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#### Form 10-K

## ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the fiscal period ended December 31, 2009 OR

• TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 2911 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) **37-1516132** (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Registrant s Principal Executive Offices)

## SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT:

**Title of Each Class** 

#### Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered

The NASDAQ Stock Market

Common units representing limited partner interests

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The aggregate market value of the common units held by non-affiliates of the registrant (treating all executive officers and directors of the registrant and holders of 10% or more of the common units outstanding, for this purpose, as if they may be affiliates of the registrant) was approximately \$202.4 million on June 30, 2009, based on \$15.50 per unit, the closing price of the common units as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market on such date.

At February 25, 2010, there were 22,213,778 common units and 13,066,000 subordinated units outstanding.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

NONE.

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#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K ( Form 10-K ) includes certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology including may, believe. expect. anticipate. estimate. continue, or other similar words. The statements regarding (i) expected settlements with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ( LDEQ ) or other environmental and regulatory liabilities, (ii) our anticipated levels of use of derivatives to mitigate our exposure to crude oil price changes and fuel products price changes, (iii) future compliance with our debt covenants, and (iv) future activities associated with our contractual arrangements with LyondellBasell. as well as other matters discussed in this Form 10-K that are not purely historical data, are forward-looking statements. These statements discuss future expectations or state other forward-looking information and involve risks and uncertainties. When considering these forward-looking statements, unitholders should keep in mind the risk factors and other cautionary statements included in this Form 10-K. The risk factors and other factors noted throughout this Form 10-K could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

the overall demand for specialty hydrocarbon products, fuels and other refined products;

our ability to produce specialty products and fuels that meet our customers unique and precise specifications;

the impact of fluctuations and rapid increases or decreases in crude oil and crack spread prices, including the resulting impact on our liquidity;

the results of our hedging and other risk management activities;

our ability to comply with financial covenants contained in our credit agreements;

the availability of, and our ability to consummate, acquisition or combination opportunities;

labor relations;

our access to capital to fund expansions, acquisitions and our working capital needs and our ability to obtain debt or equity financing on satisfactory terms;

successful integration and future performance of acquired assets, businesses or third-party product supply and processing relationships;

environmental liabilities or events that are not covered by an indemnity, insurance or existing reserves;

maintenance of our credit ratings and ability to receive open credit lines from our suppliers;

demand for various grades of crude oil and resulting changes in pricing conditions;

fluctuations in refinery capacity;

the effects of competition;

continued creditworthiness of, and performance by, counterparties;

Edgar Filing: Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P. - Form 10-K the impact of current and future laws, rulings and governmental regulations; shortages or cost increases of power supplies, natural gas, materials or labor; hurricane or other weather interference with business operations; fluctuations in the debt and equity markets; accidents or other unscheduled shutdowns; and general economic, market or business conditions.

Other factors described herein, or factors that are unknown or unpredictable, could also have a material adverse effect on future results. Our forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual results and future performance may differ materially from those suggested in any forward-looking statement. When considering forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the risk factors and other cautionary statements in this Form 10-K. Please read Item 1A Risk Factors and Item 6A Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk. We will not update these statements unless securities laws require us to do so.

All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or to persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the foregoing. We undertake no obligation to publicly release the results of any revisions to any such forward-looking statements that may be made to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

References in this Form 10-K to Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P., Calumet, the Partnership, the Company, we, our, us or like terms, when used in a historical context prior to January 31, 2006, refer to the assets and liabilities of Calumet Lubricants Co., Limited Partnership and its subsidiaries of which substantially all such assets and liabilities were contributed to Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P. and its subsidiaries upon the completion of our initial public offering. When used in the present tense or prospectively, those terms refer to Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P. and its subsidiaries. References to Predecessor in this Form 10-K refer to Calumet Lubricants Co., Limited Partnership. The results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2006 for Calumet include the results of operations of the Predecessor for the period of January 1, 2006 through January 31, 2006. References in this Form 10-K to our general partner refer to Calumet GP, LLC.

## PART I

## Items 1 and 2. Business and Properties

## Overview

We are a leading independent producer of high-quality, specialty hydrocarbon products in North America. We own plants located in Princeton, Louisiana; Cotton Valley, Louisiana; Shreveport, Louisiana; Karns City, Pennsylvania and Dickinson, Texas and a terminal located in Burnham, Illinois. Our business is organized into two segments: specialty products and fuel products. In our specialty products segment, we process crude oil and other feedstocks into a wide variety of customized lubricating oils, white mineral oils, solvents, petrolatums and waxes. Our specialty products are sold to domestic and international customers who purchase them primarily as raw material components for basic industrial, consumer and automotive goods. In our fuel products segment, we process crude oil into a variety of fuel and fuel-related products including gasoline, diesel and jet fuel. In connection with our production of specialty products and fuel products, we also produce asphalt and a limited number of other by-products which are allocated to either the specialty products or fuel products segment. The asphalt and other by-products produced in connection with the production of specialty products at our Princeton, Cotton Valley and Shreveport refineries are included in our specialty products segment. The by-products produced in connection with the production of fuel products at our Shreveport refinery are included in our fuel products segment. The fuel products produced in connection with the production of specialty products at our Princeton and Cotton Valley refineries and our Karns City facility are included in our specialty products segment. For 2009, approximately 81.8% of our gross profit was generated from our specialty products segment and approximately 18.2% of our gross profit was generated from our fuel products segment. We continue to focus on the growth of our specialty products segment. The acquisition of Penreco on January 3, 2008 and our entry into sales and processing agreements with LyondellBasell, effective November 4, 2009, expanded our specialty products offering and customer base. For additional discussion of the Penreco acquisition and the LyondellBasell contractual arrangements, please read Item 7 Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Penreco Acquisition and Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations LyondellBasell Agreements.

Our operating assets and contractual agreements consist of our:

*Princeton Refinery.* Our Princeton refinery, located in northwest Louisiana and acquired in 1990, produces specialty lubricating oils, including process oils, base oils, transformer oils and refrigeration oils that are used in a variety of industrial and automotive applications. The Princeton refinery has aggregate crude oil throughput capacity of approximately 10,000 barrels per day (bpd).

*Cotton Valley Refinery.* Our Cotton Valley refinery, located in northwest Louisiana and acquired in 1995, produces specialty solvents that are used principally in the manufacture of paints, cleaners and automotive products. The Cotton Valley refinery has aggregate crude oil throughput capacity of approximately 13,500 bpd.

*Shreveport Refinery*. Our Shreveport refinery, located in northwest Louisiana and acquired in 2001, produces specialty lubricating oils and waxes, as well as fuel products such as gasoline, diesel and jet fuel. The Shreveport refinery has aggregate crude oil throughput capacity of approximately 60,000 bpd following the completion of a major expansion project in May 2008.

*Karns City Facility.* Our Karns City facility, located in western Pennsylvania and acquired in the 2008 Penreco acquisition, produces white mineral oils, petrolatums, solvents, gelled hydrocarbons, cable fillers, and natural

petroleum sulfonates. The Karns City facility has aggregate feedstock throughput capacity of approximately 5,500 bpd.

*Dickinson Facility*. Our Dickinson facility, located in southeastern Texas and acquired in the 2008 Penreco acquisition, produces white mineral oils, compressor lubricants and natural petroleum sulfonates. The Dickinson facility currently has aggregate feedstock throughput capacity of approximately 1,300 bpd.

*LyondellBasell Agreements.* Effective November 4, 2009, we entered into agreements with an initial term of five years (the LyondellBasell Agreements ) with Houston Refining LP, a wholly-owned subsidiary of LyondellBasell ( Houston Refining ), to form a long-term exclusive specialty products affiliation. The initial term of the LyondellBasell Agreements lasts until October 31, 2014. After October 31, 2014 the agreements are automatically extended for additional one-year terms unless either party provides 24 months notice of a desire to terminate either the initial term or any renewal term. Under the terms of the LyondellBasell Agreements, (i) we are the exclusive purchaser of Houston Refining s naphthenic lubricating oil production at its Houston, Texas refinery and are required to purchase a minimum of approximately 3,000 bpd, and (ii) Houston Refining will process a minimum of approximately 800 bpd of white mineral oil for us at its Houston, Texas refinery, which will supplement the existing white mineral oil production at our Karns City, Pennsylvania and Dickinson, Texas facilities. We also have exclusive right to use certain LyondellBasell registered trademarks and tradenames including Tufflo, Duoprime, Duotreat, Crystex, Ideal and Aquamarine. The LyondellBasell Agreements were deemed effective as of November 4, 2009 upon the approval of LyondellBasell s debtor motions before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

*Distribution and Logistics Assets.* We own and operate a terminal in Burnham, Illinois with a storage capacity of approximately 150,000 barrels that facilitates the distribution of product in the Upper Midwest and East Coast regions of the United States and in Canada. In addition, we lease approximately 1,550 railcars to receive crude oil or distribute our products throughout the United States and Canada. We also have approximately 6.0 million barrels of aggregate storage capacity at our facilities and leased storage locations.

#### **Business Strategies**

Our management team is dedicated to improving our operations by executing the following strategies:

*Concentrate on stable cash flows.* We intend to continue to focus on businesses and assets that generate stable cash flows. Approximately 52.6% of our sales and 81.8% of our gross profit for 2009 were generated by the sale of specialty products, a segment of our business which is characterized by stable customer relationships due to our customers requirements for highly specialized products. In addition, we manage our exposure to crude oil price fluctuations in this segment by passing on incremental feedstock costs to our specialty products customers and by maintaining a shorter-term crude oil hedging program. Also, in our fuel products segment, which accounted for 18.2% of our gross profit in 2009, we seek to mitigate our exposure to fuel products margin volatility by maintaining a long-term hedging program. In 2009, fuel crack spreads declined significantly and we partially offset this impact with cash flows of \$47.8 million in our fuel products, our broad customer base and our hedging activities help contribute to the stability of our cash flows.

*Develop and expand our customer relationships.* Due to the specialized nature of, and the long lead-time associated with, the development and production of many of our specialty products, our customers are incentivized to continue their relationships with us. We believe that our larger competitors do not work with customers as we do from product design to delivery for smaller volume specialty products like ours. We intend to continue to assist our existing customers in expanding their product offerings as well as marketing specialty product formulations to new customers. By striving to maintain our long-term relationships with our existing customers, we seek to limit our dependence on a small number of customers. Our Penreco acquisition has allowed us to increase our customer base by approximately 1,500 customers since January 1, 2008 and has enhanced our ability to expand our product offering and to meet our customers needs.

*Enhance profitability of our existing assets.* We continue to evaluate opportunities to improve our existing asset base to increase our throughput, profitability and cash flows. Following each of our asset acquisitions, we have undertaken projects designed to maximize the profitability of our acquired assets. We intend to further increase the profitability of our existing asset base through various measures which may include changing the product mix of our processing units, debottlenecking and expanding units as necessary to increase throughput, restarting idle assets and reducing costs by improving operations. For example, in late

2004 at the Shreveport refinery we recommissioned certain of its previously idled fuels production units, refurbished existing fuels production units, converted existing units to improve gasoline blending profitability and expanded capacity to approximately 42,000 bpd to increase lubricating oil and fuels production. Also, in December 2006 we commenced construction of an expansion project at our Shreveport refinery that was completed and operational in May 2008 to increase its aggregate crude oil throughput capacity from 42,000 bpd to approximately 60,000 bpd. For additional discussion of this project, please read Item 7

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources Capital Expenditures. In 2009, we focused on optimizing current operations including energy savings initiatives, product quality enhancements, and product yield improvements. We intend to continue this approach with our existing assets in 2010.

*Pursue strategic and complementary acquisitions.* Since 1990, our management team has demonstrated the ability to identify opportunities to acquire assets and product lines where we can enhance operations and improve profitability. In the future, we intend to continue to make strategic acquisitions of assets or enter into agreements with third parties that offer the opportunity for operational efficiencies, the potential for increased utilization and expansion of facilities, or the expansion of product offerings in our specialty products segment. In addition, we may pursue selected acquisitions in new geographic or product areas to the extent we perceive similar opportunities. For example, on January 3, 2008, we acquired Penreco from ConocoPhillips Company (ConocoPhillips ) and M.E. Zukerman Specialty Oil Corporation for a purchase price of approximately \$269.1 million and effective November 4, 2009, we entered into sales and processing agreements with LyondellBasell related to naphthenic lubricating and white mineral oils. For additional discussion please read Item 7 Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources Capital Expenditures.

## **Competitive Strengths**

We believe that we are well positioned to execute our business strategies successfully based on the following competitive strengths:

We offer our customers a diverse range of specialty products. We offer a wide range of over 1,000 specialty products. We believe that our ability to provide our customers with a more diverse selection of products than our competitors generally gives us an advantage in competing for new business. We believe that we are the only specialty products manufacturer that produces all four of naphthenic lubricating oils, paraffinic lubricating oils, waxes and solvents. A contributing factor to our ability to produce numerous specialty products is our ability to ship products between our facilities for product upgrading in order to meet customer specifications.

We have strong relationships with a broad customer base. We have long-term relationships with many of our customers, and we believe that we will continue to benefit from these relationships. Our customer base includes over 2,600 companies and we are continually seeking new customers. No single specialty products customer accounts for more than 10% of our consolidated sales.

*Our facilities have advanced technology.* Our facilities are equipped with advanced, flexible technology that allows us to produce high-grade specialty products and to produce fuel products that comply with new low sulfur fuel regulations. For example, our Shreveport and Cotton Valley refineries have the capability to make all of their low sulfur diesel into ultra low sulfur diesel and all of the Shreveport refinery s gasoline production meets low sulfur standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Also, unlike larger refineries, which lack some of the equipment necessary to achieve the narrow distillation ranges associated with the production of specialty products, our operations are capable of producing a wide range of products tailored to our customers needs. We have also upgraded the operations of many of our assets through our

investment in advanced, computerized refinery process controls.

*We have an experienced management team.* Our management has a proven track record of enhancing value through the acquisition, exploitation and integration of refining assets and the development and marketing of specialty products. Our senior management team, the majority of whom have been working together since 1990, has an average of over 25 years of industry experience. Our team s extensive experience and contacts

within the refining industry provide a strong foundation and focus for managing and enhancing our operations, accessing strategic acquisition opportunities and constructing and enhancing the profitability of new assets.

## **Our Operating Assets and Contractual Arrangements**

#### General

We own and operate facilities in northwest Louisiana, which consist of the Princeton refinery, the Cotton Valley refinery and the Shreveport refinery, facilities in Karns City, Pennsylvania and Dickinson, Texas, a terminal in Burnham, Illinois. We also have contractual arrangements with LyondellBasell and other third parties which provide us additional volumes of finished products for our specialty products segment.

The following table sets forth information about our combined operations. Production volume differs from sales volume due to changes in inventory. The following table does not include operations of our Karns City, Pennsylvania and Dickinson, Texas facilities for 2007, as we did not acquire these facilities until January 3, 2008 with the acquisition of Penreco, nor does it include LyondellBasell Agreements volumes in 2008 and 2007, as such agreements were not deemed effective until November 4, 2009.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2009 2008		
		(In bpd)	
Total sales volume (1)	57,086	56,232	47,663
Total feedstock runs (2)	60,081	56,243	48,354
Production:			,
Specialty products:			
Lubricating oils	11,681	12,462	10,734
Solvents	7,749	8,130	5,104
Waxes	1,049	1,736	1,177
Fuels	853	1,208	1,951
Asphalt and other by-products	7,574	6,623	6,157
Total	28,906	30,159	25,123
Fuel products:			
Gasoline	9,892	8,476	7,780
Diesel	12,796	10,407	5,736
Jet fuel	6,709	5,918	7,749
By-products	489	370	1,348
Total	29,886	25,171	22,613
Total production (3)	58,792	55,330	47,736

(1) Total sales volume includes sales from the production of our facilities and, beginning in 2008, certain third-party facilities pursuant to supply and/or processing agreements, and sales of inventories.

(2) Total feedstock runs represents the barrels per day of crude oil and other feedstocks processed at our facilities and, beginning in 2008, at certain third-party facilities pursuant to supply and/or processing agreements. The increase in feedstock runs in 2009 was due to the Shreveport refinery expansion project being placed in service in May 2008 resulting in a full year of increased production in 2009 compared to 2008 and the addition of the LyondellBasell Agreements in 2009. Partially offsetting this increase were lower overall feedstock runs at our other facilities in 2009 compared to 2008 due to general economic conditions. The increase in feedstock runs in 2008 compared to 2007 is primarily due to the acquisition of the Karns City and the Dickinson facilities as part of the Penreco acquisition and the completion of the Shreveport refinery expansion project in May 2008. These

increases were partially offset by decreases in production rates in the fourth quarter of 2008 due to scheduled turnarounds at our Princeton, Cotton Valley and Shreveport refineries.

(3) Total production represents the barrels per day of specialty products and fuel products yielded from processing crude oil and other feedstocks at our facilities and, beginning in 2008, at certain third-party facilities pursuant to supply and/or processing agreements. The difference between total production and total feedstock runs is primarily a result of the time lag between the input of feedstocks and production of finished products and volume loss. The change in production mix to higher fuel products production in 2009 compared to 2008 is due primarily to reduced demand for certain specialty products due to overall economic conditions.

Set forth below is information regarding sales of our principal products by segment.

	Year Ended December 31,				
		2009		2008 millions)	2007
Sales of specialty products:					
Lubricating oils	\$	500.9	\$	841.2	\$ 478.1
Solvents		260.2		419.8	199.8
Waxes		97.7		142.5	61.6
Fuels		9.0		30.4	52.5
Asphalt and other by-products		103.4		144.1	74.7
Total		971.2		1,578.0	866.7
Sales of fuel products:					
Gasoline	\$	317.4	\$	332.7	\$ 307.1
Diesel		372.4		379.7	203.7
Jet fuel		167.6		186.7	225.9
By-products		18.0		11.9	34.4
Total		875.4		911.0	771.1
Consolidated sales	\$	1,846.6	\$	2,489.0	\$ 1,637.8

## **Princeton Refinery**

The Princeton refinery, located on a 208-acre site in Princeton, Louisiana, has aggregate crude oil throughput capacity of 10,000 bpd and is currently processing naphthenic crude oil into lubricating oils, high sulfur diesel and asphalt. The high sulfur diesel may be blended to produce certain lubricating oils, transported to the Shreveport refinery for further processing into ultra low sulfur diesel or sold to third parties. The asphalt may be processed or blended for coating and roofing applications at the Princeton refinery or transported to the Shreveport refinery for processing into bright stock.

The Princeton refinery currently consists of seven major processing units, approximately 650,000 barrels of storage capacity in 200 storage tanks and related loading and unloading facilities and utilities. Since our acquisition of the Princeton refinery in 1990, we have debottlenecked the crude unit to increase production capacity to 10,000 bpd, increased the hydrotreater s capacity to 7,000 bpd and upgraded the refinery s fractionation unit, which has enabled us

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to produce higher value specialty products. The following table sets forth historical information about production at our Princeton refinery.

Princeton Refinery Year Ended December 31,		
2009	2008 (In bpd)	2007
10,000	10,000	10,000
6,076	6,516	7,226
5,999	6,551	7,198
	Year E 2009 10,000 6,076	Year Ended Decemb       2009     2008       (In bpd)     10,000       6,076     6,516

(1) Total refinery production represents the barrels per day of specialty products yielded from processing crude oil and other feedstocks. The difference between total refinery production and total feedstock runs is primarily a result of the time lag between the input of feedstocks and production of finished products and volume loss.

The Princeton refinery has a hydrotreater and significant fractionation capability enabling the refining of high quality naphthenic lubricating oils at numerous distillation ranges. The Princeton refinery s processing capabilities consist of atmospheric and vacuum distillation, hydrotreating, asphalt oxidation processing and clay/acid treating facilities. In addition, we have the necessary tankage and technology to process our asphalt into higher value applications such as coatings and road paving.

The Princeton refinery receives crude oil via tank truck, railcar and pipeline. Its crude oil supply primarily originates from east Texas and north Louisiana and is purchased through Legacy Resources Co., L.P. (Legacy Resources), a related party. See Item 13 Certain Relationships, and Related Transactions and Director Independence Crude Oil Purchases for additional information regarding our crude oil purchases from Legacy Resources. The Princeton refinery ships its finished products throughout the country by both truck and railcar service.

