in West Texas, Southeast New Mexico, the Texas Panhandle, Central Oklahoma and Wyoming and shipped to the Midwest, West Coast and Texas Gulf

Coast. These regions account for over 90% of our natural gas sales. Currently we use swaps on Waha, ANR-Oklahoma and CIG-Rockies natural gas prices. While we are paid a local price indexed to or closely related to Waha, ANR-Oklahoma and CIG-Rockies, these indexes are heavily influenced by prices received in remote regional consumer markets less transportation costs and thus may not be effective in protecting us against local price volatility.



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The substantial restrictions and financial covenants of our revolving credit facility, any negative redetermination of our borrowing base by our lenders and any potential disruptions of the financial markets could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

We depend on our revolving credit facility for future capital needs. Our revolving credit facility, which matures on March 10, 2016, limits the amounts we can borrow to a borrowing base amount, determined by the lenders in their sole discretion. As of February 26, 2013, our borrowing base was \$800 million and we had approximately \$299.9 million available for borrowing.

Our revolving credit facility restricts, among other things, our ability to incur debt and pay distributions to our unitholders, and requires us to comply with certain financial covenants and ratios. We may not be able to comply with these restrictions and covenants in the future and will be affected by the levels of cash flow from our operations and events or circumstances beyond our control, such as any potential disruptions in the financial markets. Our failure to comply with any of the restrictions and covenants under our revolving credit facility could result in a default under our revolving credit facility. A default under our revolving credit facility could cause all of our existing indebtedness, including our \$300 million 8% senior unsecured notes maturing on December 1, 2020 (the "Senior Notes"), to be immediately due and payable.

We are prohibited from borrowing under our revolving credit facility to pay distributions to unitholders if the amount of borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility reaches or exceeds 100% of the borrowing base, which is the amount of money available for borrowing, as determined semi-annually by our lenders in their sole discretion. The lenders will redetermine the borrowing base based on an engineering report with respect to our oil and natural gas reserves, which will take into account the prevailing oil and natural gas prices at such time. Any time our borrowings meet or exceed 100% of the then specified borrowing base, our ability to pay distributions to our unitholders in any such quarter is solely dependent on our ability to generate sufficient cash from our operations after such cash flow is first used to cure any borrowing base deficiency.

Outstanding borrowings in excess of the borrowing base must be repaid, and, if mortgaged properties represent less than 80% of total value of oil and natural gas properties used to determine the borrowing base, we must pledge other oil and natural gas properties as additional collateral. We may not have the financial resources in the future to make any mandatory principal prepayments required under our revolving credit facility.

The occurrence of an event of default or a negative redetermination of our borrowing base, such as a result of lower commodity prices or a deterioration in the condition of the financial markets, could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

Please read "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation — Financing Activities."

Restrictive covenants under the indenture governing our Senior Notes may adversely affect our operations.

The indenture governing our the Senior Notes contains, and any future indebtedness we incur may contain, a number of restrictive covenants that impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us, including restrictions on our ability to, among other things:

- sell assets, including equity interests in our restricted subsidiaries;
- pay distributions on, redeem or purchase our units or redeem or purchase our subordinated debt;
- make investments;
- incur or guarantee additional indebtedness or issue preferred units;

- create or incur certain liens;
- enter into agreements that restrict distributions or other payments from our restricted subsidiaries to us;
- consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of our assets;

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engage in transactions with affiliates;  
create unrestricted subsidiaries; and  
engage in certain business activities.

As a result of these covenants, we are limited in the manner in which we conduct our business, and we may be unable to engage in favorable business activities or finance future operations or capital needs.

A failure to comply with the covenants in the indenture governing the Senior Notes or any future indebtedness could result in an event of default under the indenture governing the Senior Notes, our revolving credit facility, or any future indebtedness, which, if not cured or waived, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, complying with these covenants may make it more difficult for us to successfully execute our business strategy and compete against companies that are not subject to such restrictions.

Our debt levels may limit our flexibility to obtain additional financing and pursue other business opportunities.

As of February 26, 2013, we had total long-term debt of \$800 million. Our existing and future indebtedness could have important consequences to us, including:

- our ability to obtain additional financing, if necessary, for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions or other purposes may be impaired or such financing may not be available on terms acceptable to us;
- covenants in our existing and future credit and debt arrangements will require us to meet financial tests that may affect our flexibility in planning for and reacting to changes in our business, including possible acquisition opportunities;
- our access to the capital markets may be limited;
  - our borrowing costs may increase;
- we will need a substantial portion of our cash flow to make principal and interest payments on our indebtedness, reducing the funds that would otherwise be available for operations, future business opportunities and distributions to unitholders; and
- our debt level will make us more vulnerable than our competitors with less debt to competitive pressures or a downturn in our business or the economy generally.
- Our ability to service our indebtedness will depend upon, among other things, our future financial and operating performance, which will be affected by prevailing economic conditions and financial, business, regulatory and other factors, some of which are beyond our control. If our operating results are not sufficient to service our current or future indebtedness, we will be forced to take actions such as reducing distributions, reducing or delaying business activities, acquisitions, investments and/or capital expenditures, selling assets, restructuring or refinancing our indebtedness, or seeking additional equity capital or bankruptcy protection. We may not be able to effect any of these remedies on satisfactory terms or at all.

Our estimated reserves are based on many assumptions that may prove inaccurate. Any material inaccuracies in these reserve estimates or underlying assumptions will materially affect the quantities and present value of our reserves.

No one can measure underground accumulations of oil and natural gas in an exact way. Oil and natural gas reserve engineering requires subjective estimates of underground accumulations of oil and natural gas and assumptions concerning future oil and natural gas prices, production levels, and operating and development costs. As a result, estimated quantities of proved reserves and projections of future production rates and the timing of development expenditures may prove to be inaccurate. Any material inaccuracies in these reserve estimates or underlying assumptions will materially affect the quantities and present value of our reserves which could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.



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Further, the present value of future net cash flows from our proved reserves may not be the current market value of our estimated natural gas and oil reserves. In accordance with SEC requirements, we base the estimated discounted future net cash flows from our proved reserves on the 12-month average oil and gas index prices, calculated as the un-weighted arithmetic average for the first-day-of-the-month price for each month and costs in effect on the date of the estimate, holding the prices and costs constant throughout the life of the properties. Actual future prices and costs may differ materially from those used in the net present value estimate, and future net present value estimates using then current prices and costs may be significantly less than the current estimate. In addition, the 10% discount factor we use when calculating discounted future net cash flows for reporting requirements in compliance with Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 932 may not be the most appropriate discount factor based on interest rates in effect from time to time and risks associated with us or the natural gas and oil industry in general.

Our business depends on gathering and transportation facilities owned by others. Any limitation in the availability of those facilities would interfere with our ability to market the oil and natural gas we produce.

The marketability of our oil and natural gas production depends in part on the availability, proximity and capacity of gathering and pipeline systems owned by third parties. The amount of oil and natural gas that can be produced and sold is subject to curtailment in certain circumstances, such as pipeline interruptions due to scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, oversupply of oil due to nearby refinery outages, excessive pressure, physical damage to the gathering or transportation system, or lack of contracted capacity on such systems. The curtailments arising from these and similar circumstances may last from a few days to several months. In many cases, we are provided only with limited, if any, notice as to when these circumstances will arise and their duration. Any significant curtailment in gathering system or pipeline capacity, or significant delay in the construction of necessary gathering and transportation facilities, could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

Our development projects require substantial capital expenditures, which will reduce our cash available for distribution. We may be unable to obtain needed capital or financing on satisfactory terms, which could lead to a decline in our oil and natural gas reserves.

We make and expect to continue to make substantial capital expenditures in our business for the development, production and acquisition of oil and natural gas reserves. These expenditures will reduce our cash available for distribution. We intend to finance our future capital expenditures with cash flow from operations and borrowings under our revolving credit facility. Our cash flow from operations and access to capital are subject to a number of variables, including:

- our proved reserves;
- the level of oil and natural gas we are able to produce from existing wells;
- the prices at which our oil and natural gas are sold; and
- our ability to acquire, locate and produce new reserves.

If our revenues or the borrowing base under our revolving credit facility decrease as a result of lower oil and/or natural gas prices, operating difficulties, declines in reserves or for any other reason, we may have limited ability to obtain the capital necessary to sustain our operations at current levels. Our revolving credit facility restricts our ability to obtain new financing. If additional capital is needed, we may not be able to obtain debt or equity financing. If cash generated by operations or available under our revolving credit facility is not sufficient to meet our capital requirements, the failure to obtain additional financing could result in a curtailment of our operations relating to development of our prospects, which in turn could lead to a decline in our oil and natural gas production and reserves, and could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.



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We do not control all of our operations and development projects and failure of an operator of wells in which we own partial interests to adequately perform could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

Many of our business activities are conducted through joint operating agreements under which we own partial interests in oil and natural gas wells.

If we do not operate wells in which we own an interest, we do not have control over normal operating procedures, expenditures or future development of underlying properties. The success and timing of our development projects on properties operated by others is outside of our control.

The failure of an operator of wells in which we own partial interests to adequately perform operations, or an operator's breach of the applicable agreements, could reduce our production and revenues and could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

Drilling for and producing oil and natural gas are high risk activities with many uncertainties that could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

Our drilling activities are subject to many risks, including the risk that we will not discover commercially productive reservoirs. Drilling for oil and natural gas can be uneconomic, not only from dry holes, but also from productive wells that do not produce sufficient revenues to be commercially viable.

In addition, our drilling and producing operations may be curtailed, delayed or canceled as a result of other factors, including:

- the high cost, shortages or delivery delays of equipment and services;
- unexpected operational events;
- adverse weather conditions;
- facility or equipment malfunctions;
- title disputes;
- pipeline ruptures or spills;
- collapses of wellbore, casing or other tubulars;
- unusual or unexpected geological formations;
- loss of drilling fluid circulation;
- formations with abnormal pressures;
- fires;
- blowouts, craterings and explosions; and
- uncontrollable flows of oil, natural gas or well fluids.

Any of these events can cause substantial losses, including personal injury or loss of life, damage to or destruction of property, natural resources and equipment, pollution, environmental contamination, loss of wells and regulatory penalties.

We ordinarily maintain insurance against various losses and liabilities arising from our operations; however, insurance against all operational risks is not available to us. Additionally, we may elect not to obtain insurance if we believe that the cost of available insurance is excessive relative to the perceived risks presented. Losses could





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therefore occur for uninsurable or uninsured risks or in amounts in excess of existing insurance coverage. The occurrence of an event that is not fully covered by insurance could have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

Increases in interest rates could adversely affect our business, results of operations, cash flows from operations and financial condition, and cause a decline in the demand for yield-based equity investments such as our units.

Since all of the indebtedness outstanding under our revolving credit facility is at variable interest rates, we have significant exposure to increases in interest rates. As a result, our business, results of operations and cash flows may be adversely affected by significant increases in interest rates. Further, an increase in interest rates may cause a corresponding decline in demand for equity investments, in particular for yield-based equity investments such as our units. Any reduction in demand for our units resulting from other more attractive investment opportunities may cause the trading price of our units to decline.

Any acquisitions we complete are subject to substantial risks that could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations and reduce our ability to make distributions to unitholders.

We may not achieve the expected results of any acquisition we complete, and any adverse conditions or developments related to any such acquisition may have a negative impact on our operations and financial condition.

Further, even if we complete any acquisitions, which we would expect to increase pro forma distributable cash per unit, actual results may differ from our expectations and the impact of these acquisitions may actually result in a decrease in pro forma distributable cash per unit. Any acquisition involves potential risks, including, among other things:

- the validity of our assumptions about reserves, future production, revenues, capital expenditures and operating costs;
- an inability to successfully integrate the businesses we acquire;
- a decrease in our liquidity by using a portion of our available cash or borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility to finance acquisitions;
- a significant increase in our interest expense or financial leverage if we incur additional debt to finance acquisitions;
- the assumption of unknown environmental and other liabilities, losses or costs for which we are not indemnified or for which our indemnity is inadequate;
- the diversion of management's attention from other business concerns;
- the incurrence of other significant charges, such as impairment of oil and natural gas properties, goodwill or other intangible assets, asset devaluation or restructuring charges;
- unforeseen difficulties encountered in operating in new geographic areas; and
- the loss of key purchasers.

Our decision to acquire a property depends in part on the evaluation of data obtained from production reports and engineering studies, geophysical and geological analyses, seismic data and other information, the results of which are often inconclusive and subject to various interpretations.

Also, our reviews of newly acquired properties are inherently incomplete because it is generally not feasible to perform an in-depth review of the individual properties involved in each acquisition given time constraints imposed by sellers. Even a detailed review of records and properties may not necessarily reveal existing or potential problems, nor will it permit a buyer to become sufficiently familiar with the properties to fully assess their deficiencies and potential. Inspections may not always be performed on every well, and environmental problems, such as groundwater contamination, are not necessarily observable even when an inspection is undertaken.



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Our identified drilling location inventories are scheduled out over several years, making them susceptible to uncertainties that could materially alter the occurrence or timing of their drilling.

Our management team has specifically identified and scheduled drilling locations as an estimation of our future multi-year drilling activities on our acreage. These identified drilling locations represent a significant part of our growth strategy. Our ability to drill and develop these locations depends on a number of factors, including the availability of capital, seasonal conditions, regulatory approvals, oil and natural gas prices, costs and drilling results. Our final determination on whether to drill any of these drilling locations will be dependent upon the factors described above as well as, to some degree, the results of our drilling activities with respect to our proved drilling locations. Because of these uncertainties, we do not know if the numerous drilling locations we have identified will be drilled within our expected timeframe or will ever be drilled or if we will be able to produce oil or natural gas from these or any other potential drilling locations. As such, our actual drilling activities may be materially different from those presently identified, which could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

The inability of one or more of our customers to meet their obligations may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Substantially all of our accounts receivable result from oil and natural gas sales or joint interest billings to third parties in the energy industry. This concentration of customers and joint interest owners may impact our overall credit risk in that these entities may be similarly affected by changes in economic and other conditions. In addition, our oil, natural gas and interest rate derivative transactions expose us to credit risk in the event of nonperformance by counterparties.

We depend on a limited number of key personnel who would be difficult to replace.

Our operations are dependent on the continued efforts of our executive officers, senior management and key employees. The loss of any member of our senior management or other key employees could negatively impact our ability to execute our strategy.

We may be unable to compete effectively, which could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

The oil and natural gas industry is intensely competitive, and we compete with other companies that have greater resources than us. Our ability to acquire additional properties and to discover reserves in the future will be dependent upon our ability to evaluate and select suitable properties and to consummate transactions in a highly competitive environment. Many of our competitors not only explore for and produce oil and natural gas, but also carry on refining operations and market petroleum and other products on a regional, national or worldwide basis. These companies may be able to pay more for productive oil and natural gas properties and exploratory prospects or define, evaluate, bid for and purchase a greater number of properties and prospects than our financial or human resources permit. In addition, these companies may have a greater ability to continue exploration and development activities during periods of low oil and natural gas market prices and to absorb the burden of present and future federal, state, local and other laws and regulations. Our inability to compete effectively with these companies could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

If we fail to maintain an effective system of internal controls, we may not be able to accurately report our financial results or prevent fraud. As a result, current and potential unitholders could lose confidence in our financial reporting, which would harm our business and the trading price of our units.

Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the

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degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. If we cannot provide reliable financial reports or prevent fraud, our reputation and operating results could be harmed. We cannot be certain that our efforts to maintain our internal controls will be successful, that we will be able to maintain adequate controls over our financial processes and reporting in the future or that we will be able to continue to comply with our obligations under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Any failure to maintain effective internal controls, or difficulties encountered in implementing or improving our internal controls, could harm our operating results or cause us to fail to meet certain reporting obligations. Ineffective internal controls could also cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information, which could have a negative effect on the trading price of our units.

We are subject to complex federal, state, local and other laws and regulations that could adversely affect the cost, manner or feasibility of conducting our operations.

Our oil and natural gas exploration and production operations are subject to complex and stringent laws and regulations. In order to conduct our operations in compliance with these laws and regulations, we must obtain and maintain numerous permits, approvals and certificates from various federal, state and local governmental authorities. We may incur substantial costs in order to maintain compliance with these existing laws and regulations. In addition, our costs of compliance may increase if existing laws and regulations are revised or reinterpreted, or if new laws and regulations become applicable to our operations. All such costs may have a negative effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

Our business is subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations as interpreted and enforced by governmental authorities possessing jurisdiction over various aspects of the exploration for, and the production of, oil and natural gas. Failure to comply with such laws and regulations, as interpreted and enforced, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

Our operations expose us to significant costs and liabilities with respect to environmental and operational safety matters.

We may incur significant costs and liabilities as a result of environmental and safety requirements applicable to our oil and natural gas exploration and production activities. These costs and liabilities could arise under a wide range of federal, state and local environmental and safety laws and regulations, including regulations and enforcement policies, which have tended to become increasingly strict over time. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may result in the assessment of administrative, civil and criminal penalties, imposition of cleanup and site restoration costs and liens, and to a lesser extent, issuance of injunctions to limit or cease operations. In addition, claims for damages to persons or property may result from environmental and other impacts of our operations.

Strict, joint and several liability may be imposed under certain environmental laws, which could cause us to become liable for the conduct of others or for consequences of our own actions that were in compliance with all applicable laws at the time those actions were taken. New laws, regulations or enforcement policies could be more stringent and impose unforeseen liabilities or significantly increase compliance costs. If we were not able to recover the resulting costs through insurance or increased revenues, our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders could be adversely affected.

Recently approved final rules regulating air emissions from natural gas production operations could cause us to incur increased capital expenditures and operating costs, which may be significant.

On April 17, 2012, the EPA approved final regulations under the Clean Air Act that, among other things, require additional emissions controls for natural gas and natural gas liquids production, including New Source Performance

Standards to address emissions of sulfur dioxide and volatile organic compounds (“VOCs”) and a separate set of emission standards to address hazardous air pollutants frequently associated with such production activities. The final regulations require the reduction of VOC emissions from natural gas wells through the use of reduced emission completions or “green completions” on all hydraulically fractured wells constructed or

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refractured after January 1, 2015. For well completion operations occurring at such well sites before January 1, 2015, the final regulations allow operators to capture and direct flowback emissions to completion combustion devices, such as flares, in lieu of performing green completions. These regulations also establish specific new requirements regarding emissions from dehydrators, storage tanks and other production equipment. We are currently reviewing this new rule and assessing its potential impacts. Compliance with these requirements could increase our costs of development and production, which costs may be significant.

Our sales of oil, natural gas, NGLs and other energy commodities, and related hedging activities, expose us to potential regulatory risks.

The Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “CFTC”) hold statutory authority to monitor certain segments of the physical and futures energy commodities markets. These agencies have imposed broad regulations prohibiting fraud and manipulation of such markets. With regard to our physical sales of oil, natural gas, NGLs or other energy commodities, and any related hedging activities that we undertake, we are required to observe the market-related regulations enforced by these agencies, which hold substantial enforcement authority. Our sales may also be subject to certain reporting and other requirements. Failure to comply with such regulations, as interpreted and enforced, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

The July 2010 Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Act”) provides for new statutory and regulatory requirements for certain derivative transactions, which are now broadly referred to as “swaps” and which include oil and gas hedging transactions and interest rate swaps. Swaps designated by the CFTC and swaps within certain classes of swaps designated by the CFTC will be required to be submitted for clearing on a derivative clearing organization (“DCO”) and, if accepted for clearing, cleared on the DCO. Transactions in swaps accepted for clearing must be executed on a board of trade designated as a contract market or a swap execution facility if such swaps are made available for trading on such a board of trade or swap execution facility. The Act provides an exception from application of the Act's clearing requirement that commercial end-users may elect for swaps they use to hedge or mitigate commercial risks. Although we believe we will be able to elect such exception with respect to most, if not all, of our swaps, if we cannot do so with respect to many of the swaps we enter into, our ability to execute our hedging program efficiently will be adversely affected. In addition, any of our existing swaps, as well as swaps that we enter before such swaps become subject to the clearing requirement, that fall within a class of swaps becoming subject to the clearing requirement will have to be submitted for clearing unless we meet certain reporting requirements.

We anticipate that, under regulations adopted under the Act and relevant DCO and other rules, if we do not qualify as a commercial end-user we will be required to post cash collateral for those of our derivative transactions constituting swaps (including our interest rate swaps and commodities-related swaps) that we need to clear on a DCO. Moreover, the CFTC and the federal regulators of banks and other financial institutions have proposed regulations imposing margin requirements for non-cleared swaps that, if adopted, could require us to post cash or other types of collateral for our non-cleared swaps, if any, from time to time in certain circumstances. Posting cash collateral or margin with respect to our swaps could cause liquidity issues for us by reducing our ability to use our cash for capital expenditures or other partnership purposes. A requirement to post cash collateral or margin could therefore reduce our ability to execute strategic hedges to reduce commodity price uncertainty and, thus, to protect cash flows. In addition, even if we are not required to post cash collateral or margin for our swaps, the banks and other derivatives dealers who are the contractual counterparties to our swaps will be required to comply with the Act's new requirements, and the costs of their compliance will likely be passed on to customers, including us, thus increasing our costs of engaging in hedging transactions, decreasing the benefits of those transactions to us and reducing our cash flows. We currently hedge only with current or former lenders under our Current Credit Agreement, which have collateral in our oil and natural gas properties and do not require us to post cash collateral.

As required by the Act, the CFTC has also adopted regulations setting limits on the positions that a party may hold for its own account in certain futures contracts and economically equivalent futures contracts, options contracts, swaps and swaptions in a number of physical commodities, including NYMEX contracts relating to WTI crude oil and Henry Hub natural gas. The regulations will allow us to exceed position limits otherwise

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applicable to us to the extent a contract or swap we hold constitutes a bona fide hedging transaction or position. If for any reason our contracts relating to such commodities, if any, fail to qualify for the exemption from the position limits, our ability to execute strategic hedges to reduce commodity price uncertainty, and, thus, to protect cash flows could be impaired.

Federal and state legislation and regulatory initiatives relating to hydraulic fracturing could result in increased costs and additional operating restrictions or delays.

Congress has considered legislation to amend the federal Safe Drinking Water Act to require the disclosure of chemicals used by the oil and natural gas industry in the hydraulic fracturing process. Hydraulic fracturing is an important and commonly used process in the completion of unconventional natural gas wells in shale formations, as well as tight conventional formations including many of those that Legacy completes and produces. This process involves the injection of water, sand and chemicals under pressure into rock formations to stimulate natural gas production. Sponsors of these bills have asserted that chemicals used in the fracturing process could adversely affect drinking water supplies. In addition, some states have adopted and others are considering legislation to restrict hydraulic fracturing. Texas and Wyoming have adopted legislation requiring the disclosure of hydraulic fracturing chemicals. Further, a Congressional Committee is investigating hydraulic fracturing practices legislation that requires the reporting and public disclosure of chemicals used in the fracturing process, which could make it easier for third parties opposing the hydraulic fracturing process to initiate legal proceedings based on allegations that specific chemicals used in the fracturing process could adversely affect groundwater. In addition any additional level of regulation could lead to operational delays or increased operating costs and could result in additional regulatory burdens that could make it more difficult to perform hydraulic fracturing and increase our costs of compliance and doing business.

Units eligible for future sale may have adverse effects on our unit price and the liquidity of the market for our units.

We cannot predict the effect of future sales of our units, or the availability of units for future sales, on the market price of or the liquidity of the market for our units. Sales of substantial amounts of units, or the perception that such sales could occur, could adversely affect the prevailing market price of our units. Such sales, or the possibility of such sales, could also make it difficult for us to sell equity securities in the future at a time and at a price that we deem appropriate. The founding investors (the "Founding Investors") and their affiliates, including members of our management, own approximately 18% of our outstanding units. We granted the Founding Investors certain registration rights to have their units registered under the Securities Act. Upon registration, these units will be eligible for sale into the market. Because of the substantial size of the Founding Investors' holdings, the sale of a significant portion of these units, or a perception in the market that such a sale is likely, could have a significant impact on the market price of our units.

Our acquisitions, including the COG 2012 Acquisition, may prove to be worth less than we paid, or provide less than anticipated proved reserves, production or cash flow because of uncertainties in evaluating recoverable reserves, well performance, and potential liabilities as well as uncertainties in forecasting oil and gas prices and future development, production and marketing costs.

Successful acquisitions require an assessment of a number of factors, including estimates of recoverable reserves, development potential, well performance, future oil and natural gas prices, operating costs and potential environmental and other liabilities. Our estimates of future reserves and estimates of future production for our acquisitions and related forecasts of anticipated cash flow therefrom, are initially based on detailed information furnished by the sellers and subject to review, analysis and adjustment by our internal staff, typically without consulting with outside petroleum engineers. Such assessments are inexact and their accuracy is inherently uncertain and our proved reserves estimates and cash flow forecasts therefrom may exceed actual acquired proved reserves or the estimates of future cash flows therefrom. In connection with our assessments, we perform a review of the acquired

properties included in our acquisitions that we believe is generally consistent with industry practices. However, such a review will not reveal all existing or potential problems. In addition, our review may not permit us to become sufficiently familiar with the properties to fully assess their deficiencies and capabilities.

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We do not inspect every well. Even when we inspect a well, we do not always discover structural, subsurface and environmental problems that may exist or arise. As a result of these factors, the purchase price we pay to acquire oil and natural gas properties may exceed the value we realize.

Also, our reviews of the properties included in our acquisitions are inherently incomplete because it is generally not feasible to perform an in-depth review of the individual properties involved in each acquisition given time constraints imposed by sellers. Even a detailed review of records and properties may not necessarily reveal existing or potential problems, nor will it permit a buyer to become sufficiently familiar with the properties to fully assess their deficiencies and potential. Inspections may not always be performed on every well, and environmental problems, such as groundwater contamination, are not necessarily observable even when an inspection is undertaken.

Risks Related to Our Limited Partnership Structure

Our Founding Investors, including members of our management, own an approximately 18% limited partner interest in us and control our general partner, which has sole responsibility for conducting our business and managing our operations. Our general partner has conflicts of interest and limited fiduciary duties, which may permit it to favor its own interests to the detriment of our unitholders.

Our Founding Investors, including members of our management, own an approximately 18% limited partner interest in us and therefore have the ability to influence the election of the members of the board of directors of our general partner. Although our general partner has a fiduciary duty to manage us in a manner beneficial to us and our unitholders, the directors and officers of our general partner have a fiduciary duty to manage our general partner in a manner beneficial to its owners, our Founding Investors and their affiliates. Conflicts of interest may arise between our Founding Investors and their affiliates, including our general partner, on the one hand, and us and our unitholders, on the other hand. In resolving these conflicts of interest, our general partner may favor its own interests and the interests of its affiliates over the interests of our unitholders. These conflicts include, among others, the following situations:

neither our partnership agreement nor any other agreement requires our Founding Investors or their affiliates, other than our executive officers, to pursue a business strategy that favors us;

our general partner is allowed to take into account the interests of parties other than us, such as our Founding Investors, in resolving conflicts of interest, which has the effect of limiting its fiduciary duty to our unitholders;

our Founding Investors and their affiliates (other than our executive officers and their affiliates) may engage in competition with us;

our general partner has limited its liability and reduced its fiduciary duties under our partnership agreement and has also restricted the remedies available to our unitholders for actions that, without the limitations, might constitute breaches of fiduciary duty. As a result of purchasing units, unitholders consent to some actions and conflicts of interest that might otherwise constitute a breach of fiduciary or other duties under applicable state law;

our general partner determines the amount and timing of asset purchases and sales, capital expenditures, borrowings, issuance of additional partnership securities, and reserves, each of which can affect the amount of cash that is distributed to our unitholders;

our general partner determines the amount and timing of any capital expenditures and whether a capital expenditure is a maintenance capital expenditure, which reduces operating surplus, or a growth capital expenditure, which does not. Such determination can affect the amount of cash that is distributed to our unitholders;

our general partner determines which costs incurred by it and its affiliates are reimbursable by us;

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- our partnership agreement does not restrict our general partner from causing us to pay it or its affiliates for any services rendered to us or entering into additional contractual arrangements with any of these entities on our behalf;
- our general partner intends to limit its liability regarding our contractual and other obligations;
- our general partner controls the enforcement of obligations owed to us by it and its affiliates; and
- our general partner decides whether to retain separate counsel, accountants, or others to perform services for us.

Our partnership agreement restricts the voting rights of those unitholders owning 20% or more of our units.

Unitholders' voting rights are further restricted by the partnership agreement provision providing that any units held by a person that owns 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, other than our general partner, its affiliates, their transferees, and persons who acquired such units with the prior approval of the board of directors of our general partner, cannot vote on any matter. Our partnership agreement also contains provisions limiting the ability of unitholders to call meetings or to acquire information about our operations, as well as other provisions limiting the unitholders' ability to influence the manner or direction of management.

Our Founding Investors and their affiliates (other than our executive officers and their affiliates) may compete directly with us.

Our Founding Investors and their affiliates, other than our general partner and our executive officers and their affiliates, are not prohibited from owning assets or engaging in businesses that compete directly or indirectly with us. In addition, our Founding Investors or their affiliates, other than our general partner and our executive officers and their affiliates, may acquire, develop and operate oil and natural gas properties or other assets in the future, without any obligation to offer us the opportunity to acquire, develop or operate those assets.

Cost reimbursements due our general partner and its affiliates will reduce our cash available for distribution to our unitholders.

Prior to making any distribution on our outstanding units, we will reimburse our general partner and its affiliates for all expenses they incur on our behalf. Any such reimbursement will be determined by our general partner in its sole discretion. These expenses will include all costs incurred by our general partner and its affiliates in managing and operating us. The reimbursement of expenses of our general partner and its affiliates could adversely affect our ability to pay cash distributions to our unitholders.

Our partnership agreement limits our general partner's fiduciary duties to our unitholders and restricts the remedies available to unitholders for actions taken by our general partner that might otherwise constitute breaches of fiduciary duty.