## **Cotton Valley Refinery**

The Cotton Valley refinery, located on a 77-acre site in Cotton Valley, Louisiana, has aggregate crude oil throughput capacity of 13,500 bpd, hydrotreating capacity of 5,100 bpd and is currently processing crude oil into solvents, low sulfur diesel, fuel feedstocks and residual fuel oil. The residual fuel oil is an important feedstock for specialty refined products at our Shreveport refinery. We believe the Cotton Valley refinery produces the most complete, single-facility line of paraffinic solvents in the United States.

The Cotton Valley refinery currently consists of three major processing units that include a crude unit, a hydrotreater and a fractionation train, approximately 625,000 barrels of storage capacity in 74 storage tanks and related loading and unloading facilities and utilities. The Cotton Valley refinery also has a utility fractionator for batch processing of narrow distillation range specialty solvents. Since our acquisition in 1995, we have expanded the refinery s capabilities by installing a hydrotreater that removes aromatics, increased the crude unit processing capability to 13,500 bpd and reconfigured the refinery s fractionation train to improve product quality, enhance flexibility and lower utility costs. The following table sets forth historical information about production at our Cotton Valley refinery.

	Cotton Valley Refinery Year Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008 (In bpd)	2007
Crude oil throughput capacity Total feedstock runs (1)(2) Total refinery production (2)(3)	13,500 5,466 6,455	13,500 6,175 6,757	13,500 6,775 7,573

(1) Total feedstock runs do not include certain interplant solvent feedstocks supplied by our Shreveport refinery.

(2) Total refinery production represents the barrels per day of specialty products yielded from processing crude oil and other feedstocks. The difference between total refinery production and total feedstock runs is primarily a result of the time lag between the input of feedstocks and production of finished products and volume loss.

(3) Total refinery production includes certain interplant feedstocks supplied to our Shreveport refinery.

The Cotton Valley refinery configuration is flexible, which allows us to respond to market changes and customer demands by modifying its product mix. The reconfigured fractionation train also allows the refinery to satisfy demand fluctuations efficiently without large product inventory requirements.

The Cotton Valley refinery receives crude oil via truck and through a pipeline system operated by a subsidiary of Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. (Plains). Cotton Valley s feedstock is primarily low sulfur, paraffinic crude oil originating from north Louisiana and is purchased from various marketers and gatherers. In addition, the refinery

receives feedstocks for solvent production from the Shreveport refinery. The Cotton Valley refinery ships finished products throughout the country by both truck and railcar service.

## Shreveport Refinery

The Shreveport refinery, located on a 240-acre site in Shreveport, Louisiana, currently has aggregate crude oil throughput capacity of 60,000 bpd subsequent to the completion of a major expansion project in May 2008 and is currently processing paraffinic crude oil and associated feedstocks into fuel products, paraffinic lubricating oils, waxes, residuals, and by-products.

The Shreveport refinery consists of 16 major processing units, approximately 3.4 million barrels of storage capacity in 141 storage tanks and related loading and unloading facilities and utilities. Since our acquisition of the Shreveport refinery in 2001, we have expanded the refinery s capabilities by adding additional processing and blending facilities, added a second reactor to the high pressure hydrotreater, resumed production of gasoline, diesel and other fuel products at the refinery, and added both 18,000 bpd of capacity and the capability to run up to 25,000 bpd of sour crude oil with the expansion project completed in May 2008. The following table sets forth historical information about production at our Shreveport refinery.

	Shreveport Refinery Year Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008 (In bpd)	2007
Crude oil throughput capacity Total feedstock runs (1)(2) Total refinery production (2)(3)	60,000 43,639 43,467	60,000 37,096 35,566	42,000 34,352 32,819

- (1) Total feedstock runs represents the barrels per day of crude oil and other feedstocks processed at our Shreveport refinery. Total feedstock runs do not include certain interplant feedstocks supplied by our Cotton Valley refinery. The increase in feedstock runs in 2009 compared to 2008 was due to the Shreveport refinery expansion project being placed in service in May 2008 resulting in a full year of increased production in 2009 compared to 2008. The increase in feedstock runs in 2008 compared to 2007 was primarily due to the completion of the expansion project in May 2008, offset by decreases in production rates in the fourth quarter of 2008 due to the economic downturn.
- (2) Total refinery production represents the barrels per day of specialty products and fuel products yielded from processing crude oil and other feedstocks. The difference between total refinery production and total feedstock runs is primarily a result of the time lag between the input of feedstocks and production of finished products and volume loss.
- (3) Total refinery production includes certain interplant feedstocks supplied to our Cotton Valley refinery and Karns City facility.

We completed an expansion project in May 2008 that increased our Shreveport refinery s aggregate crude oil throughput capacity from approximately 42,000 bpd to approximately 60,000 bpd. For further discussion of this project, please read Item 7 Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources Capital Expenditures.

The Shreveport refinery has a flexible operational configuration and operating personnel that facilitate development of new product opportunities. Product mix may fluctuate from one period to the next to capture market opportunities. The refinery has an idle residual fluid catalytic cracking unit, alkylation unit, vacuum tower and a number of idle towers that can be utilized for future project needs. Certain idle towers were utilized as a part of the Shreveport refinery expansion project discussed above.

The Shreveport refinery currently makes jet fuel, low sulfur diesel and ultra low sulfur diesel and all of its gasoline production currently meets low sulfur standards.

The Shreveport refinery receives crude oil from common carrier pipeline systems operated by subsidiaries of Plains and Exxon Mobil Corporation (ExxonMobil), each of which are connected to the Shreveport refinery s

facilities. The Plains pipeline system delivers local supplies of crude oil and condensates from north Louisiana and east Texas. The ExxonMobil pipeline system delivers domestic crude oil supplies from south Louisiana and foreign crude oil supplies from the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP) or other crude oil terminals. In addition, trucks deliver crude oil gathered from local producers to the Shreveport refinery.

The Shreveport refinery has direct pipeline access to the TEPPCO Products Partners pipeline (TEPPCO pipeline), over which it can ship all grades of gasoline, diesel and jet fuel. The refinery also has direct access to the Red River Terminal facility, which provides the refinery with barge access, via the Red River, to major feedstock and petroleum products logistics networks on the Mississippi River and Gulf Coast inland waterway system. The Shreveport refinery also ships its finished products throughout the country through both truck and railcar service.

## Karns City Facility

The Karns City facility, located on a 225-acre site in Karns City, Pennsylvania, currently has aggregate base oil throughput capacity of 5,500 bpd and is currently processing white mineral oils, petrolatums, gelled hydrocarbons, cable fillers, and natural petroleum sulfonates. The Karns City facility consists of seven major processing units including hydrotreating, bender treating, fractionation, acid treating, filtering and blending, approximately 817,000 barrels of storage capacity in 309 tanks and related loading and unloading facilities and utilities. The facility receives its base oil feedstocks by railcar and truck under long-term supply agreements with various suppliers, the most significant of which is ConocoPhillips. Please read Crude Oil and Feedstock Supply for further discussion of the long-term supply agreements with ConocoPhillips.

## Dickinson Facility

The Dickinson facility, located on a 28-acre site in Dickinson, Texas, currently has aggregate base oil throughput capacity of 1,300 bpd and is currently processing white mineral oils, compressor lubricants, and natural petroleum sulfonates. The Dickinson facility consists of three major processing units including acid treating, filtering, and blending, approximately 183,000 barrels of storage capacity in 186 tanks and related loading and unloading facilities and utilities. The facility receives its base oil feedstocks by railcar and truck under long-term supply agreements with various suppliers, the most significant of which is ConocoPhillips. Please read Crude Oil and Feedstock Supply for further discussion of the long-term supply agreements with ConocoPhillips.

The following table sets forth the combined historical information about production at our Karns City and Dickinson facilities.

	Combined K and Dickinso Year Ended D	n Facilities
	2009	2008
	(in bpd)	
Feedstock throughput capacity (1)	6,800	6,800
Total feedstock runs (2)	4,595	6,456
Total production (3)	4,590	6,456

(1) Includes Karns City and Dickinson facilities only.

- (2) Includes feedstock runs at our Karns City and Dickinson facilities as well as throughput at certain third-party facilities pursuant to supply and/or processing agreements and includes certain interplant feedstocks supplied from our Shreveport refinery.
- (3) Total production represents the barrels per day of specialty products yielded from processing feedstocks at our Karns City and Dickinson facilities and certain third-party facilities pursuant to supply and/or processing agreements. The difference between total production and total feedstock runs is primarily a result of the time lag between the input of feedstocks and the production of finished products.

## LyondellBasell Agreements

Effective November 4, 2009, we entered into the LyondellBasell Agreements with an initial term of five years, with Houston Refining, a wholly-owned subsidiary of LyondellBasell, to form a long-term exclusive specialty products affiliation. The initial term of the LyondellBasell Agreements lasts until October 31, 2014. After October 31, 2014 the agreements are automatically extended for additional one-year terms unless either party provides 24 months notice of a desire to terminate either the initial term or any renewal term. Under the terms of the LyondellBasell Agreements, (i) we are the exclusive purchaser of Houston Refining s naphthenic lubricating oil production at its Houston, Texas refinery and are required to purchase a minimum of approximately 3,000 bpd, and (ii) Houston Refining will process a minimum of approximately 800 bpd of white mineral oil for us at its Houston, Texas refinery, which will supplement the existing white mineral oil production at our Karns City, Pennsylvania and Dickinson, Texas facilities. We also have exclusive right to use certain LyondellBasell registered trademarks and tradenames including Tufflo, Duoprime, Duotreat, Crystex, Ideal and Aquamarine. The LyondellBasell Agreements were deemed effective as of November 4, 2009 upon approval of LyondellBasell s debtor motions before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

The following table sets forth the combined historical information about production under the LyondellBasell Agreements.

	Houston Refining Year Ended December 31, 2009 (in bpd)
Feedstock throughput capacity (1)	4,500
Total production for Calumet (2)	1,994

- (1) Estimated total capacity of the naphthenic lubricating oil and white oil hydrotreating units at Houston Refining s Houston, Texas refinery.
- (2) For 2009, represents the period from November 4, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

#### Burnham Terminal and Other Logistics Assets

We own and operate a terminal in Burnham, Illinois. The Burnham terminal receives specialty products from each of our refineries and distributes them by truck to our customers in the Upper Midwest and East Coast regions of the United States and in Canada.

The terminal includes a tank farm with 67 tanks with aggregate lubricating oil, solvent and specialty product storage capacity of approximately 150,000 barrels as well as blending equipment. The Burnham terminal is complementary to our refineries and plays a key role in moving our products to the end-user market by providing the following services:

distribution;

blending to achieve specified products; and

storage and inventory management.

We also lease a fleet of approximately 1,550 railcars from various lessors. This fleet enables us to receive crude oil and distribute various specialty products throughout the United States and Canada to and from each of our facilities.

## **Crude Oil and Feedstock Supply**

We purchase crude oil from major oil companies, various gatherers and marketers in east Texas and north Louisiana and from Legacy Resources, an affiliate of our general partner. The Shreveport refinery also receives crude oil through the ExxonMobil pipeline system originating in St. James, Louisiana, which provides the refinery with access to domestic crude oils and foreign crude oils through the LOOP or other terminal locations.

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In 2009, we purchased 23.6% of our crude oil supply through evergreen crude oil supply contracts, which are typically terminable on 30 days notice by either party, approximately 39.8% of our crude oil supply from a subsidiary of Plains under a term contract that became evergreen in July 2008, and 5.1% of our crude oil supply on the spot market. Legacy Resources supplied us with the remaining 31.5% of our crude oil in 2009. Refer to Item 13, Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence Crude Oil Purchases for further information on our related party crude oil purchases. We also purchase foreign crude oil when its spot market price is attractive relative to the price of crude oil from domestic sources. We believe that adequate supplies of crude oil will continue to be available to us.

Our cost to acquire crude oil and feedstocks and the prices for which we ultimately can sell refined products depend on a number of factors beyond our control, including regional and global supply of and demand for crude oil and other feedstocks and specialty and fuel products. These in turn are dependent upon, among other things, the availability of imports, overall economic conditions, the production levels of domestic and foreign suppliers, U.S. relationships with foreign governments, political affairs and the extent of governmental regulation. We have historically been able to pass on the costs associated with increased crude oil and feedstock prices to our specialty products customers, although the increase in selling prices for specialty products typically lags the rising cost of crude oil. We use a hedging program to manage a portion of this commodity price risk. Please read Item 7A Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk Commodity Price Risk Crude Oil Hedging Policy for a discussion of our crude oil hedging program.

We have various long-term supply agreements with ConocoPhillips, with remaining terms ranging from 1 to 8 years, with some agreements operating under the option to continue on a month-to-month basis thereafter, for feedstocks that are key to the operations of our Karns City and Dickinson facilities. In addition, certain products of our refineries can be used as feedstocks by these facilities. We believe that adequate supplies of feedstocks are available for these facilities.

#### **Markets and Customers**

We produce a full line of specialty products, including lubricating oils, solvents and waxes. Our customers purchase these products primarily as raw material components for basic industrial, consumer and automotive goods. We also produce a variety of fuel products.

We have an experienced marketing department with an average industry tenure of 20 years. Our salespeople regularly visit customers and our marketing department works closely with both the laboratories at our refineries and our technical department to help create specialized blends that will work optimally for our customers.

#### Markets

*Specialty Products.* The specialty products market represents a small portion of the overall petroleum refining industry in the United States. Of the nearly 150 refineries currently in operation in the United States, only a small number of the refineries are considered specialty products producers and only a few compete with us in terms of the number of products produced.

Our specialty products are utilized in applications across a broad range of industries, including in:

industrial goods such as metal working fluids, belts, hoses, sealing systems, batteries, hot melt adhesives, pressure sensitive tapes, electrical transformers and refrigeration compressors;

consumer goods such as candles, petroleum jelly, creams, tonics, lotions, coating on paper cups, chewing gum base, automotive aftermarket car-care products (fuel injection cleaners, tire shines and polishes), lamp oils, charcoal lighter fluids, camping fuel and various aerosol products; and

automotive goods such as motor oils, greases, transmission fluid and tires.

We have the capability to ship our specialty products worldwide. In the United States and Canada, we ship our specialty products via railcars, trucks and barges. In 2009, about 35.3% of our specialty products were shipped in our fleet of approximately 1,550 leased railcars, about 63.2% of our specialty products shipped in trucks owned and operated by several different third-party carriers and the remaining 1.5% were shipped via water transportation. For

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shipments outside of North America, which accounted for less than 10% of our consolidated sales in 2009, we ship railcars and trucks to several ports where the product is loaded on ships for the customer.

Fuel Products. We produce a variety of fuel and fuel-related products, primarily at our Shreveport refinery.

Fuel products produced at the Shreveport refinery can be sold locally or through the TEPPCO pipeline. Local sales are made in the TEPPCO terminal in Bossier City, Louisiana, which is approximately 15 miles from the Shreveport refinery, as well as from our own refinery terminal. Any excess volumes are sold to marketers further up the TEPPCO pipeline.

During 2009, we sold approximately 10,200 bpd of gasoline into the Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas markets, and any excess volumes to marketers further up the TEPPCO pipeline. Should the appropriate market conditions arise, we have the capability to redirect and sell additional volumes into the Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas markets rather than transport them to the Midwest. Similar market conditions exist for our diesel production. We sell the majority of our diesel locally but, similar to gasoline, we occasionally sell the excess volumes to marketers further up the TEPPCO pipeline during times of high diesel production or for competitive reasons.

The Shreveport refinery also has the capacity to produce about 9,000 bpd of commercial jet fuel that can be marketed to the Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, Louisiana, sold as Jet-A locally or via the TEPPCO pipeline, or transferred to the Cotton Valley refinery to be processed further as a feedstock to produce solvents. Jet fuel sales volumes change as the margins between diesel and jet fuel change. We have a sales contract with the U.S. Department of Defense covering the Barksdale Air Force Base for approximately 5,200 bpd of jet fuel. This contract is effective until April 2010 and is bid annually.

Additionally, we produce a number of fuel-related products including fluid catalytic cracking (FCC) feedstock, asphalt vacuum residuals and mixed butanes.

Vacuum residuals are blended or processed further to make specialty asphalt products. Volumes of vacuum residuals which we cannot process are sold locally into the fuel oil market or sold via railcar to other producers. FCC feedstock is sold to other refiners as a feedstock for their FCC units to make fuel products. Butanes are primarily available in the summer months and are primarily sold to local marketers. If the butanes are not sold they are blended into our gasoline production.

#### **Customers**

*Specialty Products.* We have a diverse customer base for our specialty products, with approximately 2,600 active accounts. Most of our customers are long-term customers who use our products in specialty applications which require six months to two years to gain approval for use in their products. No single customer of our specialty products segment accounted for more that 10% of our consolidated sales in each of the three years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007.

*Fuel Products.* We have a diverse customer base for our fuel products, with approximately 90 active accounts. We are able to sell the majority of the fuel products we produce to the local markets of Louisiana, east Texas and Arkansas. We also have the ability to ship our fuel products to the Midwest through the TEPPCO pipeline should the need arise. During the year ended December 31, 2008, the fuel products segment had one customer, Murphy Oil U.S.A., which represented approximately 10.5% of consolidated sales due to rising gasoline and diesel prices and increased fuel products sales to this customer. No other fuel products segment customer represented 10% or greater of consolidated sales in each of the three years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007.

## Competition

Competition in our markets is from a combination of large, integrated petroleum companies, independent refiners and wax production companies. Many of our competitors are substantially larger than us and are engaged on a national or international basis in many segments of the petroleum products business, including refining, transportation and marketing. These competitors may have greater flexibility in responding to or absorbing market changes occurring in one or more of these business segments. We distinguish our competitors according to the

products that they produce. Set forth below is a description of our significant competitors according to product category.

*Naphthenic Lubricating Oils.* Our primary competitor in producing naphthenic lubricating oils is Ergon Refining, Inc. We also compete with Cross Oil Refining and Marketing, Inc. and San Joaquin Refining Co., Inc.

*Paraffinic Lubricating Oils*. Our primary competitors in producing paraffinic lubricating oils include ExxonMobil, Motiva Enterprises, LLC, ConocoPhillips, Petro-Canada, Holly Corporation and Sonneborn Refined Products.

*Paraffin Waxes*. Our primary competitors in producing paraffin waxes include ExxonMobil and The International Group Inc.

*Solvents*. Our primary competitors in producing solvents include Citgo Petroleum Corporation, Exxon Chemical and ConocoPhillips.

*Fuel Products*. Our competitors in producing fuels products in the local markets in which we operate include Delek Refining, Ltd. and Lion Oil Company.

Our ability to compete effectively depends on our responsiveness to customer needs and our ability to maintain competitive prices and product offerings. We believe that our flexibility and customer responsiveness differentiate us from many of our larger competitors. However, it is possible that new or existing competitors could enter the markets in which we operate, which could negatively affect our financial performance.

#### **Environmental, Health and Safety Matters**

We operate crude oil and specialty hydrocarbon refining and terminal operations, which are subject to stringent and complex federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the discharge of materials into the environment or otherwise relating to environmental protection. These laws and regulations can impair our operations that affect the environment in many ways, such as requiring the acquisition of permits to conduct regulated activities; restricting the manner in which the Company can release materials into the environment; requiring remedial activities or capital expenditures to mitigate pollution from former or current operations; and imposing substantial liabilities on us for pollution resulting from our operations. Certain environmental laws impose joint and several, strict liability for costs required to remediate and restore sites where petroleum hydrocarbons, wastes, or other materials have been released or disposed.

Failure to comply with environmental laws and regulations may result in the triggering of administrative, civil and criminal measures, including the assessment of monetary penalties, the imposition of remedial obligations, and the issuance of injunctions limiting or prohibiting some or all of our operations. On occasion, we receive notices of violation, enforcement and other complaints from regulatory agencies alleging non-compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations. In particular, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) has proposed penalties totaling approximately \$0.4 million and supplemental projects for the following alleged violations: (i) a May 2001 notification received by the Cotton Valley refinery from the LDEQ regarding several alleged violations of various air emission regulations, as identified in the course of our Leak Detection and Repair program, and also for failure to submit various reports related to the facility s air emissions; (ii) a December 2002 notification received by the Cotton Valley refinery; (iii) a December 2004 notification received by the Cotton Valley refinery; (iii) a December 2004 notification received by the Cotton Valley refinery; (iii) a December 2004 notification received by the Cotton Valley refinery; (iii) a December 2004 notification received by the Cotton Valley refinery; (iii) a December 2004 notification received by the Cotton Valley refinery; (iii) a December 2005 notification received by the Princeton Valley refinery from the LDEQ regarding alleged violations for the construction of a multi-tower pad and associated pump pads without a permit issued by the agency; and (iv) an August 2005 notification received by the Princeton refinery from the LDEQ regarding alleged violations of air emissions, as identified by LDEQ following

performance of a compliance review, due to excess emissions and failures to continuously monitor and record air emission levels. We anticipate that any penalties that may be assessed due to the alleged violations at our Princeton refinery as well as the aforementioned penalties related to the Cotton Valley refinery will be consolidated in a settlement agreement that we anticipate executing with the LDEQ in connection with the agency s Small Refinery and Single Site Refinery Initiative described below.

The clear trend in environmental regulation is to place more restrictions and limitations on activities that may affect the environment, and thus, any changes in environmental laws and regulations that result in more stringent and costly waste handling, storage, transport, disposal, or remediation requirements could have a material adverse effect on our operations and financial position. Moreover, in connection with accidental spills or releases associated with our operations, we cannot assure our unitholders that we will not incur substantial costs and liabilities as a result of such spills or releases, including those relating to claims for damage to property and persons. In the event of future increases in costs, we may be unable to pass on those increases to our customers. While we believe that we are in substantial compliance with existing environmental laws and regulations and that continued compliance with these requirements will not have a material adverse effect on us, there can be no assurance that our environmental compliance will not become material in the future.

## Air

Our operations are subject to the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, and comparable state and local laws. The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 require most industrial operations in the U.S. to incur capital expenditures to meet the air emission control standards that are developed and implemented by the EPA and state environmental agencies. Under the Clean Air Act, facilities that emit volatile organic compounds or nitrogen oxides face increasingly stringent regulations, including requirements to install various levels of control technology on sources of pollutants. In addition, the petroleum refining sector has come under stringent new EPA regulations, imposing maximum achievable control technology (MACT) on refinery equipment emitting certain listed hazardous air pollutants. Some of our facilities have been included within the categories of sources regulated by MACT rules. In addition, air permits are required for our refining and terminal operations that result in the emission of regulated air contaminants. These permits incorporate stringent control technology requirements and are subject to extensive review and periodic renewal. Excluding consideration of the alleged air violations discussed in this Environmental, Health and Safety Matters section for which we are currently discussing settlement with the LDEQ, we believe that we are in substantial compliance with the Clean Air Act and similar state and local laws.

The Clean Air Act authorizes the EPA to require modifications in the formulation of the refined transportation fuel products we manufacture in order to limit the emissions associated with the fuel product s final use. For example, in December 1999, the EPA promulgated regulations limiting the sulfur content allowed in gasoline. These regulations required the phase-in of gasoline sulfur standards beginning in 2004, with special provisions for small refiners and for refiners serving those Western states exhibiting lesser air quality problems. Similarly, the EPA promulgated regulations that limit the sulfur content of highway diesel beginning in 2006 from its former level of 500 parts per million ( ppm ) to 15 ppm (the ultra low sulfur standard ). The Shreveport refinery has implemented the sulfur standard with respect to gasoline in its production and produces diesel meeting the ultra low sulfur standard.

We are party to ongoing discussions on a voluntary basis with the LDEQ regarding the Company s participation in that agency s Small Refinery and Single Site Refinery Initiative. This state initiative is patterned after the EPA s National Petroleum Refinery Initiative, which is a coordinated, integrated compliance and enforcement strategy to address federal Clean Air Act compliance issues at the nation s largest petroleum refineries. We expect that the LDEQ s primary focus under the state initiative will be on four compliance and enforcement concerns: (i) Prevention of Significant Deterioration/New Source Review; (ii) New Source Performance Standards for fuel gas combustion devices, including flares, heaters and boilers; (iii) Leak Detection and Repair requirements; and (iv) Benzene Waste Operations National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants. We are in discussions with the LDEQ regarding our participation in this regulatory initiative and anticipate that we will be entering into a settlement agreement with the LDEQ pursuant to which we will be required to make emissions reductions requiring capital investments between approximately \$1.0 million and \$3.0 million in total over a three to five year period at our three Louisiana refineries. Because the settlement agreement is also expected to resolve the alleged air emissions issues at our Cotton Valley and Princeton refineries and consolidate any penalties associated with such issues, we further

anticipate that a penalty of approximately \$0.4 million will be assessed in connection with this settlement agreement.

## Climate Change

Recent studies suggest that emissions of carbon dioxide and certain other gases, referred to as greenhouse gases (GHG) may be contributing to warming of the earth s atmosphere and other climatic changes. On June 26, 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, or ACESA, which would establish an economy-wide cap-and-trade program to reduce U.S. emissions of carbon dioxide and other GHG. ACESA would require a 17 percent reduction in GHG emissions from 2005 levels by 2020 and just over an 80 percent reduction of such emissions by 2050. Under this legislation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would issue a capped and steadily declining number of tradable emissions allowances to certain major sources of GHG emissions so that such sources could continue to emit GHGs into the atmosphere. These allowances would be expected to escalate significantly in cost over time. The net effect of ACESA would be to impose increasing costs on the combustion of carbon-based fuels such as refined petroleum products, oil and natural gas. The U.S. Senate has begun work on its own legislation for restricting domestic GHG emissions and President Obama has indicated his support of legislation to reduce GHG emissions through an emission allowance system. In addition, more than one-third of U.S. states, either individually or through multi-state regional initiatives, have already begun implementing legal measures to reduce emissions of GHGs.

If an upstream cap-and-trade system were to be adopted at either the state, regional, or federal level, we could be required to purchase and surrender emissions allowances for the GHG emissions attributable to the combustion of the fuels we produce. Although we would not be impacted to a greater degree than other similarly situated refiners of oil, a stringent GHG control program could have an adverse effect on our operations, financial condition, and cash flows.

Also, on December 15, 2009, the EPA published its findings that emissions of GHGs constitute an endangerment to public health and the environment. These findings allow the EPA to adopt and implement regulations that would restrict emissions of GHGs under existing provisions of the federal Clean Air Act. Accordingly, the EPA has already proposed two sets of regulations that would require a reduction in emissions of GHGs from motor vehicles and could trigger permit review for GHG emissions from certain stationary sources. In addition, on September 22, 2009, the EPA issued a final rule requiring the reporting of GHG emissions from specified large GHG emission sources in the United States, including petroleum refineries, on an annual basis beginning in 2011 for emissions occurring after January 1, 2010. Although it is not possible at this time to predict how legislation or new regulations imposing GHG reporting obligations on, or limiting emissions of GHGs from, our equipment or operations would impact our business, any such new federal, regional or state restrictions on emissions of carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gases that may be imposed in areas in which we conduct business could also have an adverse effect on our cost of doing business and demand for the oil we refine.

#### Hazardous Substances and Wastes

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, as amended (CERCLA), also known as the Superfund law, and comparable state laws impose liability without regard to fault or the legality of the original conduct, on certain classes of persons who are considered to be responsible for the release of a hazardous substance into the environment. Such classes of persons include the current and past owners and operators of sites where a hazardous substance was released, and companies that disposed or arranged for disposal of hazardous substances at offsite locations, such as landfills. Under CERCLA, these responsible persons may be subject to joint and several, strict 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. It is not uncommon for neighboring landowners and other third parties to file claims for personal injury and property damage allegedly caused by the release of hazardous substances into the environment. In the course of our operations, we generate wastes or handle substances that may be regulated as hazardous substances, and we could become subject to liability under CERCLA and comparable state laws.

We also may incur liability under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ( RCRA ), and comparable state laws, which impose requirements related to the handling, storage, treatment, and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes. In the course of our operations, we generate petroleum product wastes and ordinary industrial wastes, such as paint wastes, waste solvents, and waste oils, that may be regulated as hazardous wastes. In addition, our operations also generate solid wastes, which are regulated under RCRA and state law. We believe that we are in

substantial compliance with the existing requirements of RCRA and similar state and local laws, and the cost involved in complying with these requirements is not material.

We currently own or operate, and have in the past owned or operated, properties that for many years have been used for refining and terminal activities. These properties have in the past been operated by third parties whose treatment and disposal or release of petroleum hydrocarbons and wastes was not under our control. Although we used operating and disposal practices that were standard in the industry at the time, petroleum hydrocarbons or wastes have been released on or under the properties owned or operated by us. These properties and the materials disposed or released on them may be subject to CERCLA, RCRA and analogous state laws. Under such laws, we could be required to remove or remediate previously disposed wastes or property contamination, or to perform remedial activities to prevent future contamination.

Voluntary remediation of subsurface contamination is in process at each of our refinery sites. The remedial projects are being overseen by the appropriate state agencies. Based on current investigative and remedial activities, we believe that the groundwater contamination at these refineries can be controlled or remedied without having a material adverse effect on our financial condition. However, such costs are often unpredictable and, therefore, there can be no assurance that the future costs will not become material. We currently anticipate that we will incur approximately \$0.7 million of costs at our Cotton Valley refinery in connection with continued remediation of groundwater impacts at that site, the majority of which are expected to be incurred during 2010.

## Water

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, as amended, also known as the Clean Water Act, and analogous state laws impose restrictions and stringent controls on the discharge of pollutants, including oil, into federal and state waters. Such discharges are prohibited, except in accordance with the terms of a permit issued by the EPA or the appropriate state agencies. Any unpermitted release of pollutants, including crude or hydrocarbon specialty oils as well as refined products, could result in penalties, as well as significant remedial obligations. Spill prevention, control, and countermeasure requirements of federal laws require appropriate containment berms and similar structures to help prevent the contamination of navigable waters in the event of a petroleum hydrocarbon tank spill, rupture, or leak. We believe that we are in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Clean Water Act.

The primary federal law for oil spill liability is the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, as amended (OPA), which addresses three principal areas of oil pollution prevention, containment, and cleanup. OPA applies to vessels, offshore facilities, and onshore facilities, including refineries, terminals, and associated facilities that may affect waters of the U.S. Under OPA, responsible parties, including owners and operators of onshore facilities, may be subject to oil cleanup costs and natural resource damages as well as a variety of public and private damages from oil spills. We believe that we are in substantial compliance with OPA and similar state laws.

## Health, Safety and Maintenance

We are subject to the requirements of the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and comparable state occupational safety statutes. These laws and the implementing regulations strictly govern the protection of the health and safety of employees. In addition, OSHA s hazard communication standard requires that information be maintained about hazardous materials used or produced in our operations and that this information be available to employees and contractors and, where required, to state and local government authorities and to local residents. We provide all required information to employees and contractors on how to avoid or protect against exposure to hazardous materials present in our operations. Also, we maintain safety, training, and maintenance programs as part of our ongoing efforts to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. While the nature of our business may result in industrial accidents from time to time, we believe that we have operated in substantial compliance with OSHA and similar state

laws, including general industry standards, recordkeeping and reporting, hazard communication and process safety management. We have implemented an internal program of inspection designed to monitor and enforce compliance with worker safety requirements as well as a quality system that meets the requirements of the ISO-9001-2000 Standard. The integrity of our ISO-9001-2000 Standard certification is maintained through surveillance audits by our registrar at regular intervals designed to ensure adherence to the

standards. In April 2010, we expect to receive our certification to the ISO-9001-2008 Standard. Our compliance with applicable health and safety laws and regulations has required and continues to require substantial expenditures. Changes in safety and health laws and regulations or a finding of non-compliance with current laws and regulations could result in additional capital expenditures or operating expenses, as well as civil penalties and, in the case of a fatality, criminal charges.

We have commissioned studies, some of which have been recently received, to assess the adequacy of our process safety management practices at our Shreveport refinery with respect to certain consensus codes and standards. We expect to have fully reviewed the findings made in these studies during the first quarter of 2010 and may incur capital expenditures over the next several years to enhance our programs and equipment in order to maintain our compliance with applicable requirements at the Shreveport refinery. We believe the related findings will not have a material adverse impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flow.

We also perform preventive and normal maintenance on all of our refining and logistics assets and make repairs and replacements when necessary or appropriate. We also conduct inspections of these assets as required by law or regulation.

### **Other Environmental Items**

We are indemnified by Shell Oil Company, as successor to Pennzoil-Quaker State Company and Atlas Processing Company, for specified environmental liabilities arising from operations of the Shreveport refinery prior to our acquisition of the facility. The indemnity is unlimited in amount and duration, but requires us to contribute up to \$1.0 million of the first \$5.0 million of indemnified costs for certain of the specified environmental liabilities.

We are indemnified on a limited basis by ConocoPhillips and M.E. Zuckerman Specialty Oil Corporation, former owners of Penreco, for pending, threatened, contemplated or contingent environmental claims against Penreco of which we were unaware upon our acquisition of Penreco. A significant portion of these indemnifications expired in January 2010 without any claims having been asserted by us and were generally subject to a \$2.0 million limit.

### Insurance

Our operations are subject to certain hazards of operations, including fire, explosion and weather-related perils. We maintain insurance policies, including business interruption insurance for each of our facilities, with insurers in amounts and with coverage and deductibles that we, with the advice of our insurance advisors and brokers, believe are reasonable and prudent. We cannot, however, ensure that this insurance will be adequate to protect us from all material expenses related to potential future claims for personal and property damage or that these levels of insurance will be available in the future at economical prices. We are not fully insured against certain risks because such risks are not fully insurable, coverage is unavailable, or premium costs, in our judgment, do not justify such expenditures.

### Seasonality

The operating results for the fuel products segment and the selling prices of asphalt products we produce can be seasonal. Asphalt demand is generally lower in the first and fourth quarters of the year as compared to the second and third quarters due to the seasonality of annual road construction. Demand for gasoline is generally higher during the summer months than during the winter months due to seasonal increases in highway traffic. In addition, our natural gas costs can be higher during the winter months. As a result, our operating results for the first and fourth calendar quarters may be lower than those for the second and third calendar quarters of each year due to this seasonality.

#### **Title to Properties**

We own the following properties, which are pledged as collateral under our existing credit facilities as discussed in Item 7 Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources Debt and Credit Facilities.

	Acres	Location
Shreveport refinery	240	Shreveport, Louisiana
Princeton refinery	208	Princeton, Louisiana
Cotton Valley refinery	77	Cotton Valley, Louisiana
Burnham terminal	11	Burnham, Illinois
Karns City facility	225	Karns City, Pennsylvania
Dickinson facility	28	Dickinson, Texas

#### **Office Facilities**

In addition to our refineries and terminal discussed above, we occupy approximately 26,900 square feet of office space in Indianapolis, Indiana under a lease. We also lease but are not currently using approximately 14,500 square feet of office space in The Woodlands, Texas under a lease as a result of the 2008 Penreco acquisition. While we may require additional office space as our business expands, we believe that our existing facilities are adequate to meet our needs for the immediate future and that additional facilities will be available on commercially reasonable terms as needed. We expect that we will not renew our lease of our facility in The Woodlands, Texas at its expiration on April 30, 2012 and are actively engaged in efforts to sublease this office space for the remainder of the lease term.

#### **Employees**

As of February 23, 2010, our general partner employs approximately 620 people who provide direct support to the Company s operations. Of these employees, approximately 330 are covered by collective bargaining agreements. Employees at the Princeton and Cotton Valley refineries are covered by separate collective bargaining agreements with the International Union of Operating Engineers, having expiration dates of October 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010, respectively. Employees at the Shreveport refinery are covered by a collective bargaining agreement with the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied-Industrial, and Service Workers International Union which expires on April 30, 2010. The Karns City, Pennsylvania facility employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement with United Steel Workers that will expire on January 31, 2012. The Dickinson, Texas facility employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers that will expire on March 31, 2013. None of the employees at the Burnham terminal are covered by collective bargaining agreements. Our general partner considers its employee relations to be good, with no history of work stoppages.

#### Address, Internet Website and Availability of Public Filings

Our principal executive offices are located at 2780 Waterfront Parkway East Drive, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46214 and our telephone number is (317) 328-5660. Our website is located at http://www.calumetspecialty.com.

We make the following information available free of charge on our website:

Annual Report on Form 10-K;

Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q;

Current Reports on Form 8-K;

Amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

Charters for the Audit, Compensation and Conflicts Committees; and

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

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Our Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings are available on our website as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish such material to, the SEC. The above information is available to anyone who requests it and is free of charge either in print from our website or upon request by contacting investor relations using the contact information listed above.

### Item 1A. Risk Factors

### We may not have sufficient cash from operations to enable us to pay the minimum quarterly distribution following the establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses, including payments to our general partner.

We may not have sufficient available cash from operations each quarter to enable us to pay the minimum quarterly distribution. Under the terms of our partnership agreement, we must pay expenses, including payments to our general partner, and set aside any cash reserve amounts before making a distribution to our unitholders. The amount of cash we can distribute on our units principally depends upon the amount of cash we generate from our operations, which is primarily dependent upon our producing and selling quantities of fuel and specialty products, or refined products, at margins that are high enough to cover our fixed and variable expenses. Crude oil costs, fuel and specialty products prices and, accordingly, the cash we generate from operations, will fluctuate from quarter to quarter based on, among other things:

overall demand for specialty hydrocarbon products, fuel and other refined products;

the level of foreign and domestic production of crude oil and refined products;

our ability to produce fuel and specialty products that meet our customers unique and precise specifications;

the marketing of alternative and competing products;

the extent of government regulation;

results of our hedging activities; and

overall economic and local market conditions.

In addition, the actual amount of cash we will have available for distribution will depend on other factors, some of which are beyond our control, including:

the level of capital expenditures we make, including those for acquisitions, if any;

our debt service requirements;

fluctuations in our working capital needs;

our ability to borrow funds and access capital markets;

restrictions on distributions and on our ability to make working capital borrowings for distributions contained in our credit facilities; and

the amount of cash reserves established by our general partner for the proper conduct of our business.

### The amount of cash we have available for distribution to unitholders depends primarily on our cash flow and not solely on profitability.

Unitholders should be aware that the amount of cash we have available for distribution depends primarily upon our cash flow, including cash flow from financial reserves and working capital borrowings, and not solely on profitability, which will be affected by non-cash items. As a result, we may make cash distributions during periods when we record net losses and may not make cash distributions during periods when we record net income.

### Decreases in the price of crude oil may lead to a reduction in the borrowing base under our revolving credit facility or the requirement that we post substantial amounts of cash collateral for derivative instruments, either of which would adversely affect our liquidity, financial condition and our ability to distribute cash to our unitholders.

The borrowing base under our revolving credit facility is redetermined weekly or monthly depending upon availability levels. Reductions in the value of our inventories as a result of lower crude oil prices could result in a reduction in our borrowing base, which would reduce our amount of financial resources available to meet our capital requirements. Further, if at any time our available capacity under our revolving credit facility falls below \$35.0 million, we may be required by our lenders to take steps to reduce our leverage, pay off our debts on an accelerated basis, limit or eliminate distributions to our unitholders or take other similar measures. In addition, decreases in the price of crude oil, may require us to post substantial amounts of cash collateral to our hedging counterparties in order to maintain our hedging positions. At December 31, 2009, we had \$107.3 million in availability under our revolving credit facility. Please read Item 7 Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources Debt and Credit Facilities for additional information. If the borrowing base under our revolving credit facility decreases or we are required to post substantial amounts of cash collateral to our hedging counterparties, it would have a material adverse effect on our liquidity, financial condition and our ability to distribute cash to our unitholders.

### Our credit agreements contain operating and financial restrictions that may restrict our business and financing activities.