Our partnership agreement contains provisions that reduce the standards to which our general partner would otherwise be held by state fiduciary duty law. For example, our partnership agreement:

- permits our general partner to make a number of decisions in its individual capacity, as opposed to in its capacity as our general partner. This entitles our general partner to consider only the interests and factors that it desires, and it has no duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of, or factors affecting, us, our affiliates or any unitholder;
- provides that our general partner will not have any liability to us or our unitholders for decisions made in its capacity as a general partner so long as it acted in good faith, meaning it believed the decision was in the best interests of our partnership;
- provides that our general partner is entitled to make other decisions in "good faith" if it believes that the decision is in our best interest;



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provides generally that affiliated transactions and resolutions of conflicts of interest not approved by the conflicts committee of the board of directors of our general partner and not involving a vote of unitholders must be on terms no less favorable to us than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties or be “fair and reasonable” to us, as determined by our general partner in good faith, and that, in determining whether a transaction or resolution is “fair and reasonable,” our general partner may consider the totality of the relationships between the parties involved, including other transactions that may be particularly advantageous or beneficial to us; and provides that our general partner and its officers and directors will not be liable for monetary damages to us, our unitholders or assignees for any acts or omissions unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that the general partner or those other persons acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct.

Our partnership agreement permits our general partner to redeem any partnership interests held by a limited partner who is a non-citizen assignee.

If we are or become subject to federal, state or local laws or regulations that, in the reasonable determination of our general partner, create a substantial risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any property that we have an interest in because of the nationality, citizenship or other related status of any limited partner, our general partner may redeem the units held by the limited partner at their current market price. In order to avoid any cancellation or forfeiture, our general partner may require each limited partner to furnish information about his nationality, citizenship or related status. If a limited partner fails to furnish information about his nationality, citizenship or other related status within 30 days after a request for the information or our general partner determines after receipt of the information that the limited partner is not an eligible citizen, our general partner may elect to treat the limited partner as a non-citizen assignee. A non-citizen assignee is entitled to an interest equivalent to that of a limited partner for the right to share in allocations and distributions from us, including liquidating distributions. A non-citizen assignee does not have the right to direct the voting of his units and may not receive distributions in kind upon our liquidation.

We may issue an unlimited number of additional units without the approval of our unitholders, which would dilute their existing ownership interest in us.

Our general partner, without the approval of our unitholders, may cause us to issue an unlimited number of additional units. The issuance by us of additional units or other equity securities of equal or senior rank will have the following effects:

- our unitholders’ proportionate ownership interests in us will decrease;
- the amount of cash available for distribution on each unit may decrease;
- the risk that a shortfall in the payment of our current quarterly distribution will increase;
- the relative voting strength of each previously outstanding unit may be diminished; and
- the market price of the units may decline.

The liability of our unitholders may not be limited if a court finds that unitholder action constitutes control of our business.

A general partner of a partnership generally has unlimited liability for the obligations of the partnership, except for those contractual obligations of the partnership that are expressly made without recourse to the general partner. Our partnership is organized under Delaware law, and we conduct business in a number of other states. The limitations on the liability of holders of limited partner interests for the obligations of a limited partnership have not been clearly established in some of the other states in which we do business. In some states, including Delaware, a limited partner is only liable if he participates in the “control” of the business of the partnership. These statutes generally do not define control, but do permit limited partners to engage in certain activities, including, among other actions, taking any action

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or mortgage of any asset of the partnership, the admission or removal of the general partner and the amendment of the partnership agreement. Our unitholders could, however, be liable for any and all of our obligations as if our unitholders were a general partner if:

- a court or government agency determined that we were conducting business in a state but had not complied with that particular state's partnership statute; or
- our unitholders' right to act with other unitholders to take other actions under our partnership agreement constitutes "control" of our business.

Unitholders may have liability to repay distributions that were wrongfully distributed to them.

Under certain circumstances, unitholders may have to repay amounts wrongfully returned or distributed to them. Under Section 17-607 of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, we may not make a distribution to our unitholders if the distribution would cause our liabilities to exceed the fair value of our assets. Delaware law provides that for a period of three years from the date of the distribution, limited partners who received an impermissible distribution and who knew at the time of the distribution that it violated Delaware law will be liable to the limited partnership for the distribution amount. Substituted limited partners are liable for the obligations of the transferring limited partner to make contributions to the partnership that are known to such substitute limited partner at the time it became a limited partner and for unknown obligations if the liabilities could be determined from the partnership agreement. Liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interest and liabilities that are non-recourse to the partnership are not counted for purposes of determining whether a distribution is permitted.

## Tax Risks to Unitholders

Our tax treatment depends on our status as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as well as our not being subject to a material amount of additional entity-level taxation by states and localities. If the IRS were to treat us as a corporation or if we were to become subject to a material amount of additional entity-level taxation for state or local tax purposes, then our cash available for distribution to our unitholders would be substantially reduced.

The anticipated after-tax economic benefit of an investment in our units depends largely on our being treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. We have not requested, and do not plan to request, a ruling from the IRS on this or any other tax matter affecting us.

If we were treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, we would pay U.S. federal income tax on our taxable income at the corporate tax rate, which currently has a top marginal rate of 35%, and would likely pay state and local income tax at varying rates. Distributions to our unitholders would generally be taxed again as corporate distributions, and no income, gains, losses, deductions or credits would flow through to our unitholders. Because a tax would be imposed upon us as a corporation, our cash available to pay distributions to our unitholders would be substantially reduced. Therefore, treatment of us as a corporation would result in a material reduction in the anticipated cash flow and after-tax return to our unitholders likely causing a substantial reduction in the value of our units.

Current law may change, causing us to be treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes or otherwise subject us to entity-level taxation. In addition, because of widespread state budget deficits and other reasons, several states are evaluating ways to subject partnerships to entity-level taxation through the imposition of state income, franchise and other forms of taxation. For example, we are subject to an entity-level state tax on the portion of our gross income that is apportioned to Texas. If any additional states were to impose a tax upon us as an entity, the cash available for distribution to our unitholders would be reduced.





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The tax treatment of publicly traded partnerships or an investment in our units could be subject to potential legislative, judicial or administrative changes and differing interpretations, possibly on a retroactive basis.

The present U.S. federal income tax treatment of publicly traded partnerships, including us, or an investment in our units may be modified by administrative, legislative or judicial interpretation at any time. For example, from time to time members of the U.S. Congress propose and consider substantive changes to the existing U.S. federal income tax laws that affect publicly traded partnerships. Any modification to the U.S. federal income tax laws and interpretations thereof may or may not be applied retroactively and could make it more difficult or impossible to meet the exception for us to be treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. We are unable to predict whether any of these changes, or other proposals, will ultimately be enacted. Any such changes could negatively impact the value of an investment in our units.

Certain federal income tax deductions currently available with respect to oil and natural gas drilling and development may be eliminated as a result of future legislation.

Both the Obama Administration and members of the U.S. Congress have during past legislative sessions proposed changes that would, if enacted into law, make significant changes to United States tax laws, including the elimination of certain key U.S. federal income tax incentives currently available to oil and natural gas exploration and production companies. These changes include, but are not limited to, (i) the repeal of the percentage depletion allowance for oil and natural gas properties, (ii) the elimination of current deductions for intangible drilling and development costs, (iii) the elimination of the deduction for certain domestic production activities, and (iv) an extension of the amortization period for certain geological and geophysical expenditures. It is unclear whether these or similar changes will be proposed in the current legislative session, and if proposed and enacted, how soon any such changes could become effective. The passage of any legislation with similar changes in U.S. federal income tax laws could eliminate or postpone certain tax deductions that are currently available with respect to oil and natural gas exploration and development, and any such change could increase the taxable income allocable to our unitholders and negatively impact the value of an investment in our units.

Our unitholders may be required to pay taxes on their share of our income even if they do not receive any cash distributions from us.

Our unitholders are required to pay U.S. federal income taxes and, in some cases, state and local income taxes on their share of our taxable income, whether or not they receive cash distributions from us. Our unitholders may not receive cash distributions from us equal to their share of our taxable income or even equal to the actual tax liability that results from their share of our taxable income.

We prorate our items of income, gain, loss and deduction between transferors and transferees of our units each month based upon the ownership of our units on the first day of each month, instead of on the basis of the date a particular unit is transferred.

We prorate our items of income, gain, loss and deduction between transferors and transferees of our units each month based upon the ownership of our units on the first day of each month, instead of on the basis of the date a particular unit is transferred. The use of this proration method may not be permitted under existing U.S. Treasury regulations and although the U.S. Treasury Department issued proposed Treasury Regulations allowing a similar monthly simplifying convention, such regulations are not final and do not specifically authorize the use of the proration method we have adopted. Accordingly, our counsel is unable to opine as to the validity of this method. If the IRS were to challenge this method or new U.S. Treasury regulations were issued, we may be required to change the allocation of items of income, gain, loss and deduction among our unitholders.

A successful IRS contest of the U.S. federal income tax positions we take may adversely affect the market for our units, and the costs of any contest will reduce our cash available for distribution to our unitholders.

We have not requested any ruling from the IRS with respect to our treatment as a partnership for federal income tax purposes or any other matter affecting us. The IRS may adopt positions that differ from our counsel's conclusions or the positions we take. It may be necessary to resort to administrative or court proceedings to sustain some or all of our counsel's conclusions or the positions we take. A court may disagree with some or all of our

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counsel's conclusions or the positions we take. Any contest with the IRS may materially and adversely impact the market for our units and the price at which they trade. In addition, the costs of any contest with the IRS will result in a reduction in cash available to pay distributions to our unitholders and thus will be borne indirectly by our unitholders.

Tax-exempt entities and foreign persons face unique tax issues from owning units that may result in adverse tax consequences to them.

Investment in our units by tax-exempt entities, including employee benefit plans and individual retirement accounts (known as IRAs) and non-U.S. persons raises issues unique to them. For example, virtually all of our income allocated to organizations exempt from U.S. federal income tax, including individual retirement accounts and other retirement plans, will be unrelated business taxable income and will be taxable to such a unitholder. Distributions to non-U.S. persons will be reduced by withholding taxes imposed at the highest effective applicable tax rate, and non-U.S. persons will be required to file United States federal income tax returns and pay tax on their share of our taxable income.

Tax gain or loss on the disposition of our units could be more or less than expected because prior distributions in excess of allocations of income will decrease our unitholders tax basis in their units.

If our unitholders sell any of their units, they will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized and their tax basis in those units. Prior distributions to our unitholders in excess of the total net taxable income they were allocated for a unit, which decreased their tax basis in that unit, will, in effect, become taxable income to our unitholders if the unit is sold at a price greater than their tax basis in that unit, even if the price our unitholders receive is less than their original cost. A substantial portion of the amount realized, whether or not representing gain, may be ordinary income to our unitholders due to the potential recapture items, including depreciation, depletion and intangible drilling cost recapture. In addition, because the amount realized may include a unitholder's share of our nonrecourse liabilities, if they sell their units, they may incur a tax liability in excess of the amount of cash they receive from the sale.

We will treat each purchaser of our units as having the same tax benefits without regard to the units purchased. The IRS may challenge this treatment, which could adversely affect the value of the units.

Because we cannot match transferors and transferees of units, we will adopt depletion, depreciation and amortization positions that may not conform with all aspects of existing Treasury regulations. Our counsel is unable to opine as to the validity of such filing positions. A successful IRS challenge to those positions could adversely affect the amount of tax benefits available to our unitholders. It also could affect the timing of these tax benefits or the amount of gain on the sale of units and could have a negative impact on the value of our units or result in audits of and adjustments to our unitholders' tax returns.

A unitholder whose units are loaned to a "short seller" to cover a short sale of units may be considered as having disposed of those units. If so, the unitholder would no longer be treated for tax purposes as a partner with respect to those units during the period of the loan and may recognize gain or loss from the disposition.

Because a unitholder whose units are loaned to a "short seller" to cover a short sale of units may be considered as having disposed of the loaned units, he may no longer be treated for tax purposes as a partner with respect to those units during the period of the loan to the short seller and the unitholder may recognize gain or loss from such disposition. Moreover, during the period of the loan to the short seller, any of our income, gain, loss or deduction with respect to those units may not be reportable by the unitholder and any cash distributions received by the unitholder as to those units could be fully taxable as ordinary income. Our counsel has not rendered an opinion regarding the treatment of a unitholder where our units are loaned to a short seller to cover a short sale of our units; therefore, unitholders desiring

to assure their status as partners and avoid the risk of gain recognition from a loan to a short seller are urged to consult with their tax advisor about whether it is advisable to modify any applicable brokerage account agreements to prohibit their brokers from borrowing their units.

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Our unitholders may be subject to state and local taxes and return filing requirements in states where they do not live as a result of investing in our units.

In addition to U.S. federal income taxes, our unitholders will likely be subject to other taxes, including state and local income taxes, unincorporated business taxes and estate, inheritance or intangible taxes that are imposed by the various jurisdictions in which we do business or own property now or in the future, even if they do not reside in any of those jurisdictions. Our unitholders will likely be required to file state and local income tax returns and pay state and local income taxes in some or all of these various jurisdictions. Further, our unitholders may be subject to penalties for failure to comply with those requirements. We currently do business and own assets in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Alabama, Mississippi, Wyoming, North Dakota, Colorado, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas, Montana and Utah. As we make acquisitions or expand our business, we may do business or own assets in other states in the future. It is the responsibility of each unitholder to file all United States federal, state and local tax returns that may be required of such unitholder. Our counsel has not rendered an opinion on the state or local tax consequences of an investment in our units.

We will be considered to have technically terminated for U.S. federal income tax purposes due to a sale or exchange of 50% or more of our interests within a twelve-month period.

We will be considered to have technically terminated our partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes if there is a sale or exchange of 50% or more of the total interests in our capital and profits within a twelve-month period. For purposes of determining whether the 50% threshold has been met, multiple sales of the same interest will be counted only once. Our technical termination would, among other things, result in the closing of our taxable year for all unitholders, which would result in us filing two tax returns (and our unitholders could receive two Schedules K-1 if relief was not available, as described below) for one fiscal year and could result in a deferral of depreciation deductions allowable in computing our taxable income. In the case of a unitholder reporting on a taxable year other than a fiscal year ending December 31, the closing of our taxable year may also result in more than twelve months of our taxable income or loss being includable in his taxable income for the year of termination. Our termination currently would not affect our classification as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, but instead we would be treated as a new partnership for tax purposes. If treated as a new partnership, we must make new tax elections and could be subject to penalties if we are unable to determine that a termination occurred. The IRS has recently announced a publicly traded partnership technical termination relief program whereby, if a publicly traded partnership that technically terminated requests relief and such relief is granted by the IRS, among other things, the partnership will only have to provide one Schedule K-1 to unitholders for the year notwithstanding two partnership tax years. Compliance with and changes in tax laws could adversely affect our performance.

We are subject to extensive tax laws and regulations, including federal, state and foreign income taxes and transactional taxes such as excise, sales/use, payroll, franchise and ad valorem taxes. New tax laws and regulations and changes in existing tax laws and regulations are continuously being enacted that could result in increased tax expenditures in the future. Many of these tax liabilities are subject to audits by the respective taxing authority. These audits may result in additional taxes as well as interest and penalties.

**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

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## ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

As of December 31, 2012 we owned interests in producing oil and natural gas properties in 681 fields in the Permian Basin, Texas Panhandle, Wyoming, North Dakota, Montana, Oklahoma and several other states, operated 3,498 gross productive wells and owned non-operated interests in 4,109 gross productive wells. The following table sets forth information about our proved oil and natural gas reserves as of December 31, 2012. The standardized measure amounts shown in the table are not intended to represent the current market value of our estimated oil and natural gas reserves. For a definition of “standardized measure,” please see the glossary of terms at the beginning of this annual report on Form 10-K.

Field	As of December 31, 2012 Proved Reserves			Standardized Measure		
	MMBoe	R/P (a)	% Oil and NGLs	Amount (b) (\$ in Millions)	% of Total	
Spraberry/War San (c)	9.9	12.4	67	% \$ 194.2	13.6	%
New Mexico Lower Abo	3.1	5.8	58	82.0	5.7	
Texas Panhandle	6.0	13.7	71	71.1	5.0	
East Binger	3.2	11.8	82	60.8	4.3	
Fullerton	1.8	18.3	90	48.8	3.4	
Jordan	2.2	12.2	91	44.1	3.1	
Deep Rock	1.9	21.0	96	43.6	3.1	
Lea	1.7	7.2	73	37.1	2.6	
Langlie Mattix	1.5	17.7	89	33.6	2.4	
Fourbear/Fourbear Frank's Fork	2.0	11.4	100	33.5	2.3	
Total — Top 10 fields	33.3	11.4	76	% \$ 648.8	45.5	%
All others	49.9	11.4	63	777.1	54.5	
Total	83.2	11.4	68	% \$ 1,425.9	100.0	%

Reserves as of December 31, 2012 divided by annualized fourth quarter production volumes, with the exception of (a) volumes associated with the COG 2012 Acquisition for which the twelve days of production from the date of acquisition to December 31, 2012 was annualized.

Texas margin taxes and the federal income taxes associated with a corporate subsidiary have not been deducted (b) from future production revenues in the calculation of the standardized measure as the impact of these taxes would not have a significant effect on the calculated standardized measure.

(c) As the Spraberry/War San field contains 9.9 MMBoe, or 11.9% of total proved reserves of 83.2 MMBoe, the following table presents the production, by product, for the Spraberry/War San field for the last three fiscal years:

Spraberry/War San Field Production:	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands, except daily production)		
Oil (MBbls)	510	475	227
Natural gas liquids (Mgal)	428	346	44
Natural gas (MMcf)	1,599	1,514	922

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Total (Mboe)	787	735	382
Average daily production (Boe per day)	2,150	2,014	1,047



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### Summary of Oil and Natural Gas Properties and Projects

Our most significant fields are the Spraberry/War San, New Mexico Lower Abo, Texas Panhandle, East Binger, Fullerton, Jordan, Deep Rock, Lea, Langlie Mattix and Fourbear/Fourbear Frank's Fork. As of December 31, 2012, these ten fields accounted for approximately 46% of our Standardized Measure and 40% of our total estimated proved reserves.

**Spraberry/War San Field.** The Spraberry/War San field is located in Andrews, Howard, Midland, Martin, Reagan and Upton Counties, Texas. This Spraberry/War San field summary includes wells in the War San field which produce from the same formations and in the same area as our Spraberry field wells. This field produces from Spraberry and Wolfcamp age formations from 5,000 to 11,000 feet. We operate 232 active wells (228 producing, 4 injecting) in this field with working interests ranging from 5.5% to 100% and net revenue interests ranging from 4.2% to 90.8%. We also own another 128 non-operated wells (126 producing, 2 injecting). As of December 31, 2012, our properties in the Spraberry/War San field contained 9.9 MMBoe (67% liquids) of net proved reserves with a standardized measure of \$194.2 million. The average net daily production from this field was 2,182 Boe/d for the fourth quarter of 2012. The estimated reserve life (R/P) for this field is 12.4 years based on the annualized fourth quarter production rate.

19 wells were drilled on Legacy Reserves' properties in the Spraberry/War San field in 2012. We have identified 49 more proved undeveloped projects, primarily 40-acre infill drilling locations, and 8 behind-pipe or proved developed non-producing re-completion projects in this field. We have also identified several unproved drilling locations in this field.

**New Mexico Lower Abo.** The Lower Abo horizontal drilling play includes several fields located in Eddy, Lea and Chaves Counties, New Mexico. The primary fields in this play are named Crow Flats, Dog Canyon and County Line Tank. The producing formation in all of these fields is the Lower Abo at depths of 6,350 to 9,500 feet. Legacy acquired all of our wells in this play as part of the COG 2012 Acquisition. We operate 39 wells in the Lower Abo play with working interests ranging from 25% to 100% and net revenue interests ranging from 20.6% to 87.5%. We also own 16 non-operated wells. There has been considerable drilling activity in this area during recent years by the previous operator and operators of our non-operated wells, as 29 of our 39 operated wells have come online since January 1, 2010, which is resulting in significant flush production from these wells. As of December 31, 2012, our properties in the Lower Abo play contained 3.1 MMBoe (58% liquids) of net proved reserves with a standardized measure of \$82.0 million. The average net daily production from this field was 1,476 Boe/d for the last 12 days of 2012 that Legacy owned these wells. The estimated reserve life (R/P) for the field is 5.8 years based on the annualized production rate, which is materially impacted by the aforementioned flush production from recent drilling activity by the prior operator. We expect this production rate to drop materially in 2013. Our engineers have identified seven proved undeveloped drilling projects as well as several unproved drilling projects in this area.

**Texas Panhandle Fields.** The Texas Panhandle fields are located in Carson, Gray, Hartley, Hutchinson, Moore, Potter, Sherman and Wheeler Counties, Texas. The fields are produced from multiple formations of Permian age which primarily include the shallow Granite Wash, Brown Dolomite, and Red Cave formations from 2,500 to 4,000 feet. Legacy operates 624 wells (582 producing, 42 injecting) in the Texas Panhandle fields with working interests ranging from 33.3% to 100% and net revenue interests ranging from 25% to 100.0%. We also own another 414 non-operated wells (402 producing, 12 injecting). As of December 31, 2012, our properties in the Texas Panhandle fields contained 6.0 MMBoe (71% liquids) of net proved reserves with a standardized measure of \$71.1 million. The average net daily production from these fields was 1,192 Boe/d for the fourth quarter of 2012. The estimated reserve life (R/P) for these fields is 13.7 years based on the annualized fourth quarter production rate.

**East Binger Field.** The East Binger field is located in Caddo County, Oklahoma. The Marchand Sand, at depths of 9,700 to 10,100 feet, is the primary reservoir in the East Binger field. The East Binger Unit, the major property in the

field, is an active miscible nitrogen injection project and is operated by Binger Operations, LLC (BOL), of which Legacy owns 50%. BOL operates 81 wells (57 producing, 24 injecting) in the East Binger field, and Legacy owns a working interest of 55.67% and net revenue interest of 46.9% in the East Binger Unit. As of

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December 31, 2012, our properties in the East Binger field contained 3.2 MMBoe (82% liquids) of net proved reserves with a standardized measure of \$60.8 million. The average net daily production from this field was 737 Boe/d for the fourth quarter of 2012. The estimated reserve life (R/P) for the field is 11.8 years based on the annualized fourth quarter production rate. We have identified five proved undeveloped drilling locations in this field.

Fullerton Field. The Fullerton field is located in Andrews County, Texas. Most of the production in the field is from the Clearfork formation which is under waterflood at depths of 5,750 to 7,100 feet. The field also produces from the San Andres, Wichita Albany and Devonian formations. Legacy acquired the majority of our wells in this field as part of the COG 2012 Acquisition. Legacy operates 79 wells (67 producing, 12 injecting) in the field with working interests ranging from 75% to 100% and net revenue interests ranging from 62.0% to 87.5%. We also own a 6.3% working interest and a 4.6% net revenue interest in one non-operated property in the field. As of December 31, 2012, our properties in the Fullerton field contained 1.8 MMBoe (90% liquids) of net proved reserves with a standardized measure of \$48.8 million. The average net daily production from this field was 276 Boe/d for the last 12 days of 2012 that Legacy owned these wells. The estimated reserve life (R/P) for the field is 18.3 years based on the annualized production rate.

Our engineers have identified seven proved undeveloped infill drilling projects and 23 behind-pipe or proved developed non-producing projects in the field. We also have several additional unproved drilling locations and multiple unproved developed non-producing projects in the field.

Jordan Field. The Jordan field is located in Ector and Crane Counties, Texas. The field produces under waterflood from the San Andres formation at depths of 3,100 to 3,800 feet. We operate 70 wells (53 producing, 17 injecting) in the West Jordan Unit with a 53.1% working interest and a 39.8% net revenue interest. We also own a 35.9% non-operated working interest and a 29.7% net revenue interest in the Jordan University Unit which contains 180 wells (145 producing, 35 injecting). As of December 31, 2012, our properties in the Jordan field contained 2.2 MMBoe (91% liquids) of net proved reserves with a standardized measure of \$44.1 million. The average net daily production from the field was 492 Boe/d for the fourth quarter of 2012. The estimated reserve life (R/P) of the field is 12.2 years based on the annualized fourth quarter production rate.

The Jordan University Unit was drilled in the 1930s through the 1960s on 20-acre spacing and waterflooding commenced in 1966. There have been over 100 infill wells drilled in the unit including ten 5-acre infill wells drilled in 2012. We have 15 more proved undeveloped and several unproved 5-acre drilling locations in the unit.

The West Jordan Unit was drilled in the 1930s through the 1960s on 20-acre spacing and waterflooding began in 1970. There have been 78 10-acre infill wells drilled in the unit. We have six proved developed 10-acre drilling locations, 10 proved developed non-producing projects and several unproved drilling locations in the unit.

Deep Rock Field. The Deep Rock field is located in Andrews County, Texas. Most of the production in the field is from the Glorieta formation at depths of 5,630 to 6,000 feet. The field also produces from the Pennsylvanian, Devonian and Ellenburger formations at depths from 6,000 to 12,200 feet. Legacy acquired the majority of our wells in this field as part of the COG 2012 Acquisition. We operate 155 wells (142 producing, 13 injecting) in the field with working interests ranging from 6.7% to 100% and net revenue interests ranging from 5.8% to 87.5%. We also own 204 non-operated wells (166 producing, 38 injecting). As of December 31, 2012, our properties in the Deep Rock field contained 1.9 MMBoe (96% liquids) of net proved reserves with a standardized measure of \$43.6 million. The average net daily production from this field was 250 Boe/d for the last 12 days of 2012 that Legacy owned these wells. The estimated reserve life (R/P) for the field is 21.0 years based on the annualized production rate.

Our engineers have identified three proved undeveloped projects and one behind-pipe or proved developed non-producing projects in the field. We also have several additional unproved drilling location and multiple unproved

developed non-producing projects in the field.

Lea Field. The Lea field is located in Lea County, New Mexico. Our Lea field properties consist primarily of interests in the Lea Unit and Lea Federal Unit. The large majority of the production from these properties is from the Bone Spring formation at depths of 11,100 feet to 16,800 feet. These properties also produce from the Morrow,

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Devonian, Delaware and Pennsylvania formations at depths ranging from 11,150 feet to 14,500 feet. We operate 28 wells (24 producing, 4 injecting) in the Lea Field with working interests ranging from 12.5% to 100.0% and net revenue interests ranging from 15.0% to 81.3%. As of December 31, 2012, our properties in the Lea Field contained 1.7 MMBoe (73% liquids) of net proved reserves with a standardized measure of \$37.1 million. The average net daily production from this field was 641 Boe/d for the fourth quarter of 2012, the large majority of which was from a new, horizontal Bone Spring well that initiated production in November 2012. As a result of the flush production from this well, the estimated reserve life (R/P) of the field is 7.2 years based on the annualized fourth quarter production rate. Our engineers have identified two additional proved and several unproved undeveloped horizontal Bone Spring drilling locations in the field.

Langlie Mattix Field. The Langlie Mattix field is located in Lea County, New Mexico. The primary reservoir in this field is the Queen formation at depths of 3,400 to 3,800 feet. We operate 98 wells (72 producing, 26 injecting) in the Langlie Mattix Penrose Sand Unit, a subdivision of the Langlie Mattix Field, with a 59.0% average working interest and a 50.7% average net revenue interest. We also operate 45 producing wells in the Skelly Penrose A Unit with a 100% working interest and a 86.8% net revenue interest, as well as eight other properties with eight active producing wells with an average net working interest of 95.9% and 80.8% average net revenue interests. As of December 31, 2012, our properties in the Langlie Mattix field contained 1.5 MMBoe (89% liquids) of net proved reserves with a standardized measure of \$33.6 million. The average net daily production from this field was 235 Boe/d for the fourth quarter of 2012. The estimated reserve life (R/P) for the field is 17.7 years based on the annualized fourth quarter production rate.

The Langlie Mattix Penrose Sand Unit was drilled in the late 1930s and early 1940s on 40-acre spacing. Waterflooding commenced in 1958. There have been a total of 26 20-acre infill wells drilled on the Unit in four different drilling programs from 1983 to 2007. All four 20-acre infill drilling programs were successful. We have 22 more proved undeveloped locations and multiple unproved 20-acre locations.

Fourbear/Fourbear Frank's Fork Fields. The Fourbear and Fourbear Frank's Fork fields are located in Park County in the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming. These fields produce from multiple formations which primarily include the Pennsylvanian age Phosphoria and Tensleep formations from 3,000 to 4,000 feet. Legacy operates 50 wells (32 producing, 18 injecting) in these fields with working interests ranging from 83.1% to 100% and net revenue interests ranging from 72.2% to 89.1%. As of December 31, 2012, our properties in the Fourbear and Fourbear Frank's Fork fields contained 2.0 MMBoe (100% liquids) of net proved reserves with a standardized measure of \$33.5 million. The average net daily production from these fields was 487 Boe/d for the fourth quarter of 2012. The estimated reserve life (R/P) for these fields is 11.4 years based on the annualized fourth quarter production rate.

We have identified five behind-pipe or proved developed non-producing projects in these fields. We have also identified several unproved drilling locations and multiple unproved developed non-producing projects in these fields.

### Proved Reserves

The following table sets forth a summary of information related to our estimated net proved reserves as of the dates indicated based on reserve reports prepared by LaRoche Petroleum Consultants, Ltd. ("LaRoche"). The estimates of net proved reserves have not been filed with or included in reports to any federal authority or agency. Standardized measure amounts shown in the table are not intended to represent the current market value of our estimated oil and natural gas reserves.

The following information represents estimates of our proved reserves as of December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010. These reserve estimates have been prepared in compliance with the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and accounting standards using current costs and the average annual prices based on the un-weighted arithmetic average of

the first-day-of-the-month price for each month in the years ended December 31, 2012,

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2011 and 2010. The pricing that was used for estimates of our reserves as of December 31, 2012 was based on an un-weighted 12-month average West Texas Intermediate posted price of \$91.17 per Bbl for oil and a Platt's Henry Hub natural gas price of \$2.76 per MMBtu. See the table below.

	As of December 31,			
	2012	2011	2010	
Reserve Data:				
Estimated net proved reserves:				
Oil (MMBbls)	52.0	38.2	34.1	
Natural Gas Liquids (MMBbls)	4.6	4.8	4.9	
Natural Gas (Bcf)	159.3	122.6	82.7	
Total (MMBoe)	83.2	63.4	52.8	
Proved developed reserves (MMBoe)	75.0	55.4	46.4	
Proved undeveloped reserves (MMBoe)	8.2	8.0	6.4	
Proved developed reserves as a percentage of total proved reserves	90	% 87	% 88	%
Standardized measure (in millions)(a)	\$1,425.9	\$1,140.4	\$774.8	
Oil and Natural Gas Prices(b)				
Oil - WTI per Bbl	\$91.17	\$92.71	\$75.96	
Natural gas - Henry Hub per MMBtu	\$2.76	\$4.12	\$4.38	

Standardized measure is the present value of estimated future net revenues to be generated from the production of proved reserves, determined in accordance with assumptions required by the Financial Accounting Standards Board and the Securities and Exchange Commission (using current costs and the average annual prices based on the un-weighted arithmetic average of the first-day-of-the-month price) without giving effect to non-property related expenses such as general administrative expenses and debt service or to depletion, depreciation and (a) amortization and discounted using an annual discount rate of 10%. For the purpose of calculating the standardized measure, the costs and prices are unescalated. Because we are a limited partnership that allocates our taxable income to our unitholders, no provision for federal or state income taxes has been provided for in the calculation of standardized measure. Standardized measure does not give effect to derivative transactions. For a description of our derivative transactions, please read "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation — Investing Activities."

Oil and natural gas prices as of each date are based on the un-weighted arithmetic average of the (b) first-day-of-the-month price for each month, with these representative prices adjusted by property to arrive at the appropriate net sales price, which is held constant over the economic life of the property.

Proved developed reserves are reserves that can be expected to be recovered through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods. Proved undeveloped reserves are reserves that are expected to be recovered from new wells on undrilled acreage for which the existence and recoverability of such reserves can be estimated with reasonable certainty, or from existing wells on which a relatively major expenditure is required for re-completion.

The data in the above table represents estimates only. Oil and natural gas reserve engineering is inherently a subjective process of estimating underground accumulations of oil and natural gas that cannot be measured exactly. The accuracy of any reserve estimate is a function of the quality of available data and engineering and geological interpretation and judgment. Accordingly, reserve estimates may vary from the quantities of oil and natural gas that are ultimately recovered. Please read "Risk Factors — Our estimated reserves are based on many assumptions that may prove inaccurate. Any material inaccuracies in these reserve estimates or underlying assumptions will materially affect the

quantities and present value of our reserves.” Future prices received for production and costs may vary, perhaps significantly, from the prices and costs assumed for purposes of these estimates. Standardized measure amounts shown above should not be construed as the current market value of our estimated oil and natural gas reserves. The 10% discount factor used to calculate standardized measure, which is required by Financial Accounting Standard Board pronouncements, is not necessarily the most appropriate discount rate. The present value, no matter what discount rate is used, is materially affected by assumptions as to timing of future production, which may prove to be inaccurate.



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From time to time, we engage LaRoche to prepare a reserve and economic evaluation of properties that we are considering purchasing. Neither LaRoche nor any of its employees have any interest in those properties, and the compensation for these engagements is not contingent on their estimates of reserves and future net revenues for the subject properties. During 2012, 2011 and 2010, we paid LaRoche approximately \$306,861, \$337,372 and \$151,176, respectively, for such reserve and economic evaluations as well as its annual reserve report.

### Internal Control over Reserve Estimations

Legacy's proved reserves are estimated at the well or unit level and compiled for reporting purposes by Legacy's reservoir engineering staff, none of whom are members of Legacy's operating teams nor are they managed by members of Legacy's operating teams. Legacy maintains internal evaluations of its reserves in a secure engineering database. Legacy's reservoir engineering staff meets with LaRoche periodically throughout the year to discuss assumptions and methods used in the reserve estimation process. Legacy provides LaRoche information on all properties acquired during the year for addition to Legacy's reserve report. LaRoche updates production data from public sources and then modifies production forecasts for all properties as necessary. Legacy provides to LaRoche lease operating statement data at the property level from Legacy's accounting system for estimation of each property's operating expenses, price differentials, gas shrinkage and NGL yield. Legacy's reserve engineering staff provides all changes to Legacy's ownership interests in the properties to LaRoche for input into the reserve report. Legacy provides information on all capital projects completed during the year as well as changes in the expected timing of future capital projects. Legacy provides updated capital project cost estimates and abandonment cost and salvage value estimates. Legacy's internal engineering staff coordinates with Legacy's accounting and other departments and works closely with LaRoche to ensure the integrity, accuracy and timeliness of data that is furnished to LaRoche for its reserve estimation process. All of the reserve information in Legacy's secure reserve engineering data base is provided to LaRoche. After evaluating and inputting all information provided by Legacy, LaRoche, as independent third-party petroleum engineers, provides Legacy with a preliminary reserve report which Legacy's engineering staff and its Chief Financial Officer review for accuracy and completeness with an emphasis on ownership interest, capital spending and timing, expense estimates and production curves. After considering comments provided by Legacy, LaRoche completes and publishes the final reserve report. Legacy's engineering staff, in coordination with Legacy's accounting department and its Chief Financial Officer, ensure that the information derived from LaRoche's reports is properly disclosed in our filings.

Legacy's Acquisition and Planning Manager is the reservoir engineer primarily responsible for overseeing the preparation of reserve estimates by the third-party engineering firm, LaRoche. He has held a wide variety of technical and supervisory positions during a 35-year career with four publicly traded oil and natural gas producing companies, including Legacy. He has over 25 years of SEC reserve report preparation experience in addition to continuing education courses on reserve estimation and reporting, including one in 2009 covering the effect of the SEC's Final Rule, Modernization of Oil and Gas Reporting. For the professional qualifications of the primary person responsible for the third party reserve evaluation, please see the last paragraph of Exhibit 99.1 - Summary Reserve Report from LaRoche Petroleum Consultants, Ltd.

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## Production and Price History

The following table sets forth a summary of unaudited information with respect to our production and sales of oil and natural gas for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012(a)	2011	2010(b)
Production:			
Oil (MBbls)	3,337	2,951	2,334
Natural gas liquids (MGal)	14,607	14,559	12,890
Gas (MMcf)	10,417	8,842	5,204
Total (MBoe)	5,421	4,771	3,508
Average daily production (Boe per day)	14,811	13,071	9,611
Average sales price per unit (excluding derivatives):			
Oil (per Bbl)	\$85.78	\$89.62	\$74.02
NGL (per Gal)	\$1.00	\$1.30	\$1.06
Gas (per Mcf)	\$4.38	\$6.05	\$5.76
Combined (per Boe)	\$63.91	\$70.61	\$61.68
Average sales price per unit (including realized derivative gains/losses):			
Oil (per Bbl)	\$82.72	\$85.78	\$77.99
NGL (per Gal)	\$1.00	\$1.30	\$1.06
Gas (per Mcf)	\$5.93	\$7.41	\$7.86
Combined (per Boe)	\$65.00	\$70.74	\$67.42
Average unit costs per Boe:			
Production costs, excluding production and other taxes	\$19.08	\$18.37	\$17.97
Ad valorem taxes	\$1.76	\$1.95	\$1.77
Production and other taxes	\$3.83	\$4.26	\$3.62
General and administrative	\$4.52	\$4.84	\$5.49
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	\$18.84	\$18.48	\$17.93

(a) Reflects the production and operating results of the COG 2012 Acquisition properties from the closing date on December 20, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

(b) Reflects the production and operating results of the Wyoming Acquisition and COG 2010 Acquisition properties from the closing dates of such acquisitions on February 17, 2010 and December 22, 2010, respectively, through December 31, 2010 as discussed further in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

## Productive Wells

The following table sets forth information at December 31, 2012 relating to the productive wells in which we owned a working interest as of that date. Productive wells consist of producing wells and wells capable of production, including natural gas wells awaiting pipeline connections to commence deliveries and oil wells awaiting connection to production facilities. Gross wells are the total number of producing wells in which we own an interest, and net wells are the sum of our fractional working interests owned in gross wells.

Oil		Natural Gas		Total	
Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net

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Operated	2,960	2,336	538	446	3,498	2,782
Non-operated	3,123	283	986	108	4,109	391
Total	6,083	2,619	1,524	554	7,607	3,173

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## Developed and Undeveloped Acreage

The following table sets forth information as of December 31, 2012 relating to our leasehold acreage.

	Developed		Undeveloped	
	Acreage(a)		Acreage(b)	
	Gross(c)	Net(d)	Gross(c)	Net(d)
Total	902,235	349,836	232,273	70,108

(a) Developed acres are acres spaced or assigned to productive wells or wells capable of production.

Undeveloped acres are acres which are not held by commercially producing wells, regardless of whether such (b) acreage contains proved reserves. All of our proved undeveloped locations are located on acreage currently held by production.

(c) A gross acre is an acre in which we own a working interest. The number of gross acres is the total number of acres in which we own a working interest.

A net acre is deemed to exist when the sum of the fractional ownership working interests in gross acres equals one. (d) The number of net acres is the sum of the fractional working interests owned in gross acres expressed as whole numbers and fractions thereof.

## Drilling Activity

The following table sets forth information with respect to wells completed by Legacy during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010. The drilling activities associated with the properties acquired in the Wyoming Acquisition (February 17, 2010) and the COG 2010 Acquisition (December 22, 2010) are included subsequent to those acquisition dates. The information should not be considered indicative of future performance, nor should it be assumed that there is necessarily any correlation between the numbers of productive wells drilled, quantities of reserves found or economic value. Productive wells are those that produce commercial quantities of oil and natural gas, regardless of whether they produce a reasonable rate of return.

	Year Ended		
	December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Gross:			
Development			
Productive	57	92	42
Dry	—	—	—
Total	57	92	42
Exploratory			
Productive	3	—	—
Dry	—	—	—
Total	3	—	—
Net:			
Development			
Productive	21.4	32.3	18.1

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Dry	—	—	—
Total	21.4	32.3	18.1
Exploratory			
Productive	0.15	—	—
Dry	—	—	—
Total	0.15	—	—

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### Summary of Development Projects

We are currently pursuing an active development strategy. We estimate that our capital expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2013 will be approximately \$90 million for development drilling, re-completions and fracture stimulation and other development related projects to implement this strategy. All of these development projects are located in the Permian Basin, Wyoming and the East Binger field in Oklahoma. We will consider adjustments to this capital program based on our assessment of additional development opportunities that are identified during the year and the cash available to invest in our development projects.

### Operations

#### General

We operate approximately 73% of our net daily production of oil and natural gas. We design and manage the development, re-completion or workover for all of the wells we operate and supervise operation and maintenance activities. We do not own drilling rigs or other oil field services equipment used for drilling or maintaining wells on properties we operate except for two single pole pulling units and a cable tool rig used for shallow well work in the Texas Panhandle fields. Independent contractors engaged by us provide all the equipment and personnel associated with these activities. We employ drilling, production, and reservoir engineers, contract geologists and other specialists who have worked and will work to improve production rates, increase reserves, and lower the cost of operating our oil and natural gas properties. We also employ field operating personnel including production superintendents, production foremen, production technicians and lease operators. We charge the non-operating partners an operating fee for operating the wells, typically on a fee per well-operated basis. Our non-operated wells are managed by third-party operators who are typically independent oil and natural gas companies.

#### Oil and Natural Gas Leases

The typical oil and natural gas lease agreement covering our properties provides for the payment of royalties to the mineral owner for all oil and natural gas produced from any well drilled on the lease premises. In the Permian Basin, this amount generally ranges from 12.5% to 33.7%, resulting in an 87.5% to 66.3% net revenue interest to us. Most of our leases are held by production and do not require lease rental payments.

#### Derivative Activity

We enter into derivative transactions with unaffiliated third parties with respect to oil, NGL and natural gas prices to achieve more predictable cash flows and to reduce our exposure to short-term fluctuations in oil and natural gas prices. We have entered into derivative contracts in the form of fixed price swaps for NYMEX WTI oil, West Texas Waha natural gas, ANR-Oklahoma natural gas and Rocky Mountain CIG natural gas as well as Midland to Cushing crude oil basis differentials. We have also entered into multiple NYMEX WTI oil derivative three-way collar contracts. Each three-way contract combines a short call, a long put and a short put. The use of the short put allows us to buy a put and sell a call at higher prices, thus establishing a higher ceiling and limiting our exposure to future settlement payments while also restricting our downside risk. We receive the short call price if the market price is above the short call price, and we receive the market price if the market price is in between the short call and long put prices. If the market price is below the price of the long put, we receive the long put price only if the market price is still above the short put price. If the market price has fallen below the short put price, we receive the NYMEX WTI market price plus the spread between the short put and the long put prices. We also enter into derivative transactions with respect to LIBOR interest rates to achieve more predictable cash flows and to reduce our exposure to short-term fluctuations in LIBOR interest rates. All of our interest rate derivative transactions are LIBOR interest rate swaps,

which do not require option premiums. Our derivatives swap floating LIBOR rates for fixed rates. All of our current derivative counterparties are current or former members of our bank group. For a more detailed discussion of our derivative activities, please read “Business – Oil and Natural Gas Derivative Activities,” “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Cash Flow from Operations” and “— Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.”

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Title to Properties

Prior to completing an acquisition of producing oil and natural gas leases, we perform title reviews on significant leases and, depending on the materiality of properties, we may obtain a title opinion or review previously obtained title opinions. As a result, title opinions have been obtained on a portion of our properties.

As is customary in the oil and natural gas industry, we initially conduct only a cursory review of the title to our properties on which we do not have proved reserves. Prior to the commencement of drilling operations on those properties, we conduct a thorough title examination and perform curative work with respect to significant defects. To the extent title opinions or other investigations reflect title defects on those properties, we are typically responsible for curing any title defects at our expense. We generally will not commence drilling operations on a property until we have cured any material title defects on such property.

We believe that we have satisfactory title to all of our material assets. Although title to these properties is subject to encumbrances in some cases, such as customary interests generally retained in connection with the acquisition of real property, customary royalty interests and contract terms and restrictions, liens under operating agreements, liens related to environmental liabilities associated with historical operations, liens for current taxes and other burdens, easements, restrictions and minor encumbrances customary in the oil and natural gas industry, we believe that none of these liens, restrictions, easements, burdens and encumbrances will materially detract from the value of these properties or from our interest in these properties or will materially interfere with our use in the operation of our business. In addition, we believe that we have obtained sufficient rights-of-way grants and permits from public authorities and private parties for us to operate our business in all material respects as described in this document.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Although we may, from time to time, be involved in litigation and claims arising out of our operations in the normal course of business, we are not currently a party to any material legal proceedings, except as discussed in Note 6 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements. In addition, we are not aware of any legal or governmental proceedings against us, or contemplated to be brought against us, under the various environmental protection statutes to which we are subject.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.



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## PART II

ITEM MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S UNITS, RELATED UNITHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER  
5. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Our units, which were first offered and sold to the public on January 12, 2007, are listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "LGCY." As of February 26, 2013, there were 57,271,419 units outstanding, held by approximately 92 holders of record, including units held by our Founding Investors.

The following table presents the high and low sales prices for our units during the periods indicated (as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market) and the amount of the quarterly cash distributions we paid on each of our units with respect to such periods.

	Price Ranges		Cash	Cash Distribution
	High	Low	Distribution	to General Partner
2012			per Unit	
First Quarter	\$30.07	\$27.11	\$0.555	\$10,163
Second Quarter	\$29.48	\$23.16	\$0.560	\$10,254
Third Quarter	\$29.40	\$24.90	\$0.565	\$10,346
Fourth Quarter	\$29.93	\$22.33	\$0.570	\$10,437 (a)
	Price Ranges		Cash	Cash Distribution
	High	Low	Distribution	to General Partner
2011			per Unit	
First Quarter	\$32.24	\$27.84	\$0.530	\$9,705
Second Quarter	\$33.71	\$27.01	\$0.540	\$9,888
Third Quarter	\$30.85	\$22.00	\$0.545	\$9,979
Fourth Quarter	\$30.85	\$23.84	\$0.550	\$10,071

(a) This distribution was paid to our general partner concurrent with our distribution to unitholders on February 14, 2013.

## Distribution Policy

We must distribute all of our cash on hand at the end of each quarter, less reserves established by our general partner. We refer to this cash as available cash, which is defined in our partnership agreement. We currently pay quarterly cash distributions of \$0.570 per unit.

## Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

None.

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## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

You should read the following selected financial data in conjunction with “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and Legacy’s financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this annual report on Form 10-K. The operating results of the properties acquired have been included from their respective acquisition dates as discussed below.

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2012(a)	2011	2010(b)	2009	2008(c)
	(In thousands, except per unit data)				
Statement of Operations Data:					
Revenues:					
Oil sales	\$286,254	\$264,473	\$172,754	\$103,319	\$157,973
Natural gas liquids sales	14,592	18,888	13,670	11,565	15,862
Natural gas sales	45,614	53,524	29,965	22,395	41,589
Total revenues	346,460	336,885	216,389	137,279	215,424
Expenses:					
Oil and natural gas production	112,951	96,914	69,228	48,814	52,004
Production and other taxes	20,778	20,329	12,683	8,145	12,712
General and administrative	24,526	23,084	19,265	15,502	11,396
Depletion, depreciation, amortization and accretion	102,144	88,178	62,894	58,763	63,324
Impairment of long-lived assets	37,066	24,510	13,412	9,207	76,942
(Gain) loss on disposal of assets	(2,496)	(625)	592	378	602
Total expenses	294,969	252,390	178,074	140,809	216,980
Operating income (loss)	51,491	84,495	38,315	(3,530)	(1,556)
Other income (expense):					
Interest income	16	15	10	9	93
Interest expense	(20,260)	(18,566)	(25,766)	(13,222)	(21,153)
Equity in income of partnerships	111	138	97	31	108
Realized and unrealized net gains (losses) on commodity derivatives	38,493	6,857	(1,400)	(75,554)	176,943
Other	(118)	152	90	(11)	116
Income (loss) before income taxes	69,733	73,091	11,346	(92,277)	154,551
Income taxes	(1,096)	(1,030)	(537)	(554)	(48)
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$68,637	\$72,061	\$10,809	\$(92,831)	\$154,503
Income (loss) per unit					
Basic and diluted	\$1.40	\$1.63	\$0.27	\$(2.89)	\$5.05
Distributions paid per unit	\$2.23	\$2.14	\$2.08	\$2.08	\$1.98
Cash Flow Data:					
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$149,641	\$184,237	\$101,371	\$37,476	\$140,985
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	\$(696,279)	\$(206,816)	\$(285,246)	\$23,294	\$(258,035)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	\$546,996	\$22,252	\$183,136	\$(59,053)	\$109,946
Capital expenditures	\$704,191	\$207,565	\$311,277	\$22,734	\$217,980



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	Historical As of December 31,				
	2012(a)	2011	2010(b)	2009	2008(c)
	(In thousands)				
Balance Sheet Data					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,509	\$3,151	\$3,478	\$4,217	\$2,500
Other current assets	84,401	56,634	47,120	45,394	78,437
Oil and natural gas properties, net of accumulated depletion, depreciation and amortization	1,571,926	959,329	843,836	575,425	613,032
Other assets	30,163	24,374	14,992	28,457	89,103
Total assets	\$1,689,999	\$1,043,488	\$909,426	\$653,493	\$783,072
Current liabilities	\$103,723	\$97,450	\$72,955	\$54,226	\$56,032
Long term debt	775,838	337,000	325,000	237,000	282,000
Other long-term liabilities	140,158	120,703	119,732	83,607	64,407
Unitholders' equity	670,280	488,335	391,739	278,660	380,633
Total liabilities and unitholders' equity	\$1,689,999	\$1,043,488	\$909,426	\$653,493	\$783,072

Reflects Legacy's purchase of the oil and natural gas properties acquired in the COG 2012 Acquisition as of the (a) date of the acquisition. Consequently, the operations of these acquired properties are only included for the period from the closing date of the acquisition through December 31, 2012.

Reflects Legacy's purchase of the oil and natural gas properties acquired in the Wyoming Acquisition and COG (b) 2010 Acquisition as of the date of their respective acquisitions. Consequently, the operations of these acquired properties are only included for the period from the closing dates of such acquisitions through December 31, 2010 and thereafter.

Reflects Legacy's purchase of the oil and natural gas properties acquired in the COP III and Pantwist Acquisitions (c) as of the date of their respective acquisitions. Consequently, the operations of these acquired properties are only included for the period from the closing dates of such acquisitions through December 31, 2008 and thereafter.

## ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data" and the accompanying financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this annual report on Form 10-K. The following discussion contains forward-looking statements that reflect our future plans, estimates, beliefs and expected performance. The forward-looking statements are dependent upon events, risks and uncertainties that may be outside our control. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in these forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, market prices for oil and natural gas, production volumes, estimates of proved reserves, capital expenditures, economic and competitive conditions, regulatory changes and other uncertainties, as well as those factors discussed below and elsewhere in this report, particularly in "Risk Factors" and "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information," all of which are difficult to predict. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, actual results may differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements.

Overview

Because of our rapid growth through acquisitions and development of properties, historical results of operations and period-to-period comparisons of these results and certain financial data may not be meaningful or indicative of future results. The operating results of the acquisition of oil and natural gas properties located in Wyoming from a third party (the "Wyoming Acquisition") have been included from February 17, 2010 and the operating results of the acquisition of certain oil and natural gas properties located primarily in the Permian Basin from a subsidiary of Concho Resources, Inc (the "COG 2010 Acquisition") have been included from December 22,

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2010. During 2012, we consummated \$634.8 million of acquisitions consisting of the COG 2012 Acquisition on December 20, 2012 and 19 individually immaterial transactions. The operating results of these acquisitions have been included from their respective acquisition dates. The COG 2012 Acquisition was funded with \$218.0 million in net proceeds from our November 2012 equity offering and the issuance of \$300 million in aggregate principal amount of senior notes in December 2012 (the "Senior Notes").

### Trends Affecting Our Business and Operations

Acquisitions have been financed with a combination of proceeds from bank borrowings, issuance of notes, issuances of units and cash flow from operations. Post-acquisition activities are focused on evaluating and exploiting the acquired properties and evaluating potential add-on acquisitions. Our revenues, cash flow from operations and future growth depend substantially on factors beyond our control, such as economic, political and regulatory developments and competition from other sources of energy. Oil and natural gas prices historically have been volatile and may fluctuate widely in the future.

Sustained periods of low prices for oil or natural gas could materially and adversely affect our financial position, our results of operations, the quantities of oil and natural gas reserves that we can economically produce and our access to capital.

We face the challenge of natural production declines. As initial reservoir pressures are depleted, oil and natural gas production from a given well or formation decreases. We attempt to overcome this natural decline by acquiring more reserves than we produce, drilling to find additional reserves, utilizing multiple types of recovery techniques such as secondary (waterflood) and tertiary (CO<sub>2</sub> and nitrogen) recovery methods to re-pressure the reservoir and recover additional oil, recompleting or adding pay in existing wellbores and improving artificial lift. Our future growth will depend on our ability to continue to add reserves in excess of production. We will maintain our focus on adding reserves through acquisitions and development projects. Our ability to add reserves through acquisitions and development projects is dependent upon many factors including our ability to raise capital, obtain regulatory approvals and contract drilling rigs and personnel.

Our revenues are highly sensitive to changes in oil and natural gas prices and to levels of production. As set forth under "Cash Flow from Operations" below, we have entered into oil, NGL and natural gas derivatives designed to mitigate the effects of price fluctuations covering a significant portion of our expected production, which allows us to mitigate, but not eliminate, oil, NGL and natural gas price risk. We continuously conduct financial sensitivity analyses to assess the effect of changes in pricing and production. These analyses allow us to determine how changes in oil and natural gas prices will affect our ability to execute our capital investment programs and to meet future financial obligations. Further, the financial analyses allow us to monitor any impact such changes in oil and natural gas prices may have on the value of our proved reserves and their impact on any redetermination to our borrowing base under our revolving credit facility.

Legacy does not specifically designate derivative instruments as cash flow hedges; therefore, the mark-to-market adjustment reflecting the unrealized gain or loss associated with these instruments is recorded in current earnings.

We strive to increase our production levels to maximize our revenue and cash available for distribution. Additionally, we continuously monitor our operations to ensure that we are incurring operating costs at the optimal level. Accordingly, we continuously monitor our production and operating costs per well to determine if any wells or properties should be shut-in or re-completed.

Such costs include, but are not limited to, the cost of electricity to lift produced fluids, chemicals to treat wells, field personnel to monitor the wells, well repair expenses to restore production, well workover expenses intended to

increase production and ad valorem taxes. We incur and separately report severance taxes paid to the states and counties in which our properties are located. These taxes are reported as production taxes and are a percentage of oil and natural gas revenue. Ad valorem taxes are a percentage of property valuation. Gathering and transportation costs are generally borne by the purchasers of our oil and natural gas as the price paid for our products reflects these costs. We do not consider royalties paid to mineral owners an expense as we deduct hydrocarbon volumes owned by mineral owners from reported hydrocarbon sales volumes.

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## Operating Data

The following table sets forth our selected financial and operating data for the periods indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012(a)	2011	2010(b)
	(In thousands, except per unit data and production)		
Revenues			
Oil sales	\$286,254	\$264,473	\$172,754
Natural gas liquids sales	14,592	18,888	13,670
Natural gas sales	45,614	53,524	29,965
Total revenues	\$346,460	\$336,885	\$216,389
Expenses:			
Oil and natural gas production	\$103,409	\$87,626	\$63,024
Ad valorem taxes	\$9,542	\$9,288	\$6,204
Total	\$112,951	\$96,914	\$69,228
Production and other taxes	\$20,778	\$20,329	\$12,683
General and administrative excluding LTIP	\$20,980	\$19,063	\$13,716
LTIP expense	\$3,546	\$4,021	\$5,549
Total general and administrative	\$24,526	\$23,084	\$19,265
Depletion, depreciation, amortization and accretion	\$102,144	\$88,178	\$62,894
Realized commodity derivative contract settlements:			
Realized gains (losses) on oil derivatives	\$(10,211 )	\$(11,335 )	\$9,263
Realized gains (losses) on natural gas liquid derivatives	\$—	\$—	\$(39 )
Realized gains on natural gas derivatives	\$16,113	\$11,972	\$10,913
Production:			
Oil (MBbls)	3,337	2,951	2,334
Natural gas liquids (MGal)	14,607	14,559	12,890
Natural gas (MMcf)	10,417	8,842	5,204
Total (MBoe)	5,421	4,771	3,508
Average daily production (Boe/d)	14,811	13,071	9,611
Average sales price per unit (excluding derivatives):			
Oil price (per Bbl)	\$85.78	\$89.62	\$74.02
Natural gas liquids price (per Gal)	\$1.00	\$1.30	\$1.06
Natural gas price (per Mcf)	\$4.38	\$6.05	\$5.76
Combined (per Boe)	\$63.91	\$70.61	\$61.68
Average sales price per unit (including realized derivative gains/losses):			
Oil price (per Bbl)	\$82.72	\$85.78	\$77.99
Natural gas liquids price (per Gal)	\$1.00	\$1.30	\$1.06
Natural gas price (per Mcf)	\$5.93	\$7.41	\$7.86
Combined (per Boe)	\$65.00	\$70.74	\$67.42
NYMEX oil index prices per Bbl:			
Beginning of Period	\$98.83	\$91.38	\$79.36
End of Period	\$91.82	\$98.83	\$91.38
NYMEX gas index prices per Mcf:			
Beginning of Period	\$2.99	\$4.41	\$5.57
End of Period	\$3.35	\$2.99	\$4.41
Average unit costs per Boe:			
Production costs, excluding production and other taxes	\$19.08	\$18.37	\$17.97
Ad valorem taxes	\$1.76	\$1.95	\$1.77



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Production and other taxes	\$3.83	\$4.26	\$3.62
General and administrative excluding LTIP	\$3.87	\$4.00	\$3.91
Total general and administrative	\$4.52	\$4.84	\$5.49
Depletion, depreciation, amortization and accretion	\$18.84	\$18.48	\$17.93

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(a) Reflects the production and operating results of the oil and natural gas properties acquired in the COG 2012 Acquisition from the closing date of the acquisition through December 31, 2012.

Reflects the production and operating results of the oil and natural gas properties acquired in the Wyoming (b) Acquisition and COG 2010 Acquisition from the closing dates of such acquisitions through December 31, 2010 and thereafter.

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## Results of Operations

## Year Ended December 31, 2012 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2011

Legacy's revenues from the sale of oil were \$286.3 million and \$264.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Legacy's revenues from the sale of NGLs were \$14.6 million and \$18.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Legacy's revenues from the sale of natural gas were \$45.6 million and \$53.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The \$21.8 million increase in oil revenue reflects an increase in oil production of 386 MBbls (13%) due primarily to acquisitions of producing properties during 2012, including twelve days of production from the COG 2012 Acquisition, and, to a lesser extent, our development activities that were primarily focused on oil-weighted projects in the Permian Basin. These production increases were partially offset by a \$3.84 per Bbl (4%) decrease in realized oil sales price from \$89.62 for the year ended December 31, 2011 to \$85.78 for the year ended December 31, 2012. This decrease in realized oil price was primarily caused by an increased average oil differential of approximately \$2.75 per Bbl as well as a lower average price of WTI crude oil. The \$4.3 million decrease in NGL revenues reflects a decrease in realized NGL price of \$0.30 per Gal (23%) from \$1.30 per Gal for the year ended December 31, 2011 to \$1.00 per Gal for the year ended December 31, 2012, minimally offset by an increase in NGL production of 48 MGal (0.3%) during 2012. The \$7.9 million decrease in natural gas revenues reflects a \$1.67 per Mcf (28%) decrease in natural gas sales price from \$6.05 per Mcf for the year ended December 31, 2011 to \$4.38 per Mcf for the year ended December 31, 2012, which primarily reflects a lower weighted average NYMEX Henry Hub index natural gas prices of approximately \$1.24 per MMBtu in 2012. We primarily report and account for our Permian Basin natural gas volumes inclusive of the NGL content contained within those natural gas volumes. Given the price disparity between an equivalent amount of NGLs compared to natural gas, our realized natural gas prices in the Permian Basin and for Legacy as a whole are substantially higher than NYMEX Henry Hub natural gas prices due to this NGL content. Along with lower weighted average NYMEX Henry Hub prices in 2012 compared to 2011, our realized natural gas prices also reflect lower positive differentials in 2012 over NYMEX Henry Hub prices, which reflects the lower average prices of the NGL content in our Permian Basin natural gas production during 2012 compared to 2011. This realized price decline was partially offset by an increase in natural gas production of approximately 1,575 MMcf (18%) due primarily to the full year impact during 2012 of our 2011 acquisitions of producing properties which were natural gas-weighted and, to a lesser extent, twelve days of production from the COG 2012 Acquisition, our other 2012 acquisitions and our development activities. The Wolfberry play, which is our primary focus of development activity in the Permian Basin, produces mostly oil but also a significant amount of NGL-rich casinghead natural gas.