The operating and financial restrictions and covenants in our credit agreements and any future financing agreements could restrict our ability to finance future operations or capital needs or to engage, expand or pursue our business activities. For example, our credit agreements restrict our ability to:

pay distributions;

incur indebtedness;

grant liens;

make certain acquisitions and investments;

make capital expenditures above specified amounts;

redeem or prepay other debt or make other restricted payments;

enter into transactions with affiliates;

enter into a merger, consolidation or sale of assets; and

cease our crack spread hedging program.

Our ability to comply with the covenants and restrictions contained in our credit agreements may be affected by events beyond our control. If market or other economic conditions deteriorate, our ability to comply with these covenants may be impaired. If we violate any of the restrictions, covenants, ratios or tests in our credit agreements, a significant portion of our indebtedness may become immediately due and payable, our ability to make distributions may be inhibited and our lenders commitment to make further loans to us may terminate. We might not have, or be able to obtain, sufficient funds to make these accelerated payments. In addition, our obligations under our credit

agreements are secured by substantially all of our assets and if we are unable to repay our indebtedness under our credit agreements, the lenders could seek to foreclose on our assets.

The senior secured term loan credit agreement and amendment to our existing revolving credit facility that we executed on January 3, 2008 contain operating and financial restrictions similar to the above listed items. Financial covenants in the term loan credit agreement and the amended revolving credit facility agreement include a maximum consolidated leverage ratio of not more than 3.75 to 1.00 and a minimum consolidated interest coverage ratio of 2.75 to 1.00. The failure to comply with any of these or other covenants would cause a default under the credit facilities. A default, if not waived, could result in acceleration of our debt, in which case the debt would become immediately due and payable. If this occurs, we may not be able to repay our debt or borrow sufficient funds

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to refinance it. Even if new financing were available, it may be on terms that are less attractive to us than our then existing credit facilities or it may not be on terms that are acceptable to us.

From time to time, our cash needs may exceed our internally generated cash flows, and our business could be materially and adversely affected if we were unable to obtain necessary funds from financing activities. From time to time, we may need to supplement our cash generation with proceeds from financing activities. Our revolving credit facility provides us with available financing to meet our ongoing cash needs. Uncertainty and illiquidity continues to exist in the financial markets that may materially impact the ability of the participating financial institutions to fund their commitments to us under our revolving credit facility. In light of these uncertainties and the volatile current market environment, we can make no assurances that we will be able to obtain the full amount of the funds available under our financing facilities to satisfy our cash requirements. Our failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our operations and financial position.

Due to these factors, we cannot be certain that funding will be available if needed and to the extent required, on acceptable terms. If funding is not available when needed, or is available only on unfavorable terms, we may be unable to meet our obligations as they come due or be required to post collateral to support our obligations, or we may be unable to implement our business development plans, enhance our existing business opportunities or respond to competitive pressures, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our production, revenues and results of operations.

### Refining margins are volatile, and a reduction in our refining margins will adversely affect the amount of cash we will have available for distribution to our unitholders.

Historically, refining margins have been volatile, and they are likely to continue to be volatile in the future. Our financial results are primarily affected by the relationship, or margin, between our specialty products prices and fuel products prices and the prices for crude oil and other feedstocks. The cost to acquire our feedstocks and the price at which we can ultimately sell our refined products depend upon numerous factors beyond our control.

A widely used benchmark in the fuel products industry to measure market values and margins is the Gulf Coast 3/2/1 crack spread, which represents the approximate gross margin resulting from refining crude oil, assuming that three barrels of a benchmark crude oil are converted, or cracked, into two barrels of gasoline and one barrel of heating oil. The Gulf Coast 3/2/1 crack spread, as reported by Bloomberg L.P., has averaged as follows:

Time Period	Crack spread
1990 to 1999	\$ 3.04
2000 to 2004	\$ 4.61
2005	\$ 10.63
2006	\$ 10.70
2007	\$ 14.27
2008	\$ 9.98
First quarter 2009	\$ 10.38
Second quarter 2009	\$ 9.93
Third quarter 2009	\$ 8.51
Fourth quarter 2009	\$ 5.92
Calendar year 2009	\$ 8.68

Our actual refining margins vary from the Gulf Coast 3/2/1 crack spread due to the actual crude oil used and products produced, transportation costs, regional differences, and the timing of the purchase of the feedstock and sale of the refined products, but we use the Gulf Coast 3/2/1 crack spread as an indicator of the volatility and general levels of refining margins.

The prices at which we sell specialty products are strongly influenced by the commodity price of crude oil. If crude oil prices increase, our specialty products segment s margins will fall unless we are able to pass along these price increases to our customers. Increases in selling prices for specialty products typically lag the rising cost of crude oil and may be difficult to implement when crude oil costs increase dramatically over a short period of time.

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For example, in the first six months of 2008, excluding the effects of hedges, we experienced a 31.3% increase in the cost of crude oil per barrel as compared to a 18.3% increase in the average sales price per barrel of our specialty products. It is possible we may not be able to pass on all or any portion of the increased crude oil costs to our customers. In addition, we will not be able to completely eliminate our commodity risk through our hedging activities.

Because refining margins are volatile, unitholders should not assume that our current margins will be sustained. If our refining margins fall, it will adversely affect the amount of cash we will have available for distribution to our unitholders.

### Because of the volatility of crude oil and refined products prices, our method of valuing our inventory may result in decreases in net income.

The nature of our business requires us to maintain substantial quantities of crude oil and refined product inventories. Because crude oil and refined products are essentially commodities, we have no control over the changing market value of these inventories. Because our inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market value, if the market value of our inventory were to decline to an amount less than our cost, we would record a write-down of inventory and a non-cash charge to cost of sales. In a period of decreasing crude oil or refined product prices, our inventory valuation methodology may result in decreases in net income.

#### The price volatility of fuel and utility services may result in decreases in our earnings, profitability and cash flows.

The volatility in costs of fuel, principally natural gas, and other utility services, principally electricity, used by our refinery and other operations affect our net income and cash flows. Fuel and utility prices are affected by factors outside of our control, such as supply and demand for fuel and utility services in both local and regional markets. Natural gas prices have historically been volatile. For example, daily prices for natural gas as reported on the New York Mercantile Exchange ( NYMEX ) ranged between \$2.51 and \$6.07 per million British thermal unit, or MMBtu, in 2009 and between \$5.29 and \$13.58 per MMBtu in 2008. Typically, electricity prices fluctuate with natural gas prices. Future increases in fuel and utility prices may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. Fuel and utility costs constituted approximately 20.7% and 36.5% of our total operating expenses included in cost of sales for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. If our natural gas costs rise, it will adversely affect the amount of cash we will have available for distribution to our unitholders.

### Our hedging activities may not be effective in reducing the volatility of our cash flows and may reduce our earnings, profitability and cash flows.

We are exposed to fluctuations in the price of crude oil, fuel products, natural gas and interest rates. We utilize derivative financial instruments related to the future price of crude oil, natural gas and fuel products with the intent of reducing volatility in our cash flows due to fluctuations in commodity prices and derivative instruments related to interest rates for future periods with the intent of reducing volatility in our cash flows due to fluctuations in interest rates. We are not able to enter into derivative financial instruments to reduce the volatility of the prices of the specialty hydrocarbon products we sell as there is no established derivative market for such products.

The extent of our commodity price exposure is related largely to the effectiveness and scope of our hedging activities. For example, the derivative instruments we utilize are based on posted market prices, which may differ significantly from the actual crude oil prices, natural gas prices or fuel products prices that we incur or realize in our operations. Accordingly, our commodity price risk management policy may not protect us from significant and sustained increases in crude oil or natural gas prices or decreases in fuel products prices. Conversely, our policy may limit our ability to realize cash flows from crude oil and natural gas price decreases.

We have a policy to enter into derivative transactions related to only a portion of the volume of our expected purchase and sales requirements and, as a result, we will continue to have direct commodity price exposure to the unhedged portion of our expected purchase and sales requirements. For example, during 2009 we entered into monthly crude oil collars to hedge up to 8,000 bpd of crude oil purchases related to our specialty products segment, which had average total daily production for 2009 of approximately 29,000 bpd. As of December 31, 2009, we had significantly

reduced the volume and duration of our crude oil collars position and were hedging approximately 6,000 bpd of crude oil purchases through January 31, 2010. Thus, we could be exposed to significant crude oil cost increases on a portion of our purchases. Please read Item 7A Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Our actual future purchase and sales requirements may be significantly higher or lower than we estimate at the time we enter into derivative transactions for such period. If the actual amount is higher than we estimate, we will have greater commodity price exposure than we intended. If the actual amount is lower than the amount that is subject to our derivative financial instruments, we might be forced to satisfy all or a portion of our derivative transactions without the benefit of the cash flow from our sale or purchase of the underlying physical commodity, which may result in a substantial diminution of our liquidity. As a result, our hedging activities may not be as effective as we intend in reducing the volatility of our cash flows. In addition, our hedging activities are subject to the risks that a counterparty may not perform its obligation under the applicable derivative instrument, the terms of the derivative instruments are imperfect, and our hedging policies and procedures are not properly followed. It is possible that the steps we take to monitor our derivative financial instruments may not detect and prevent violations of our risk management policies and procedures, particularly if deception or other intentional misconduct is involved.

## Our acquisition, asset reconfiguration and enhancement initiatives may not result in revenue or cash flow increases, may be subject to significant cost overruns and are subject to regulatory, environmental, political, legal and economic risks, which could adversely affect our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

We plan to grow our business in part through acquisition and the reconfiguration and enhancement of our existing refinery assets. As a specific example, we completed an expansion project at our Shreveport refinery to increase throughput capacity and crude oil processing flexibility in May 2008. This expansion project and the construction of other additions or modifications to our existing refineries have and will continue to involve numerous regulatory, environmental, political, legal, labor and economic uncertainties beyond our control, which could cause delays in construction or require the expenditure of significant amounts of capital, which we may finance with additional indebtedness or by issuing additional equity securities. For example, the total cost of the Shreveport refinery expansion project was approximately \$375.0 million and was significantly over budget due to increased construction labor costs. Future acquisition, reconfiguration and enhancement projects may not be completed at the budgeted cost, on schedule, or at all due to the risks described above which would significantly affect our cash flows and financial condition.

### Our debt levels may limit our flexibility in obtaining additional financing and in pursuing other business opportunities.

We had approximately \$411.1 million of outstanding indebtedness under our credit facilities as of December 31, 2009 and availability for borrowings of \$107.3 million under our senior secured revolving credit facility. We continue to have the ability to incur additional debt, including the ability to borrow up to \$375.0 million under our senior secured revolving credit facility, subject to the borrowing base limitations in that credit agreement. For further discussion of our term loan and revolving credit facilities, please read Item 7 Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources Debt and Credit Facilities. Our level of indebtedness could have important consequences to us, including the following:

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 favorable terms;

covenants contained 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;

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 our 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.

### We may be unable to consummate potential acquisitions we identify or successfully integrate such acquisitions.

We regularly consider and enter into discussions regarding potential acquisitions that we believe are complementary to our business. Any such purchase is subject to substantial due diligence, the negotiation of a definitive purchase and sale agreement and ancillary agreements, including, but not limited to supply, transition services and licensing agreements, and the receipt of various board of directors, governmental and other approvals. In the alternative, if we are successful in closing any such acquisitions, we will be subject to many risks including integration risks and the risk that a substantial portion of an acquired business may not produce qualifying income for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code. If our non-qualifying income exceeds 10% we would lose our election to be treated as a partnership for tax purposes and will be taxed as a corporation.

### If our general financial condition deteriorates, we may be limited in our ability to issue letters of credit which may affect our ability to enter into hedging arrangements, to enter into leasing arrangements, or to purchase crude oil.

We rely on our ability to issue letters of credit to enter into hedging arrangements in an effort to reduce our exposure to adverse fluctuations in the prices of crude oil, natural gas and crack spreads. We also rely on our ability to issue letters of credit to purchase crude oil for our refineries, lease certain precious metals for use in our refinery operations and enter into cash flow hedges of crude oil and natural gas purchases and fuel products sales. If, due to our financial condition or other reasons, we are limited in our ability to issue letters of credit or we are unable to issue letters of credit at all, we may be required to post substantial amounts of cash collateral to our hedging counterparties, lessors or crude oil suppliers in order to continue these activities, which would adversely affect our liquidity and our ability to distribute cash to our unitholders.

# We depend on certain key crude oil and other feedstock suppliers for a significant portion of our supply of crude oil and other feedstocks, and the loss of any of these key suppliers or a material decrease in the supply of crude oil and other feedstocks generally available to our refineries could materially reduce our ability to make distributions to unitholders.

We purchase crude oil and other feedstocks from major oil companies as well as from various crude oil gatherers and marketers in east Texas and north Louisiana. In 2009, subsidiaries of Plains and Genesis Crude Oil, L.P. supplied us with approximately 56.4% and 4.4%, respectively, of our total crude oil supplies under term contracts and evergreen crude oil supply contracts. In addition, we purchased 31.5% of our total crude oil purchases in 2009 from Legacy Resources, an affiliate of our general partner, to supply crude oil to our Princeton and Shreveport refineries. Each of our refineries is dependent on one or all of these suppliers and the loss of any of these suppliers would adversely affect our financial results to the extent we were unable to find another supplier of this substantial amount of crude oil. We do not maintain long-term contracts with most of our suppliers. Please read Items 1 and 2 Business and Properties Crude Oil and Feedstock Supply.

To the extent that our suppliers reduce the volumes of crude oil and other feedstocks that they supply us as a result of declining production or competition or otherwise, our revenues, net income and cash available for distribution to

unitholders would decline unless we were able to acquire comparable supplies of crude oil and other feedstocks on comparable terms from other suppliers, which may not be possible in areas where the supplier that reduces its volumes is the primary supplier in the area. A material decrease in crude oil production from the fields that supply our refineries, as a result of depressed commodity prices, lack of drilling activity, natural production declines or otherwise, could result in a decline in the volume of crude oil we refine. Fluctuations in crude oil prices

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can greatly affect production rates and investments by third parties in the development of new oil reserves. Drilling activity generally decreases as crude oil prices decrease. We have no control over the level of drilling activity in the fields that supply our refineries, the amount of reserves underlying the wells in these fields, the rate at which production from a well will decline or the production decisions of producers, which are affected by, among other things, prevailing and projected energy prices, demand for hydrocarbons, geological considerations, governmental regulation and the availability and cost of capital.

### We are dependent on certain third-party pipelines for transportation of crude oil and refined products, and if these pipelines become unavailable to us, our revenues and cash available for distribution could decline.

Our Shreveport refinery is interconnected to pipelines that supply most of its crude oil and ship a portion of its refined fuel products to customers, such as pipelines operated by subsidiaries of TEPPCO Partners, L.P. and ExxonMobil. Since we do not own or operate any of these pipelines, their continuing operation is not within our control. If any of these third-party pipelines become unavailable to transport crude oil or our refined fuel products because of accidents, government regulation, terrorism or other events, our revenues, net income and cash available for distribution to unitholders could decline.

#### Distributions to unitholders could be adversely affected by a decrease in the demand for our specialty products.

Changes in our customers products or processes may enable our customers to reduce consumption of the specialty products that we produce or make our specialty products unnecessary. Should a customer decide to use a different product due to price, performance or other considerations, we may not be able to supply a product that meets the customer s new requirements. In addition, the demand for our customers end products could decrease, which would reduce their demand for our specialty products. Our specialty products customers are primarily in the industrial goods, consumer goods and automotive goods industries and we are therefore susceptible to overall economic conditions, changing demand patterns and products in those industries. Consequently, it is important that we develop and manufacture new products to replace the sales of products that mature and decline in use. If we are unable to manage successfully the maturation of our existing specialty products and the introduction of new specialty products our revenues, net income and cash available for distribution to unitholders could be reduced.

### Distributions to unitholders could be adversely affected by a decrease in demand for fuel products in the markets we serve.

Any sustained decrease in demand for fuel products in the markets we serve could result in a significant reduction in our cash flows, reducing our ability to make distributions to unitholders. Factors that could lead to a decrease in market demand include:

a recession or other adverse economic condition that results in lower spending by consumers on gasoline, diesel, and travel;

higher fuel taxes or other governmental or regulatory actions that increase, directly or indirectly, the cost of fuel products;

an increase in fuel economy or the increased use of alternative fuel sources;

an increase in the market price of crude oil that lead to higher refined product prices, which may reduce demand for fuel products;

competitor actions; and

availability of raw materials.

### We could be subject to damages based on claims brought against us by our customers or lose customers as a result of the failure of our products to meet certain quality specifications.

Our specialty products provide precise performance attributes for our customers products. If a product fails to perform in a manner consistent with the detailed quality specifications required by the customer, the customer could seek replacement of the product or damages for costs incurred as a result of the product failing to perform as guaranteed. A successful claim or series of claims against us could result in a loss of one or more customers and reduce our ability to make distributions to unitholders.

### We are subject to compliance with stringent environmental, health and safety laws and regulations that may expose us to substantial costs and liabilities.

Our crude oil and specialty hydrocarbon refining and terminal operations are subject to stringent and complex federal, state and local environmental, health and safety laws and regulations governing the discharge of materials into the environment or otherwise relating to environmental protection, worker health and safety. These laws and regulations impose numerous obligations that are applicable to our operations, including the acquisition of permits to conduct regulated activities, the incurrence of significant capital expenditures to limit or prevent releases of materials from our refineries, terminal, and related facilities, and the incurrence of substantial costs and liabilities for pollution resulting from our operations or from those of prior owners. Numerous governmental authorities, such as the EPA, OSHA, and state agencies, such as the LDEQ, have the power to enforce compliance with these laws and regulations and the permits issued under them, often requiring difficult and costly actions. Failure to comply with laws, regulations, permits and orders may result in the assessment of administrative, civil, and criminal penalties, the imposition of remedial obligations, and the issuance of injunctions limiting or preventing some or all of our operations.

We are in discussions with the LDEQ regarding our participation in the Small Refinery and Single Site Refinery Initiative and anticipate that we will be entering into a settlement agreement with the LDEQ early in 2010 pursuant to which we will be required to make emissions reductions requiring capital investments between approximately \$1.0 million and \$3.0 million over a three to five year period at our three Louisiana refineries. Because the settlement agreement is also expected to resolve alleged air emissions issues at our Cotton Valley and Princeton refineries and consolidate any penalties associated with such issues, we further anticipate that a penalty of approximately \$0.4 million will be assessed in connection with this settlement agreement.

The workplaces associated with the facilities we operate are subject to the requirements of federal OSHA and comparable state statutes that regulate the protection of the health and safety of workers. In addition, the OSHA hazard communication standard requires that we maintain information about hazardous materials used or produced in our operations and that we provide this information to employees, state and local government authorities, and local residents. Failure to comply with OSHA requirements, including general industry standards, record keeping requirements and monitoring of occupational exposure to regulated substances could reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders if we are subjected to fines or significant compliance costs.

We have commissioned studies to assess the adequacy of our process safety management practices at our Shreveport refinery with respect to certain consensus codes and standards, some of which have been recently received. We expect to have fully reviewed the findings made in these studies during the first quarter of 2010 and may incur capital expenditures over the next several years to enhance our programs and equipment so that we may maintain our compliance with applicable requirements at the Shreveport refinery. We believe that our operations are in substantial compliance with OSHA and similar state laws.

### Our business subjects us to the inherent risk of incurring significant environmental liabilities in the operation of our refineries and related facilities.

There is inherent risk of incurring significant environmental costs and liabilities in the operation of our refineries, terminal, and related facilities due to our handling of petroleum hydrocarbons and wastes, air emissions and water discharges related to our operations, and historical operations and waste disposal practices by prior owners. We currently own or operate properties that for many years have been used for industrial activities, including refining or terminal storage operations. Petroleum hydrocarbons or wastes have been released on or under

the properties owned or operated by us. Joint and several strict liability may be incurred in connection with such releases of petroleum hydrocarbons and wastes on, under or from our properties and facilities. Private parties, including the owners of properties adjacent to our operations and facilities where our petroleum hydrocarbons or wastes are taken for reclamation or disposal, may also have the right to pursue legal actions to enforce compliance as well as to seek damages for non-compliance with environmental laws and regulations or for personal injury or property damage. We may not be able to recover some or any of these costs from insurance or other sources of indemnity.