For the year ended December 31, 2012, Legacy recorded \$38.5 million of net gains on oil and natural gas derivatives comprised of realized gains of \$5.9 million from net cash settlements of oil and natural gas derivative contracts and net unrealized gains of \$32.6 million. Unrealized gains and losses represent a current period mark-to-market adjustment for commodity derivatives which will be settled in future periods. Legacy had realized losses of \$10.2 million from net cash settlements of its oil derivatives. In addition, Legacy had unrealized net gains of \$44.5 million from its oil derivatives as the NYMEX oil futures prices decreased from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012. Unlike at December 31, 2011, the average contract prices of Legacy's outstanding oil derivatives exceeded oil futures prices at December 31, 2012. This change, combined with the impact of favorable oil differential hedges, changed the associated oil derivatives net liability at December 31, 2011 of \$33.9 million to a net asset of \$10.6 million at December 31, 2012. Legacy also had realized net gains of \$16.1 million from net cash settlements of its natural gas derivatives during the year ended December 31, 2012. In addition, Legacy had unrealized net losses from natural gas derivatives of \$11.9 million during the year ended December 31, 2012. Although natural gas futures prices declined during 2012, the realization of higher priced derivatives more than offset the impact of lower natural gas prices during 2012, resulting in a reduced, but still positive, difference between Legacy's natural gas derivatives prices and NYMEX futures prices, which reduced the net asset attributable to Legacy's outstanding natural gas derivatives to \$13.6 million

at December 31, 2012 from \$25.5 million at December 31, 2011. For the year ended December 31, 2011, Legacy recorded \$12.0 million of net losses on oil derivatives comprised of realized losses of \$11.3 million from net cash settlements of oil derivative contracts and net unrealized losses of \$0.7 million. For the year ended December 31, 2011, Legacy also recorded \$18.9 million of net gains on natural gas swaps comprised of realized gains of \$12.0 million from net cash settlements of natural gas derivative contracts and net unrealized gains of \$6.9 million.

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Legacy's oil and natural gas production expenses, excluding ad valorem taxes, increased to \$103.4 million (\$19.08 per Boe) for the year ended December 31, 2012 from \$87.6 million (\$18.37 per Boe) for the year ended December 31, 2011. Production expenses increased primarily because of (i) \$5.1 million related to increases in workover and other one-time well failure related expenses due to both increases in number of incidents as well as average cost per job, (ii) \$0.8 million of increased production expenses for the twelve days of activity related to the COG 2012 Acquisition and (iii) production expenses from other acquisitions. Legacy's ad valorem tax expense increased to \$9.5 million (\$1.76 per Boe) for the year ended December 31, 2012 from \$9.3 million (\$1.95 per Boe) for the year ended December 31, 2011 primarily due to properties acquired during 2012.

Legacy's production and other taxes were \$20.8 million and \$20.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Production and other taxes increased because of higher total revenues in 2012, as production and other taxes are assessed as a percentage of revenue and that percentage remained relatively unchanged between 2012 and 2011.

Legacy's general and administrative expenses were \$24.5 million and \$23.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. General and administrative expenses increased approximately \$1.4 million between periods primarily due to \$3.3 million of increased salaries due to the hiring of additional personnel commensurate with the growth of our asset base partially offset by a \$1.9 million charge, recognized in the fourth quarter of 2011, related to the termination of a purchase and sale agreement and related due diligence costs, as well as lower unit-based compensation of \$0.5 million during 2012 due to decreases in our unit price between December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012.

Legacy's depletion, depreciation, amortization and accretion expense, or DD&A, was \$102.1 million and \$88.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, reflecting primarily the increase in production and cost basis related to our recent acquisitions and development activity partially offset by increased reserves related to our development activities and acquisitions during the year ended December 31, 2012 compared to the year ended December 31, 2011. Our depletion rate per Boe for the year ended December 31, 2012 was \$18.84 compared to \$18.48 for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Impairment expense was \$37.1 million and \$24.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. In 2012, Legacy recognized \$22.8 million of impairment expense in 64 separate producing fields, due primarily to the decrease in commodity prices including regional oil differentials during the year ended December 31, 2012, combined with higher lifting costs, which decreased the expected future cash flows below the carrying value of the assets. In addition, Legacy recognized \$6.5 million of impairment related to the reduction in the carrying value of a property in which Legacy has entered into an option agreement to sell. The third party exercised this option subsequent to year end, on January 3, 2013. The remaining \$7.8 million was impairment of goodwill recognized on an acquisition of oil and natural gas properties during 2012 as a result of a purchase and sale agreement Legacy entered into with a third party to acquire certain oil and natural gas properties. As is customary in the industry, the purchase price of the properties was negotiated as of the date of the agreement. During the period between the agreement date and the date of closing the acquisition, oil futures prices declined significantly, thereby reducing the fair value of the properties acquired at the date of close. Since oil derivatives we entered into on the agreement date related to expected production from the acquired properties constitute separate transactions, our derivatives do not affect the associated fair value of the oil and natural gas properties acquired. Because the purchase price exceeded the fair value of the properties acquired at the time of closing in May 2012, goodwill was recognized and subsequently tested for impairment. As a result of this test, all of the goodwill associated with this acquisition was impaired. In 2011, Legacy recognized impairment expense in 70 separate producing fields due primarily to the decrease in natural gas prices during the year ended December 31, 2011 combined with higher lifting costs, which decreased the expected future cash flows below the carrying value of the assets.

Interest expense was \$20.3 million and \$18.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The increase in interest expense is primarily due to \$2.0 million of interest expense related to the issuance of the Senior Notes in December 2012 as well as a higher average debt balance under our revolving credit facility during 2012 compared to 2011. This increase was partially offset by a \$0.6 million increase in an unrealized mark-to-market benefit related to our interest rate swaps as well as \$0.3 million less in interest rate

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swap settlements in 2012 compared to 2011. Legacy added no additional interest rate swaps during 2012, and the impact of the reduced tenor of these swaps offset slightly lower interest rate futures in 2012, resulting in a reduced interest rate swap liability and a corresponding mark-to-market gain which reduced Legacy's interest expense.

## Year Ended December 31, 2011 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2010

Legacy's revenues from the sale of oil were \$264.5 million and \$172.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Legacy's revenues from the sale of NGLs were \$18.9 million and \$13.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Legacy's revenues from the sale of natural gas were \$53.5 million and \$30.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The \$91.7 million increase in oil revenue reflects an increase in oil production of 617 MBbls (26%) due primarily to acquisitions of producing properties, a full year of production from the Wyoming Acquisition and COG 2010 Acquisition and our development activities that were primarily focused on oil-weighted projects in the Permian Basin. In addition, we realized a \$15.60 per Bbl (21%) increase in realized sales price from \$74.02 for the year ended December 31, 2010, to \$89.62 for the year ended December 31, 2011. The \$5.2 million increase in NGL revenues reflects an increase in realized NGL price of \$0.24 per Gal (23%) from \$1.06 per Gal for the year ended December 31, 2010, to \$1.30 per Gal for the year ended December 31, 2011, as well as an increase in NGL production of 1,669 MMGal (13%) due primarily to significantly lower plant and gathering system downtime during 2011 from one of our NGL purchasers in the Texas Panhandle than was experienced during 2010. The \$23.6 million increase in natural gas revenues reflects an increase in natural gas production of approximately 3,638 MMcf (70%) due primarily to acquisitions of producing properties, a full year of production from the COG 2010 Acquisition and our development activities. The Wolfberry play, which is our primary focus of development activity in the Permian Basin, produces mostly oil but also a significant amount of NGL-rich casinghead natural gas. In addition, we realized a \$0.29 per Mcf (5%) increase in natural gas sales price from \$5.76 per Mcf for the year ended December 31, 2010, to \$6.05 per Mcf for the year ended December 31, 2011. The increase in the natural gas sales price reflects the increased NGL prices embedded into our revenue from our sales of wet natural gas, primarily in the Permian Basin, which more than offset the decline in NYMEX Henry Hub natural gas prices. Most of our purchasers of natural gas in the Permian Basin compensate us for the NGL content in our wet natural gas volumes, but do not separately account for such volumes. As such, we do not report any of these natural gas volumes as NGLs. Accordingly, our realized natural gas prices in the Permian Basin and for Legacy as a whole are substantially higher than NYMEX Henry Hub natural gas prices due to the NGL content in our wet natural gas sales.

For the year ended December 31, 2011, Legacy recorded \$6.9 million of net gains on oil and natural gas derivatives comprised of realized gains of \$0.6 million from net cash settlements of oil and natural gas derivative contracts and net unrealized gains of \$6.2 million. Legacy had unrealized net losses of \$0.7 million from its oil derivatives as an increase in NYMEX oil futures prices from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2011 more than offset the increase in the average fixed price of Legacy's oil derivatives contracts, resulting in a larger net oil derivative liability. Legacy had unrealized net gains of \$6.9 million from its natural gas derivatives as a decrease in NYMEX natural gas futures prices from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2011 was only partially offset by the decrease in the average fixed price of Legacy's natural gas derivative contracts, resulting in a larger net natural gas derivative asset. For the year ended December 31, 2010, Legacy recorded \$18.3 million of net losses on oil derivatives comprised of a realized gain of \$9.3 million from net cash settlements of oil derivative contracts and a net unrealized loss of \$27.5 million. For the year ended December 31, 2010, Legacy recorded \$16.9 million of net gains on natural gas derivatives comprised of a realized gain of \$10.9 million from net cash settlements of natural gas derivative contracts and a net unrealized gain of \$5.9 million. Unrealized gains and losses represent a current period mark-to-market adjustment for commodity derivatives which will be settled in future periods.

Legacy's oil and natural gas production expenses, excluding ad valorem taxes, increased to \$87.6 million (\$18.37 per Boe) for the year ended December 31, 2011 from \$63.0 million (\$17.97 per Boe) for the year ended December 31,

2010. Production expenses increased primarily because of (i) \$8.2 million of increased production expenses related to the COG 2010 Acquisition as this acquisition was closed on December 22, 2010 and thus only had 10 days of expense in 2010, (ii) \$2.7 million related to increases in workover activity, (iii) production expenses from other acquisitions and (iv) an industry wide increase in cost of services and certain operating costs that are

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related to the higher oil prices and increased industry activity during the year ended December 31, 2011. Legacy's ad valorem tax expense increased to \$9.3 million (\$1.95 per Boe) for the year ended December 31, 2011 from \$6.2 million (\$1.77 per Boe) for the year ended December 31, 2010 primarily due to the properties acquired in the COG 2010 Acquisition and increased oil and NGL prices, which increases the property valuations upon which these taxes are based.

Legacy's production and other taxes were \$20.3 million and \$12.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Production and other taxes increased primarily because of higher realized commodity prices and production volumes in 2011 as production taxes are assessed as a percentage of revenue and that percentage remained relatively unchanged between 2011 and 2010.

Legacy's general and administrative expenses were \$23.1 million and \$19.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. General and administrative expenses increased approximately \$3.8 million between periods primarily due to (i) increased salaries and benefits due to the hiring of additional personnel commensurate with the growth of our asset base, (ii) a \$1.9 million charge, recognized in the fourth quarter of 2011, related to the termination of a purchase and sale agreement and related due diligence costs and (iii) a \$0.8 million increase in insurance expenses encompassing corporate, director and officer and employee insurance plans. These increases were partially offset by lower unit-based compensation expense of \$1.5 million as increases in Legacy's unit price during 2010 resulted in higher long-term incentive plan ("LTIP") expense during 2010.

Legacy's depletion, depreciation, amortization and accretion expense, or DD&A, was \$88.2 million and \$62.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, reflecting primarily the increase in production and cost basis related to our recent acquisitions and development activity partially offset by increased reserves related to our development activities, acquisitions and higher average oil prices during the year ended December 31, 2011 compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. As a point of reference, our depletion rate per Boe for the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$18.48 compared to \$17.93 for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Impairment expense was \$24.5 million and \$13.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. In 2011, Legacy recognized impairment expense in 70 separate producing fields, due primarily to the decrease in natural gas prices during the year ended December 31, 2011, combined with higher lifting costs, which decreased the expected future cash flows below the carrying value of the assets. In 2010, Legacy recognized impairment expense in 67 separate producing fields due primarily to (i) the decrease in natural gas prices during the year ended December 31, 2010 combined with higher lifting costs, which decreased the expected future cash flows below the carrying value of the assets, (ii) the write-off of multiple locations of proved undeveloped reserves ("PUDs") in one field due to the performance of offset locations that no longer supported the economic viability of the PUDs and (iii) the performance decline of two wells in two separate fields.

Interest expense was \$18.6 million and \$25.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The reduction in interest expense is primarily due to an unrealized mark-to-market benefit related to our interest rate swaps of \$1.9 million in 2011 compared to an unrealized \$7.3 million mark-to-market expense in 2010. The addition and cashless restructuring of interest rate swaps at favorable rates during 2011, combined with a slight increase in shorter term LIBOR rates in the fourth quarter of 2011, resulted in a reduced interest rate swap liability and thus a mark-to-market gain which reduced Legacy's interest expense. This decrease was partially offset by an increase in interest expense due to higher average debt balance during 2011 compared to 2010.

Non-GAAP Financial Measure

For the year ended December 31, 2012, Adjusted EBITDA decreased 2% to \$197.6 million from \$201.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. This decrease is due primarily to higher expenses, including increases in



production expenses, production taxes and general and administrative expenses that totaled \$17.9 million during 2012. This increase was partially offset by Legacy's \$9.6 million increase in revenues and an increase in cash receipts on commodity derivatives of \$5.3 million during 2012 compared to 2011.

Legacy's management uses Adjusted EBITDA as a tool to provide additional information and metrics relative to the performance of Legacy's business. Legacy's management believes that Adjusted EBITDA is useful to investors because this measure is used by many companies in the industry as a measure of operating and financial

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performance and is commonly employed by financial analysts and others to evaluate the operating and financial performance of the Partnership from period to period and to compare it with the performance of other publicly traded partnerships within the industry. Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to a similarly titled measure of other publicly traded limited partnerships or limited liability companies because all entities may not calculate Adjusted EBITDA in the same manner.

The following presents a reconciliation of “Adjusted EBITDA,” which is a non-GAAP measure, to its nearest comparable GAAP measure. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to GAAP measures, such as net income, operating income, cash flow from operating activities, or any other GAAP measure of financial performance.

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income (loss) plus:

- Interest expense;
- Income taxes;
- Depletion, depreciation, amortization and accretion;
- Impairment of long-lived assets;
- (Gain) loss on sale of partnership investment;
- (Gain) loss on disposal of assets;
- Equity in (income) loss of partnership;
- Unit-based compensation expense (benefit) related to LTIP unit awards accounted for under the equity or liability methods; and
- Unrealized (gains) losses on oil and natural gas derivatives.

The following table presents a reconciliation of Legacy’s consolidated net income (loss) to Adjusted EBITDA for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Net income	\$68,637	\$72,061	\$10,809
Plus:			
Interest expense	20,260	18,566	25,766
Income taxes	1,096	1,030	537
Depletion, depreciation, amortization and accretion	102,144	88,178	62,894
Impairment of long-lived assets	37,066	24,510	13,412
(Gain) loss on disposal of assets	(2,496 )	(625 )	592
Equity in income of partnership	(111 )	(138 )	(97 )
Unit-based compensation expense	3,546	4,021	5,549
Unrealized (gains) losses on oil and natural gas derivatives	(32,591 )	(6,220 )	21,537
Adjusted EBITDA	\$197,551	\$201,383	\$140,999

### Capital Resources and Liquidity

Legacy’s primary sources of capital and liquidity have been cash flow from operations, the issuance of notes, the issuance of additional units, proceeds from bank borrowings or a combination thereof. To date, Legacy’s primary use of capital has been for the acquisition and development of oil and natural gas properties and the repayment of bank borrowings.



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As we pursue growth, we continually monitor the capital resources available to us to meet our future financial obligations and planned capital expenditures. Our future success in growing reserves and production will be highly dependent on capital resources available to us and our success in acquiring and developing additional hydrocarbon reserves. We actively review acquisition opportunities on an ongoing basis. If we were to make significant additional acquisitions for cash, we would need to borrow additional amounts under our revolving credit facility, if available, or obtain additional debt or equity financing. Our revolving credit facility and our Senior Notes limit our ability to issue additional debt, but permits us to issue unsecured senior or senior subordinated notes as we did during 2012. Further, our existing revolving credit facility matures on March 10, 2016.

Our commodity derivatives position, which we use to mitigate commodity price volatility and support our borrowing capacity, contributed \$5.9 million of cash settlements in the year ended December 31, 2012. Based upon current oil and natural gas price expectations and our extensive commodity derivatives positions, which cover 70% of our expected production from proved reserves for the year ending December 31, 2013, we anticipate that our cash on hand, cash flow from operations and available borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility, under which \$311.9 million was available for borrowings as of December 31, 2012, will provide us sufficient working capital to meet our planned capital expenditures of \$90 million and planned annualized cash distributions of \$130.6 million, which reflect the \$32.6 million of distributions attributable to the fourth quarter of 2012 that were paid in the first quarter of 2013. Our board of directors determines our distribution each quarter and there is no guarantee that the board will maintain or increase our current quarterly distribution rate of \$0.57 per unit. Please read “— Financing Activities — Our Revolving Credit Facility.”

### Cash Flow from Operations

Legacy’s net cash provided by operating activities was \$149.6 million and \$184.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, with the 2012 period being unfavorably impacted by lower realized oil and natural gas prices and higher expenses, partially offset by higher sales volumes.

Legacy’s net cash provided by operating activities was \$184.2 million and \$101.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, with the 2011 period being favorably impacted by higher realized oil and natural gas prices and higher sales volumes, partially offset by higher expenses.

Our cash flow from operations is subject to many variables, the most significant of which is the volatility of oil, NGL and natural gas prices. Oil, NGL and natural gas prices are determined primarily by prevailing market conditions, which are dependent on regional and worldwide economic activity, weather and other factors beyond our control. Our future cash flow from operations will depend on our ability to maintain and increase production through acquisitions and development projects, as well as the prices of oil, NGLs and natural gas.

### Investing Activities

Legacy’s cash capital expenditures were \$702.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. The total includes \$634.8 million related to the COG 2012 Acquisition and 19 individually immaterial acquisitions and \$68.2 million of development projects.

Legacy’s cash capital expenditures were \$206.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The total includes \$134.5 million related to 28 individually immaterial acquisitions and \$71.6 million of development projects.

We currently anticipate that our development capital budget, which predominantly consists of drilling, re-completion and well stimulation projects, will be \$90 million for the year ending December 31, 2013. Our borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility is \$299.9 million as of February 26, 2013. The amount and timing of our capital

expenditures is largely discretionary and within our control, with the exception of certain projects managed by other operators. For instance, approximately 77% of our 2012 developmental capital expenditures were on operated properties. If oil and natural gas prices decline below levels we deem acceptable, we may defer a portion of our planned capital expenditures until later periods. Accordingly, we routinely monitor and adjust our capital expenditures in response to changes in oil and natural gas prices, drilling and acquisition costs, industry

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conditions and internally generated cash flow. Matters outside our control that could affect the timing of our capital expenditures include obtaining required permits and approvals in a timely manner and the availability of rigs and labor crews.

Based upon management's current oil and natural gas price expectations for the year ending December 31, 2013, we anticipate that we will have sufficient sources of working capital, from our cash flow from operations and available borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility, to meet our cash obligations, our planned capital expenditures of \$90 million and planned annualized cash distributions of \$130.6 million during the year ending December 31, 2013. However, future cash flows are subject to a number of variables, including the level of oil and natural gas production and prices. There can be no assurance that operations and other capital resources will provide cash in sufficient amounts to maintain planned levels of capital expenditures or planned annualized cash distributions.

We enter into oil, NGL and natural gas derivatives to reduce the impact of oil, NGL and natural gas price volatility on our cash flow. Currently, we use swaps and three-way collars to offset price volatility on NYMEX WTI crude oil and swaps on Waha, ANR-Oklahoma and CIG-Rockies natural gas prices and Midland-to-Cushing crude oil differentials. At February 26, 2013, we had in place oil, natural gas and price differential derivatives covering significant portions of our estimated 2013 through 2017 oil and natural gas production. As of February 26, 2013 we had derivatives covering approximately 70% of our expected oil and natural gas production for 2013. As of February 26, 2013 we had also entered into derivative contracts covering approximately 31% on average of our expected oil and natural gas production for 2014 through 2017 from existing total proved reserves. By removing the price volatility on our cash flows from a significant portion of our oil and natural gas production, we have mitigated, but not eliminated, the potential effects of changing prices on our cash flow for those periods. While mitigating negative effects of falling commodity prices, these derivative contracts also limit the benefits we would receive from increases in commodity prices. It is our policy to enter into derivative contracts only with counterparties that are major, creditworthy institutions. In addition, all of our current counterparties are affiliates of current or former lenders under our revolving credit facility, which allows us to avoid margin calls. Due to the disruptions in the financial markets in recent years, we routinely monitor the creditworthiness of our counterparties.

The following tables summarize, for the periods indicated, our oil and natural gas swaps in place as of February 26, 2013 covering the period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. We use swaps as a mechanism for hedging commodity prices whereby we pay the counterparty floating prices and receive fixed prices from the counterparty, which serves to hedge the floating prices we are paid by purchasers of our oil and natural gas. These transactions are settled based upon the monthly average closing price of the front-month NYMEX WTI oil contract price of oil at Cushing, Oklahoma, and NYMEX West Texas Waha, ANR-Oklahoma and CIG-Rockies prices of natural gas on the average of the three final trading days of the month, and settlement occurs on the fifth day of the production month.

## Oil Swaps:

Calendar Year	Average Volumes (Bbls)	Average Price per Bbl	Price Range per Bbl
2013	2,155,693	\$90.92	\$80.10 - \$108.65
2014	1,520,764	\$91.54	\$87.50 - \$103.75
2015	545,351	\$91.98	\$88.50 - \$100.20
2016	228,600	\$87.94	\$86.30 - \$99.85
2017	182,500	\$84.75	\$84.75

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## Natural Gas Swaps:

Calendar Year	Annual	Average	Price Range per	
	Volumes (MMBtu)	Price per MMBtu	MMBtu	
2013	9,240,654	\$4.31	\$3.18	- \$6.89
2014	7,431,254	\$4.34	\$3.61	- \$6.47
2015	1,339,300	\$5.65	\$5.14	- \$5.82
2016	219,200	\$5.30	\$5.30	

We have entered into regional crude oil differential swap contracts in which we have swapped the floating WTI-ARGUS (Midland) crude oil price for floating WTI-ARGUS (Cushing) less a fixed-price differential. As noted above, we receive a discount to the NYMEX WTI crude oil price at the point of sale. Due to recent refinery downtimes and limited takeaway capacity that has impacted the Permian Basin, the difference between the WTI-ARGUS (Midland) price, which is the price we receive on almost all of our Permian crude oil production, and the WTI-ARGUS (Cushing) price has reached historic highs. We entered into these differential swaps to negate a portion of this volatility. The following table summarizes the oil differential swap contracts currently in place as of February 26, 2013, covering the period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013:

Time Period	Average Volumes (Bbls)	Average Price per Bbl	Price Range per Bbl
Q1 2013	180,000	\$(1.25)	\$(1.25)
Q2 - Q4 2013	2,200,000	\$(1.47)	\$(1.25) - \$(1.75)

We have also entered into multiple NYMEX West Texas Intermediate crude oil derivative three-way collar contracts. Each contract combines a long put, a short put and a short call. The use of the short put allows us to buy a put and sell a call at higher prices, thus establishing a higher ceiling and limiting our exposure to future settlement payments while also reducing our downside risk. We receive the short call price if the market price is above the short call price, and we receive the market price if the market price is between the short call and long put prices. If the market price is below the price of the long put, we receive the long put price only if the market price is still above the short put price. If the market price has fallen below the short put price, we receive the market price plus the spread between the short put and long put prices. The following table summarizes the three-way oil collar contracts currently in place as of February 26, 2013:

Calendar Year	Volumes (Bbls)	Average	Average	Average
		Short Put	Long Put	Short Call
2013	1,228,170	\$65.53	\$90.97	\$105.85
2014	1,453,880	\$65.54	\$90.73	\$110.65
2015	1,308,500	\$64.67	\$89.67	\$112.21
2016	621,300	\$63.37	\$88.37	\$106.40
2017	72,400	\$60.00	\$85.00	\$104.20

The following table details the commodity derivative assets (liabilities), by commodity, as of December 31, 2012 and 2011:

Oil Swaps	Oil Collar	Three-Way Oil Collars	Oil Swaption	Natural Gas Swaps	Natural Gas Collar	Oil Differential	Total
(In thousands)							
\$(38,497)	\$1,672	\$4,760	\$(1,842)	\$25,132	\$332	\$—	\$(8,443)

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Balance December 31,  
2011

Balance December 31, 2012	\$(5,818 )	\$—	\$ 13,871	\$—	\$ 13,587	\$—	\$ 2,508	\$ 24,148
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The following table details the commodity derivative income (expense) activities, by commodity, for the year ended December 31, 2012:

	Oil Swaps	Oil Collar	Three-Way Oil Collar	Oil Swaption	Natural Gas Swaps	Natural Gas Collar	Oil Differential	Total
	(In thousands)							
Realized gain/(loss) on cash settlements	\$(13,178 )	\$ 1,632	\$ 1,335	\$—	\$ 15,649	\$ 464	\$ —	\$ 5,902
Unrealized gain/(loss) on mark-to-market of derivatives existing as of January 1, 2012	28,697	(1,672 )	7,875	1,842	(11,466 )	(332 )	—	24,944
Unrealized gain on mark-to-market of derivatives entered into during 2012	3,981	—	1,237	—	(79 )	—	2,508	7,647
Realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on derivatives	\$ 19,500	\$(40 )	\$ 10,447	\$ 1,842	\$ 4,104	\$ 132	\$ 2,508	\$ 38,493

## Financing Activities

Legacy's net cash provided by financing activities was \$547.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, compared to \$22.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. During the year ended December 31, 2012, total net borrowings under our revolving credit facility were \$151 million, comprised of borrowings of \$644 million and repayments of \$493 million. Our November 2012 public equity offering yielded net cash proceeds of \$218.0 million, which were used to fund a portion of the COG 2012 Acquisition. Additionally, Legacy had cash outflow during the year ended December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$107.0 million for distributions to unitholders. Cash provided by financing activities during the year ended December 31, 2011, included \$12.0 million in net borrowings under our revolving credit facility, \$109.0 million in net cash proceeds from our November 2011 public equity offering and \$93.6 million for distributions to unitholders.

## 8% Senior Notes Due 2020

In December of 2012, we and our 100% owned subsidiary Legacy Reserves Finance Corporation, and our 100% owned subsidiaries Legacy Reserves Operating GP, LLC, Legacy Reserves Operating LP and Legacy Reserves Services, Inc., as guarantors, issued \$300 million in aggregate principal amount of 8% senior notes due 2020 (the "Senior Notes") at a price of 97.848% of par. We received net proceeds of approximately \$287.8 million, exclusive of related offering expenses, \$286.7 million including related offering expenses, and used the net proceeds from this offering to fund the remainder of the consideration of the COG 2012 Acquisition. During the year ended December 31, 2012 we amortized \$0.05 million of this discount.

We will have the option to redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at any time on or after December 1, 2016, at the specified redemption prices set forth below together with any accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on December 1 of the years indicated below.

Year	Percentage
2016	104.000 %
2017	102.000 %

2018 100.000 %

Prior to December 1, 2016, we may redeem all or any part of the notes at the “make-whole” redemption price. In addition, prior to December 1, 2015, we may at our option, redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes at the redemption price of 108% with the net proceeds of a public or private equity offering. We may be required to offer to repurchase the Senior Notes at a purchase price of 101% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, in the event of a change of control as defined by the indenture. Our and Legacy Reserves Finance Corporation's obligations under the Senior Notes are guaranteed by our 100% owned subsidiaries Legacy Reserves Operating GP, LLC, Legacy Reserves Operating LP and Legacy Reserves

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Services, Inc. In the future, the guarantees may be released or terminated under the following circumstances: (i) in connection with any sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties of the guarantor; (ii) in connection with any sale or other disposition of sufficient capital stock of the guarantor so that it no longer qualifies as our Restricted Subsidiary (as defined in the indenture); (iii) if designated to be an unrestricted subsidiary; (iv) upon legal defeasance, covenant defeasance or satisfaction and discharge of the indenture; (v) upon the liquidation of the guarantor provided no default or event of default has occurred or is occurring; (vi) at such time the guarantor does not have outstanding guarantees of our, or any other guarantor's, other debt; or (vii) upon merging into, or transferring all of its properties to us or another guarantor and ceasing to exist. Refer to Note 14 - Subsidiary Guarantors in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details on our guarantors.

The indenture governing the Senior Notes limits our ability and the ability of certain of our subsidiaries to (i) sell assets; (ii) pay distributions on, repurchase or redeem equity interests or purchase or redeem our subordinated debt, provided that such subsidiaries may pay dividends to the holders of their equity interests (including Legacy) and we may pay distributions to the holders of our equity interests subject to the absence of certain defaults, the satisfaction of a fixed charge coverage ratio test and so long as the amount of such distributions does not exceed the sum of available cash (as defined in Legacy's partnership agreement) at Legacy, net proceeds from the sales of certain securities and return of or reductions to capital from restricted investments; (iii) make certain investments; (iv) incur or guarantee additional indebtedness or issue preferred units; (v) create or incur certain liens; (vi) enter into agreements that restrict distributions or other payments from certain of our subsidiaries to Legacy; (vii) consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of our assets; (viii) engage in transactions with affiliates; (ix) create unrestricted subsidiaries; and (x) engage in certain business activities. These covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications. If at any time when the Senior Notes are rated investment grade by each of Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and no Default (as defined in the indenture) has occurred and is continuing, many of such covenants will terminate and Legacy and our subsidiaries will cease to be subject to such covenants. The Indenture also includes customary events of default. Legacy is in compliance with all financial and other covenants of the Senior Notes.

### Our Revolving Credit Facility

#### Previous Credit Agreement

On March 27, 2009, we entered into a three-year, \$600 million secured revolving credit facility (the "Previous Credit Agreement") and retained BNP Paribas as administrative agent to replace our initial four-year, \$300 million revolving credit facility with BNP Paribas as administrative agent. All borrowings outstanding under the Previous Credit Agreement were paid in full on March 10, 2011 with borrowings under the Current Credit Agreement.

#### Current Credit Agreement

On March 10, 2011, we entered into an amended and restated five-year, \$1 billion secured revolving credit facility with BNP Paribas as administrative agent (the "Current Credit Agreement"). Effective April 20, 2012, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo"), replaced BNP Paribas as administrative agent as a result of the sale of BNP Paribas' energy lending practice to Wells Fargo. Our obligations under the revolving credit facility are secured by mortgages on more than 80% of our oil and natural gas properties as well as a pledge of all of our ownership interests in our operating subsidiaries. Borrowings under the Current Credit Agreement mature on March 10, 2016. The amount available for borrowing at any one time is limited to the borrowing base, currently at \$800 million after the closing of the COG 2012 Acquisition, with a \$2 million sub-limit for letters of credit. The borrowing base is subject to semi-annual redeterminations on April 1 and October 1 of each year. Additionally, either Legacy or the lenders may, once during each calendar year, elect to redetermine the borrowing base between scheduled redeterminations. We also have the right, once during each calendar year, to request the redetermination of the borrowing base upon the proposed acquisition of certain oil and natural gas properties where the purchase price is

greater than 10% of the borrowing base. Any increase in the borrowing base requires the consent of all the lenders (currently 20 member banks), and any decrease in the borrowing base must be approved by the lenders

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holding at least 66.67% of the outstanding aggregate principal amounts of the loans or participation interests in letters of credit issued under the revolving credit facility. If the required lenders do not agree on an increase or decrease, then the borrowing base will be the highest borrowing base acceptable to the lenders holding 66.67% of the outstanding aggregate principal amounts of the loans or participation interests in letters of credit issued under the revolving credit facility so long as it does not increase the borrowing base then in effect. Outstanding borrowings in excess of the borrowing base must be prepaid, and, if mortgaged properties represent less than 80% of total value of oil and natural gas properties evaluated in the most recent reserve report, we must pledge other oil and natural gas properties as additional collateral. Legacy may at any time issue up to \$500 million in aggregate principal amount of senior notes or new debt, which includes the Senior Notes, whose proceeds are used to refinance such senior notes, subject to specified conditions in the Current Credit Agreement, which include that upon the issuance of such senior notes or new debt, the borrowing base shall be reduced by an amount equal to (i) in the case of senior notes, 25% of the stated principal amount of the senior notes and (ii) in the case of new debt, 25% of the portion of the new debt that exceeds the principal amount of the senior notes. Also, notwithstanding that a lender (or its affiliate) is no longer a party to the Current Credit Agreement, any lender (or its affiliate) which has entered into any hedging arrangement with us while a party to the Current Credit Agreement will continue to have our obligations under such hedging arrangement secured on a ratable and pari passu basis by the collateral securing our obligations under the Current Credit Agreement, the related loan documents and our hedging arrangements.

We may elect that borrowings be comprised entirely of alternate base rate (ABR) loans or Eurodollar loans. Interest on the loans is determined as follows:

with respect to ABR loans, the alternate base rate equals the highest of the prime rate, the Federal funds effective rate plus 0.50%, or the one-month London interbank rate ("LIBOR") plus 1.00%, plus an applicable margin ranging from and including 0.75% and 1.75% per annum, determined by the percentage of the borrowing base then in effect that is drawn, or

with respect to any Eurodollar loans, one-, two-, three- or six-month LIBOR plus an applicable margin ranging from and including 1.75% and 2.75% per annum, determined by the percentage of the borrowing base then in effect that is drawn.

We pay a commitment fee equal to 0.50% on the average daily amount of the unused amount of the commitments under the Current Credit Agreement, payable quarterly.

Interest is generally payable quarterly for ABR loans and on the last day of the applicable interest period for any Eurodollar loans.

Our Current Credit Agreement also contains various covenants that limit our ability to:

- incur indebtedness;
- enter into certain leases;
- grant certain liens;
- enter into certain swaps;
- make certain loans, acquisitions, capital expenditures and investments;
- make distributions other than from available cash;
- merge, consolidate or allow any material change in the character of our business; or
- engage in certain asset dispositions, including a sale of all or substantially all of our assets.

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Our revolving credit facility also contains covenants that, among other things, require us to maintain specified ratios or conditions as follows:

total debt as of the last day of the most recent quarter to EBITDA (as defined in the Current Credit Agreement) in total over the last four quarters of not more than 4.0 to 1.0; and consolidated current assets, as of the last day of the most recent quarter and including the unused amount of the total commitments, to consolidated current liabilities as of the last day of the most recent quarter of not less than 1.0 to 1.0, excluding non-cash assets and liabilities under ASC 815, which includes the current portion of oil, natural gas and interest rate derivatives.

If an event of default exists under our revolving credit facility, the lenders will be able to accelerate the maturity of the credit agreement and exercise other rights and remedies. Each of the following would be an event of default:

- failure to pay any principal when due or any reimbursement amount, interest, fees or other amount within certain grace periods;
- a representation or warranty is proven to be incorrect when made;
- failure to perform or otherwise comply with the covenants or conditions contained in the credit agreement or other loan documents, subject, in certain instances, to certain grace periods;
- default by us on the payment of any other indebtedness in excess of \$2.0 million, or any event occurs that permits or causes the acceleration of the indebtedness;
- bankruptcy or insolvency events involving us or any of our subsidiaries;
- the loan documents cease to be in full force and effect;
- our failing to create a valid lien, except in limited circumstances;
- a change of control, which will occur upon (i) the acquisition by any person or group of persons of beneficial ownership of more than 35% of the aggregate ordinary voting power of our equity securities, (ii) the first day on which a majority of the members of the board of directors of our general partner are not continuing directors (which is generally defined to mean members of our board of directors as of March 10, 2011 and persons who are nominated for election or elected to our general partner's board of directors with the approval of a majority of the continuing directors who were members of such board of directors at the time of such nomination or election), (iii) the direct or indirect sale, transfer or other disposition in one or a series of related transactions of all or substantially all of the properties or assets (including equity interests of subsidiaries) of us and our subsidiaries to any person, (iv) the adoption of a plan related to our liquidation or dissolution or (v) Legacy Reserves GP, LLC's ceasing to be our sole general partner;
- the entry of, and failure to pay, one or more adverse judgments in excess of \$2.0 million or one or more non-monetary judgments that could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect and for which enforcement proceedings are brought or that are not stayed pending appeal; and
- specified ERISA events relating to our employee benefit plans that could reasonably be expected to result in liabilities in excess of \$2.0 million in any year.

As of December 31, 2012, Legacy was in compliance with all financial and other covenants of the revolving credit facility.

## Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

None.



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## Contractual Obligations

A summary of our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2012 is provided in the following table.

Contractual Cash Obligations	Obligations Due in Period				Total
	2013	2014-2015	2016-2017	Thereafter	
	(In thousands)				
Long-term debt					
Revolving credit facility(a)	\$—	\$—	\$488,000	\$—	\$488,000
Interest on revolving credit facility(b)	11,566	23,132	2,212	—	36,910
Senior Notes	—	—	—	300,000	300,000
Interest on senior notes	24,000	48,000	48,000	72,000	192,000
Derivative obligations(c)	—	—	—	24	24
Management compensation(d)	1,735	3,470	3,470	—	8,675
Asset retirement obligation(e)	29,501	5,381	5,797	121,504	162,183
Office lease	819	1,389	—	—	2,208
Total contractual cash obligations	\$67,621	\$81,372	\$547,479	\$493,528	\$1,190,000

(a) Represents amounts outstanding under our revolving credit facility as of December 31, 2012.

(b) Based upon our weighted average interest rate of 2.37% under our revolving credit facility as of December 31, 2012.

(c) Derivative obligations represent net liabilities for commodity and interest rate derivatives that were valued as of December 31, 2012, the ultimate settlement of which are unknown because they are subject to continuing market risk. Please read “Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure about Market Risk” for additional information regarding our derivative obligations.

(d) The related employment agreements do not contain termination provisions; therefore, the ultimate payment obligation is not known. For purposes of this table, management has not reflected payments subsequent to 2017.

(e) Asset retirement obligations of oil and natural gas assets, excluding salvage value and accretion, the ultimate settlement and timing of which cannot be precisely determined in advance.

## Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based upon the consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Certain accounting policies involve judgments and uncertainties to such an extent that there is a reasonable likelihood that materially different amounts could have been reported under different conditions, or if different assumptions had been used. Estimates and assumptions are evaluated on a regular basis. We based our estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates and assumptions used in preparation of the financial statements. Changes in these estimates and assumptions could materially affect our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. Management considers an accounting estimate to be critical if:



it requires assumptions to be made that were uncertain at the time the estimate was made, and

changes in the estimate or different estimates that could have been selected could have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations or financial condition.

Please read Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a detailed discussion of all significant accounting policies that we employ and related estimates made by management.

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Nature of Critical Estimate Item: Oil and Natural Gas Reserves — Our estimate of proved reserves is based on the quantities of oil and gas which geological and engineering data demonstrate, with reasonable certainty, to be recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions. LaRoche prepares a reserve and economic evaluation of all our properties in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission, or “SEC,” guidelines on a lease, unit or well-by-well basis, depending on the availability of well-level production data. The accuracy of our reserve estimates is a function of many factors including the following: the quality and quantity of available data, the interpretation of that data, the accuracy of various mandated economic assumptions, and the judgments of the individuals preparing the estimates. In addition, we must estimate the amount and timing of future operating costs, severance taxes, development costs, and workover costs, all of which may in fact vary considerably from actual results. In addition, as prices and cost levels change from year to year, the economics of producing the reserves may change and therefore the estimate of proved reserves also may change. Any significant variance in these assumptions could materially affect the estimated quantity and value of our reserves. Despite the inherent imprecision in these engineering estimates, our reserves are used throughout our financial statements. Reserves and their relation to estimated future net cash flows impact our depletion and impairment calculations. As a result, adjustments to depletion rates are made concurrently with changes to reserve estimates.

Assumptions/Approach Used: Units-of-production method to deplete our oil and natural gas properties — The quantity of reserves could significantly impact our depletion expense. Any reduction in proved reserves without a corresponding reduction in capitalized costs will increase the depletion rate.

Effect if Different Assumptions Used: Units-of-production method to deplete our oil and natural gas properties — A 10% increase or decrease in reserves would have decreased or increased, respectively, our depletion expense for the year ended December 31, 2012 by approximately 10%.

Nature of Critical Estimate Item: Asset Retirement Obligations — We have certain obligations to remove tangible equipment and restore land at the end of oil and gas production operations. Our removal and restoration obligations are primarily associated with plugging and abandoning wells. US GAAP requires us to estimate asset retirement costs for all of our assets, adjust those costs for inflation to the forecast abandonment date, discount that amount using a credit-adjusted-risk-free rate back to the date we acquired the asset or obligation to retire the asset and record an asset retirement obligation (“ARO”) liability in that amount with a corresponding addition to our asset value. When new obligations are incurred, i.e. a new well is drilled or acquired, we add a layer to the ARO liability. We then accrete the liability layers quarterly using the applicable effective credit-adjusted-risk-free rate for each layer. Should either the estimated life or the estimated abandonment costs of a property change materially upon our periodic review, a new calculation is performed using the same methodology of taking the abandonment cost and inflating it forward to its abandonment date and then discounting it back to the present using our credit-adjusted-risk-free rate. The carrying value of the asset retirement obligation is adjusted to the newly calculated value, with a corresponding offsetting adjustment to the asset retirement cost. When well obligations are relieved by sale of the property or plugging and abandoning the well, the related liability and asset costs are removed from our balance sheet. Any difference in the cost to plug and the related liability is recorded as a gain or loss on our income statement in the disposal of assets line item.

Assumptions/Approach Used: Estimating the future asset removal costs is difficult and requires management to make estimates and judgments because most of the removal obligations are many years in the future and contracts and regulations often have vague descriptions of what constitutes removal. Asset removal technologies and costs are constantly changing, as are regulatory, political, environmental, safety and public relations considerations. Inherent in the estimate of the present value calculation of our AROs are numerous assumptions and judgments including the ultimate settlement amounts, inflation factors, credit-adjusted-risk-free rates, timing of settlement, and changes in the legal, regulatory, environmental and political environments.

Effect if Different Assumptions Used: Since there are so many variables in estimating AROs, we attempt to limit the impact of management's judgment on certain of these variables by developing a standard cost estimate based on historical costs and industry quotes updated annually. Unless we expect a well's plugging to be significantly different than a normal abandonment, we use this estimate. The resulting estimate, after application of a discount factor and present value calculation, could differ from actual results, despite our efforts to make an

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accurate estimate. We engage independent engineering firms to evaluate our properties annually. We consider the remaining estimated useful life from the year-end reserve report by our independent reserve engineers in estimating when abandonment could be expected for each property. On an annual basis we evaluate our latest estimates against actual abandonment costs incurred.

**Nature of Critical Estimate Item: Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities** — We use derivative financial instruments to achieve a more predictable cash flow from our oil, NGL and natural gas production and interest expense by reducing our exposure to price fluctuations and interest rate changes. Currently, these transactions are swaps, swaptions and collars whereby we exchange our floating price for our oil and natural gas for a fixed price and floating interest rates for fixed rates with qualified and creditworthy counterparties. Our existing oil swaps, natural gas swaps, interest rate swaps, oil swaptions and oil and natural gas collars are with current or former members of our lending group which enables us to avoid margin calls for out-of-the-money positions.

We do not specifically designate derivative instruments as cash flow hedges, even though they reduce our exposure to changes in oil, NGL and natural gas prices and interest rate changes. Therefore, the mark-to-market of these instruments is recorded in current earnings. We use estimate market values utilizing software provided by a third party firm, which specializes in valuing derivatives, and validate these estimates by comparison to counterparty estimates as the basis for these end-of-period mark-to-market adjustments. In order to estimate market values, we use forward commodity price curves, if available, or estimates of forward curves provided by third party pricing experts. For our interest rate swaps, we use a yield curve based on money market rates and interest swap rates to estimate market value. When we record a mark-to-market adjustment resulting in a loss in a current period, these unrealized losses represent a current period mark-to-market adjustment for commodity derivatives which will be settled in future periods. As shown in the previous tables, we have hedged a significant portion of our future production through 2017. Taking into account the mark-to-market liabilities and assets recorded as of December 31, 2012, the future cash obligations table presented above shows the amounts which we would expect to pay the counterparties over the time periods shown. As oil and gas prices rise and fall, our future cash obligations related to these derivatives will rise and fall.

### Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

None

### ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK

The primary objective of the following information is to provide forward-looking quantitative and qualitative information about our potential exposure to market risks. The term “market risk” refers to the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in oil and natural gas prices and interest rates. The disclosures are not meant to be precise indicators of expected future losses, but rather indicators of reasonably possible losses. This forward-looking information provides indicators of how we view and manage our ongoing market risk exposures. All of our market risk sensitive instruments were entered into for purposes other than speculative trading.

#### Commodity Price Risk

Our major market risk exposure is in the pricing applicable to our oil and natural gas production. Realized pricing is primarily driven by the spot market prices applicable to our natural gas production and the prevailing price for crude oil. Pricing for oil and natural gas has been volatile and unpredictable for several years, and we expect this volatility to continue in the future. The prices we receive for production depend on many factors outside of our control, such as the strength of the global economy and the supply of oil outside of the United States.

We periodically enter into and anticipate entering into derivative arrangements with respect to a portion of our projected oil and natural gas production through various transactions that offset changes in the future prices received. These transactions may include price swaps, collars, three-way collars and swaptions. These derivative activities are intended to support oil and natural gas prices at targeted levels and to manage our exposure to oil and natural gas price fluctuations. We do not hold or issue derivative instruments for speculative trading purposes.

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As of December 31, 2012, the fair market value of Legacy's commodity derivative positions was a net asset of \$24.1 million. As of December 31, 2011, the fair market value of Legacy's commodity derivative positions was a net liability of \$8.4 million. We routinely monitor the credit default risk of our counterparties via risk monitoring services. For more discussion about our derivative transactions and to see a table listing the oil and natural gas derivatives for 2013 through December 31, 2017, please read "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Investing Activities."

If oil prices decline by \$1.00 per Bbl, then the standardized measure of our combined proved reserves as of December 31, 2012 would decline from \$1,425.9 million to \$1,402.8 million, or 1.6%. If natural gas prices decline by \$0.10 per Mcf, then the standardized measure of our combined proved reserves as of December 31, 2012 would decline from \$1,425.9 million to \$1,414.9 million, or 0.8%. However, larger decreases in oil and natural gas prices may have a proportionately greater impact on our standardized measure.

### Interest Rate Risks

At December 31, 2012, Legacy had debt outstanding of \$488 million, which incurred interest at floating rates in accordance with its revolving credit facility. The average annual interest rate incurred by Legacy for the year ended December 31, 2012 was 3.01%. A 1% increase in LIBOR on Legacy's outstanding debt as of December 31, 2012 would result in an estimated \$1.2 million increase in annual interest expense as Legacy has entered into interest rate swaps to mitigate the volatility of interest rates, that expire between April 2013 and November 2015, on \$364 million of floating rate debt to a weighted-average fixed rate of 2.17%. It is never management's intention to hold or issue derivative instruments for speculative trading purposes. Conditions sometimes arise where actual borrowings are less than notional amounts hedged which has and could result in overhedged amounts.

## ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Our Consolidated Financial Statements and supplementary financial data are included in this annual report on Form 10-K beginning on page F-1.

## ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

## ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the "Exchange Act") that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in Exchange Act reports is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our general partner's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives.

Our management, with the participation of our general partner's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2012. Based upon that evaluation and subject to the foregoing, our general partner's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures provide reasonable

assurance that such controls and procedures were effective to accomplish their objectives.

Our general partner's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer do not expect that our disclosure controls or our internal controls will prevent all error and all fraud. The design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints and the benefit of controls must be considered relative to their cost. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that we

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have detected all of our control issues and all instances of fraud, if any. The design of any system of controls also is based partly on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving our stated goals under all potential future conditions.

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2012, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Legacy's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate control over financial reporting. Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, our general partner's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, and effected by the board of directors of our general partner, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Our internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets;

- provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and the board of directors of our general partner; and
- provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisitions, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on our financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies and procedures may deteriorate.

As of December 31, 2012, management assessed the effectiveness of Legacy's internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting established in "Internal Control — Integrated Framework," issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. This assessment included design, effectiveness and operating effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting as well as the safeguarding of assets. Based on that assessment, management determined that Legacy maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on those criteria.

BDO USA, LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm who also audited our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, has issued an attestation report on our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, which is set forth below under "Attestation Report."



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Attestation Report

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Board of Directors and Unitholders

Legacy Reserves LP

Midland, Texas

We have audited Legacy Reserves LP's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). Legacy Reserves LP's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying "Item 9A. Controls and Procedures - Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting." Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Legacy Reserves LP's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Legacy Reserves LP maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Legacy Reserves LP as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of operations, unitholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012, and our report dated February 27, 2013 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ BDO USA, LLP

Houston, Texas  
February 27, 2013

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ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

We intend to include the information required by this Item 10 in Legacy's definitive proxy statement for its 2013 annual meeting of unitholders under the headings "Election of Directors," "Corporate Governance" and "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance," which information will be incorporated herein by reference; such proxy statement will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after December 31, 2012.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE  
COMPENSATION

We intend to include information with respect to executive compensation in Legacy's definitive proxy statement for its 2013 annual meeting of unitholders under the heading "Executive Compensation," which information will be incorporated herein by reference; such proxy statement will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after December 31, 2012.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND  
RELATED UNITHOLDER MATTERS

We intend to include information regarding Legacy's securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans and ownership of Legacy's outstanding securities in Legacy's definitive proxy statement for its 2013 annual meeting of unitholders under the headings "Equity Compensation Plan Information" and "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management," respectively, which information will be incorporated herein by reference; such proxy statement will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after December 31, 2012.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

We intend to include the information regarding related party transactions in Legacy's definitive proxy statement for its 2013 annual meeting of unitholders under the headings "Corporate Governance" and "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions," which information will be incorporated herein by reference; such proxy statement will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after December 31, 2012.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

We intend to include information regarding principal accountant fees and services in Legacy's definitive proxy statement for its 2013 annual meeting of unitholders under the heading "Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm," which information will be incorporated herein by reference; such proxy statement will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after December 31, 2012.

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PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a)(1) and (2) Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements of Legacy Reserves LP are listed on the Index to Financial Statements to this annual report on Form 10-K beginning on page F-1.

(a)(3) Exhibits

The following documents are filed as a part of this annual report on Form 10-K or incorporated by reference:

Exhibit

Number	Description
1.1	— Purchase Agreement, dated as of November 19, 2012, by and among Legacy Reserves LP, Legacy Reserves Finance Corporation, the Guarantors named therein and the Initial Purchasers named therein. (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's current report on Form 8-K filed on November 20, 2012, Exhibit 1.1)
3.1	— Certificate of Limited Partnership of Legacy Reserves LP (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-134056) filed May 12, 2006, Exhibit 3.1)
3.2	— Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Legacy Reserves LP (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-134056) filed May 12, 2006, included as Appendix A to the Prospectus and including specimen unit certificate for the units) Amendment No. 1, dated December 27, 2007, to the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited
3.3	— Partnership of Legacy Reserves LP (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's current report on Form 8-K filed January 2, 2008, Exhibit 3.1)
3.4	— Certificate of Formation of Legacy Reserves GP, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-134056) filed May 12, 2006, Exhibit 3.3)
3.5	— Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Legacy Reserves GP, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-134056) filed May 12, 2006, Exhibit 3.4)
3.6	— First Amendment to Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Legacy Reserves GP, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed on May 4, 2012, Exhibit 3.6)
3.7	— Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Legacy Reserves GP, LLC. (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's quarterly report filed on May 4, 2012, Exhibit 3.7)
4.1	— Registration Rights Agreement dated June 29, 2006, between Henry Holdings LP and Legacy Reserves LP and Legacy Reserves GP, LLC (the "Henry Registration Rights Agreement") (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-134056) filed September 5, 2006, Exhibit 4.2)
4.2	— Registration Rights Agreement dated March 15, 2006, by and among Legacy Reserves LP, Legacy Reserves GP, LLC and the other parties thereto (the "Founders Registration Rights Agreement") (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-134056) filed September 5, 2006, Exhibit 4.3)
4.3	— Registration Rights Agreement dated April 16, 2007, by and among Nielson & Associates, Inc., Legacy Reserves GP, LLC and Legacy Reserves LP (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed May 14, 2007, Exhibit 4.4)

- 4.4 — Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of December 4, 2012, by and among Legacy Reserves LP, Legacy Reserves Finance Corporation, the Guarantors named therein and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated as representative of the Initial Purchasers named therein (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's current report on Form 8-K filed on December 10, 2012, Exhibit 4.2)

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Exhibit Number	Description
4.5	— Indenture, dated as of December 4, 2012, among Legacy Reserves LP, Legacy Reserves Finance Corporation, the Guarantors named therein and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (including form of the 8% senior notes due 2020) (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's current report on Form 8-K filed on December 10, 2012, Exhibit 4.1)
10.1	— Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of March 10, 2011 among Legacy Reserves LP, as borrower, BNP Paribas, as administrative agent, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as syndication agent, Compass Bank, as documentation agent, and the Lenders party thereto (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's current report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-33249) filed March 17, 2011, Exhibit 10.1)
10.2	— First Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement among Legacy Reserves LP, as borrower, the Guarantors, BNP Paribas, as administrative agent, and the Lenders Signatory Hereto dated as of September 30, 2011 (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's quarterly report on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-33249) filed November 4, 2011, Exhibit 10.1)
10.3	— Second Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement Among Legacy Reserves LP, as Borrowers, the Guarantors, BNP Paribas as Administrative Agent, and The Lenders Signatory Thereto dated as of March 30, 2012. (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed on May 4, 2012, (Exhibit 10.1)
10.4	* — Third Amendment to Second Restated and Amended Credit Agreement among Legacy Reserves LP, as borrower, the Guarantors, Wells Fargo Bank National Association, as administrative agent, and the Lenders Signatory thereto dated September 28, 2012.
10.5	* — Waiver letter among Legacy Reserves LP, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent, and the lenders signatory thereto dated November 14, 2012.
10.6	— Fourth Amendment to Second Restated and Amended Credit Agreement among Legacy Reserves LP, as borrower, the Guarantors, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, and the Lenders Signatory thereto dated December 20, 2012 (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's current report on Form 8-K filed on December 24, 2012, Exhibit 10.1)
10.7	† — Legacy Reserves, LP Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-134056) filed May 12, 2006, Exhibit 10.5)
10.8	† — First Amendment of Legacy Reserves LP to Long Term Incentive Plan dated June 16, 2006 (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-134056) filed October 5, 2006, Exhibit 10.17)
10.9	† — Amended and Restated Legacy Reserves LP Long-Term Incentive Plan effective as of August 17, 2007 (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's current report on Form 8-K filed August 23, 2007, Exhibit 10.1)
10.10	† — Form of Legacy Reserves LP Long-Term Incentive Plan Restricted Unit Grant Agreement (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-134056) filed May 12, 2006, Exhibit 10.6)
10.11	† — Form of Legacy Reserves LP Long-Term Incentive Plan Unit Option Grant Agreement (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-134056) filed September 5, 2006, Exhibit 10.7)
10.12	† — Form of Legacy Reserves LP Long-Term Incentive Plan Unit Grant Agreement (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-134056) filed September 5, 2006, Exhibit 10.8)
10.13	† — Form of Legacy Reserves LP Long-Term Incentive Plan Grant of Phantom Units (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's current report on Form 8-K filed February 4, 2008, Exhibit 10.1)
10.14	† — Employment Agreement dated as of March 15, 2006, between Cary D. Brown and Legacy Reserves Services, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1

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(File No. 333- 134056) filed May 12, 2006, Exhibit 10.9)

- 10.15 † — Section 409A Compliance Amendment to Employment Agreement dated December 31, 2008, between Cary D. Brown and Legacy Reserves Services, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's current report on Form 8-K filed December 31, 2008, Exhibit 10.1)

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Exhibit Number	Description
10.16†	— Employment Agreement dated as of March 15, 2006, between Kyle A. McGraw and Legacy Reserves Services, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-134056) filed May 12, 2006, Exhibit 10.11)
10.17†	— Section 409A Compliance Amendment to Employment Agreement dated December 31, 2008, between Kyle A. McGraw and Legacy Reserves Services, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's current report on Form 8-K filed December 31, 2008, Exhibit 10.3)
10.18†	— Employment Agreement dated as of March 15, 2006, between Paul T. Horne and Legacy Reserves Services, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333- 134056) filed May 12, 2006, Exhibit 10.12)
10.19†	— Section 409A Compliance Amendment to Employment Agreement dated December 31, 2008, between Paul T. Horne and Legacy Reserves Services, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's current report on Form 8-K filed December 31, 2008, Exhibit 10.4)
10.20†	— Employment Agreement dated as of March 15, 2006, between William M. Morris and Legacy Reserves Services, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-134056) filed May 12, 2006, Exhibit 10.13)
10.21†	— Section 409A Compliance Amendment to Employment Agreement dated December 31, 2008, between William M. Morris and Legacy Reserves Services, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's current report on Form 8-K filed December 31, 2008, Exhibit 10.5)
10.22†	— Employment Agreement effective April 1, 2012 between Micah C. Foster and Legacy Reserves Services, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's current report on Form 8-K filed on April 25, 2012, Exhibit 10.1)
10.23†	— Employment Agreement effective May 1, 2012 between Dan G. LeRoy and Legacy Reserves Services, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed on August 3, 2012, Exhibit 10.3)
10.24†	— Employment Agreement effective September 24, 2012 between James Daniel Westcott and Legacy Reserves Services, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed on October 31, 2012, Exhibit 10.1)
10.25†	— Employment Agreement dated as of March 15, 2006, between Steven H. Pruett and Legacy Reserves Services, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-134056) filed May 12, 2006, Exhibit 10.10)
10.26†	— Form of Legacy Reserves LP Long-Term Incentive Plan Grant of Phantom Units (Objective) (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's current report on Form 8-K filed February 24, 2010, Exhibit 99.1)
10.27†	— Form of Legacy Reserves LP Long-Term Incentive Plan Grant of Phantom Units (Subjective) (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's current report on Form 8-K filed February 24, 2010, Exhibit 99.2)
10.28	— Equity Distribution Agreement, dated August 25, 2011, by and among the Partnership and Knight Capital Americas, L.P. (Incorporated by reference to Legacy Reserves LP's current report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-33249) filed August 25, 2011, Exhibit 1.1)
10.29*	— Purchase and Sale Agreement among COG Operating LLC and Concho Oil & Gas LLC as Seller and Legacy Reserves Operating LP as Buyer dated as of November 5, 2012.
21.1*	— List of subsidiaries of Legacy Reserves LP
23.1*	— Consent of BDO USA, LLP
23.2*	— Consent of LaRoche Petroleum Consultants, Ltd.
31.1*	— Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of CEO (under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)
31.2*	— Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of CFO (under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)
32.1*	— Section 1350 Certifications (under Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)



99.1\* — Summary Reserve Report from LaRoche Petroleum Consultants, Ltd.

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\* Filed herewith

† Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this annual report on Form 10-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on the 27th day of February, 2013.