Increasingly stringent environmental laws and regulations, unanticipated remediation obligations or emissions control expenditures and claims for penalties or damages could result in substantial costs and liabilities, and our ability to make distributions to our unitholders could suffer as a result. Neither the owners of our general partner nor their affiliates have indemnified us for any environmental liabilities, including those arising from non-compliance or pollution, that may be discovered at, or arise from operations on, the assets they contributed to us in connection with the closing of our initial public offering. As such, we can expect no economic assistance from any of them in the event that we are required to make expenditures to investigate or remediate any petroleum hydrocarbons, wastes or other materials.

### Climate change laws or regulations restricting emissions of greenhouse gases could result in increased operating costs and a decreased demand for our refining services.

On June 26, 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 ( ACESA ), which would establish an economy-wide cap-and-trade program to reduce U.S. emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases ( GHG ) that may contribute to warming of the earth s atmosphere and other climatic changes. ACESA would require a 17 percent reduction in GHG emissions from 2005 levels by 2020 and just over an 80 percent reduction of such emissions by 2050. Under this legislation, the EPA would issue a capped and steadily declining number of tradable emissions allowances to certain major sources of GHG emissions so that such sources could continue to emit GHGs into the atmosphere. These allowances would be expected to escalate significantly in cost over time. The net effect of ACESA would be to impose increasing costs on the combustion of carbon-based fuels such as refined petroleum products, oil and natural gas. The U.S. Senate has begun work on its own legislation for restricting domestic GHG emissions and President Obama has indicated his support of legislation to reduce GHG emissions through an emission allowance system. Also, on December 15, 2009, the EPA published its findings that emissions of GHGs present an endangerment to public health and the environment. These findings allow the EPA to adopt and implement regulations that would restrict emissions of GHGs under existing provisions of the federal Clean Air Act. Accordingly, the EPA has already proposed two sets of regulations that would require a reduction in emissions of GHGs from motor vehicles and, also, could trigger permit review for GHG emissions from certain stationary sources. In addition, on September 22, 2009, the EPA issued a final rule requiring the reporting of GHG emissions from specified large GHG emission sources in the United States, including petroleum refineries, on an annual basis, beginning in 2011 for emissions occurring after January 1, 2010. The adoption and implementation of any regulations imposing GHG reporting obligations on, or limiting emissions of GHGs from, our equipment and operations could require us to incur costs to reduce emissions of GHGs associated with our operations or could adversely affect demand for our refining services.

### We are exposed to trade credit risk in the ordinary course of our business activities.

We are exposed to risks of loss in the event of nonperformance by our customers and by counterparties of our forward contracts, options and swap agreements. Some of our customers and counterparties may be highly leveraged and subject to their own operating and regulatory risks. Even if our credit review and analysis mechanisms work properly, we may experience financial losses in our dealings with other parties. Any increase in the nonpayment or nonperformance by our customers and/or counterparties could reduce our ability to make distributions to our

unitholders.

### If we do not make acquisitions on economically acceptable terms, our future growth will be limited.

Our ability to grow depends on our ability to make acquisitions that result in an increase in the cash generated from operations per unit. If we are unable to make these accretive acquisitions either because we are: (1) unable to

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identify attractive acquisition candidates or negotiate acceptable purchase contracts with them, (2) unable to obtain financing for these acquisitions on economically acceptable terms, or (3) outbid by competitors, then our future growth and ability to increase distributions to our unitholders will be limited. Furthermore, any acquisition involves potential risks, including, among other things:

performance from the acquired assets and businesses that is below the forecasts we used in evaluating the acquisition;

a significant increase in our indebtedness and working capital requirements;

an inability to timely and effectively integrate the operations of recently acquired businesses or assets, particularly those in new geographic areas or in new lines of business;

the incurrence of substantial unforeseen environmental and other liabilities arising out of the acquired businesses or assets;

the diversion of management s attention from other business concerns; and

customer or key employee losses at the acquired businesses.

If we consummate any future acquisitions, our capitalization and results of operations may change significantly, and our unitholders will not have the opportunity to evaluate the economic, financial and other relevant information that we will consider in determining the application of our funds and other resources.

### Our refineries, facilities and terminal operations face operating hazards, and the potential limits on insurance coverage could expose us to potentially significant liability costs.

Our operations are subject to significant interruption, and our cash from operations could decline if any of our facilities experiences a major accident or fire, is damaged by severe weather or other natural disaster, or otherwise is forced to curtail its operations or shut down. These hazards could result in substantial losses due to personal injury and/or loss of life, severe damage to and destruction of property and equipment and pollution or other environmental damage and may result in curtailment or suspension of our related operations.

We are not fully insured against all risks incident to our business. Furthermore, we may be unable to maintain or obtain insurance of the type and amount we desire at reasonable rates. As a result of market conditions, premiums and deductibles for certain of our insurance policies have increased and could escalate further. In some instances, certain insurance could become unavailable or available only for reduced amounts of coverage. Our business interruption insurance will not apply unless a business interruption exceeds 90 days. We are not insured for environmental accidents. If we were to incur a significant liability for which we were not fully insured, it could diminish our ability to make distributions to unitholders.

### Downtime for maintenance at our refineries and facilities will reduce our revenues and cash available for distribution.

Our refineries and facilities consist of many processing units, a number of which have been in operation for a long time. One or more of the units may require additional unscheduled downtime for unanticipated maintenance or repairs that are more frequent than our scheduled turnaround for each unit every one to five years. Scheduled and unscheduled maintenance reduce our revenues during the period of time that our processing units are not operating and could reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

### We are subject to strict regulations at many of our facilities regarding employee safety, and failure to comply with these regulations could reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

The workplaces associated with the facilities we operate are subject to the requirements of the federal OSHA and comparable state statutes that regulate the protection of the health and safety of workers. In addition, the OSHA hazard communication standard requires that we maintain information about hazardous materials used or produced in our operations and that we provide this information to employees, state and local government authorities, and local residents. Failure to comply with OSHA requirements, including general industry standards, record keeping

requirements and monitoring of occupational exposure to regulated substances could reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders if we are subjected to fines or significant compliance costs.

### We face substantial competition from other refining companies.

The refining industry is highly competitive. Our competitors include large, integrated, major or independent oil companies that, because of their more diverse operations, larger refineries and stronger capitalization, may be better positioned than we are to withstand volatile industry conditions, including shortages or excesses of crude oil or refined products or intense price competition at the wholesale level. If we are unable to compete effectively, we may lose existing customers or fail to acquire new customers. For example, if a competitor attempts to increase market share by reducing prices, our operating results and cash available for distribution to our unitholders could be reduced.

### An increase in interest rates will cause our debt service obligations to increase.

Borrowings under our revolving credit facility bear interest at a floating rate (3.75% as of December 31, 2009). Borrowings under our term loan facility bear interest at a floating rate (6.15% as of December 31, 2009). The interest rates are subject to adjustment based on fluctuations in the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) or prime rate. The interest rate under our term loan credit facility, entered into on January 3, 2008, is LIBOR plus 4.0%. An increase in the interest rates associated with our floating-rate debt would increase our debt service costs and affect our results of operations and cash flow available for distribution to our unitholders. In addition, an increase in interest rates could adversely affect our future ability to obtain financing or materially increase the cost of any additional financing.

### Due to our lack of asset and geographic diversification, adverse developments in our operating areas would reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

We rely exclusively on sales generated from products processed at the facilities we own. Furthermore, the majority of our assets and operations are located in northwest Louisiana. Due to our lack of diversification in asset type and location, an adverse development in these businesses or areas, including adverse developments due to catastrophic events or weather, decreased supply of crude oil and feedstocks and/or decreased demand for refined petroleum products, would have a significantly greater impact on our financial condition and results of operations than if we maintained more diverse assets in more diverse locations.

### We depend on key personnel for the success of our business and the loss of those persons could adversely affect our business and our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

The loss of the services of any member of senior management or key employee could have an adverse effect on our business and reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders. We may not be able to locate or employ on acceptable terms qualified replacements for senior management or other key employees if their services were no longer available. Except with respect to Mr. Grube and Mr. Moyes, neither we, our general partner nor any affiliate thereof has entered into an employment agreement with any member of our senior management team or other key personnel. Furthermore, we do not maintain any key-man life insurance.

### We depend on unionized labor for the operation of our refineries. Any work stoppages or labor disturbances at these facilities could disrupt our business.

Substantially all of our operating personnel at our Princeton, Cotton Valley and Shreveport refineries are employed under collective bargaining agreements that expire in October 2011, March 2010 and April 2010, respectively. Substantially all of the operating personnel acquired through the Penreco acquisition are employed under collective bargaining agreements that expire in January 2012 and March 2013. Our inability to renegotiate these agreements as

they expire, any work stoppages or other labor disturbances at these facilities could have an adverse effect on our business and reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders. In addition, employees who are not currently represented by labor unions may seek union representation in the future, and any renegotiation of current collective bargaining agreements may result in terms that are less favorable to us.

### The operating results for our fuel products segment and the asphalt we produce and sell are seasonal and generally lower in the first and fourth quarters of the year.

The operating results for the fuel products segment and the selling prices of asphalt products we produce can be seasonal. Asphalt demand is generally lower in the first and fourth quarters of the year as compared to the second and third quarters due to the seasonality of road construction. Demand for gasoline is generally higher during the summer months than during the winter months due to seasonal increases in highway traffic. In addition, our natural gas costs can be higher during the winter months. Our operating results for the first and fourth calendar quarters may be lower than those for the second and third calendar quarters of each year as a result of this seasonality.

### The adoption of derivatives legislation by Congress could have an adverse impact on our ability to hedge risks associated with our business.

Congress currently is considering broad financial regulatory reform legislation that among other things would impose comprehensive regulation on the over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives marketplace and could affect the use of derivatives in hedging transactions. The financial regulatory reform bill adopted by the House of Representatives on December 11, 2009, would subject swap dealers and major swap participants to substantial supervision and regulation, including capital standards, margin requirements, business conduct standards and recordkeeping and reporting requirements. It also would require central clearing for transactions entered into between swap dealers or major swap participants. For these purposes, a major swap participant generally would be someone other than a dealer who maintains a substantial net position in outstanding swaps, excluding swaps used for commercial hedging or for reducing or mitigating commercial risk, or whose positions create substantial net counterparty exposure that could have serious adverse effects on the financial stability of the U.S. banking system or financial markets. The House-passed bill also would provide the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) with express authority to impose position limits for OTC derivatives related to energy commodities. Separately, in late January, 2010, the CFTC proposed regulations that would impose speculative position limits for certain futures and option contracts in natural gas, crude oil, heating oil, and gasoline. These proposed regulations would make an exemption available for certain bona fide hedging of commercial risks. Although it is not possible at this time to predict whether or when Congress will act on derivatives legislation or the CFTC will finalize its proposed regulations, any laws or regulations that subject us to additional capital or margin requirements relating to, or to additional restrictions on, our trading and commodity positions could have an adverse effect on our ability to hedge risks associated with our business or on the cost of our hedging activity.

### If Houston Refining is unable to perform its obligations under the LyondellBasell Agreements, our results of operations and cash flows could be adversely affected.

Under the LyondellBasell Agreements, we are the exclusive purchaser of Houston Refining s naphthenic lubricating oil production at its Houston, Texas refinery and are required to purchase a minimum of approximately 3,000 bpd. In addition, Houston Refining is required to process a minimum of approximately 800 bpd of white mineral oil for us at its Houston, Texas refinery. Houston Refining s parent, LyondellBasell, is currently in bankruptcy reorganization proceedings under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and there is no guarantee that LyondellBasell will successfully emerge from bankruptcy. If LyondellBasell is unable to complete the bankruptcy proceedings in a timely manner or if it abandons the proceedings, it may be required to liquidate its operations, which could materially adversely impact Houston Refining s ability to perform its obligations under the LyondellBasell Agreements and, in turn, could adversely impact our results of operations and cash flows.

#### **Risks Inherent in an Investment in Us**

The families of our chairman and chief executive officer and president, The Heritage Group and certain of their affiliates own a 54.3% limited partner interest in us and own and control our general partner, which has sole responsibility for conducting our business and managing our operations. Our general partner and its affiliates have conflicts of interest and limited fiduciary duties, which may permit them to favor their own interests to other unitholders detriment.

The families of our chairman and chief executive officer and president, the Heritage Group, and certain of their affiliates own a 54.3% limited partner interest in us. In addition, The Heritage Group and the families of our chairman and chief executive officer and president own our general partner. Conflicts of interest may arise between our general partner and its affiliates, on the one hand, and us and our unitholders, on the other hand. As a result of these conflicts, the 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:

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

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 common 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, borrowings, issuance of additional partnership securities, and reserves, each of which can affect the amount of cash that is distributed to unitholders;

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

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 capital expenditure for acquisitions or capital improvements, which does not. This determination can affect the amount of cash that is distributed to our unitholders and the ability of the subordinated units to convert to common units;

our general partner has the flexibility to cause us to enter into a broad variety of derivative transactions covering different time periods, the net cash receipts from which will increase operating surplus and adjusted operating surplus, with the result that our general partner may be able to shift the recognition of operating surplus and adjusted operating surplus between periods to increase the distributions it and its affiliates receive on their subordinated units and incentive distribution rights or to accelerate the expiration of the subordination period; and

in some instances, our general partner may cause us to borrow funds in order to permit the payment of cash distributions, even if the purpose or effect of the borrowing is to make a distribution on the subordinated units, to make incentive distributions or to accelerate the expiration of the subordination period.

#### The Heritage Group and certain of its affiliates may engage in limited competition with us.

Pursuant to the omnibus agreement we entered into in connection with our initial public offering, The Heritage Group and its controlled affiliates have agreed not to engage in, whether by acquisition or otherwise, the business of refining or marketing specialty lubricating oils, solvents and wax products as well as gasoline, diesel and jet fuel products in the continental United States ( restricted business ) for so long as it controls us. This restriction does not apply to certain assets and businesses which are more fully described under Item 13 Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence Omnibus Agreement.

Although Mr. Grube is prohibited from competing with us pursuant to the terms of his employment agreement, the owners of our general partner, other than The Heritage Group, are not prohibited from competing with us.

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## 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 limited partner. Examples include the exercise of its limited call right, its voting rights with respect to the units it owns, its registration rights and its determination whether or not to consent to any merger or consolidation of our partnership or amendment of our partnership agreement;

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;

Generally provides 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. 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 or our limited partners 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 or, in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that such person s conduct was criminal.

In order to become a limited partner of our partnership, a common unitholder is required to agree to be bound by the provisions in the partnership agreement, including the provisions discussed above.

#### Unitholders have limited voting rights and are not entitled to elect our general partner or its directors.

Unlike the holders of common stock in a corporation, unitholders have only limited voting rights on matters affecting our business and, therefore, limited ability to influence management s decisions regarding our business. Unitholders do not elect our general partner or its board of directors, and have no right to elect our general partner or its board of directors of an annual or other continuing basis. The board of directors of our general partner is chosen by the members of our general partner. Furthermore, if the unitholders are dissatisfied with the performance of our general partner, they have little ability to remove our general partner. As a result of these limitations, the price at which the common units trade could be diminished because of the absence or reduction of a takeover premium in the trading price.

#### Even if unitholders are dissatisfied, they cannot remove our general partner without its consent.

The unitholders are unable to remove the general partner without its consent because the general partner and its affiliates own sufficient units to be able to prevent its removal. The vote of the holders of at least 662/3% of all

outstanding units voting together as a single class is required to remove the general partner. At February 23, 2010, the owners of our general partner and certain of their affiliates own 54.3% of our common and subordinated units. Also, if our general partner is removed without cause during the subordination period and units held by our general partner and its affiliates are not voted in favor of that removal, all remaining subordinated units will automatically convert into common units and any existing arrearages on the common units will be extinguished. A removal of the general partner under these circumstances would adversely affect the common units by prematurely eliminating their distribution and liquidation preference over the subordinated units, which would otherwise have continued until we had met certain distribution and performance tests.

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Cause is narrowly defined in our partnership agreement to mean that a court of competent jurisdiction has entered a final, non-appealable judgment finding our general partner liable for actual fraud or willful misconduct in its capacity as our general partner. Cause does not include most cases of charges of poor management of the business, so the removal of our general partner during the subordination period because of the unitholders dissatisfaction with our general partner s performance in managing our partnership will most likely result in the termination of the subordination period.

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

### Control of our general partner may be transferred to a third party without unitholder consent.

Our general partner may transfer its general partner interest to a third party in a merger or in a sale of all or substantially all of its assets without the consent of the unitholders. Furthermore, our partnership agreement does not restrict the ability of the members of our general partner from transferring their respective membership interests in our general partner to a third party. The new members of our general partner would then be in a position to replace the board of directors and officers of our general partner with their own choices and thereby control the decisions taken by the board of directors.

### We do not have our own officers and employees and rely solely on the officers and employees of our general partner and its affiliates to manage our business and affairs.

We do not have our own officers and employees and rely solely on the officers and employees of our general partner and its affiliates to manage our business and affairs. We can provide no assurance that our general partner will continue to provide us the officers and employees that are necessary for the conduct of our business nor that such provision will be on terms that are acceptable to us. If our general partner fails to provide us with adequate personnel, our operations could be adversely impacted and our cash available for distribution to unitholders could be reduced.

### We may issue additional common units without unitholder approval, which would dilute our current unitholders existing ownership interests.

In general, during the subordination period, we may issue up to 3,485,222 additional common units without obtaining unitholder approval, which units we refer to as the basket. Our general partner can also issue an unlimited number of common units in connection with accretive acquisitions and capital improvements that increase cash flow from operations per unit on an estimated pro forma basis. We can also issue additional common units if the proceeds are used to repay certain of our indebtedness.

The issuance of additional common units or other equity securities of equal or senior rank to the common units will have the following effects:

our unitholders proportionate ownership interest in us may decrease;

the amount of cash available for distribution on each unit may decrease;

because a lower percentage of total outstanding units will be subordinated units, the risk that a shortfall in the payment of the minimum quarterly distribution will be borne by our common unitholders will increase;

the relative voting strength of each previously outstanding unit may be diminished;

the market price of the common units may decline; and

the ratio of taxable income to distributions may increase.

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After the end of the subordination period, we may issue an unlimited number of limited partner interests of any type without the approval of our unitholders. Our partnership agreement does not give our unitholders the right to approve our issuance of equity securities ranking junior to the common units at any time. In addition, our partnership agreement does not prohibit the issuance by our subsidiaries of equity securities, which may effectively rank senior to the common units.

### Our general partner s determination of the level of cash reserves may reduce the amount of available cash for distribution to unitholders.

Our partnership agreement requires our general partner to deduct from operating surplus cash reserves that it establishes are necessary to fund our future operating expenditures. In addition, our partnership agreement also permits our general partner to reduce available cash by establishing cash reserves for the proper conduct of our business, to comply with applicable law or agreements to which we are a party, or to provide funds for future distributions to partners. These reserves will affect the amount of cash available for distribution to unitholders.

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

Prior to making any distribution on the common 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 and will reduce the cash available for distribution to unitholders. These expenses will include all costs incurred by our general partner and its affiliates in managing and operating us. Please read Item 13 Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence.

### Our general partner has a limited call right that may require unitholders to sell their units at an undesirable time or price.

If at any time our general partner and its affiliates own more than 80% of the issued and outstanding common units, our general partner will have the right, but not the obligation, which right it may assign to any of its affiliates or to us, to acquire all, but not less than all, of the common units held by unaffiliated persons at a price not less than their then-current market price. As a result, unitholders may be required to sell their common units to our general partner, its affiliates or us at an undesirable time or price and may not receive any return on their investment. Unitholders may also incur a tax liability upon a sale of their common units. At February 23, 2010, our general partner and its affiliates own approximately 27.4% of the common units. At the end of the subordination period, assuming no additional issuances of common units, our general partner and its affiliates will own approximately 54.3% of the common units.