LEGACY RESERVES LP

By: LEGACY RESERVES GP, LLC,  
its general partner

By: /S/ JAMES DANIEL WESTCOTT  
Name: James Daniel Westcott  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Title: Financial Officer (Principal Financial  
Officer)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Cary D. Brown and James Daniel Westcott, or either of them, each with power to act without the other, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all subsequent amendments and supplements to this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and to file the same, or cause to be filed the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto each said attorney-in-fact and agent full power to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby qualifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent or his substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this annual report on Form 10-K has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/S/ CARY D. BROWN Cary D. Brown	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	February 27, 2013
/S/ JAMES DANIEL WESTCOTT James Daniel Westcott	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	February 27, 2013
/S/ MICAH C. FOSTER Micah C. Foster	Chief Accounting Officer and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	February 27, 2013
/S/ KYLE A. MCGRAW Kyle A. McGraw	Executive Vice President, Chief Development Officer and Director	February 27, 2013
/S/ DALE A. BROWN Dale A. Brown	Director	February 27, 2013
	Director	February 27, 2013

/S/ WILLIAM R.  
GRANBERRY  
William R. Granberry

/S/ G. LARRY  
LAWRENCE

G. Larry Lawrence

/S/ WILLIAM D.  
SULLIVAN

William D. Sullivan

/S/ KYLE D. VANN  
Kyle D. Vann

Director

February 27, 2013

Director

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Board of Directors and Unitholders

Legacy Reserves LP

Midland, Texas

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Legacy Reserves LP as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the related consolidated statements of operations, unitholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012. These financial statements are the responsibility of Legacy Reserves LP's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Legacy Reserves LP at December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Legacy Reserves LP's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria) and our report dated February 27, 2013 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ BDO USA, LLP

Houston, Texas

February 27, 2013

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## LEGACY RESERVES LP

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011

	2012	2011
	(In thousands)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$3,509	\$3,151
Accounts receivable, net:		
Oil and natural gas	37,547	35,489
Joint interest owners	27,851	10,299
Other	551	204
Fair value of derivatives (Notes 8 and 9)	15,158	7,117
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	3,294	3,525
Total current assets	87,910	59,785
Oil and natural gas properties, at cost:		
Proved oil and natural gas properties using the successful efforts method of accounting	2,078,961	1,389,326
Unproved properties	65,968	20,063
Accumulated depletion, depreciation, amortization and impairment	(573,003 )	(450,060 )
	1,571,926	959,329
Other property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$4,618 and \$3,530, respectively	2,646	3,310
Operating rights, net of amortization of \$3,531 and \$3,034, respectively	3,486	3,983
Fair value of derivatives (Notes 8 and 9)	15,834	10,188
Other assets, net of amortization of \$7,909 and \$6,337, respectively	7,804	6,611
Investment in equity method investee	393	282
Total assets	\$1,689,999	\$1,043,488
<b>LIABILITIES AND UNITHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$1,822	\$3,286
Accrued oil and natural gas liabilities (Note 1)	50,162	45,351
Fair value of derivatives (Notes 8 and 9)	10,801	18,905
Asset retirement obligation (Note 11)	29,501	20,262
Other (Notes 8 and 13)	11,437	9,646
Total current liabilities	103,723	97,450
Long-term debt (Note 3)	775,838	337,000
Asset retirement obligation (Note 11)	132,682	100,012
Fair value of derivatives (Notes 8 and 9)	5,590	18,897
Other long-term liabilities	1,886	1,794
Total liabilities	1,019,719	555,153
Commitments and contingencies (Note 6)		
Unitholders' equity:		
Limited partners' equity — 57,038,942 and 47,801,682 units issued and outstanding at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively	670,183	488,264
General partner's equity (approximately 0.03%)	97	71
Total unitholders' equity	670,280	488,335

Total liabilities and unitholders' equity	\$1,689,999	\$1,043,488
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## LEGACY RESERVES LP

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012, 2011 AND 2010

	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands, except per unit data)		
Revenues:			
Oil sales	\$286,254	\$264,473	\$172,754
Natural gas liquids (NGL) sales	14,592	18,888	13,670
Natural gas sales	45,614	53,524	29,965
Total revenues	346,460	336,885	216,389
Expenses:			
Oil and natural gas production	112,951	96,914	69,228
Production and other taxes	20,778	20,329	12,683
General and administrative	24,526	23,084	19,265
Depletion, depreciation, amortization and accretion	102,144	88,178	62,894
Impairment of long-lived assets	37,066	24,510	13,412
(Gain) loss on disposal of assets	(2,496)	) (625)	) 592
Total expenses	294,969	252,390	178,074
Operating income	51,491	84,495	38,315
Other income (expense):			
Interest income	16	15	10
Interest expense (Notes 3, 8 and 9)	(20,260)	) (18,566)	) (25,766)
Equity in income of partnership	111	138	97
Realized and unrealized net gains (losses) on commodity derivatives (Notes 8 and 9)	38,493	6,857	(1,400)
Other	(118)	) 152	90
Income before income taxes	69,733	73,091	11,346
Income tax expense	(1,096)	) (1,030)	) (537)
Net income	\$68,637	\$72,061	\$10,809
Income per unit — basic and diluted (Note 12)	\$1.40	\$1.63	\$0.27
Weighted average number of units used in computing net income per unit —			
Basic	48,991	44,093	40,233
Diluted	48,991	44,112	40,237

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



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## LEGACY RESERVES LP

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' EQUITY  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012, 2011 AND 2010

	Number of Limited Partner Units (In thousands)	Limited Partner	General Partner	Total Unitholders' Equity
Balance, December 31, 2009	34,880	\$278,627	\$33	\$278,660
Units issued to Legacy Board of Directors for services	11	226	—	226
Compensation expense on restricted unit awards issued to employees	—	516	—	516
Vesting of restricted units	3	—	—	—
Net proceeds from equity offering	8,338	179,053	—	179,053
Units issued in exchange for oil and natural gas properties	297	5,959	—	5,959
Distributions to unitholders, \$2.08 per unit	—	(83,484 )	—	(83,484 )
Net income	—	10,803	6	10,809
Balance, December 31, 2010	43,529	391,700	39	391,739
Units issued to Legacy Board of Directors for services	18	500	—	500
Compensation expense on restricted unit awards issued to employees	—	956	—	956
Vesting of restricted units	30	—	—	—
Net proceeds from equity offerings	3,947	108,956	—	108,956
Units issued in exchange for oil and natural gas properties	278	7,714	—	7,714
Distributions to unitholders, \$2.14 per unit	—	(93,591 )	—	(93,591 )
Net income	—	72,029	32	72,061
Balance, December 31, 2011	47,802	488,264	71	488,335
Units issued for services	20	568	—	568
Compensation expense on restricted unit awards issued to employees	—	1,762	—	1,762
Vesting of restricted units	47	—	—	—
Net proceeds from equity offering	9,170	217,998	—	217,998
Distributions to unitholders, \$2.23 per unit	—	(107,020 )	—	(107,020 )
Net income	—	68,611	26	68,637
Balance, December 31, 2012	57,039	\$670,183	\$97	\$670,280

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## LEGACY RESERVES LP

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012, 2011 AND 2010

	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$68,637	\$72,061	\$10,809
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depletion, depreciation, amortization and accretion	102,144	88,178	62,894
Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs	1,626	1,528	2,023
Impairment of long-lived assets	37,066	24,510	13,412
(Gains) losses on derivatives	(40,999)	(8,800)	8,728
Equity in income of partnership	(111)	(138)	(97)
Unit-based compensation	26	1,106	3,146
(Gain) loss on disposal of assets	(2,496)	(625)	592
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Increase in accounts receivable, oil and natural gas	(2,058)	(8,439)	(8,980)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable, joint interest owners	(17,552)	79	(5,831)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable, other	(347)	(113)	273
(Increase) decrease in other current assets	231	(1,382)	389
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(1,464)	2,655	(949)
Increase in accrued oil and natural gas liabilities	4,811	15,697	15,764
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	127	(2,080)	(802)
Total adjustments	81,004	112,176	90,562
Net cash provided by operating activities	149,641	184,237	101,371
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Investment in oil and natural gas properties	(702,945)	(206,080)	(308,883)
Decrease in deposit on pending acquisition	—	112	6,388
Proceeds from sale of assets	9,780	—	—
Investment in other equipment	(1,246)	(1,485)	(2,394)
Goodwill	(7,770)	—	(494)
Net cash settlements on commodity derivatives	5,902	637	20,137
Net cash used in investing activities	(696,279)	(206,816)	(285,246)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from long-term debt	931,784	356,000	369,000
Payments of long-term debt	(493,000)	(344,000)	(281,000)
Payments of debt issuance costs	(2,766)	(5,113)	(433)
Proceeds from issuance of units, net	217,998	108,956	179,053
Distributions to unitholders	(107,020)	(93,591)	(83,484)
Net cash provided by financing activities	546,996	22,252	183,136
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	358	(327)	(739)
Cash, beginning of period	3,151	3,478	4,217
Cash, end of period	\$3,509	\$3,151	\$3,478
Non-Cash Investing and Financing Activities:			
Asset retirement obligation costs and liabilities	\$878	\$253	\$7,248
Asset retirement obligations associated with property acquisitions	\$38,857	\$8,300	\$17,618
Units issued in exchange for oil and natural gas properties	\$—	\$7,714	\$5,959

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LEGACY RESERVES LP

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Organization, Basis of Presentation and Description of Business

Legacy Reserves LP (“LRLP,” “Legacy” or the “Partnership”) and its affiliated entities are referred to as Legacy in these financial statements.

LRLP, a Delaware limited partnership, was formed by its general partner, Legacy Reserves GP, LLC (“LRG PLLC”), on October 26, 2005 to own and operate oil and natural gas properties. LRG PLLC is a Delaware limited liability company formed on October 26, 2005, and it currently owns an approximately 0.03% general partner interest in LRLP.

Significant information regarding rights of the limited partners includes the following:

• Right to receive distributions of available cash within 45 days after the end of each quarter.

• No limited partner shall have any management power over our business and affairs; the general partner shall conduct, direct and manage LRLP’s activities.

• The general partner may be removed if such removal is approved by the unitholders holding at least 66 2/3 percent of the outstanding units, including units held by LRLP’s general partner and its affiliates.

• Right to receive information reasonably required for tax reporting purposes within 90 days after the close of the calendar year.

In the event of a liquidation, all property and cash in excess of that required to discharge all liabilities will be distributed to the unitholders and LRLP’s general partner in proportion to their capital account balances, as adjusted to reflect any gain or loss upon the sale or other disposition of Legacy’s assets in liquidation.

Legacy owns and operates oil and natural gas producing properties located primarily in the Permian Basin of West Texas and southeast New Mexico, the Texas Panhandle and the Mid-Continent and Rocky Mountain regions of the United States. Legacy has acquired oil and natural gas producing properties and drilled and un-drilled leasehold.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting whereby revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when incurred.

(b) Trade Accounts Receivable

Trade accounts receivable are recorded at the invoiced amount and do not bear interest. Legacy routinely assesses the financial strength of its customers. Bad debts are recorded based on an account-by-account review. Accounts are written off after all means of collection have been exhausted and potential recovery is considered remote. Legacy does not have any off-balance-sheet credit exposure related to its customers (see Note 10).

(c) Oil and Natural Gas Properties

Legacy accounts for oil and natural gas properties using the successful efforts method. Under this method of accounting, costs relating to the acquisition and development of proved areas are capitalized when incurred. The costs of development wells are capitalized whether productive or non-productive. Leasehold acquisition costs are capitalized when incurred. If proved reserves are found on an unproved property, leasehold cost is transferred to

proved properties. Exploration dry holes are charged to expense when it is determined that no commercial reserves exist. Other exploration costs, including personnel costs, geological and geophysical expenses and delay rentals for oil and natural gas leases, are charged to expense when incurred. The costs of acquiring or constructing support

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equipment and facilities used in oil and gas producing activities are capitalized. Production costs are charged to expense as incurred and are those costs incurred to operate and maintain our wells and related equipment and facilities.

Depreciation and depletion of producing oil and natural gas properties is recorded based on units of production. Acquisition costs of proved properties are amortized on the basis of all proved reserves, developed and undeveloped, and capitalized development costs (wells and related equipment and facilities) are amortized on the basis of proved developed reserves. As more fully described below, proved reserves are estimated annually by Legacy's independent petroleum engineer, LaRoche Petroleum Consultants, Ltd. ("LaRoche"), and are subject to future revisions based on availability of additional information. Legacy's in-house reservoir engineers prepare an updated estimate of reserves each quarter. Depletion is calculated each quarter based upon the latest estimated reserves data available. As discussed in Note 11, asset retirement costs are recognized when the asset is placed in service, and are amortized over proved reserves using the units of production method. Asset retirement costs are estimated by Legacy's engineers using existing regulatory requirements and anticipated future inflation rates.

Upon sale or retirement of complete fields of depreciable or depletable property, the book value thereof, less proceeds from sale or salvage value, is charged to income. On sale or retirement of an individual well the proceeds are credited to accumulated depletion and depreciation.

Oil and natural gas properties are reviewed for impairment when facts and circumstances indicate that their carrying value may not be recoverable. Legacy compares net capitalized costs of proved oil and natural gas properties to estimated undiscounted future net cash flows using management's expectations of future oil and natural gas prices. These future price scenarios reflect Legacy's estimation of future price volatility. If net capitalized costs exceed estimated undiscounted future net cash flows, the measurement of impairment is based on estimated fair value, using estimated discounted future net cash flows. Significant inputs used to determine the fair values of proved properties include estimates of: (i) reserves; (ii) future operating and development costs; (iii) future commodity prices and (iv) a market-based weighted average cost of capital rate. The underlying commodity prices embedded in Legacy's estimated cash flows are the product of a process that begins with NYMEX forward curve pricing, adjusted for estimated location and quality differentials, as well as other factors that Legacy's management believes will impact realizable prices. For the year ended December 31, 2012, Legacy recognized \$22.8 million of impairment expense in 64 separate producing fields, due primarily to the decrease in commodity prices including regional oil differentials during the year ended December 31, 2012, combined with higher lifting costs, which decreased the expected future cash flows below the carrying value of the assets. In addition, Legacy recognized \$6.5 million of impairment related to the reduction in the carrying value of a property in which Legacy has entered into an option agreement to sell. The remaining \$7.8 million was impairment of goodwill recognized on an acquisition of oil and natural gas properties during 2012 as a result of a purchase and sale agreement Legacy entered into with a third party to acquire certain oil and natural gas properties. As is customary in the industry, the purchase price of the properties was negotiated as of the date of the agreement. During the period between the agreement date and the date of closing the acquisition, oil futures prices declined significantly, thereby reducing the fair value of the properties acquired at the date of close. Since oil derivatives we entered into on the agreement date related to expected production from the acquired properties constitute separate transactions, our derivatives do not affect the associated fair value of the oil and natural gas properties acquired. Because the purchase price exceeded the fair value of the properties acquired at the time of closing in May 2012, goodwill was recognized and subsequently tested for impairment. As a result of this test, all of the goodwill associated with this acquisition was impaired. For the year ended December 31, 2011, Legacy recognized \$24.5 million of impairment expense on 70 separate producing fields related primarily to the decline in realized natural gas prices during the year combined with rising operating costs on select fields which reduced the estimated future cash flows for these fields. For the year ended December 31, 2010, Legacy recognized \$13.4 million of

impairment expense on 67 separate producing fields related primarily to the decline in realized natural gas prices during the year combined with rising operating costs on select fields as well as the write-off of PUDs in one field and single well performance declines in two other fields which reduced the estimated future cash flows for these fields.

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Unproven properties that are individually significant are assessed for impairment and if considered impaired are charged to expense when such impairment is deemed to have occurred.

(d) Oil, NGLs and Natural Gas Reserve Quantities

Legacy's estimate of proved reserves is based on the quantities of oil, NGLs and natural gas that engineering and geological analyses demonstrate, with reasonable certainty, to be recoverable from established reservoirs in the future under current operating and economic parameters. LaRoche prepares a reserve and economic evaluation of all Legacy's properties on a case-by-case basis utilizing information provided to it by Legacy and information available from state agencies that collect information reported to it by the operators of Legacy's properties. The estimate of Legacy's proved reserves as of December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 have been prepared and presented in accordance with SEC rules and accounting standards.

Reserves and their relation to estimated future net cash flows impact Legacy's depletion and impairment calculations. As a result, adjustments to depletion and impairment are made concurrently with changes to reserve estimates. Legacy prepares its reserve estimates, and the projected cash flows derived from these reserve estimates, in accordance with SEC guidelines. The independent engineering firm described above adheres to the same guidelines when preparing the reserve report. The accuracy of Legacy's reserve estimates is a function of many factors including the quality and quantity of available data, the interpretation of that data, the accuracy of various mandated economic assumptions, and the judgments of the individuals preparing the estimates.

Legacy's proved reserve estimates are a function of many assumptions, all of which could deviate significantly from actual results. As such, reserve estimates may materially vary from the ultimate quantities of oil, NGLs and natural gas eventually recovered.

(e) Income Taxes

Legacy is structured as a limited partnership, which is a pass-through entity for United States income tax purposes.

In May 2006, the State of Texas enacted a margin-based franchise tax law that replaced the existing franchise tax. This tax is commonly referred to as the Texas margin tax and is assessed at a 1% rate. Corporations, limited partnerships, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships and joint ventures are examples of the types of entities that are subject to the tax. The tax is considered an income tax and is determined by applying a tax rate to a base that considers both revenues and expenses. The Texas margin tax became effective for franchise tax reports due on or after January 1, 2008.

Legacy recorded income tax expense of \$1.1 million, \$1.0 million and \$0.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, which consists primarily of the Texas margin tax and federal income tax on a corporate subsidiary which employs full and part-time personnel providing services to the Partnership. The Partnership's total effective tax rate differs from statutory rates for federal and state purposes primarily due to being structured as a limited partnership, which is a pass-through entity for federal income tax purposes.

Net income for financial statement purposes may differ significantly from taxable income reportable to unitholders as a result of differences between the tax bases and financial reporting bases of assets and liabilities and the taxable income allocation requirements under the partnership agreement. In addition, individual unitholders have different investment bases depending upon the timing and price of acquisition of their common units, and each unitholder's tax accounting, which is partially dependent upon the unitholder's tax position, differs from the accounting followed in the



consolidated financial statements. As a result, the aggregate difference in the basis of net assets for financial and tax reporting purposes cannot be readily determined as the Partnership does not

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have access to information about each unitholder's tax attributes in the Partnership. However, with respect to the Partnership, the Partnership's book basis in its net assets exceeds the Partnership's net tax basis by \$1.2 billion at December 31, 2012.

(f) Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

Legacy uses derivative financial instruments to achieve more predictable cash flows by reducing its exposure to oil, NGL and natural gas price fluctuations and interest rate changes. Legacy does not specifically designate derivative instruments as cash flow hedges, even though they reduce its exposure to changes in oil and natural gas prices and interest rates. Therefore, Legacy records the change in the fair market values of oil, NGL and natural gas derivatives in current earnings. Changes in the fair values of interest rate derivatives are recorded in interest expense (see Note 9).

(g) Use of Estimates

Management of Legacy has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities to prepare these consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates. Estimates which are particularly significant to the consolidated financial statements include estimates of oil and natural gas reserves, valuation of derivatives, future cash flows from oil and natural gas properties, depreciation, depletion and amortization, asset retirement obligations and accrued revenues.

(h) Revenue Recognition

Sales of crude oil, NGLs and natural gas are recognized when the delivery to the purchaser has occurred and title has been transferred. This occurs when oil or natural gas has been delivered to a pipeline or a tank lifting has occurred. Crude oil is priced on the delivery date based upon prevailing prices published by purchasers with certain adjustments related to oil quality and physical location. Virtually all of Legacy's natural gas contracts' pricing provisions are tied to a market index, with certain adjustments based on, among other factors, whether a well delivers to a gathering or transmission line, quality of natural gas, and prevailing supply and demand conditions, so that the price of the natural gas fluctuates to remain competitive with other available natural gas supplies. These market indices are determined on a monthly basis. As a result, Legacy's revenues from the sale of oil and natural gas will suffer if market prices decline and benefit if they increase. Legacy believes that the pricing provisions of its oil and natural gas contracts are customary in the industry.

To the extent actual volumes and prices of oil and natural gas are unavailable for a given reporting period because of timing or information not received from third parties, the expected sales volumes and prices for those properties are estimated and recorded as "Accounts receivable - oil and natural gas" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Legacy uses the "net-back" method of accounting for transportation arrangements of its natural gas sales. Legacy sells natural gas at the wellhead and collects a price and recognizes revenues based on the wellhead sales price since transportation costs downstream of the wellhead are incurred by its purchasers and reflected in the wellhead price. Legacy's contracts with respect to the sale of its natural gas produced, with one immaterial exception, provide Legacy with a net price payment. That is, when Legacy is paid for its natural gas by its purchasers, Legacy receives a price which is net of any costs incurred for treating, transportation, compression, etc. In accordance with the terms of Legacy's contracts, the payment statements Legacy receives from its purchasers show a single net price without any detail as to treating, transportation, compression, etc. Thus, Legacy's revenues are recorded at this single net price.



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Natural gas imbalances occur when Legacy sells more or less than its entitled ownership percentage of total natural gas production. Any amount received in excess of its share is treated as a liability. If Legacy receives less than its entitled share, the underproduction is recorded as a receivable. Legacy did not have any significant natural gas imbalance positions as of December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

Legacy is paid a monthly operating fee for each well it operates for outside owners. The fee covers monthly general and administrative costs. As the operating fee is a reimbursement of costs incurred on behalf of third parties, the fee has been netted against general and administrative expense.

(i) Investments

Undivided interests in oil and natural gas properties owned through joint ventures are consolidated on a proportionate basis. Investments in entities where Legacy exercises significant influence, but not a controlling interest, are accounted for by the equity method. Under the equity method, Legacy's investments are stated at cost plus the equity in undistributed earnings and losses after acquisition.

(j) Intangible assets

Legacy has capitalized certain operating rights acquired in the acquisition of oil and natural gas properties. The operating rights, which have no residual value, are amortized over their estimated economic life of approximately 15 beginning July 1, 2006. Amortization expense is included as an element of depletion, depreciation, amortization and accretion expense. Impairment is assessed on a quarterly basis or when there is a material change in the remaining useful life. The expected amortization expenses for 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 are \$493,000, \$484,000, \$444,000, \$417,000 and \$396,000, respectively.

(k) Environmental

Legacy is subject to extensive federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations. These laws, which are frequently changing, regulate the discharge of materials into the environment and may require Legacy to remove or mitigate the environmental effects of the disposal or release of petroleum or chemical substances at various sites. Environmental expenditures are expensed or capitalized depending on their future economic benefit. Expenditures that relate to an existing condition caused by past operations and that have no future economic benefits are expensed. Liabilities for expenditures of a non-capital nature are recorded when environmental assessment and/or remediation are probable, and the costs can be reasonably estimated. Such liabilities are generally undiscounted unless the timing of cash payments is fixed and readily determinable.

(l) Income (Loss) Per Unit

Basic income (loss) per unit amounts are calculated using the weighted average number of units outstanding during each period. Diluted income (loss) per unit also give effect to dilutive unvested restricted units (calculated based upon the treasury stock method) (see Note 12).

(m) Redemption of Units

Units redeemed are recorded at cost.

(n) Segment Reporting

Legacy's management initially treats each new acquisition of oil and natural gas properties as a separate operating segment. Legacy aggregates these operating segments into a single segment for reporting purposes.

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## (o) Unit-Based Compensation

Concurrent with its formation on March 15, 2006, a Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP") for Legacy was created. Due to Legacy's history of cash settlements for option exercises, Legacy accounts for unit options under the liability method, which requires the Partnership to recognize the fair value of each unit option at the end of each period. Expense or benefit is recognized as the fair value of the liability changes from period to period. Legacy's issued units, as reflected in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2012, do not include 230,477 units related to unvested restricted unit awards.

## (p) Accrued Oil and Natural Gas Liabilities

Below are the components of accrued oil and natural gas liabilities as of December 31, 2012 and 2011.

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
	(In thousands)	
Revenue payable to joint interest owners	\$24,903	\$19,972
Accrued lease operating expense	8,507	8,004
Accrued capital expenditures	5,213	6,920
Accrued ad valorem tax	4,806	5,171
Other	6,733	5,284
	\$50,162	\$45,351

## (q) Prior Year Financial Statement Presentation

Certain prior year balances have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation of balances as stated in this annual report on Form 10-K.

## (2) Fair Values of Financial Instruments

The estimated fair values of Legacy's financial instruments closely approximate the carrying amounts as discussed below:

**Debt.** The carrying amount of the revolving long-term debt approximates fair value because Legacy's current borrowing rate does not materially differ from market rates for similar bank borrowings. The fair value of the 8% senior notes due 2020 (the "Senior Notes") was \$302.8 million as of December 31, 2012. As this valuation is based on an unadjusted quoted price in an active market, the fair value would be classified as Level 1.

**Long-term incentive plan obligations.** See Note 13 for discussion of process used in estimating the fair value of the long-term incentive plan obligations.

**Derivatives.** See Note 8 for discussion of process used in estimating the fair value of commodity price and interest rate derivatives.

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## (3) Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consists of the following at December 31, 2012 and 2011:

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
	(In thousands)	
Credit Facility due 2016	\$488,000	337,000
8% Senior Notes due 2020	300,000	—
	788,000	337,000
Unamortized discount on Senior Notes	(12,162 )	—
Total Long Term Debt	\$775,838	\$337,000

## Credit Facility

Previous Credit Agreement: On March 27, 2009, Legacy entered into a three-year, secured revolving credit facility with BNP Paribas as administrative agent (the "Previous Credit Agreement"). Borrowings under the Previous Credit Agreement were set to mature on April 1, 2012. The Previous Credit Agreement permitted borrowings in the lesser amount of (i) the borrowing base, or (ii) \$600 million. The borrowing base under the Previous Credit Agreement, initially set at \$340 million, was increased to \$410 million on March 31, 2010. Under the Previous Credit Agreement, interest on debt outstanding was charged based on Legacy's selection of a LIBOR rate plus 2.25% to 3.0%, or the alternate base rate ("ABR") which equaled the highest of the prime rate, the Federal funds effective rate plus 0.50% or LIBOR plus 1.50%, plus an applicable margin between 0.75% and 1.50%.

Current Credit Agreement: On March 10, 2011, Legacy entered into an amended and restated five-year \$1 billion secured revolving credit facility with BNP Paribas as administrative agent (the "Current Credit Agreement"). Effective April 20, 2012, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo"), replaced BNP Paribas as administrative agent as a result of the sale of BNP Paribas' energy lending practice to Wells Fargo. Borrowings under the Current Credit Agreement mature on March 10, 2016. The amount available for borrowing at any one time is limited to the borrowing base, with a \$2 million sub-limit for letters of credit. The borrowing base under the Current Credit Agreement, was redetermined and increased to \$800 million in conjunction with the closing of the COG 2012 Acquisition, as further described in Note 4 of these Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, on December 20, 2012. The borrowing base is subject to semi-annual re-determinations on or about April 1 and October 1 of each year. Additionally, either Legacy or the lenders may, once during each calendar year, elect to re-determine the borrowing base between scheduled re-determinations. Legacy also has the right, once during each calendar year, to request the re-determination of the borrowing base upon the proposed acquisition of certain oil and natural gas properties where the purchase price is greater than 10% of the borrowing base. Under the Current Credit Agreement, interest on debt outstanding is charged based on Legacy's selection of a one-, two-, three- or six-month LIBOR rate plus 1.75% to 2.75%, or the ABR which equals the highest of the prime rate, the Federal funds effective rate plus 0.50% or one-month LIBOR plus 1.00%, plus an applicable margin from 0.75% to 1.75% per annum, determined by the percentage of the borrowing base then in effect that is drawn.

The borrowing base permits Legacy to issue up to \$500 million in aggregate principal amount of senior notes or new debt issued to refinance senior notes, subject to specified conditions in the Current Credit Agreement, which include that upon the issuance of such senior notes or new debt, the borrowing base will be reduced by an amount equal to (i) in the case of senior notes, 25% of the stated principal amount of the senior notes and (ii) in the case of new debt, 25% of the portion of the new debt that exceeds the original principal amount of the senior notes.

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As of December 31, 2012, Legacy had outstanding borrowings of \$488 million under the Current Credit Agreement at a weighted average interest rate of 2.37%. Thus, Legacy had approximately \$312 million of borrowing availability remaining. For the year ended December 31, 2012, Legacy paid \$12.2 million of interest expense on the Current Credit Agreement. The Current Credit Agreement contains covenants that, among other things, require Legacy to maintain specified ratios or conditions as follows:

total debt as of the last day of the most recent quarter to EBITDA in total over the last four quarters of not more than 4.0 to 1.0; and

consolidated current assets, as of the last day of the most recent quarter and including the unused amount of the total commitments, to consolidated current liabilities as of the last day of the most recent quarter of not less than 1.0 to 1.0, excluding non-cash assets and liabilities under ASC 815, which includes the current portion of oil, natural gas and interest rate swaps.

At December 31, 2012, Legacy was in compliance with all covenants contained in the Current Credit Agreement.

#### 8% Senior Notes Due 2020

On December 4, 2012, Legacy and its 100% owned subsidiary Legacy Reserves Finance Corporation completed a private placement offering to eligible purchasers of an aggregate principal amount of \$300 million of our 8% Senior Notes due 2020 (the "Senior Notes"). The Senior Notes were issued at 97.848% of par. Legacy received approximately \$286.7 million of net cash proceeds, after deducting the discount to initial purchasers and offering expenses payable by Legacy. Legacy used the net proceeds from this offering to fund a portion of the consideration paid for the COG 2012 Acquisition, as further described in Note 4 to these Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. During the year ended December 31, 2012, we amortized \$0.05 million of this discount.

Legacy will have the option to redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at any time on or after December 1, 2016, at the specified redemption prices set forth below together with any accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on December 1 of the years indicated below.

Year	Percentage
2016	104.000 %
2017	102.000 %
2018	100.000 %

Prior to December 1, 2016, Legacy may redeem all or any part of the notes at the "make-whole" redemption price as defined in the indenture. In addition, prior to December 1, 2015, Legacy may at its option, redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes at the redemption price of 108% with the net proceeds of a public or private equity offering. Legacy may be required to offer to repurchase the Senior Notes at a purchase price of 101% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, in the event of a change of control as defined by the indenture. Legacy and Legacy Reserves Finance Corporation's obligations under the Senior Notes are guaranteed by its 100% owned subsidiaries Legacy Reserves Operating GP, LLC, Legacy Reserves Operating LP and Legacy Reserves Services, Inc. In the future, the guarantees may be released or terminated under the following circumstances: (i) in connection with any sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties of the guarantor; (ii) in connection with any sale or other disposition of sufficient capital stock of the guarantor so that it no longer qualifies as our Restricted Subsidiary (as defined in the indenture); (iii) if designated to be an unrestricted subsidiary; (iv) upon legal defeasance, covenant defeasance or satisfaction and discharge of the indenture; (v) upon the liquidation of the guarantor provided no default or event of default has occurred or is occurring; (vi) at such time the guarantor does not have outstanding guarantees of its,



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or any other guarantor's, other, debt; or (vii) upon merging into, or transferring all of its properties to Legacy or another guarantor and ceasing to exist. Refer to Note 14 - Subsidiary Guarantors for further details on Legacy's guarantors.

The indenture governing the Senior Notes limits Legacy's ability and the ability of certain of its subsidiaries to (i) sell assets; (ii) pay distributions on, repurchase or redeem equity interests or purchase or redeem Legacy's subordinated debt, provided that such subsidiaries may pay dividends to the holders of their equity interests (including Legacy) and Legacy may pay distributions to the holders of its equity interests subject to the absence of certain defaults, the satisfaction of a fixed charge coverage ratio test and so long as the amount of such distributions does not exceed the sum of available cash (as defined in the partnership agreement) at Legacy, net proceeds from the sales of certain securities and return of or reductions to capital from restricted investments; (iii) make certain investments; (iv) incur or guarantee additional indebtedness or issue preferred units; (v) create or incur certain liens; (vi) enter into agreements that restrict distributions or other payments from certain of its subsidiaries to Legacy; (vii) consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of Legacy's assets; (viii) engage in transactions with affiliates; (ix) create unrestricted subsidiaries; and (x) engage in certain business activities. These covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications. If at any time when the Senior Notes are rated investment grade by each of Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and no Default (as defined in the indenture) has occurred and is continuing, many of such covenants will terminate and Legacy and its subsidiaries will cease to be subject to such covenants. The Indenture also includes customary events of default. The Partnership is in compliance with all financial and other covenants of the Senior Notes.

Interest is payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year, beginning June 2013.

(4) Acquisitions

Wyoming Acquisition

On February 17, 2010, Legacy purchased certain oil and natural gas properties located in Wyoming from a third party for a net cash purchase price of \$125.5 million (the "Wyoming Acquisition"). The purchase price was financed partially with net proceeds from Legacy's January 2010 public offering of units and the remainder with borrowings from the Previous Credit Agreement. The effective date of this purchase was November 1, 2009. The operating results from these Wyoming Acquisition properties have been included from their acquisition on February 17, 2010.

The allocation of the purchase price to the fair value of the acquired assets and liabilities assumed was as follows (in thousands):

Proved oil and natural gas properties including related equipment	\$124,115
Unproved properties	6,143
Total assets	130,258
Future abandonment costs	(4,709)
Fair value of net assets acquired	\$125,549

COG 2010 Acquisition

On December 22, 2010, Legacy purchased certain oil and natural gas properties located primarily in the Permian Basin from COG Operating LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Concho Resources Inc., for a net cash purchase price of \$100.8 million (the "COG 2010 Acquisition"). The purchase price was financed partially with net proceeds from Legacy's November 2010 public offering of units and the remainder with borrowings from the Previous Credit Agreement. The effective date of this purchase was October 1, 2010. The operating results from these COG 2010

Acquisition properties have been included from their acquisition on December 22, 2010.

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The allocation of the purchase price to the fair value of the acquired assets and liabilities assumed was as follows (in thousands):

Proved oil and natural gas properties including related equipment	\$ 104,248	
Unproved properties	5,072	
Total assets	109,320	
Future abandonment costs	(8,506)	)
Fair value of net assets acquired	\$ 100,814	

#### COG 2012 Acquisition

On December 20, 2012, Legacy purchased certain oil and natural gas properties located primarily in the Permian Basin from COG Operating LLC and Concho Oil and Gas LLC, both wholly owned subsidiaries of Concho Resources Inc., for a net cash purchase price of \$502.6 million (the “COG 2012 Acquisition”). The purchase price was financed with net proceeds from Legacy’s November 2012 public offering of units and the Senior Notes. The effective date of this purchase was October 1, 2012. The operating results from these COG 2012 Acquisition properties have been included from their acquisition on December 20, 2012.

The allocation of the purchase price to the fair value of the acquired assets and liabilities assumed was as follows (in thousands):

Proved oil and natural gas properties including related equipment	\$495,897	
Unproved properties	37,994	
Total assets	533,891	
Future abandonment costs	(31,274)	)
Fair value of net assets acquired	\$502,617	

#### Pro Forma Operating Results

The following table reflects the unaudited pro forma results of operations as though the Wyoming Acquisition and COG 2010 Acquisition had each occurred on January 1, 2009 and the COG 2012 Acquisition had occurred on January 1, 2011. The pro forma amounts are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be reported in the future:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Revenues	\$478,115	\$487,412	\$245,690
Net income	\$97,092	\$104,700	\$16,154
Income per unit — basic and diluted	\$1.71	\$1.97	\$0.40
Units used in computing income per unit:			
Basic	56,887	53,263	40,233
Diluted	56,887	53,263	40,237

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The amounts of revenues and revenues in excess of direct operating expenses included in our consolidated statements of operations for the Wyoming Acquisition, COG 2010 Acquisition and COG 2012 Acquisition are shown in the table that follows. Direct operating expenses include lease operating expenses and production and other taxes.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Wyoming Acquisition	(In thousands)		
Revenues	\$33,809	\$37,531	\$27,147
Excess of revenues over direct operating expenses	\$17,939	\$19,924	\$15,398
COG 2010 Acquisition			
Revenues	\$26,369	\$29,776	\$659
Excess of revenues over direct operating expenses	\$14,629	\$18,712	\$402
COG 2012 Acquisition			
Revenues	\$3,693	\$—	\$—
Excess of revenues over direct operating expenses	\$2,654	\$—	\$—

#### (5) Related Party Transactions

Cary D. Brown, Legacy's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Kyle A. McGraw, Director and Legacy's Executive Vice President and Chief Development Officer, own interests in partnerships which, in turn, own a combined non-controlling 4.16% interest as limited partners in a partnership which owns the building that Legacy occupies. Monthly rent is \$37,071 without respect to property taxes and insurance. The lease expires in September 2015.

Legacy uses Lynch, Chappell and Alsup for legal services. Alan Brown, son of Dale Brown, a director of Legacy, and brother of Cary Brown, was a less than ten percent shareholder in this firm until he resigned from his position on September 1, 2011. Legacy paid legal fees during Alan Brown's tenure to this firm of \$109,882 and \$184,118 for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

During the year ended December 31, 2012, Legacy acquired a 5% working interest in approximately 129,428 acres of prospective Cline Shale acreage from FireWheel Energy, LLC ("FireWheel"), the operator of the properties, for \$7.2 million. FireWheel is a private-equity funded oil and natural gas exploration company in which Alan Brown is a principal. The interests acquired by Legacy were marketed to numerous industry participants and are governed by an industry standard Participation Agreement and Joint Operating Agreement. Legacy's results for the year ended December 31, 2012 include three non-operated wells drilled by FireWheel. Legacy's portion of the capital expenditures associated with these wells was \$1.5 million.

#### (6) Commitments and Contingencies

From time to time Legacy is a party to various legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. While the outcome of lawsuits cannot be predicted with certainty, except as discussed below, Legacy is not currently a party to any proceeding that it believes could have a potential material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Legacy is subject to numerous laws and regulations governing the discharge of materials into the environment or otherwise relating to environmental protection. To the extent laws are enacted or other governmental action is taken

that restricts drilling or imposes environmental protection requirements that result in increased costs to the oil and natural gas industry in general, the business and prospects of Legacy could be adversely affected.

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Legacy has employment agreements with its officers that specify that if the officer is terminated by Legacy for other than cause or following a change in control, the officer shall receive severance pay ranging from 24 to 36 months salary plus bonus and COBRA benefits, respectively.

On April 15, 2011, the Eleventh Court of Appeals (Case No. 11-09-00348-CV), in an appeal styled Raven Resources, LLC, Appellant v. Legacy Reserves Operating, LP, Appellee, on appeal from the 385th District Court, Midland County, Texas, reversed and rendered in part and reversed and remanded in part the trial court's summary judgment, dated November 10, 2009 (Cause No. CV 46609) (the "Trial Court Summary Judgment"), in favor of Legacy Reserves Operating LP ("Legacy Operating"), a subsidiary of Legacy Reserves LP. As set forth below, on March 15, 2012, the Court of Appeals affirmed the Trial Court Summary Judgment in favor of Legacy Operating.

In its original petition to the trial court, filed August 15, 2008, Raven Resources, LLC ("Raven") had sought, among other things, a declaratory judgment that the purchase agreement dated July 11, 2007 (the "PSA") providing for the purchase by Legacy Operating of various non-operated oil and natural gas properties and interests primarily in the Permian Basin for \$20.3 million, subject to adjustment, was void, as a matter of law, alleging an employee of Raven had forged the signature of David Stewart, Raven's managing member. Raven also asked the trial court to rescind the transaction, and to account for all proceeds received by Legacy Operating since the properties were originally conveyed. Further, Raven alleged that Legacy Operating had failed to pay the full purchase price for the properties as David Stewart had allegedly only been aware of a June 27, 2007 draft of a purchase agreement, which provided for a \$26.6 million purchase price, whereas the PSA, following property due diligence and reducing the list of properties to be purchased, contained a reduced purchase price of \$20.3 million. Raven alleged that David Stewart, despite having signed 35 assignments incorporating the PSA as well as a certificate acknowledging Mr. Stewart had executed the PSA, was not aware of the revised terms of the PSA, nor the amounts of payments made to Raven until August 27, 2007, when Mr. Stewart purportedly discovered the employee's fraud. With the proceeds received from Legacy at the closing of the transaction on August 3, 2007, Raven had paid its debts and its partners. In addition, Raven alleged that Legacy Operating benefitted from the fraud promulgated by Michael Lee, and asked the trial court for damages in excess of \$6 million. Raven does not claim that Legacy knew about the forgery.

Legacy Operating filed a counterclaim for declaratory relief and for money damages based upon indemnity obligations and post-closing adjustments. The trial court granted a partial summary judgment in favor of Legacy Operating, denied a partial summary judgment sought by Raven, and entered a take-nothing judgment against Raven. The trial court severed the counterclaims brought by Legacy Operating.

In its April 15, 2011 ruling (the "Original Opinion"), the Court of Appeals reversed the Trial Court Summary Judgment and rendered judgment that the PSA was void, as a matter of law, and that a void instrument is not subject to ratification. Further, while the Appeals Court held that the incorporation of the PSA into the assignments for the transfer of the properties will not void the assignments, the assignments were not complete in and of themselves in the absence of the terms of the PSA. The Court of Appeals further remanded to the trial court any issues regarding the repayment of the funds advanced by Legacy Operating, as well as any issues regarding any consideration received by Legacy Operating from or related to the properties.

Legacy Operating filed a motion for rehearing on May 11, 2011 (the "Legacy Motion for Rehearing"). On January 12, 2012, the Court of Appeals granted the Legacy Motion for Rehearing, withdrew its former opinion and judgment, and issued a new opinion and judgment which affirmed the judgment of the trial court granting a partial summary judgment in favor of Legacy Operating, denying a partial summary judgment sought by Raven, and entering a take-nothing judgment against Raven.



The Court of Appeals held that, as a matter of law, certain assignments which specifically incorporated the terms of the purchase agreement dated July 11, 2007 providing for the purchase by Legacy Operating from Raven of various non-operated oil and gas properties and interests in the Permian Basin for \$20.3 million, constituted valid, enforceable agreements binding upon Raven and Legacy Operating.

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Raven did not file a response to the Legacy Motion for Rehearing and the Court of Appeals did not request one. Subsequently, on January 24, 2012, Raven filed a motion for rehearing and on January 26, 2012, the Court of Appeals issued an order withdrawing its opinion and judgment dated January 12, 2012 in order to allow Raven to respond to the Legacy Motion for Rehearing on or before February 10, 2012. On February 10, 2012, Raven filed its response to the Legacy Motion for Rehearing.

On March 15, 2012, the Court of Appeals granted the Legacy Motion for Rehearing, withdrew the Original Opinion and affirmed the trial court's take nothing judgment against Raven. On April 27, 2012, Raven filed a petition for review with the Supreme Court of Texas, requesting that the Supreme Court reverse the Court of Appeals' judgment in every respect except its conclusion that forged documents are void and ineffective and render judgment that Raven was entitled to summary judgment, entitled to rescind the assignments and unwind the transaction. Alternatively, Raven requested that the Supreme Court reverse the Court of Appeals' judgment insofar as it grants Legacy's motion for partial summary judgment and remand the case to the trial court for further proceedings. Both parties have provided full briefing on the merits of the issues raised in Raven's petition for review as requested by the Texas Supreme Court.

At this time, Legacy cannot predict the Texas Supreme Court's action on Raven's petition for review, or the eventual outcome of this matter. Legacy currently believes that any outcome, which may include no payment, the unwinding of the transaction (which Legacy expects would have an effect of less than \$6 million) or a payment of approximately \$6 million to Raven, will not have a material impact on its financial condition or ability to make cash distributions at expected levels, though it could have a material adverse effect on its net income (loss).

#### (7) Business and Credit Concentrations

##### Cash

Legacy maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts, which, at times, may exceed federally insured amounts. Legacy has not experienced any losses in such accounts. Legacy believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on its cash.

##### Revenue and Trade Receivables

Substantially all of Legacy's accounts receivable result from oil and natural gas sales or joint interest billings to third parties in the oil and natural gas industry. This concentration of customers and joint interest owners may impact Legacy's overall credit risk in that these entities may be similarly affected by changes in economic and other conditions. Historically, Legacy has not experienced significant credit losses on such receivables. No bad debt expense was recorded in 2012, 2011 or 2010. Legacy cannot ensure that such losses will not be realized in the future. A listing of oil and natural gas purchasers exceeding 10% of Legacy's sales is presented in Note 10.

##### Commodity Derivatives

Due to the volatility of oil and natural gas prices, Legacy periodically enters into price-risk management transactions (e.g., swaps, swaptions or collars) for a portion of its oil and natural gas production to achieve a more predictable cash flow, as well as to reduce exposure from price fluctuations. Legacy values these transactions at fair value on a recurring basis (Note 8). As of December 31, 2012, Legacy's commodity derivative transactions have a fair value favorable to the Partnership of \$24.1 million, collectively. Legacy enters into commodity derivative transactions with members of its revolving credit facility, who Legacy's management believes are major, creditworthy financial

institutions. In addition, Legacy reviews and assesses the creditworthiness of these institutions on a routine basis.

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## (8) Fair Value Measurements

As defined in Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") ASC 820-10, fair value is the price that would be received upon the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. ASC 820-10 requires disclosure that establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure about fair value measurements. The standard requires fair value measurements be classified and disclosed in one of the following categories:

- Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities. Legacy considers active markets as those in which transactions for the
- Level 1: assets or liabilities occur in sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.
- Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs which are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. This category includes those derivative instruments that Legacy values using observable market data. Substantially all of these inputs are observable in the marketplace throughout the term of the derivative instrument, can be derived from observable data, or are supported by observable levels at which transactions are executed in the marketplace. Instruments in this category include non-exchange traded derivatives such as over-the-counter commodity price swaps and interest rate swaps as well as long-term incentive plan liabilities calculated using the Black-Scholes model to estimate the fair value as of the measurement date.
- Level 2: Measured based on prices or valuation models that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and less observable from objective sources (i.e. supported by little or no market activity). Legacy's valuation models are primarily industry standard models that consider various inputs including: (a) quoted forward prices for commodities, (b) time value, and (c) current market and contractual prices for the underlying instruments, as well as other relevant economic measures. Level 3 instruments primarily include derivative instruments, such as natural gas derivative swaps for those derivatives indexed to the West Texas Waha, ANR-Oklahoma and CIG indices, commodity collars and Midland-Cushing crude oil differential swaps. Although Legacy utilizes third party broker quotes to assess the reasonableness of its prices and valuation techniques, Legacy does not have sufficient corroborating evidence to support classifying these assets and liabilities as Level 2.
- Level 3: Measured based on prices or valuation models that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and less observable from objective sources (i.e. supported by little or no market activity). Legacy's valuation models are primarily industry standard models that consider various inputs including: (a) quoted forward prices for commodities, (b) time value, and (c) current market and contractual prices for the underlying instruments, as well as other relevant economic measures. Level 3 instruments primarily include derivative instruments, such as natural gas derivative swaps for those derivatives indexed to the West Texas Waha, ANR-Oklahoma and CIG indices, commodity collars and Midland-Cushing crude oil differential swaps. Although Legacy utilizes third party broker quotes to assess the reasonableness of its prices and valuation techniques, Legacy does not have sufficient corroborating evidence to support classifying these assets and liabilities as Level 2.

As required by ASC 820-10, financial assets and liabilities are classified based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Legacy's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment, and may affect the valuation of the fair value of assets and liabilities and their placement within the fair value hierarchy levels.

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## Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy Legacy's financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2011 and 2012:

Description	Fair Value Measurements Using			Total Carrying Value as of
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) (In thousands)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
LTIP liability(a)	\$—	\$ (5,469 )	\$—	\$ (5,469 )
Oil and natural gas swaps	—	(38,497 )	25,132	(13,365 )
Oil collars	—	—	6,764	6,764
Oil swaptions	—	—	(1,842 )	(1,842 )
Interest rate swaps	—	(12,054 )	—	(12,054 )
Total as of December 31, 2011	\$—	\$ (56,020 )	\$ 30,054	\$ (25,966 )
LTIP liability(a)	\$—	\$ (3,165 )	\$—	\$ (3,165 )
Oil and natural gas swaps	—	(5,818 )	16,095	10,277
Oil collars	—	—	13,871	13,871
Interest rate swaps	—	(9,547 )	—	(9,547 )
Total as of December 31, 2012	\$—	\$ (18,530 )	\$ 29,966	\$ 11,436

See Note 13 for further discussion on unit-based compensation expenses related to the LTIP liability for certain (a) grants accounted for under the liability method and included in other current liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

Legacy estimates the fair values of the swaps based on published forward commodity price curves for the underlying commodities as of the date of the estimate for those commodities for which published forward pricing is readily available. For those commodity derivatives for which forward commodity price curves are not readily available, Legacy estimates, with the assistance of third-party pricing experts, the forward curves as of the date of the estimate. Legacy validates the data provided by third parties by understanding the pricing models used, obtaining market values from other pricing sources, analyzing pricing data in certain situations and confirming, where applicable, that those securities trade in active markets. Legacy estimates the option value of the contract floors and ceilings and oil swaptions using an option pricing model which takes into account market volatility, market prices, contract parameters and discount rates based on published LIBOR rates and interest swap rates. Due to the lack of an active market for periods beyond one-month from the balance sheet date for our oil price differential swaps, Legacy has reviewed historical differential prices and known economic influences to estimate a reasonable forward curve of future pricing scenarios based upon these factors. In order to estimate the fair value of our interest rate swaps, Legacy uses a yield curve based on money market rates and interest rate swaps, extrapolates a forecast of future interest rates, estimates each future cash flow, derives discount factors to value the fixed and floating rate cash flows of each swap, and then discounts to present value all known (fixed) and forecasted (floating) swap cash flows. Curve building and discounting techniques used to establish the theoretical market value of interest bearing securities are based on readily available money market rates and interest swap market data. The determination of the fair values above incorporates various factors including the impact of our non-performance risk and the credit standing of the counterparties involved

in the Partnership's derivative contracts. The risk of nonperformance by the Partnership's counterparties is mitigated by the fact that such current counterparties (or their affiliates) are also current or former bank lenders under the Partnership's revolving credit facility. In addition, Legacy routinely monitors the creditworthiness of its counterparties. As the factors described above are based on significant assumptions made by management, these assumptions are the most sensitive to change.

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The following table sets forth a reconciliation of changes in the fair value of financial assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy:

	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) December 31, 2012 2011 2010 (In thousands)		
Beginning balance	\$30,054	\$24,640	\$17,791
Total gains	18,993	19,754	16,368
Settlements	(19,081 )	(13,732 )	(9,519 )
Transfers	—	(608 )	(a) —
Ending balance	\$29,966	\$30,054	\$24,640
Change in unrealized gains (losses) included in earnings relating to derivatives still held as of December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010	\$(88 )	\$6,022	\$6,849

On October 6, 2010, as part of an oil swap transaction entered into with a counterparty, Legacy sold two call options to the counterparty that allows the counterparty to extend a swap transaction that covered calendar year 2011 to either 2012, 2013 or both calendar years. The counterparty exercised the option covering calendar year 2012 on December 30, 2011. Therefore the fair value of the option, which was recorded as a Level 3 instrument, was transferred into Level 2 as the option converted to a WTI oil swap, the inputs of which are classified as Level 2. The counterparty did not exercise the option covering calendar year 2013.

During periods of market disruption, including periods of volatile oil and natural gas prices, rapid credit contraction or illiquidity, it may be difficult to value certain of the Partnerships' derivative instruments if trading becomes less frequent and/or market data becomes less observable. There may be certain asset classes that were in active markets with observable data that become illiquid due to changes in the financial environment. In such cases, more derivative instruments may fall to Level 3 and thus require more subjectivity and management judgment. As such, valuations may include inputs and assumptions that are less observable or require greater estimation as well as valuation methods which are more sophisticated or require greater estimation thereby resulting in valuations with less certainty. Further, rapidly changing commodity and unprecedented credit and equity market conditions could materially impact the valuation of derivative instruments as reported within our consolidated financial statements and the period-to-period changes in value could vary significantly. Decreases in value may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition.

#### Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis

Legacy follows the provisions of ASC 820-10 for nonfinancial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis. As it relates to Legacy, ASC 820-10 applies to certain nonfinancial assets and liabilities as may be acquired in a business combination and thereby measured at fair value; measurements of oil and natural gas property impairments; and the initial recognition of asset retirement obligations, for which fair value is used. These asset retirement obligation ("ARO") estimates are derived from historical costs as well as management's expectation of future cost environments. As there is no corroborating market activity to support the assumptions used, Legacy has designated these measurements as Level 3.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of Legacy's asset retirement obligation is presented in Note 11.

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New fair value measurements of proved oil and natural gas properties during the year ended December 31, 2011 and 2012 consist of:

Description	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) (In thousands)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Impairment(a)	\$—	\$—	\$ 18,928
Acquisitions(b)	\$—	\$—	\$ 142,205
Total during 2011	\$—	\$—	\$ 161,133
Impairment(a)	\$—	\$—	\$ 31,766
Acquisitions(b)	\$—	\$—	\$ 634,796
Total during 2012	\$—	\$—	\$ 666,562

Legacy periodically reviews oil and natural gas properties for impairment when facts and circumstances indicate that their carrying value may not be recoverable. During the year ended December 31, 2011, Legacy incurred impairment charges of \$24.5 million as oil and natural gas properties with a net cost basis of \$43.4 million were written down to their fair value of \$18.9 million. During the year ended December 31, 2012, Legacy incurred impairment charges of \$29.3 million as oil and natural gas properties with a net cost basis of \$61.1 million were (a) written down to their fair value of \$31.8 million. Inclusive in this amount is \$6.5 million of impairment on an available-for-sale property which Legacy has entered into an option agreement to sell all but a minority royalty interest in the property to a third party. The option can be exercised at any time prior to January 4, 2013. As such, Legacy has impaired the property to reduce its carrying value to its estimated fair value. In order to determine fair value, Legacy compares net capitalized costs of proved oil and natural gas properties to estimated undiscounted future net cash flows using management's expectations of future oil and natural gas prices. These future price scenarios reflect Legacy's estimation of future price volatility. If the net capitalized cost exceeds the undiscounted future net cash flows, Legacy writes the net cost basis down to the discounted future net cash flows, which is management's estimate of fair value. Significant inputs used to determine the fair value include estimates of: (i) reserves; (ii) future operating and development costs; (iii) future commodity prices; and (iv) a market-based weighted average cost of capital rate. The underlying commodity prices embedded in the Company's estimated cash flows are the product of a process that begins with NYMEX forward curve pricing, adjusted for estimated location and quality differentials, as well as other factors that Legacy's management believes will impact realizable prices. The inputs used by management for the fair value measurements utilized in this review include significant unobservable inputs, and therefore, the fair value measurements employed are classified as Level 3 for these types of assets.

The remaining \$7.8 million of impairment during the year ended December 31, 2012 was impairment of goodwill recognized on an acquisition of oil and natural gas properties. During the year ended December 31, 2012, Legacy entered into a purchase and sale agreement with a third party to acquire certain oil and natural gas properties, the purchase price of which was negotiated as of the date of the agreement. During the period between the agreement date and the date of closing the acquisition, oil futures prices declined significantly, thereby reducing the fair value of the properties acquired at the date of close. As the purchase price exceeded the fair value of the properties acquired, goodwill amounting to \$7.8 million was recognized and subsequently tested for impairment. As a result of this test, all of the goodwill associated with this acquisition has been impaired.

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(b) Legacy records the fair value of assets and liabilities acquired in business combinations. During the year ended December 31, 2011, Legacy acquired oil and natural gas properties with a fair value of \$142.2 million in 28 immaterial transactions, both individually and in the aggregate. During the year ended December 31, 2012, Legacy acquired oil and natural gas properties with a fair value of \$634.8 million in the COG 2012 Acquisition and 19 immaterial transactions, both individually and in the aggregate. Properties acquired are recorded at fair value, which correlates to the discounted future net cash flow. Significant inputs used to determine the fair value include estimates of: (i) reserves; (ii) future operating and development costs; (iii) future commodity prices; and (iv) a market-based weighted average cost of capital rate. The underlying commodity prices embedded in the Company's estimated cash flows are the product of a process that begins with NYMEX forward curve pricing, adjusted for estimated location and quality differentials, as well as other factors that Legacy's management believes will impact realizable prices. For acquired unproved properties, the market-based weighted average cost of capital rate is subjected to additional project specific risk factors. The inputs used by management for the fair value measurements of these acquired oil and natural gas properties include significant unobservable inputs, and therefore, the fair value measurements employed are classified as Level 3 for these types of assets.

#### (9) Derivative Financial Instruments

##### Commodity derivative transactions

Due to the volatility of oil and natural gas prices, Legacy periodically enters into price-risk management transactions (e.g., swaps, swaptions or collars) for a portion of its oil and natural gas production to achieve a more predictable cash flow, as well as to reduce exposure from price fluctuations. While the use of these arrangements limits Legacy's ability to benefit from increases in the prices of oil and natural gas, it also reduces Legacy's potential exposure to adverse price movements. Legacy's arrangements, to the extent it enters into any, apply to only a portion of its production, provide only partial price protection against declines in oil and natural gas prices and limit Legacy's potential gains from future increases in prices. None of these instruments are used for trading or speculative purposes.

All of these price risk management transactions are considered derivative instruments and accounted for in accordance with ASC 815. These derivative instruments are intended to mitigate a portion of Legacy's price-risk and may be considered hedges for economic purposes but Legacy has chosen not to designate them as cash flow hedges for accounting purposes. Therefore, all derivative instruments are recorded on the balance sheet at fair value with changes in fair value being recorded in current period earnings.

By using derivative instruments to mitigate exposures to changes in commodity prices, Legacy exposes itself to credit risk and market risk. Credit risk is the failure of the counterparty to perform under the terms of the derivative contract. When the fair value of a derivative contract is positive, the counterparty owes Legacy, which creates credit risk. Legacy minimizes the credit or repayment risk in derivative instruments by entering into transactions with high-quality counterparties, who currently are all current or former members of Legacy's lending group.

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For the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011, and 2010, Legacy recognized realized and unrealized gains (losses) related to its oil, NGL and natural gas derivatives. The impact on net income (loss) from commodity derivative activities was as follows:

	December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Crude oil derivative contract settlements	\$(10,211 )	\$(11,335 )	\$9,263
Natural gas liquid derivative contract settlements	—	—	(39 )
Natural gas derivative contract settlements	16,113	11,972	10,913
Total commodity derivative contract settlements	5,902	637	20,137
Unrealized change in fair value — oil contracts	44,468	(699 )	(27,522 )
Unrealized change in fair value — natural gas liquid contracts	—	—	39
Unrealized change in fair value — natural gas contracts	(11,877 )	6,919	5,946
Total unrealized change in fair value of commodity derivative contracts	32,591	6,220	(21,537 )
Total realized and unrealized gains (losses) on commodity derivative contracts	\$38,493	\$6,857	\$(1,400 )

As of December 31, 2012, Legacy had the following NYMEX West Texas Intermediate crude oil swaps paying floating prices and receiving fixed prices for a portion of its future oil production as indicated below:

Calendar Year	Volumes (Bbls)	Average Price per Bbl	Price Range per Bbl
2013	1,912,193	\$90.26	\$80.10 - \$108.65
2014	1,493,764	\$91.45	\$87.50 - \$103.75
2015	545,351	\$91.98	\$88.50 - \$100.20
2016	228,600	\$87.94	\$86.30 - \$99.85
2017	182,500	\$84.75	\$84.75

As of December 31, 2012, Legacy had the following Midland to Cushing crude oil differential swaps paying a floating differential and receiving a fixed differential for a portion of its future oil production as indicated below:

Calendar Year	Volumes (Bbls)	Average Price per Bbl	Price Range per Bbl
2013	730,000	\$(1.25)	\$(1.25)

As of December 31, 2012, Legacy had the following NYMEX West Texas Intermediate crude oil derivative three-way collar contracts that combine a long and short put with a short call as indicated below:

Calendar Year	Volumes (Bbls)	Average Short Put	Average Long Put	Average Short Call
2013	1,228,170	\$65.53	\$90.97	\$105.85
2014	1,453,880	\$65.54	\$90.73	\$110.65
2015	1,308,500	\$64.67	\$89.67	\$112.21
2016	621,300	\$63.37	\$88.37	\$106.40
2017	72,400	\$60.00	\$85.00	\$104.20



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As of December 31, 2012, Legacy had the following Waha, ANR-OK and CIG-Rockies natural gas swaps paying floating natural gas prices and receiving fixed prices for a portion of its future natural gas production as indicated below:

Calendar Year	Volumes (MMBtu)	Average	
		Price per MMBtu	Price Range per MMBtu
2013	7,950,654	\$4.47	\$3.23 - \$6.89
2014	5,331,254	\$4.54	\$3.61 - \$6.47
2015	1,339,300	\$5.65	\$5.14 - \$5.82
2016	219,200	\$5.30	\$5.30

#### Interest rate derivative transactions

Due to the volatility of interest rates, Legacy periodically enters into interest rate risk management transactions in the form of interest rate swaps for a portion of its outstanding debt balance. These transactions allow Legacy to reduce exposure to interest rate fluctuations. While the use of these arrangements limits Legacy's ability to benefit from decreases in interest rates, it also reduces Legacy's potential exposure to increases in interest rates. Legacy's arrangements, to the extent it enters into any, apply to only a portion of its outstanding debt balance, provide only partial protection against interest rate increases and limit Legacy's potential savings from future interest rate declines. It is never management's intention to hold or issue derivative instruments for speculative trading purposes. Conditions sometimes arise where actual borrowings are less than notional amounts hedged which has and could result in overhedged amounts.

On August 29, 2007, Legacy entered into LIBOR interest rate swaps beginning in October 2007 and extending through November 2011. On January 29, 2009, Legacy revised and extended these LIBOR interest rate swaps. The revised swap transaction had Legacy paying its counterparty fixed rates ranging from 4.09% to 4.11%, per annum, and receiving floating rates on a total notional amount of \$54 million. On August 8, 2011 and August 9, 2011, Legacy again revised and extended these LIBOR interest rate swaps. The current swap transaction has Legacy paying its counterparty fixed rates ranging from 3.07% to 3.13%, per annum, and receiving floating rates on a total notional amount of \$54 million. These swaps are settled on a monthly basis, beginning in August 2011 and ending in November 2015.