### Unitholder liability 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. Unitholders could be liable for any and all of our obligations as if they 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

unitholders right to act with other unitholders to remove or replace the general partner, to approve some amendments to our partnership agreement or to take other actions under our partnership agreement constitute 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, which we call the Delaware 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 impermissible distribution, limited partners who received the 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. Purchasers of units who become limited partners are liable for the obligations of the transferring limited partner to make contributions to the partnership that are known to the purchaser of the units 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.

#### Our common units have a low trading volume compared to other units representing limited partner interests.

Our common units are traded publicly on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol CLMT. However, our common units have a low average daily trading volume compared to many other units representing limited partner interests quoted on the NASDAQ. The price of our common units may continue to be volatile.

The market price of our common units may also be influenced by many factors, some of which are beyond our control, including:

our quarterly distributions;

our quarterly or annual earnings or those of other companies in our industry;

changes in commodity prices or refining margins;

loss of a large customer;

announcements by us or our competitors of significant contracts or acquisitions;

changes in accounting standards, policies, guidance, interpretations or principles;

general economic conditions;

the failure of securities analysts to cover our common units or changes in financial estimates by analysts;

future sales of our common units; and

the other factors described in Item 1A Risk Factors of this Form 10-K.

#### Tax Risks to Common Unitholders

Our tax treatment depends on our status as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, as well as our not being subject to a material amount of entity-level taxation by individual states. If the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, treats us as a corporation or we become subject to additional amounts of entity-level taxation for state tax purposes,

#### it would substantially reduce the amount of cash available for distribution to common unitholders.

The anticipated after-tax economic benefit of an investment in our common units depends largely on our being treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. We have not requested a ruling from the IRS with respect to our treatment as a partnership for federal income tax purposes.

Despite the fact that we are a limited partnership under Delaware law, it is possible in certain circumstances for a partnership such as ours to be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes. Although we do not believe based upon our current operations that we are so treated, a change in our business (or a change in current law) could cause us to be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes or otherwise subject us to taxation as an entity.

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

Current law may change so as to cause us to be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes or otherwise subject us to entity-level taxation. At a state level, because of widespread state budget deficits, 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, beginning in 2008, we are required to pay Texas franchise tax at a maximum effective rate of 0.7% of our gross income apportioned to Texas in the prior year. Imposition of such a tax on us by Texas and, if applicable, by any other state will reduce the cash available for distribution to unitholders.

Our partnership agreement provides that if a law is enacted or existing law is modified or interpreted in a manner that subjects us to taxation as a corporation or otherwise subjects us to entity-level taxation for federal, state or local income tax purposes, the minimum quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution levels will be adjusted to reflect the impact of that law on us.

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

The present federal income tax treatment of publicly traded partnerships, including us, or an investment in our common units may be modified by administrative, legislative or judicial interpretation at any time. For example, members of Congress are considering substantive changes to the existing federal income tax laws that affect certain publicly traded partnerships. Any modification to the federal income tax laws and interpretations thereof may or may not be applied retroactively. Although the considered legislation would not appear to affect our tax treatment as a partnership, 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 common units.

# If the IRS contests the federal income tax positions we take, the market for our common units may be adversely impacted and the cost of any IRS contest will reduce our cash available for distribution.

We have not requested a ruling from the IRS with respect to our treatment as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. The IRS may adopt positions that differ from the positions we take. It may be necessary to resort to administrative or court proceedings to sustain some or all of the positions we take. A court may not agree with some or all of the positions we take. Any contest with the IRS may materially and adversely impact the market for our common units and the price at which they trade. In addition, our costs of any contest with the IRS will be borne indirectly by our unitholders and our general partner because the costs will reduce our cash available for distribution.

# Unitholders may be required to pay taxes on income from us even if they do not receive any cash distributions from us.

Because our unitholders will be treated as partners to whom we will allocate taxable income which could be different in amount than the cash we distribute, unitholders will be required to pay any federal income taxes and, in some cases, state and local income taxes on their share of our taxable income even if they receive no cash distributions from us. 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 that income.

# Tax gain or loss on disposition of common units could be more or less than expected.

If unitholders sell their common units, they will recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount they realized and their tax basis in those common units. Because distributions in excess of their allocable

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share of our net taxable income decrease their tax basis in their common units, the amount, if any, of such prior excess distributions with respect to the units sold will, in effect, become taxable income to unitholders if they sell such units at a price greater than their tax basis in those units, even if the price they receive is less than their original cost. Furthermore, a substantial portion of the amount realized, whether or not representing gain, may be taxed as ordinary income due to potential recapture items, including depreciation recapture. In addition, because the amount realized includes a unitholder s share of our nonrecourse liabilities, if unitholders sell their units they may incur a tax liability in excess of the amount of cash they receive from the sale.

# Tax-exempt entities and non-United States persons face unique tax issues from owning our common units that may result in adverse tax consequences to them.

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

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

Due to a number of factors including our inability to match transferors and transferees of common units and because of other reasons, we take depreciation and amortization positions that may not conform to all aspects of existing Treasury Regulations. 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 from the sale of common units and could have a negative impact on the value of our common units or result in audit adjustments to our unitholders tax returns.

# We have a subsidiary that is treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes and subject to corporate-level income taxes.

We conduct all or a portion of our operations in which we market finished petroleum products to certain end-users through a subsidiary that is organized as a corporation. We may elect to conduct additional operations through this corporate subsidiary in the future. This corporate subsidiary is subject to corporate-level tax, which will reduce the cash available for distribution to us and, in turn, to our unitholders. If the IRS were to successfully assert that this corporate has more tax liability than we anticipate or legislation was enacted that increased the corporate tax rate, our cash available for distribution to our unitholders would be further reduced.

### 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 IRS may challenge this treatment, which could change the allocation of items of income, gain, loss and deduction among our unitholders.

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 Treasury Regulations. If the IRS were to challenge this method or new Treasury Regulations were issued, we may be required to change the

allocation of items of income, gain, loss and deduction among our unitholders. Recently, however, the Department of the Treasury and the IRS issued proposed Treasury Regulations that provide a safe harbor pursuant to which a publicly traded partnership may use a similar monthly simplifying convention to allocate tax items among transferor and transferee unitholders. Although publicly traded partnerships are entitled to rely on these proposed Treasury Regulations, they are not binding on the IRS and are subject to change until final Treasury Regulations are issued.

# 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, he 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. 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 modify any applicable brokerage account agreements to prohibit their brokers from borrowing their units.

## We have adopted certain valuation methodologies that may result in a shift of income, gain, loss and deduction between the general partner and the unitholders. The IRS may challenge this treatment, which could adversely affect the value of the common units.

When we issue additional units or engage in certain other transactions, we determine the fair market value of our assets and allocate any unrealized gain or loss attributable to our assets to the capital accounts of our unitholders and our general partner. Our methodology may be viewed as understating the value of our assets. In that case, there may be a shift of income, gain, loss and deduction between certain unitholders and the general partner, which may be unfavorable to such unitholders. Moreover, under our valuation methodologies, subsequent purchasers of common units may have a greater portion of their Internal Revenue Code Section 743(b) adjustment allocated to our tangible assets and a lesser portion allocated to our intangible assets. The IRS may challenge our valuation methods, or our allocation of the Section 743(b) adjustment attributable to our tangible and intangible assets, and allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction between the general partner and certain of our unitholders.

A successful IRS challenge to these methods or allocations could adversely affect the amount of taxable income or loss being allocated to our unitholders. It also could affect the amount of gain from our unitholders sale of common units and could have a negative impact on the value of the common units or result in audit adjustments to our unitholders tax returns without the benefit of additional deductions.

# The sale or exchange of 50% or more of our capital and profits interests during any twelve-month period will result in the termination of our partnership for federal income tax purposes.

We will be considered to have terminated for 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 termination would, among other things, result in the closing of our taxable year for all unitholders which could result in us filing two tax returns (and unitholders receiving two Schedule K-1s) for one fiscal year. Our termination could also 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 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.

#### Unitholders may be subject to state and local taxes and return filing requirements.

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In addition to federal income taxes, our common unitholders will likely be subject to other taxes, including foreign, state and local 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, even if unitholders do not live in any of those jurisdictions. Our common unitholders will likely be required to file foreign, state and local income tax returns and pay state and local income taxes in some or all of these jurisdictions. Further, unitholders may be subject

to penalties for failure to comply with those requirements. We own assets and/or do business in Arkansas, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. Each of these states, other than Texas and Florida, currently imposes a personal income tax as well as an income tax on corporations and other entities. As we make acquisitions or expand our business, we may own assets or do business in additional states that impose a personal income tax. It is the responsibility of our common unitholders to file all United States federal, foreign, state and local tax returns.

## Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

#### Item 3. Legal Proceedings

We are not a party to any material litigation. Our operations are subject to a variety of risks and disputes normally incident to our business. As a result, we may, at any given time, be a defendant in various legal proceedings and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business. Please see Items 1 and 2 Business and Properties Environmental, Health and Safety Matters for a description of our current regulatory matters related to the environment.

#### Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

None.

## PART II

# Item 5. Market for Registrant s Common Equity, Related Unitholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

#### **Market Information**

Our common units are quoted and traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol CLMT. Our common units began trading on January 26, 2006 at an initial public offering price of \$21.50. Prior to that date, there was no public market for our common units. The following table shows the low and high sales prices per common unit, as reported by NASDAQ, for the periods indicated. Cash distributions presented below represent amounts declared subsequent to each respective quarter end based on the results of that quarter. During each quarter in the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, identical cash distributions per unit were paid among all outstanding common and subordinated units.

	Low	High	Cash Distribution per Unit
Year ended December 31, 2008:			
First quarter	\$ 22.60	\$ 37.88	\$ 0.45
Second quarter	\$ 11.19	\$ 23.50	\$ 0.45
Third quarter	\$ 11.46	\$ 15.40	\$ 0.45
Fourth quarter	\$ 5.77	\$ 15.35	\$ 0.45

Year ended December 31, 2009:			
First quarter	\$ 8.11	\$ 13.44	\$ 0.45
Second quarter	\$ 9.45	\$ 16.84	\$ 0.45
Third quarter	\$ 13.20	\$ 18.53	\$ 0.45
Fourth quarter	\$ 14.75	\$ 19.87	\$ 0.455

As of February 23, 2010, there were approximately 24 unitholders of record of our common units. This number does not include unitholders whose units are held in trust by other entities. The actual number of unitholders is

greater than the number of holders of record. As of February 23, 2010, there were 35,279,778 units outstanding. The number of units outstanding on this date includes the 13,066,000 subordinated units for which there is no established trading market. The last reported sale price of our common units by NASDAQ on February 23, 2010 was \$19.31.

On December 14, 2009, we completed a public equity offering in which we sold 3,000,000 common units to the underwriters at a price to the public of \$18.00 per common unit and received net proceeds of approximately \$51.2 million. In addition, on January 7, 2010 we sold an additional 47,778 common units to the underwriters at a price to the public of \$18.00 per common unit pursuant to the underwriters over-allotment option. In connection with this offering, our general partner contributed an additional \$1.1 million to us to retain its 2% general partner interest.

#### **Cash Distribution Policy**

*General.* Within 45 days after the end of each quarter, we distribute our available cash (as defined in our partnership agreement) to unitholders of record on the applicable record date.

Available Cash. Available cash generally means, for any quarter, all cash on hand at the end of the quarter:

less the amount of cash reserves established by our general partner to:

provide for the proper conduct of our business;

comply with applicable law, any of our debt instruments or other agreements; or

provide funds for distributions to our unitholders and to our general partner for any one or more of the next four quarters.

plus all cash on hand on the date of determination of available cash for the quarter resulting from working capital borrowings made after the end of the quarter for which the determination is being made. Working capital borrowings are generally borrowings that will be made under our revolving credit facility and in all cases are used solely for working capital purposes or to pay distributions to partners.

*Intent to Distribute the Minimum Quarterly Distribution.* We distribute to the holders of common units and subordinated units on a quarterly basis at least the minimum quarterly distribution of \$0.45 per unit, or \$1.80 per year, to the extent we have sufficient cash from our operations after establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses, including payments to our general partner. However, there is no guarantee that we will pay the minimum quarterly distribution on the units in any quarter. Even if our cash distribution policy is not modified or revoked, the amount of distributions paid under our policy and the decision to make any distribution is determined by our general partner, taking into consideration the terms of our partnership agreement. We will be prohibited from making any distributions to unitholders if it would cause an event of default, or an event of default is existing, under our credit agreements. Please read Item 7 Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources Debt and Credit Facilities for a discussion of the restrictions in our credit agreements that restrict our ability to make distributions. On February 12, 2010, we paid a quarterly cash distribution of \$0.455 per unit on all outstanding units totaling \$16.4 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2009 to all unitholders of record as of the close of business on February 2, 2010.

*General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights.* Our general partner is entitled to 2% of all quarterly distributions since inception that we make prior to our liquidation. This general partner interest is represented by 719,995 general partner units. Our general partner has the right, but not the obligation, to contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us to maintain its current general partner interest. The general partner s 2% interest in these

distributions may be reduced if we issue additional units in the future and our general partner does not contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us to maintain its 2% general partner interest. Our general partner also currently holds incentive distribution rights that entitle it to receive increasing percentages, up to a maximum of 50%, of the cash we distribute from operating surplus (as defined below) in excess of \$0.495 per unit. The maximum distribution of 50% includes distributions paid to our general partner on its 2% general partner interest, and assumes that our general partner maintains its general partner interest at 2%. The maximum distribution of 50% does not include any distributions that our general partner may receive on units that it owns. We paid \$1.0 million to our

general partner in incentive distributions pursuant to its incentive distribution rights during the year ended December 31, 2008. Our general partner did not earn incentive distribution rights during the year ended December 31, 2009.

The Company s general partner is entitled to incentive distributions if the amount it distributes to unitholders with respect to any quarter exceeds specified target levels shown below:

	Total Quarterly Distribution	Inte	Percentage rest in butions
	Target Amount	Unitholders	General Partner
Minimum Quarterly Distribution	\$0.45	98%	2%
First Target Distribution	up to \$0.495	98%	2%
Second Target Distribution	above \$0.495 up to \$0.563	85%	15%
Third Target Distribution	above \$0.563 up to \$0.675	75%	25%
Thereafter	above \$0.675	50%	50%

#### **Equity Compensation Plans**

The equity compensation plan information required by Item 201(d) of Regulation S-K in response to this item is incorporated by reference into Item 12 Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Unitholder Matters, of this Form 10-K.

#### **Sales of Unregistered Securities**

None.

#### **Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

None.

### Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The following table shows selected historical consolidated financial and operating data of Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P. and its consolidated subsidiaries ( Calumet ) and Calumet Lubricants Co., Limited Partnership ( Predecessor ). The selected historical financial data as of and after December 31, 2008 includes the operations acquired as part of the Penreco acquisition from their date of acquisition, January 3, 2008. The selected historical financial data as of December 31, 2005 and for the year ended December 31, 2005 are derived from the consolidated financial statements of the Predecessor. The results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2006 for Calumet include the results of operations of the Predecessor for the period of January 1, 2006 through January 31, 2006.

The following table includes the non-GAAP financial measures EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA. For a reconciliation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA to net income and net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, our most directly comparable financial performance and liquidity measures calculated in accordance with GAAP, please read Non-GAAP Financial Measures.

We derived the information in the following table from, and that information should be read together with and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the historical consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included in Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of this Form 10-K except for operating data such as sales volume, feedstock runs and production. The table also should be read together with Item 7 Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

		Predecessor			
	2009	iber 31, 2006	2005		
	( In mil	lions, except	unit, per unit	and operati	ons data)
Summary of Operations Data:					
Sales	\$ 1,846.6	\$ 2,489.0	\$ 1,637.8	\$ 1,641.0	\$ 1,289.1
Cost of sales	1,673.5	2,235.1	1,456.4	1,436.1	1,147.1
Gross profit	173.1	253.9	181.4	204.9	142.0
Operating costs and expenses:					
Selling, general and administrative	32.6	34.3	19.6	20.4	22.1
Transportation	68.0	84.7	54.0	56.9	46.8
Taxes other than income taxes	3.8	4.6	3.7	3.6	2.6
Other	1.3	1.6	2.9	0.9	0.9
Restructuring, decommissioning and asset					
impairments (1)					2.3
Operating income	67.4	128.7	101.2	123.1	67.3
Other income (expense):					
Interest expense	(33.6)	(33.9)	(4.7)	(9.0)	(23.0)
Interest income	0.2	0.4	1.9	3.0	0.2
Debt extinguishment costs		(0.9)	(0.4)	(3.0)	(6.9)
Realized gain (loss) on derivative instruments	8.3	(58.8)	(12.5)	(30.3)	2.8
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments	23.7	3.5	(1.3)	12.3	(27.6)
Gain on sale of mineral rights		5.8			

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Other		(4.1)		(0.1)		(0.8)		(0.3)		0.1
Total other expense		(5.5)		(84.0)		(17.8)		(27.3)		(54.4)
Net income before income taxes Income tax expense		61.9 0.1		44.7 0.3		83.4 0.5		95.8 0.2		12.9
Net income	\$	61.8	\$	44.4	\$	82.9	\$	95.6	\$	12.9
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	Calumet Year Ended December 31,									edecessor
		2009		Y ear E 2008	una	ed December 2007	31	2006		2005
		( <b>In</b> 1	mil	lions, except (	unit	t, per unit and	d op	perations data	a)	
Weighted average limited partner										
units outstanding:										
Basic		32,372,000		32,232,000		29,744,000		27,708,000		
Diluted		32,372,000		32,232,000		29,746,000		27,708,000		
Common and subordinated										
unitholders basic and diluted net	¢	1.07	¢	1.05	¢	2 (1	¢	2.10		
income per unit	\$	1.87	\$	1.35	\$	2.61	\$	3.19		
Cash distributions declared per	¢	1.01	¢	1.00	ሰ	2.42	ሰ	1 20		
common and subordinated unit Balance Sheet Data (at period	\$	1.81	\$	1.98	\$	2.43	\$	1.30		
end):										
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$	629.3	\$	659.7	\$	442.9	\$	191.7	\$	127.8
Total assets	Ψ	1,031.9	Ψ	1,081.1	Ψ	678.9	Ψ	531.7	Ψ	401.9
Accounts payable		110.0		93.9		168.0		78.8		44.8
Long-term debt		401.1		465.1		39.9		49.5		268.0
Total partners capital		485.3		473.2		399.6		385.3		43.9
Cash Flow Data:										
Net cash flow provided by (used										
in):										
Operating activities	\$	100.9	\$	130.3	\$	167.5	\$	166.8	\$	(34.0)
Investing activities		(22.7)		(480.5)		(260.9)		(75.8)		(12.9)
Financing activities		(78.1)		350.1		12.4		(22.2)		41.0
Other Financial Data:	<i>.</i>		<b>.</b>	105.6	<i>•</i>		<i>.</i>	110.6	<i>•</i>	<b>7</b> 0 <b>0</b>
EBITDA	\$	157.6	\$	135.6	\$	102.7	\$	119.6	\$	53.2
Adjusted EBITDA		146.0		128.1		104.3		104.5		85.8
<b>Operating Data (bpd):</b>		57 096		56 000		17 662		50 245		16 052
Total sales volume (2) Total feedstock runs (3)		57,086 60,081		56,232 56,243		47,663 48,354		50,345 51,598		46,953 50,213
Total production (4)		58,792		55,330		48,334 47,736		50,213		48,331
		50,172		55,550		17,750		50,215		10,001

 Incurred in connection with the decommissioning of the Rouseville, Pennsylvania facility, the termination of the Bareco joint venture and the closing of the Reno, Pennsylvania facility, none of which were contributed to Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P. in connection with the closing of our initial public offering on January 31, 2006.

- (2) Total sales volume includes sales from the production of our facilities and, beginning in 2008, certain third-party facilities pursuant to supply and/or processing agreements, and sales of inventories.
- (3) Feedstock runs represents the barrels per day of crude oil and other feedstocks processed at our facilities and, beginning in 2008, certain third-party facilities pursuant to supply and/or processing agreements.

(4)

Total production represents the barrels per day of specialty products and fuel products yielded from processing crude oil and other feedstocks at our facilities and, beginning in 2008, certain third-party facilities pursuant to supply and/or processing agreements. The difference between total production and total feedstock runs is primarily a result of the time lag between the input of feedstock and production of finished products and volume loss.

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

We include in this Form 10-K the non-GAAP financial measures EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, and provide reconciliations of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA to net income and net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, our most directly comparable financial performance and liquidity measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP.

EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are used as supplemental financial measures by our management and by external users of our financial statements such as investors, commercial banks, research analysts and others, to assess:

the financial performance of our assets without regard to financing methods, capital structure or historical cost basis;

the ability of our assets to generate cash sufficient to pay interest costs, support our indebtedness, and meet minimum quarterly distributions;

our operating performance and return on capital as compared to those of other companies in our industry, without regard to financing or capital structure; and

the viability of acquisitions and capital expenditure projects and the overall rates of return on alternative investment opportunities.

We believe that these non-GAAP measures are useful to our analysts and investors as they exclude transactions not related to our core cash operating activities. We believe that excluding these transactions allows investors to meaningfully trend and analyze the performance of our core cash operations.

We define EBITDA as net income plus interest expense (including debt issuance and extinguishment costs), taxes and depreciation and amortization. We define Adjusted EBITDA to be Consolidated EBITDA as defined in our credit facilities. Consistent with that definition, Adjusted EBITDA means, for any period: (1) net income plus (2)(a) interest expense; (b) taxes; (c) depreciation and amortization; (d) unrealized losses from mark to market accounting for hedging activities; (e) unrealized items decreasing net income (including the non-cash impact of restructuring, decommissioning and asset impairments in the periods presented); and (f) other non-recurring expenses reducing net income (including the non-cash impact of restructuring, net income (including the non-cash impact of restructuring, decommissioning and asset impairments in the period; minus (3)(a) tax credits; (b) unrealized items increasing net income (including the non-cash impact of restructuring, decommissioning and asset impairments in the period; minus (3)(a) tax credits; (b) unrealized items increasing net income (including the non-cash impact of restructuring, decommissioning and asset impairments in the periods presented); (c) unrealized gains from mark to market accounting for hedging activities; and (d) other non-recurring expenses and unrealized items that reduced net income for a prior period, but represent a cash item in the current period.

We are required to report Adjusted EBITDA to our lenders under our credit facilities and it is used to determine our compliance with the consolidated leverage and consolidated interest coverage tests thereunder. Please refer to Item 7

Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources Debt and Credit Facilities within this item for additional details regarding our credit agreements.

EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered alternatives to net income, operating income, net cash provided by (used in) operating activities or any other measure of financial performance presented in accordance with GAAP. In evaluating our performance as measured by EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, management recognizes and considers the limitations of this measurement. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA do not reflect our obligations for the payment of income taxes, interest expense or other obligations such as capital expenditures. Accordingly, EDITDA

and Adjusted EBITDA are only two of the measurements that management utilizes. Moreover, our EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of another company because all companies may not calculate EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA in the same manner. The following table presents a reconciliation of both net income to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted

EBITDA and EBITDA to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, our most directly comparable GAAP financial performance and liquidity measures, for each of the periods indicated.

	Calumet Year Ended December 31, 2009 2008 2007 2006 (In millions)				,	Predecessor 2005			
<b>Reconciliation of net income to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA:</b> Net income	\$ 61.8	\$	44.4	\$	82.9	\$	95.6	\$	12.9
Add: Interest expense and debt extinguishment costs Depreciation and amortization Income tax expense	33.6 62.1 0.1		34.8 56.1 0.3		5.0 14.3 0.5		12.0 11.8 0.2		29.9 10.4
EBITDA	\$ 157.6	\$	135.6	\$	102.7	\$	119.6	\$	53.2
Add: Unrealized losses (gains) from mark to market accounting for hedging activities Non-cash impact of restructuring, decommissioning and asset impairments Prepaid non-recurring expenses and accrued non-recurring expenses, net of cash outlays	\$ (14.5)	\$	(11.5)	\$	3.5	\$	(13.1)	\$	27.6 1.7 3.3
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 146.0	\$	128.1	\$	104.3	\$	104.5	\$	85.8

	Calumet Year Ended December 31, 2009 2008 2007 2006							Pre	Predecessor 2005	
					(In	n millions	5)			
<b>Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA and EBITDA to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:</b> Adjusted EBITDA	\$	146.0	\$	128.1	\$	104.3	\$	104.5	\$	85.8
Add:										
Unrealized (losses) gains from mark to market accounting for hedging activities Non-cash impact of restructuring,		14.5		11.5		(3.5)		13.1		(27.6)
decommissioning and asset impairments										(1.7)
Prepaid non-recurring expenses and accrued non-recurring expenses, net of cash outlays		(2.9)		(4.0)		1.9		2.0		(3.3)
EBITDA	\$	157.6	\$	135.6	\$	102.7	\$	119.6	\$	53.2
Add:										
Cash interest expense and debt extinguishment										
costs		(29.9)		(31.4)		(4.6)		(12.0)		(29.8)
Unrealized (gains) losses on derivative										
instruments		(23.7)		(3.5)		1.3		(12.3)		27.6
Income taxes		(0.1)		(0.3)		(0.5)		(0.2)		
Restructuring charge										1.7
Provision for doubtful accounts		(0.9)		1.5				0.2		0.3
Debt extinguishment costs				0.9		0.4		3.0		4.2
Changes in assets and liabilities:		(10.0)		45.0		(15.0)		160		(56.0)
Accounts receivable		(12.3)		45.0		(15.0)		16.0		(56.9)
Inventory Other comments		(18.7)		55.5		3.3		(2.6)		(25.4)
Other current assets		(2.8)		1.8		(4.1) 2.1		16.2		0.5 4.0
Derivative activity		8.5 16.0		41.8 (103.1)		2.1 89.2		(0.9)		
Accounts payable Accrued liabilities		(1.0)		(105.1) (1.3)		(4.2)		34.0 0.7		(13.3) 5.3
Other, including changes in noncurrent assets and		(1.0)		(1.5)		(4.2)		0.7		5.5
liabilities		8.2		(12.2)		(3.1)		5.1		(5.4)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$	100.9	\$	130.3	\$	167.5	\$	166.8	\$	(34.0)
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### Item 7. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The historical consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K reflect all of the assets, liabilities and results of operations of Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P. (Calumet). The following discussion analyzes the financial condition and results of operations of Calumet for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007. Unitholders should read the following discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations for Calumet in conjunction with the historical consolidated financial statements and notes of Calumet included elsewhere in this Form 10-K.

## Overview

We are a leading independent producer of high-quality, specialty hydrocarbon products in North America. We own plants located in Princeton, Louisiana, Cotton Valley, Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana, Karns City, Pennsylvania, and Dickinson, Texas, and a terminal located in Burnham, Illinois. Our business is organized into two segments: specialty products and fuel products. In our specialty products segment, we process crude oil and other feedstocks into a wide variety of customized lubricating oils, white mineral oils, solvents, petrolatums and waxes. Our specialty products are sold to domestic and international customers who purchase them primarily as raw material components for basic industrial, consumer and automotive goods. In our fuel products segment, we process crude oil into a variety of fuel and fuel-related products, including gasoline, diesel and jet fuel. In connection with our production of specialty products and fuel products, we also produce asphalt and a limited number of other by-products which are allocated to either the specialty products or fuel products segment. The asphalt and other by-products produced in connection with the production of specialty products at our Princeton, Cotton Valley and Shreveport refineries are included in our specialty products segment. The by-products produced in connection with the production of fuel products at our Shreveport refinery are included in our fuel products segment. The fuels produced in connection with the production of specialty products at our Princeton refinery, Cotton Valley refinery and our Karns City facility are included in our specialty products segment. For 2009, approximately 81.8% of our gross profit was generated from our specialty products segment and approximately 18.2% of our gross profit was generated from our fuel products segment. We continue to focus on the growth of our specialty products segment. Our acquisition of Penreco on January 3, 2008 and our entry into sales and processing agreements with LyondellBasell, effective November 4, 2009, expanded our specialty products offering and customer base. For additional discussion of the Penreco acquisition and the LyondellBasell contractual arrangements, please read Penreco Acquisition and LyondellBasell Agreements.

## **Industry Dynamics**

The specialty petroleum products refining industry and, in general, the overall refining industry continues to experience economic challenges. Fuel products crack spreads declined significantly during 2009, especially during the second half of the year and, as a result, numerous refiners have announced reductions in refinery throughput rates, the idling of refinery assets and refinery closures. The relative stability in crude oil prices during the second half of 2009 allowed Calumet s specialty products segment gross profit to remain fairly stable but lower in 2009 compared to 2008. Overall demand for specialty products did show some signs of strengthening during the last six months of 2009 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2008 and first quarter of 2009, but total specialty products segment gross profit per barrel of 2009 declined approximately 9% compared to 2008. These market conditions led to lower gross profit per barrel of product as compared to the prior year for many refiners, including Calumet. We believe the majority of refiners have continued to see an overall reduction in demand for their products due to the weakness in the overall economic environment, especially in demand for products closely tied to the automotive and construction industries. Given these factors, upcoming quarters will likely continue to be challenging for refiners, including specialty products refiners like us.

We seek to differentiate ourself from our competitors, especially in this continued challenging economic environment, through a continued focus on a wide range of specialty products sold in many different industries and enhancing our operations, including increasing throughput rates at our recently expanded Shreveport refinery and controlling plant operating costs. Despite the continuing economic weakness during 2009, we were able to (i) pay quarterly distributions totaling approximately \$59.3 million to our unitholders, (ii) maintain compliance with the financial covenants of our credit agreements and (iii) improve our liquidity position at the end of 2009 as compared

to 2008 through cash flow from operations, reduced capital expenditures and the completion of a public equity offering in December 2009. In addition, we entered into new agreements with a subsidiary of LyondellBasell to expand our specialty products business related to naphthenic lubricating oils and white mineral oils. For further discussion of these new agreements, which were effective on November 4, 2009, please read LyondellBasell Agreements.

## LyondellBasell Agreements

Effective November 4, 2009, we entered into the LyondellBasell Agreements with an initial term of five years, with Houston Refining, a wholly-owned subsidiary of LyondellBasell, to form a long-term exclusive specialty products affiliation. The initial term of the LyondellBasell Agreements lasts until October 31, 2014. After October 31, 2014 the agreements are automatically extended for additional one-year terms unless either party provides 24 months notice of a desire to terminate either the initial term or any renewal term. Under the terms of the LyondellBasell Agreements, (i) we are the exclusive purchaser of Houston Refining s naphthenic lubricating oil production at its Houston, Texas refinery and are required to purchase a minimum of approximately 3,000 bpd, and (ii) Houston Refining will process a minimum of approximately 800 bpd of white mineral oil for us at its Houston, Texas refinery, which will supplement the existing white mineral oil production at our Karns City, Pennsylvania and Dickinson, Texas facilities. We also have exclusive rights to use certain LyondellBasell registered trademarks and tradenames including Tufflo, Duoprime, Duotreat, Crystex, Ideal and Aquamarine. The LyondellBasell Agreements were deemed effective as of November 4, 2009 upon the approval of LyondellBasell s debtor motions before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

While no fixed assets were purchased under the LyondellBasell Agreements, we expect these agreements to increase our working capital requirements by approximately \$30 million at current market prices. Please refer to discussion within Liquidity and Capital Resources for further information.

#### **Penreco Acquisition**

On January 3, 2008, we acquired Penreco, a Texas general partnership, for \$269.1 million. Penreco was owned by ConocoPhillips and M.E. Zukerman Specialty Oil Corporation. Penreco manufactures and markets highly refined products and specialty solvents including white mineral oils, petrolatums, natural petroleum sulfonates, cable-filling compounds, refrigeration oils, food-grade compressor lubricants and gelled products. The acquisition included facilities in Karns City, Pennsylvania and Dickinson, Texas, as well as several long-term supply agreements with ConocoPhillips. We funded the transaction through a portion of the combined proceeds from a public equity offering and a new senior secured first lien term loan facility. For further discussion, please read Liquidity and Capital Resources Debt and Credit Facilities. We believe that this acquisition has provided several key long-term strategic benefits, including market synergies within our solvents and lubricating oil product lines, additional operational and logistics flexibility and overhead cost reductions. The acquisition has broadened our customer base and has given us access to new specialty product markets.

#### **Shreveport Refinery Expansion**

In the second quarter of 2008, we completed a \$374.0 million expansion project at our Shreveport refinery to increase aggregate crude oil throughput capacity from approximately 42,000 bpd to approximately 60,000 bpd and improve feedstock flexibility. For further discussion of this project, please read Liquidity and Capital Resources Capital Expenditures.

#### **Key Performance Measures**

Our sales and net income are principally affected by the price of crude oil, demand for specialty and fuel products, prevailing crack spreads for fuel products, the price of natural gas used as fuel in our operations and our results from derivative instrument activities.

Our primary raw materials are crude oil and other specialty feedstocks and our primary outputs are specialty petroleum and fuel products. The prices of crude oil, specialty products and fuel products are subject to fluctuations in response to changes in supply, demand, market uncertainties and a variety of additional factors beyond our

control. We monitor these risks and enter into financial derivatives designed to mitigate the impact of commodity price fluctuations on our business. The primary purpose of our commodity risk management activities is to economically hedge our cash flow exposure to commodity price risk so that we can meet our cash distribution, debt service and capital expenditure requirements despite fluctuations in crude oil and fuel products prices. We enter into derivative contracts for future periods in quantities that do not exceed our projected purchases of crude oil and natural gas and sales of fuel products. Please read Item 7A Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk Commodity Price Risk. As of December 31, 2009, we have hedged approximately 12.9 million barrels of fuel products through December 2011 at an average refining margin of \$11.68 per barrel with average refining margins ranging from a low of \$11.32 in 2010 to a high of \$12.16 in 2011. During the first quarter of 2009, we entered into derivative transactions for 1,500 bpd in 2010 to sell crude oil and buy gasoline, which economically secured existing gains on the derivative position of \$6.52 per barrel. As a result of these positions, we are now economically exposed to deterioration of gasoline crack spreads below \$0.17 per barrel for 1,500 bpd in 2010. As of December 31, 2009, we have 0.2 million barrels of crude oil options through January 2010 to hedge our purchases of crude oil for specialty products production. The strike prices and types of crude oil options vary. Please refer to Item 7A Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk Existing Commodity Derivative Instruments and Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk Existing Interest Rate Derivative Instruments for detailed information regarding our derivative instruments.

Our management uses several financial and operational measurements to analyze our performance. These measurements include the following:

sales volumes;

production yields; and

specialty products and fuel products gross profit.

*Sales volumes.* We view the volumes of specialty products and fuels products sold as an important measure of our ability to effectively utilize our refining assets. Our ability to meet the demands of our customers is driven by the volumes of crude oil and feedstocks that we run at our facilities. Higher volumes improve profitability both through the spreading of fixed costs over greater volumes and the additional gross profit achieved on the incremental volumes.

*Production yields.* In order to maximize our gross profit and minimize lower margin by-products, we seek the optimal product mix for each barrel of crude oil we refine, which we refer to as production yield.

*Specialty products and fuel products gross profit.* Specialty products and fuel products gross profit are important measures of our ability to maximize the profitability of our specialty products and fuel products segments. We define specialty products and fuel products gross profit as sales less the cost of crude oil and other feedstocks and other production-related expenses, the most significant portion of which include labor, plant fuel, utilities, contract services, maintenance, depreciation and processing materials. We use specialty products and fuel products gross profit as indicators of our ability to manage our business during periods of crude oil and natural gas price fluctuations, as the prices of our specialty products and fuel products generally do not change immediately with changes in the price of crude oil and natural gas. The increase in selling prices typically lags behind the rising costs of crude oil feedstocks for specialty products. Other than plant fuel, production-related expenses generally remain stable across broad ranges of throughput volumes, but can fluctuate depending on maintenance activities performed during a specific period.

In addition to the foregoing measures, we also monitor our selling, general and administrative expenditures, substantially all of which are incurred through our general partner, Calumet GP, LLC.

High crude oil prices and the volatility of crude oil prices have historically provided us with significant challenges. During 2009, crude oil prices were less volatile than in 2008. The average of the first nearby month NYMEX contract for crude oil, which approximates our cost of crude oil, has fluctuated significantly throughout 2009 and 2008 as follows:

Quarter Ended:	Average NYMEX Price of Crude Oil Per Barrel
March 31, 2008	\$ 97.82
June 30, 2008	123.80
September 30, 2008	118.22
December 31, 2008	59.42
March 31, 2009	43.31
June 30, 2009	58.86
September 30, 2009	68.25
December 31, 2009	76.11

Despite the relative stability of crude oil prices and specialty product sales prices in 2009, we have experienced significant volatility in our gross profit and realized hedging results throughout the last two years. In response to this volatility, we implemented multiple rounds of specialty product price increases to customers during the first three quarters of 2008 and implemented reductions in our specialty products pricing starting in the fourth quarter of 2008 in line with the substantial decline in the price of crude oil. Also, we continue to work diligently on other strategic initiatives. These initiatives include optimizing our assets from our Shreveport refinery expansion project and the Penreco acquisition and our performance under the LyondellBasell Agreements. In addition, they include using derivative instruments to mitigate the risk of price fluctuations in crude oil input prices and maintaining the working capital reductions we achieved during the past two years. While we are taking steps to mitigate the adverse impact of this volatile environment on our operating results, we can provide no assurances as to the sustainability of the improvements in our operating results and to the extent we experience periods of rapidly escalating or declining crude oil prices, our operating results and liquidity could be adversely affected.

#### **Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth information about our combined operations. Production volume differs from sales volume due to changes in inventory. The table does not include operations of our Karns City, Pennsylvania and Dickinson, Texas facilities for 2007, as they were not acquired until January 3, 2008 with the acquisition of Penreco, nor does it include LyondellBasell Agreements volumes in 2008 and the majority of 2009, as such agreements were not deemed effective until November 4, 2009.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2009	2008 (In bpd)	2007		
Total sales volume (1) Total feedstock runs (2)	57,086 60,081	56,232 56,243	47,663 48,354		
Facility production (3): Specialty products:	00,001	50,245	10,551		
Lubricating oils	11,681	12,462	10,734		
Solvents	7,749	8,130	5,104		
Waxes	1,049	1,736	1,177		
Fuels	853	1,208	1,951		
Asphalt and other by-products	7,574	6,623	6,157		
Total	28,906	30,159	25,123		
Fuel products:					
Gasoline	9,892	8,476	7,780		
Diesel	12,796	10,407	5,736		
Jet fuel	6,709	5,918	7,749		
By-products	489	370	1,348		
Total	29,886	25,171	22,613		
Total facility production	58,792	55,330	47,736		

- (1) Total sales volume includes sales from the production of our facilities and, certain third-party facilities pursuant to supply and/or processing agreements, and sales of inventories.
- (2) Total feedstock runs represents the barrels per day of crude oil and other feedstocks processed at our facilities and, beginning in 2008, at certain third-party facilities pursuant to supply and/or processing agreements. The increase in feedstock runs in 2009 was due to the Shreveport refinery expansion project being placed in service in May 2008 resulting in a full year of increased production in 2009 compared to 2008 and the addition of the LyondellBasell Agreements in November 2009. Partially offsetting this increase were lower overall feedstock runs at our other facilities in 2009 compared to 2008 due to general economic conditions. The increase in feedstock runs in 2008 compared to 2007 is primarily due to the acquisition of the Karns City and the Dickinson facilities as part of the Penreco acquisition and the completion of the Shreveport refinery expansion project in May 2008. These increases were offset by decreases in production rates in the fourth quarter of 2008 due to

scheduled turnarounds at our Princeton, Cotton Valley and Shreveport refineries.

(3) Total facility production represents the barrels per day of specialty products and fuel products yielded from processing crude oil and other feedstocks at our facilities and, beginning in 2008, certain third-party facilities pursuant to supply and/or processing agreements. The difference between total production and total feedstock runs is primarily a result of the time lag between the input of feedstock and production of finished products and volume loss. The change in production mix to higher fuel products production in 2009 compared to 2008 is due primarily to reduced demand for certain specialty products.