On March 14, 2008, Legacy entered into a LIBOR interest rate swap beginning in April 2008 and extending through April 2011. On January 28, 2009, Legacy revised the LIBOR interest rate swap extending the term through April 2013. The revised swap transaction has Legacy paying its counterparty a fixed rate of 2.65% per annum, and receiving floating rates on a notional amount of \$60 million. The swap is settled on a monthly basis, beginning in April 2009 and ending in April 2013.

On October 6, 2008, Legacy entered into two LIBOR interest rate swaps, with a notional amount of \$50 million each, beginning in October 2008 and extending through October 2011. In January 2009, Legacy revised these LIBOR interest rate swaps extending the termination date through October 2013. The revised swap transactions have Legacy paying its counterparties fixed rates ranging from 3.09% to 3.10%, per annum, and receiving floating rates on a total notional amount of \$100 million. On August 8, 2011, Legacy further revised one of the aforementioned LIBOR interest rate swaps, extending the termination date through October 2015. The revised swap transaction has Legacy paying its counterparty a fixed rate of 2.50%, per annum, revised from the previous rate of 3.09%, per annum. The revised swaps are settled on a monthly basis, beginning in August 2011 and January 2009, respectively and ending in

October 2015 and October 2013, respectively.

On December 16, 2008, Legacy entered into a LIBOR interest rate swap beginning in December 2008 and extending through December 2013. The swap transaction has Legacy paying its counterparty a fixed rate of 2.295%, per annum, and receiving floating rates on a total notional amount of \$50 million. The swap is settled on a quarterly basis, beginning in March 2009 and ending in December 2013.

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On August 8, 2011, Legacy entered into two LIBOR interest rate swaps, beginning in August 2011 and extending through August 2014. The swap transactions have Legacy paying its counterparties fixed rates ranging from 0.702% to 0.71%, per annum, and receiving floating rates on a total notional amount of \$100 million. The swaps are settled on a monthly basis, beginning in August 2011 and ending in August 2014.

Legacy accounts for these interest rate swaps pursuant to ASC 815 which establishes accounting and reporting standards requiring that derivative instruments be recorded at fair market value and included in the balance sheet as assets or liabilities.

Legacy did not designate these derivatives as cash flow hedges, even though they reduce its exposure to changes in interest rates. Therefore, the mark-to-market of these instruments is recorded in current earnings and classified as a component of interest expense. The total impact on interest expense from the mark-to-market and settlements was as follows:

	December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Interest rate swap settlements	\$7,019	\$7,350	\$7,407
Unrealized change in fair value — interest rate swaps	(2,506 )	(1,943 )	7,328
Total increase to interest expense, net	\$4,513	\$5,407	\$14,735

The table below summarizes the interest rate swap liabilities as of December 31, 2012.

Notional Amount	Fixed Rate	Effective Date	Maturity Date	Estimated Fair Market Value at December 31, 2012	
	(Dollars in thousands)				
\$29,000	3.070	% 10/16/2007	10/16/2015	\$(2,161	)
\$13,000	3.112	% 11/16/2007	11/16/2015	(1,006	)
\$12,000	3.131	% 11/28/2007	11/28/2015	(940	)
\$60,000	2.650	% 4/1/2008	4/1/2013	(473	)
\$50,000	3.100	% 10/10/2008	10/10/2013	(1,026	)
\$50,000	0.710	% 8/10/2011	8/10/2014	(135	)
\$50,000	2.295	% 12/18/2008	12/18/2013	(751	)
\$50,000	0.702	% 8/10/2011	8/10/2014	(128	)
\$50,000	2.500	% 10/10/2008	10/10/2015	(2,927	)
Total Fair Market Value of interest rate derivatives				\$(9,547	)

#### (10) Sales to Major Customers

Legacy sold oil, NGL and natural gas production representing 10% or more of total revenues for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 to the customers shown below:



	2012	2011	2010
Enterprise (Teppco) Crude Oil, LP	12%	14%	23%
Plains Marketing, LP	10%	11%	10%

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In the exploration, development and production business, production is normally sold to relatively few customers. Substantially all of Legacy's customers are concentrated in the oil and natural gas industry and revenue can be materially affected by current economic conditions, the price of certain commodities such as crude oil and natural gas and the availability of alternate purchasers. Legacy believes that the loss of any of its major purchasers would not have a long-term material adverse effect on its operations.

## (11) Asset Retirement Obligation

An asset retirement obligation ("ARO") associated with the retirement of a tangible long-lived asset is recognized as a liability in the period in which it is incurred and becomes determinable. Under this method, when liabilities for dismantlement and abandonment costs, excluding salvage values, are initially recorded, the carrying amount of the related oil and natural gas properties is increased. The fair value of the additions to the ARO asset and liability is estimated using valuation techniques that convert future cash flows to a single discounted amount. Significant inputs to the valuation include estimates of: (i) plug and abandon costs per well based on existing regulatory requirements; (ii) remaining life per well; (iii) future inflation factors; and (iv) a credit-adjusted risk-free interest rate. These inputs require significant judgments and estimates by the Partnership's management at the time of the valuation and are the most sensitive and subject to change. Accretion of the liability is recognized each period using the interest method of allocation, and the capitalized cost is depleted using the units of production method. Should either the estimated life or the estimated abandonment costs of a property change materially upon Legacy's periodic review, a new calculation is performed using the same methodology of taking the abandonment cost and inflating it forward to its abandonment date and then discounting it back to the present using Legacy's credit-adjusted-risk-free rate. The carrying value of the asset retirement obligation is adjusted to the newly calculated value, with a corresponding offsetting adjustment to the asset retirement cost. When obligations are relieved by sale of the property or plugging and abandoning the well, the related liability and asset costs are removed from Legacy's balance sheet. Any difference in the cost to plug and the related liability is recorded as a gain or loss on Legacy's income statement in the disposal of assets line item.

The following table reflects the changes in the ARO during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

	December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Asset retirement obligation — beginning of period	\$120,274	\$111,262	\$84,917
Liabilities incurred with properties acquired	38,857	8,300	17,618
Liabilities incurred with properties drilled	878	1,101	631
Liabilities settled during the period	(2,412 )	(3,775 )	(1,993 )
Current period accretion	4,586	4,234	3,472
Current period revisions to previous estimates	—	(848 )	6,617
Asset retirement obligation — end of period	\$162,183	\$120,274	\$111,262

Each year the Partnership reviews and, to the extent necessary, revises its asset retirement obligation estimates. During 2010, Legacy reviewed actual abandonment costs with previous estimates and, as a result, increased its estimates of future asset retirement obligations by \$6.6 million to reflect increased costs incurred for plugging and abandonment costs. During 2011, Legacy made minor changes to correct working interests and well lives on properties acquired in a previous acquisition resulting in a decrease of future asset retirement obligations of \$0.8 million. During 2012, no revisions of previous estimates were deemed necessary.

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## (12) Income Per Unit

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net income per unit:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Income available to unitholders	\$68,637	\$72,061	\$10,809
Weighted average number of units outstanding	48,991	44,093	40,233
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Restricted units	—	19	4
Weighted average units and potential units outstanding	48,991	44,112	40,237
Basic and diluted income per unit	\$1.40	\$1.63	\$0.27

As of December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, 230,477, 69,507 and 60,541 restricted units, respectively, were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per unit due to their anti-dilutive effect.

## (13) Unit-Based Compensation

## Long Term Incentive Plan

On March 15, 2006, a Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP") for Legacy was created and Legacy adopted the LTIP for its employees, consultants and directors, its affiliates and its general partner. The awards under the long-term incentive plan may include unit grants, restricted units, phantom units, unit options and unit appreciation rights ("UARs"). The LTIP permits the grant of awards covering an aggregate of 2,000,000 units. As of December 31, 2012 grants of awards net of forfeitures and, in the case of UARs and phantom units, historical exercises covering 1,394,007 units have been made, comprised of 266,014 unit option awards, 519,219 UAR awards, 366,879 restricted unit awards, 148,232 phantom unit awards and 93,663 unit awards. The LTIP is administered by the compensation committee of the board of directors ("Compensation Committee") of Legacy's general partner.

The cost of employee services in exchange for an award of equity instruments is measured based on a grant-date fair value of the award (with limited exceptions), and that cost must generally be recognized over the vesting period of the award. However, if an entity that nominally has the choice of settling awards by issuing stock predominately settles in cash, or if an entity usually settles in cash whenever an employee asks for cash settlement, the entity is settling a substantive liability rather than repurchasing an equity instrument. Due to Legacy's historical practice of settling options, UARs and phantom unit awards in cash, Legacy accounts for unit options, UARS and phantom unit awards by utilizing the liability method. The liability method requires companies to measure the cost of the employee services in exchange for a cash award based on the fair value of the underlying security at the end of each reporting period. Compensation cost is recognized based on the change in the liability between periods.

## Unit Appreciation Rights and Unit Options

A UAR is a notional unit that entitles the holder, upon vesting, to receive cash valued at the difference between the closing price of units on the exercise date and the exercise price, as determined on the date of grant. Because these awards are settled in cash, Legacy is accounting for the UARs by utilizing the liability method.

During the year ended December 31, 2010, Legacy issued (i) 75,500 UARs to employees which vest ratably over a three-year period and (ii) 116,951 UARs to employees which cliff-vest at the end of a three-year period. During the year ended December 31, 2011, Legacy issued (i) 68,000 UARs to employees which vest ratably over a three-year period and (ii) 50,034 UARs to employees which cliff-vest at the end of a three-year period. During the year ended December 31, 2012, Legacy issued (i) 82,400 UARs to employees which vest ratably over a three-

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year period and (ii) 60,336 UARs to employees which cliff-vest at the end of a three-year period. All of the UARs granted in 2012, 2011 and 2010 expire seven years from the grant date and are exercisable when they vest. There were no unit options granted in 2012, 2011 or 2010.

For the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, Legacy recorded compensation expense of \$0.3 million, \$0.9 million and \$2.1 million, respectively, due to the changes in the compensation liability related to the above awards based on its use of the Black-Scholes model to estimate the December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 fair value of these UARs and unit options (see Note 8). As of December 31, 2012, there was a total of \$0.8 million of unrecognized compensation costs related to the un-exercised and non-vested portion of the UARs. At December 31, 2012, this cost was expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.9 years. Compensation expense is based upon the fair value as of the balance sheet date and is recognized as a percentage of the service period satisfied. Since Legacy's trading history does not yet match the term of the outstanding unit option and UAR awards, it has used an estimated volatility factor of approximately 49% based upon a representative group of publicly-traded companies in the energy industry and employed the Black-Scholes model to estimate the December 31, 2012 fair value to be realized as compensation cost based on the percentage of the service period satisfied. Legacy has assumed an estimated forfeiture rate of 4%. The Partnership will adjust the estimated forfeiture rate based upon actual experience. Legacy has assumed an annual distribution rate of \$2.26 per unit.

A summary of option and UAR activity for the year ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 is as follows:

	Units	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2010	700,829	\$ 19.23		
Granted	192,451	\$ 23.92		
Exercised	(278,942 )	\$ 17.69		
Forfeited	—	\$ —		
Outstanding at December 31, 2010	614,338	\$ 21.40	4.21	\$ 4,504,283
Options and UARs exercisable at December 31, 2010	168,669	\$ 23.38	1.77	\$ 904,350
Outstanding at January 1, 2011	614,338	\$ 21.40		
Granted	118,034	\$ 27.79		
Exercised	(91,850 )	\$ 23.23		
Forfeited	(20,491 )	\$ 20.88		
Outstanding at December 31, 2011	620,031	\$ 22.36	4.12	\$ 3,728,077
Options and UARs exercisable at December 31, 2011	232,265	\$ 21.61	1.64	\$ 1,538,491
Outstanding at January 1, 2012	620,031	\$ 22.36		
Granted	142,736	\$ 28.57		
Exercised	(185,482 )	\$ 19.68		
Forfeited	(61,066 )	\$ 24.91		
Outstanding at December 31, 2012	516,219	\$ 24.71	4.77	\$ 681,214
Options and UARs exercisable at December 31, 2012	168,569	\$ 20.54	2.93	\$ 671,583



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The following table summarizes the status of the Partnership's non-vested UARs since January 1, 2012:

	Non-Vested Options and UARs	
	Number of Units	Weighted- Average Exercise Price
Non-vested at January 1, 2012	387,766	\$22.80
Granted	142,736	28.57
Vested — Unexercised	(90,502	) 20.17
Vested — Exercised	(58,284	) 17.26
Forfeited	(34,066	) 23.30
Non-vested at December 31, 2012	347,650	\$26.73

Legacy has used a weighted-average risk free interest rate of 1.1% in its Black-Scholes calculation of fair value, which approximates the U.S. Treasury interest rates at December 31, 2012. Expected life represents the period of time that options and UARs are expected to be outstanding and is based on the Partnership's best estimate. The following table represents the weighted average assumptions used for the Black-Scholes option-pricing model:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2012		2011		2010
Expected life (years)	P4Y9M8D		4.12		4.21
Annual interest rate	1.1	%	0.7	%	1.6
Annual distribution rate per unit	\$2.26		\$2.18		\$2.08
Volatility	49	%	50	%	50

#### Phantom Units

As described below, Legacy has also issued phantom units under the LTIP. A phantom unit is a notional unit that entitles the holder, upon vesting, to receive cash valued at the closing price of units on the vesting date, or, at the discretion of the Compensation Committee, the same number of Partnership units. Because Legacy's current intent is to settle these awards in cash, Legacy is accounting for the phantom units by utilizing the liability method.

During the year ended December 31, 2010, Legacy granted 25,000 phantom units to non-executive employees, 10,000 of which were forfeited upon the resignation of an employee prior to the first vesting date. The remaining 15,000 phantom units vest ratably over a five-year period, beginning at the date of grant. In conjunction with the above grants made prior to May 2010, the employees are entitled to distribution equivalent rights ("DERs") for unvested units held at the date of a distribution payment. In conjunction with the above grants made subsequent to May 2010, DERs will accumulate and accrue based on the total number of actual amounts vested and will be payable at the date of vesting.

On September 21, 2009, the board of directors of Legacy's general partner, upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, implemented changes to the equity-based incentive compensation policy applicable to executive officers of Legacy. The new compensation policy replaced the compensation policy implemented on August 17, 2007. In addition to cash bonus awards, under the new compensation plan, the executives are eligible for both subjective and objective grants of phantom units. The subjective, or service-based, grants may be awarded up to a maximum percentage of annual salary as determined by the Compensation Committee. Once granted, these phantom units vest ratably over a three-year period. The objective, or performance-based, grants may be awarded up to a



maximum percentage of annual salary, as determined by the Compensation Committee. However, the amount to vest each year for the three-year vesting period will be determined on each vesting date based on a three-step process, with the first two steps each comprising 50% of the total vesting amount while the third step is the sum of the first two steps. The first step in the process will be a function of Total Unitholder Return (“TUR”) for the Partnership and the percentage rank of the Legacy TUR among a peer group of upstream master limited

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partnerships, as determined by the Compensation Committee at the beginning of each year. In the second step, the Legacy TUR will be compared to the TUR of a group of master limited partnerships included in the Alerian MLP Index (the "Adjusted Alerian MLP Index"). The third step is the addition of the above two steps to determine the total performance-based awards to vest. Performance-based phantom units subject to vesting which do not vest in a given year will be forfeited. With respect to both the subjective and objective units awarded under this compensation policy, DERs will accumulate and accrue based on the total number of actual amounts vested and will be payable at the date of vesting.

On February 18, 2010, the Compensation Committee approved the award of 44,869 subjective, or service-based, phantom units and 71,619 objective, or performance-based, phantom units to Legacy's five executive officers. On February 18, 2011, the Compensation Committee approved the award of 32,806 subjective, or service-based, phantom units and 53,487 objective, or performance-based, phantom units to Legacy's executive officers. During February 2012, the Compensation Committee approved the award of 30,828 subjective, or service-based, phantom units and 57,189 objective, or performance-based, phantom units to Legacy's executive officers. Upon his resignation effective March 16, 2012, Legacy's former President and Chief Financial Officer forfeited all of his unvested phantom unit awards.

Compensation expense related to the phantom units and associated DERs was \$0.9 million, \$1.7 million and \$2.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

#### Restricted Units

During the year ended December 31, 2010, Legacy issued an aggregate of 81,203 restricted units to non-executive employees. The restricted units awarded vest ratably over a three-year period, beginning on the date of grant. During the year ended December 31, 2011, Legacy issued an aggregate of 51,365 restricted units to non-executive employees. The restricted units awarded vest ratably over a three-year period, beginning on May 19, 2012. During the year ended December 31, 2012, Legacy issued an aggregate of 173,645 restricted units to both non-executive employees and certain executives not previously covered under the aforementioned executive compensation plan. The restricted units awarded vest ratably over a three-year period, ratably over a two-year period or cliff vest at the end of a five year period, all beginning at the date of grant. Compensation expense related to restricted units was \$1.8 million, \$1.0 million and \$0.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. As of December 31, 2012, there was a total of \$5.0 million of unrecognized compensation costs related to the non-vested portion of these restricted units. At December 31, 2012, this cost was expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.2 years.

Pursuant to the provisions of ASC 718, Legacy's issued units as reflected in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2012, do not include 230,477 units related to unvested restricted unit awards.

#### Board and Additional Executive Units

On May 24, 2010, Legacy granted and issued 2,215 units to each of its five non-employee directors as part of their annual compensation for serving on the board of directors of Legacy's general partner. The value of each unit was \$20.38 at the time of issuance. On May 11, 2011, Legacy granted and issued 1,630 units to each of its five non-employee directors as part of their annual compensation for serving on the board of directors of Legacy's general partner. The value of each unit was \$30.24 at the time of issuance. On August 26, 2011, Legacy granted and issued 1,885 units to each of its five non-employee directors as part of their annual compensation for serving on the board of directors of Legacy's general partner. The value of each unit was \$26.94 at the time of issuance. On May 9, 2012,

Legacy granted and issued 3,509 units to each of its five non-employee directors as part of their annual compensation for serving on the board of directors of Legacy's general partner and 2,500 units to an executive officer. The value of each unit was \$28.34 at the time of issuance.

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(14) Subsidiary Guarantors

On September 6, 2011, we filed a registration statement on Form S-3 with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") to register the issuance and sale of, among other securities, our debt securities, which may be co-issued by Legacy Reserves Finance Corporation. The registration statement also registered guarantees of debt securities by Legacy Reserves Operating GP, LLC, Legacy Reserves Operating LP and Legacy Reserves Services, Inc. The Partnership's Senior Notes were issued in a private offering on December 4, 2012 and are currently unregistered but we have agreed to register them by January 8, 2014 or be subject to certain penalties. The Senior Notes are guaranteed by our 100% owned subsidiaries Legacy Reserves Operating GP, LLC, Legacy Reserves Operating LP and Legacy Reserves Services, Inc., which constitute all of our subsidiaries, and certain other future subsidiaries (the "Guarantors", together with any future 100% owned subsidiaries that guarantee the Partnership's Senior Notes, the "Subsidiaries"). The Subsidiaries are 100% owned by the Partnership and the guarantees by the Subsidiaries are full and unconditional, except for customary release provisions described in Note 3 - Long-Term Debt. The Partnership has no assets or operations independent of the Subsidiaries, and there are no significant restrictions upon the ability of the Subsidiaries to distribute funds to the Partnership. The guarantees constitute joint and several obligations.

(15) Equity Distribution Agreement

Pursuant to an Equity Distribution Agreement with Knight Capital Americas, L.P. ("KCA"), Legacy has offered and sold units from time to time through KCA, as Legacy's sales agent. During the year ended December 31, 2011, Legacy received proceeds from 87,364 units issued pursuant to this agreement of approximately \$2.4 million gross and \$2.3 million net of commissions, which proceeds were used for general partnership purposes. No sales were made during the year ended December 31, 2012.

On January 25, 2013, Legacy terminated the Equity Distribution Agreement with KCA.

(16) Subsequent Events

On January 22, 2013, the board of directors of Legacy's general partner declared a \$0.57 per unit cash distribution for the quarter ended December 31, 2012 to all unitholders of record on February 1, 2013. This distribution was paid on February 14, 2013.

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Costs Incurred in Oil and Natural Gas Property Acquisition and Development Activities

Costs incurred by Legacy in oil and natural gas property acquisition and development are presented below:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Development costs	\$67,552	\$71,842	\$40,165
Exploration costs	1,476	—	—
Acquisition costs:			
Proved properties	624,065	142,985	287,213
Unproved properties	49,588	7,520	12,329
Total acquisition, development and exploration costs	\$742,681	\$222,347	\$339,707

Property acquisition costs include costs incurred to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire a property. Development costs include costs incurred to gain access to and prepare development well locations for drilling, to drill and equip development wells, and to provide facilities to extract, treat, and gather natural gas. Please see page F-3 for total capitalized costs and associated accumulated depletion.

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Net Proved Oil, NGL and Natural Gas Reserves (Unaudited)

The proved oil, NGL and natural gas reserves of Legacy have been estimated by an independent petroleum engineer, LaRoche, as of December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010. These reserve estimates have been prepared in compliance with the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and accounting standards based on the 12-month un-weighted first-day-of-the-month average price for December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

The table below includes the reserves associated with the Wyoming Acquisition and COG 2010 Acquisition which are reflected in the December 31, 2010 balances. Additionally, the table below includes the reserves associated with the COG 2012 Acquisition which are reflected in the December 31, 2012 balances. An analysis of the change in estimated quantities of oil and natural gas reserves, all of which are located within the United States, is shown below:

	Oil (MBbls)	NGL (MBbls)(a)	Natural Gas (MMcf)(a)
Total Proved Reserves:			
Balance, December 31, 2009	21,672	5,011	62,430
Purchases of minerals-in-place	10,913	128	17,891
Revisions from drilling and recompletions	251	—	324
Revisions of previous estimates due to price	2,215	428	794
Revisions of previous estimates due to performance	1,435	(359)	6,501
Production	(2,334)	(307)	(5,204)
Balance, December 31, 2010	34,152	4,901	82,736
Purchases of minerals-in-place	2,406	25	39,264
Revisions from drilling and recompletions	897	180	3,344
Revisions of previous estimates due to price	1,514	338	2,286
Revisions of previous estimates due to performance	2,160	(263)	3,816
Production	(2,951)	(347)	(8,842)
Balance, December 31, 2011	38,178	4,834	122,604
Purchases of minerals-in-place	17,626	437	53,881
Ownership revisions	(217)	—	(165)
Extensions and discoveries	15	—	56
Revisions from drilling and recompletions	268	(15)	468
Revisions of previous estimates due to price	(807)	(150)	(8,432)
Revisions of previous estimates due to performance	282	(127)	1,315
Production	(3,337)	(348)	(10,417)
Balance, December 31, 2012	52,008	4,631	159,310
Proved Developed Reserves:			
December 31, 2009	17,809	4,977	53,141
December 31, 2010	29,579	4,701	72,850
December 31, 2011	32,481	4,439	110,909
December 31, 2012	46,260	4,497	145,538
Proved Undeveloped Reserves:			
December 31, 2009	3,863	34	9,289
December 31, 2010	4,573	200	9,886
December 31, 2011	5,697	395	11,695
December 31, 2012	5,748	135	13,772

(a) We primarily report and account for our Permian Basin natural gas volumes inclusive of the NGL content in those natural gas volumes. Given the price disparity between an equivalent amount of NGLs compared to natural gas,

Legacy's realized natural gas prices in the Permian Basin are substantially higher than NYMEX Henry Hub natural gas prices due to NGL content.

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Standardized Measure of Discounted Future Net Cash Flows and Changes Therein Relating to Proved Reserves  
 (Unaudited)

Summarized in the following table is information for Legacy inclusive of the Wyoming Acquisition and COG 2010 Acquisition in 2010 and COG 2012 Acquisition in 2012 with respect to the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows relating to proved reserves. Future cash inflows are computed by applying the 12-month un-weighted first-day-of-the-month average price for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010. Future production, development, site restoration, and abandonment costs are derived based on current costs assuming continuation of existing economic conditions. Future net cash flows have not been adjusted for commodity derivative contracts outstanding at the end of each year. Federal income taxes have not been deducted from future production revenues in the calculation of standardized measure as each partner is separately taxed on their share of Legacy's taxable income. In addition, Texas margin taxes and the federal income taxes associated with a corporate subsidiary, as discussed in Note 1(f), have not been deducted from future production revenues in the calculation of the standardized measure as the impact of these taxes would not have a significant effect on the calculated standardized measure.

	December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Future production revenues	\$5,528,850	\$4,430,377	\$3,216,270
Future costs:			
Production	(2,503,052 )	(1,933,503 )	(1,521,324 )
Development	(229,014 )	(192,642 )	(143,079 )
Future net cash flows before income taxes	2,796,784	2,304,232	1,551,867
10% annual discount for estimated timing of cash flows	(1,370,932 )	(1,163,831 )	(777,043 )
Standardized measure of discounted net cash flows	\$1,425,852	\$1,140,401	\$774,824

The standardized measure is based on the following oil and natural gas prices realized over the life of the properties at the wellhead as of the following dates:

	December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Oil (per Bbl) (a)	\$91.17	\$92.71	\$75.96
Natural Gas (per MMBtu) (b)	\$2.76	\$4.12	\$4.38

(a) The quoted oil price for all fiscal years is the 12-month un-weighted average first-day-of-the-month West Texas Intermediate physical spot price for each month of 2012, 2011 and 2010.

(b) The quoted gas price for all fiscal years is the 12-month un-weighted average first-day-of-the-month Henry Hub physical spot price for each month of 2012, 2011 and 2010.



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The following table summarizes the principal sources of change in the standardized measure of discounted future estimated net cash flows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Increase (decrease):			
Sales, net of production costs	\$(212,730 )	\$(219,642 )	\$(134,482 )
Net change in sales prices, net of production costs	(153,161 )	264,410	222,292
Changes in estimated future development costs	16,198	5,499	18,465
Extensions and discoveries, net of future production and development costs	639	—	—
Revisions of previous estimates due to infill drilling, recompletions and stimulations	8,512	34,462	10,303
Revisions of previous quantity estimates due to performance	3,242	56,389	35,198
Previously estimated development costs incurred	33,858	26,009	12,621
Purchases of minerals-in place	496,099	121,395	213,196
Ownership interest changes	(6,853 )	—	—
Other	(13,077 )	3,367	1,979
Accretion of discount	112,724	73,688	35,076
Net increase	285,451	365,577	414,648
Standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows:			
Beginning of year	1,140,401	774,824	360,176
End of year	\$1,425,852	\$1,140,401	\$774,824

The data presented should not be viewed as representing the expected cash flow from or current value of, existing proved reserves since the computations are based on a large number of estimates and arbitrary assumptions. Reserve quantities cannot be measured with precision and their estimation requires many judgmental determinations and frequent revisions. Actual future prices and costs are likely to be substantially different from the current prices and costs utilized in the computation of reported amounts.

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## Selected Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)

For the three-month periods ended:

	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31
2012	(In thousands, except per unit data)			
Revenues:				
Oil sales	\$76,137	\$65,787	\$70,173	\$74,157
Natural gas liquids sales	3,726	3,524	3,492	3,850
Natural gas sales	12,784	9,851	10,531	12,448
Total revenues	92,647	79,162	84,196	90,455
Expenses:				
Oil and natural gas production	24,888	26,406	30,728	30,929
Production and other taxes	5,217	4,687	5,137	5,737
General and administrative	6,450	5,161	6,993	5,922
Depletion, depreciation, amortization and accretion	22,839	25,370	24,833	29,102
Impairment of long-lived assets	1,301	13,978	7,277	14,510
(Gain) loss on disposal of assets	(3,011)	(313)	260	568
Total expenses	57,684	75,289	75,228	86,768
Operating Income	34,963	3,873	8,968	3,687
Interest income	4	4	3	5
Interest expense	(4,336)	(4,636)	(5,285)	(6,003)
Equity in income of partnership	26	32	30	23
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on oil, NGL and natural gas swaps	(23,089)	84,350	(27,177)	4,409
Other	32	(68)	(51)	(31)
Income (loss) before income taxes	7,600	83,555	(23,512)	2,090
Income taxes	(211)	(613)	(54)	(218)
Net income (loss)	\$7,389	\$82,942	\$(23,566)	\$1,872
Net income (loss) per unit — basic and diluted	\$0.15	\$1.73	\$(0.49)	\$0.04
Production volumes:				
Oil (MBbl)	788	790	840	919
Natural Gas Liquids (Mgal)	3,490	3,626	3,821	3,670
Natural Gas (MMcf)	2,658	2,545	2,571	2,643
Total (Mboe)	1,314	1,301	1,359	1,447

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For the three-month periods ended:

	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31
2011	(In thousands, except per unit data)			
Revenues:				
Oil sales	\$59,265	\$73,569	\$63,387	\$68,252
Natural gas liquids sales	4,250	4,722	4,924	4,992
Natural gas sales	9,253	14,544	16,061	13,666
Total revenues	72,768	92,835	84,372	86,910
Expenses:				
Oil and natural gas production	23,757	23,438	24,109	25,610
Production and other taxes	4,357	5,533	5,211	5,228
General and administrative	6,358	4,455	3,817	8,454
Depletion, depreciation, amortization and accretion	19,560	22,146	22,446	24,026
Impairment of long-lived assets	1,047	144	4,678	18,641
(Gain) Loss on disposal of assets	(409 )	(235 )	(35 )	54 )
Total expenses	54,670	55,481	60,226	82,013
Operating Income	18,098	37,354	24,146	4,897
Interest income	2	5	5	3
Interest expense	(3,377 )	(6,492 )	(5,764 )	(2,933 )
Equity in income of partnership	29	43	35	31
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on oil, NGL and natural gas swaps	(75,456 )	35,606	107,603	(60,896 )
Other	4	(62 )	3	207
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$(60,700 )	\$66,454	\$126,028	\$(58,691 )
Income taxes	330	(601 )	(928 )	169
Net income (loss)	\$(60,370 )	\$65,853	\$125,100	\$(58,522 )
Net income (loss) per unit — basic and diluted	\$(1.39 )	\$1.51	\$2.87	\$(1.28 )
Production volumes:				
Oil (MBbl)	676	759	755	761
Natural Gas Liquids (Mgal)	3,317	3,456	3,735	4,051
Natural Gas (MMcf)	1,601	2,248	2,548	2,445
Total (Mboe)	1,022	1,216	1,269	1,265