The following table reflects our consolidated results of operations.

	Year Ended December 2009 2008 (In millions)								
Sales	\$	,	\$	2,489.0	\$	1,637.8			
Cost of sales		1,673.5		2,235.1		1,456.4			
Gross profit		173.1		253.9		181.4			
Operating costs and expenses:									
Selling, general and administrative		32.6		34.3		19.6			
Transportation		68.0		84.7		54.0			
Taxes other than income taxes		3.8		4.6		3.7			
Other		1.3		1.6		2.9			
Operating income		67.4		128.7		101.2			
Other income (expense):									
Interest expense		(33.6)		(33.9)		(4.7)			
Interest income		0.2		0.4		1.9			
Debt extinguishment costs				(0.9)		(0.4)			
Realized gain (loss) on derivative instruments		8.3		(58.8)		(12.5)			
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments		23.7		3.5		(1.3)			
Gain on sale of mineral rights				5.8					
Other		(4.1)		(0.1)		(0.8)			
Total other expense		(5.5)		(84.0)		(17.8)			
Net income before income taxes		61.9		44.7		83.4			
Income tax expense		(0.1)		(0.3)		(0.5)			
Net income	\$	61.8	\$	44.4	\$	82.9			

#### Year Ended December 31, 2009 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2008

*Sales*. Sales decreased \$642.4 million, or 25.8%, to \$1,846.6 million in 2009 from \$2,489.0 million in 2008. Sales for each of our principal product categories in these periods were as follows:

		Year Ended December 31,						
		2009		2008	% Change			
		(D	olla	rs in millions)				
Sales by segment:								
Specialty products:								
Lubricating oils	\$	500.9	\$	841.2	(40.5)%			
Solvents	Ψ	260.2	Ψ	419.8	(38.0)%			
Waxes		97.7		142.5	(31.5)%			
Fuels (1)		9.0		30.4	(70.5)%			
Asphalt and by-products (2)		103.4		144.1	(28.2)%			
Total specialty products		971.2		1,578.0	(38.5)%			
Total specialty products sales volume (in barrels)		9,370,000		10,289,000	(8.9)%			
Fuel products:								
Gasoline	\$	317.4	\$	332.7	(4.6)%			
Diesel		372.4		379.7	(1.9)%			
Jet fuel		167.6		186.7	(10.2)%			
By-products (3)		18.0		11.9	51.1%			
Total fuel products		875.4		911.0	(3.9)%			
Total fuel products sales volume (in barrels)		11,466,000		10,292,000	11.4%			
Total sales	\$	1,846.6	\$	2,489.0	(25.8)%			
Total sales volume (in barrels)		20,836,000		20,581,000	1.2%			

(1) Represents fuels produced in connection with the production of specialty products at the Princeton and Cotton Valley refineries.

- (2) Represents asphalt and other by-products produced in connection with the production of specialty products at the Princeton, Cotton Valley and Shreveport refineries.
- (3) Represents by-products produced in connection with the production of fuels at the Shreveport refinery.

The \$642.4 million decrease in consolidated sales resulted from a \$606.8 million decrease in sales in the specialty products segment and a \$35.6 million decrease in sales in the fuel products segment. Specialty products segment sales in 2009 decreased 38.5% primarily due to a 32.4% decrease in the average selling price per barrel, with prices decreasing across all specialty product categories in response to the 40.7% decrease in the average cost of crude oil per barrel from 2008. In addition, specialty products segment volumes sold decreased by 8.9% from approximately

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10.3 million barrels in 2008 to 9.4 million barrels in 2009. This decrease was primarily due to lower demand for lubricating oils, solvents and waxes as a result of the economic downturn. Asphalt and other by-products sales volume increased slightly due to higher production of these products resulting from increased throughput of sour crude oil at our Shreveport refinery.

Fuel products segment sales in 2009 decreased 3.9% due to a 40.5% decrease in the average selling price per barrel as compared to a 41.1% decrease in the overall cost of crude oil per barrel, partially offset by an 11.4% increase in sales volumes. Selling prices decreased across all fuel products categories. Fuel products sales volumes increased from approximately 10.3 million barrels in 2008 to 11.5 million barrels in 2009, primarily due to increases in diesel and jet fuel sales volume as a result of the startup of the Shreveport refinery expansion project during the second quarter of 2008. Further offsetting the decrease in selling prices was a \$371.9 million increase in

derivative gains on our fuel products cash flow hedges, which is recorded in sales. Please read Gross Profit below for the net impact of our crude oil and fuel products derivative instruments designated as hedges.

*Gross Profit.* Gross profit decreased \$80.8 million, or 31.8%, to \$173.1 million in 2009 from \$253.9 million in 2008. Gross profit for each of our specialty and fuel products segments was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, %					
		2009 (D		2008 rs in millioi	Change	
Gross profit by segment:						
Specialty products	\$	141.6	\$	187.6	(24.5)%	
Percentage of sales		14.6%		11.9%		
Fuel products	\$	31.5	\$	66.3	(52.5)%	
Percentage of sales		3.6%		7.3%		
Total gross profit	\$	173.1	\$	253.9	(31.8)%	
Percentage of sales		9.4%		10.2%		

The \$80.8 million decrease in total gross profit includes a decrease in gross profit of \$46.0 million in the specialty products segment and a \$34.8 million decrease in gross profit in the fuel products segment.

The decrease in specialty products segment gross profit was primarily due to the 8.9% decrease in sales volume, as discussed above, as well as a 32.4% decrease in the average selling price per barrel partially offset by a 40.7% reduction in the cost of crude oil per barrel. Further lowering our gross profit was a reduction in the cost of sales benefit of \$1.8 million in 2009 as compared to 2008 from the liquidation of lower cost inventory layers. In addition, there were decreased derivative gains of \$21.4 million in 2009 as compared to 2008.

Fuel products segment gross profit was negatively impacted by a 40.5% decrease in the average fuel products selling price per barrel as compared to a 41.1% decrease in the crude oil cost per barrel, resulting in a reduction of approximately 36.4% in our gross profit per barrel. Also lowering fuel products gross profit was a reduction in the cost of sales benefit of \$16.6 million in 2009 as compared to 2008 for the liquidation of lower cost inventory layers. Partially offsetting these decreases in gross profit were increased sales volumes of fuel products of 1.2 million barrels from 10.3 million barrels in 2008 to 11.5 million barrels in 2009 and increased derivative gains of \$30.9 million from our crack spread cash flow hedges.

*Selling, general and administrative*. Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased \$1.7 million, or 5.0%, to \$32.6 million in 2009 from \$34.3 million in 2008. This decrease was due primarily to reduced bad debt expense of \$2.4 million.

*Transportation*. Transportation expenses decreased \$16.7 million, or 19.8%, to \$68.0 million in 2009 from \$84.7 million in 2008. This decrease is as a result of reduced sales volumes of lubricating oils, solvents and waxes as well as cost reductions achieved in 2009 from improvements in rail car leasing, lower fuel surcharges and variable rail rates being reduced on certain routes.

*Realized gain (loss) on derivative instruments.* Realized gain on derivative instruments increased \$67.2 million to a gain of \$8.3 million in 2009 from a \$58.8 million loss in 2008. This increased gain was primarily the result of realized gains on our crack spread derivatives that were executed to lock in gains on a portion of our fuel products segment

derivative hedging activity in 2009 with no comparable activity in 2008. In addition, we experienced significant losses in the third quarter of 2008 on derivatives used to hedge our specialty products segment crude oil purchases with no comparable activity in 2009.

*Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments.* Unrealized gain on derivative instruments increased \$20.3 million, to \$23.7 million in 2009 from \$3.5 million in 2008. This increased gain is primarily due to the derivatives used to economically hedge our specialty products crude oil purchases experiencing significant losses in 2008 as market prices declined in the third quarter of 2008 with no comparable losses in 2009.

*Gain on sale of mineral rights.* We recorded a \$5.8 million gain in 2008 resulting from the lease of mineral rights on the real property at our Shreveport and Princeton refineries to an unaffiliated third party, which was

accounted for as a sale, with no comparable activity in 2009. We have retained a royalty interest in any future production associated with these mineral rights.

#### Year Ended December 31, 2008 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2007

*Sales*. Sales increased \$851.1 million, or 52.0%, to \$2,849.0 million in 2008 from \$1,637.8 million in 2007. Sales for each of our principal product categories in these periods were as follows:

	2008	ed December 3 2007 rs in millions)	51, % Change
Sales by segment: Specialty products: Lubricating oils Solvents	\$ 841.2 419.8	\$ 478.1 199.8	75.9% 110.1%
Waxes Fuels (1) Asphalt and by-products (2)	142.5 30.4 144.1	61.6 52.5 74.7	131.3% (42.1)% 92.9%
Total specialty products	1,578.0	866.7	82.1%
Total specialty products sales volume (in barrels) Fuel products:	10,289,000	8,410,000	22.3%
Gasoline Diesel Jet fuel By-products (3)	\$ 332.7 379.7 186.7 11.9	\$ 307.1 203.7 225.9 34.4	8.3% 86.5% (17.4)% (65.5)%
Total fuel products	911.0	771.1	18.1%
Total fuel products sales volume (in barrels) Total sales	\$ 10,292,000 2,489.0	\$ 8,987,000 1,637.8	14.5% 52.0%
Total sales volume (in barrels)	20,581,000	17,397,000	18.3%

- (1) Represents fuels produced in connection with the production of specialty products at the Princeton and Cotton Valley refineries.
- (2) Represents asphalt and other by-products produced in connection with the production of specialty products at the Princeton, Cotton Valley and Shreveport refineries.
- (3) Represents by-products produced in connection with the production of fuels at the Shreveport refinery.

This \$851.1 million increase in consolidated sales resulted from a \$711.3 million increase in sales in the specialty products segment and a \$139.8 million increase in sales in the fuel products segment. Specialty products segment

sales in 2008 increased \$711.3 million, or 82.1%, primarily due to a 22.3% increase in volumes sold, from approximately 8.4 million barrels in 2007 to 10.3 million barrels in 2008 primarily due to an additional 2.4 million barrels of sales volume of lubricating oils, solvents and waxes from our operations acquired in the Penreco acquisition. Excluding sales volume associated with Penreco, our specialty products sales volume decreased 6.0% primarily due to lower fuels and solvents sales volume due to lower production. These decreases were partially offset by increased asphalt and by-products sales due to increased production from the Shreveport refinery expansion project. Specialty products segment sales were also positively affected by a 39.2% increase in the average selling price per barrel of specialty products at our Shreveport, Princeton and Cotton Valley refineries compared to the prior period due to price increases in all specialty products, with lubricating oils and asphalt and by-products experiencing the largest sales price increases. The sales price increases were implemented in response to the rising cost of crude oil experienced early in 2008 as the cost of crude oil per barrel increased 40.2% over 2007.

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Fuel products segment sales in 2008 increased \$139.8 million, or 18.1%, due to a 31.1% increase in the average selling price per barrel as compared to 2007. This increase compares to a 40.3% increase in the average cost of crude oil per barrel over 2007. The increased sales price per barrel was a result of increases in all fuel products prices as prices increased in relation to the increase in the price of crude oil. Gasoline prices increased at rates lower than the overall increase in the crude oil price per barrel due primarily to the decline in gasoline demand throughout 2008. Fuel products segment sales were also positively affected by a 14.5% increase in sales volumes, from approximately 9.0 million barrels in 2007 to 10.3 million barrels in 2008, primarily driven by diesel sales volume. The increase in diesel sales volume was due primarily to the startup of the Shreveport refinery expansion project in May 2008 and shifts in product mix to diesel during various points throughout 2008, which lowered jet fuel production. Our Shreveport refinery has the ability to switch portions of its production between diesel and other fuel and specialty products to allow it to take advantage of the most advantageous markets. The increased sales volume and sales prices were offset by a \$263.7 million increase in derivative losses on our fuel products cash flow hedges recorded in sales. Please see Gross Profit below for the net impact of our crude oil and fuel products derivative instruments designated as hedges.

*Gross Profit.* Gross profit increased \$72.5 million, or 40.0%, to \$253.9 million in 2008 from \$181.4 million in 2007. Gross profit for our specialty and fuel products segments was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	% Change
	(Dollars in millions)		
Gross profit by segment:			
Specialty products	\$ 187.6	\$ 115.4	62.6%
Percentage of sales	11.9%	13.3%	
Fuel products	\$ 66.3	\$ 66.0	0.5%
Percentage of sales	7.3%	8.6%	
Total gross profit	\$ 253.9	\$ 181.4	40.0%
Percentage of sales	10.2%	11.1%	

The \$72.5 million increase in total gross profit includes an increase in gross profit of \$72.2 million in the specialty products segment and a \$0.3 million increase in gross profit in the fuel products segment.

The increase in specialty products segment gross profit was due primarily to a 22.3% increase in sales volume principally due to an additional 2.4 million barrels of sales volume from our operations acquired in the Penreco acquisition. Negatively impacting our gross profit was the effect of our specialty products sales price increases not keeping pace with the rising cost of crude oil late in 2007 and in the first half of 2008. During the last six months of 2007, our specialty products sales prices increased by 7.9% while our average cost of crude oil increased by approximately 28.8%. This trend continued during the first six months of 2008 as our specialty products sales prices, excluding Penreco, increased by 18.3% and our average cost of crude oil increased by 31.3%. As crude oil prices started falling late in 2008, we benefited from price increases during the last six months of 2008 resulting in our specialty products sales prices increasing 25.5% while the average cost of crude oil decreased by 13.8%. Further lowering our gross profit was a reduction in the cost of sales benefit of \$5.5 million in 2008 as compared to 2007 from the liquidation of lower cost inventory layers. These decreases were offset by increased derivative gains of \$19.8 million in 2008 as compared to 2007. Additionally, in 2008 we entered into derivative contracts to economically hedge specialty crude purchases which were not designated as hedges in accordance with ASC 815-10, *Derivatives and Hedging* (formerly SFAS 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*). The impact of these hedges that settled in 2008 was a realized loss of \$47.0 million which is recorded in realized loss on derivative

instruments in our statements of operations as discussed below.

Fuel products segment gross profit was positively impacted by a 14.5% increase in fuel products sales volume as discussed above. This increase was partially offset by the rising cost of crude oil outpacing increases in the selling price per barrel of our fuel products. The average cost of crude oil increased by approximately 40.3% from 2007 to 2008 while the average selling price per barrel of our fuel products increased by only 31.1% primarily due to gasoline sales prices increasing at rates lower than the overall increase in the crude oil price per barrel due to the

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decline in gasoline demand throughout 2008. Additionally, lowering our gross profit was a reduction in the cost of sales benefit of \$8.9 million in 2008 as compared to 2007 from the liquidation of lower cost inventory layers.

*Selling, general and administrative*. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$14.7 million, or 74.7%, to \$34.3 million in 2008 from \$19.6 million in 2007. This increase is primarily due to additional selling, general and administrative expenses associated with the Penreco acquisition. Selling, general and administrative expenses also increased due to additional accrued incentive compensation costs in 2008 as compared to 2007.

*Transportation*. Transportation expenses increased \$30.7 million, or 56.8%, to \$84.7 million in 2008 from \$54.0 million in 2007. This increase is primarily related to additional transportation expenses associated with the Penreco acquisition.

*Interest expense*. Interest expense increased \$29.2 million, or 619.5%, to \$33.9 million in 2008 from \$4.7 million in 2007. This increase was primarily due to an increase in indebtedness as a result of a new senior secured term loan facility, which closed on January 3, 2008 and includes a \$385.0 million term loan partially used to finance the acquisition of Penreco, as well as increased borrowings on our revolving credit facility primarily due to higher than expected capital expenditures to complete the Shreveport refinery expansion project. This increase was partially offset by an increase in capitalized interest as a result of increased capital expenditures on the Shreveport refinery expansion project.

*Interest income.* Interest income decreased \$1.6 million to \$0.4 million in 2008 from \$1.9 million in 2007. This decrease was primarily due to a larger average cash and cash equivalents balance during 2007 as compared to 2008 due to the utilization of cash for capital expenditures on the Shreveport refinery expansion project.

*Debt extinguishment costs.* Debt extinguishment costs increased \$0.5 million to \$0.9 million in 2008 from \$0.4 million in 2007. This increase was primarily due to the repayment of our prior senior secured term loan facility with a portion of the proceeds of our new senior secured term loan facility. The increase was also the result of debt extinguishment costs recognized in conjunction with the repayment of a portion of our new senior secured term loan facility using the proceeds of the sale of mineral rights on our real property at our Shreveport and Princeton refineries.

*Realized loss on derivative instruments.* Realized loss on derivative instruments increased \$46.3 million to \$58.8 million in 2008 from \$12.5 million in 2007. This increased loss was primarily the result of the unfavorable settlement of certain derivative instruments not designated as cash flow hedges in 2008 as compared to 2007 as crude oil prices declined rapidly in the third and fourth quarters of 2008. These derivative instruments were primarily combinations of crude oil options related to our specialty products segment crude oil purchases and are utilized to economically offset our exposure to rising crude oil prices.

*Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments.* Unrealized gain on derivative instruments increased \$4.8 million, to \$3.5 million in 2008 from a loss of \$1.3 million in 2007. This increased gain was due primarily to the increase in gain ineffectiveness related to derivative instruments in our fuel products segment in 2008 as compared to 2007. This was offset by the unfavorable mark-to-market changes for certain derivative instruments in our specialty products segment not designated as cash flow hedges, including crude oil collars, natural gas swap contracts, and interest rate swap contracts, being recorded to unrealized loss on derivative instruments in 2008 as compared 2007.

*Gain on sale of mineral rights.* We recorded a \$5.8 million gain in 2008 resulting from the lease of mineral rights on the real property at our Shreveport and Princeton refineries to an unaffiliated third party, which was accounted for as a sale. We have retained a royalty interest in any future production associated with these mineral rights.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

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Our principal sources of cash have historically included cash flow from operations, proceeds from public equity offerings and bank borrowings. Principal uses of cash have included capital expenditures, acquisitions, distributions and debt service. We expect that our principal uses of cash in the future will be for working capital as we continue to increase our throughput rate at the Shreveport refinery and increased working capital requirements

from the LyondellBasell Agreements, distributions to our limited partners and general partner, debt service, and capital expenditures related to internal growth projects and acquisitions from third parties or affiliates. Future internal growth projects or acquisitions may require expenditures in excess of our then-current cash flow from operations and cause us to issue debt or equity securities in public or private offerings or incur additional borrowings under bank credit facilities to meet those costs. Given the current credit environment and our continued efforts to reduce leverage to ensure continued covenant compliance under our credit facilities, we do not anticipate completing any significant acquisitions, internal growth projects or replacement and environmental capital expenditures that would cause total spending to exceed \$30.0 million during 2010. We anticipate future capital expenditures will be funded with current cash flows from operations and borrowings under our existing revolving credit facility.

## Cash Flows

We believe that we have sufficient liquid assets, cash flow from operations and borrowing capacity to meet our financial commitments, debt service obligations, and anticipated capital expenditures. However, we are subject to business and operational risks that could materially adversely affect our cash flows. A material decrease in our cash flow from operations, including a significant, sudden change in crude oil prices, would likely produce a corollary material adverse effect on our borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility and potentially a material adverse impact on our ability to comply with the covenants under our credit facilities.

The following table summarizes our primary sources and uses of cash in each of the most recent three years:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2009 2008		2007
		(In millions)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 100.9	\$ 130.3	\$ 167.5
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (22.7)	\$ (480.5)	\$ (260.9)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	\$ (78.1)	\$ 350.1	\$ 12.4

*Operating Activities.* Operating activities provided \$100.9 million in cash during 2009 compared to \$130.3 million during 2008. The decrease in cash provided by operating activities during 2009 was primarily due to increased working capital requirements as a result of the LyondellBasell Agreements of \$19.2 million as well as rising crude oil prices increasing our working capital requirements, partially offset by increased net income of \$17.3 million.

Operating activities provided \$130.3 million in cash during 2008 compared to \$167.5 million during 2007. The decrease in cash provided by operating activities during 2008 was primarily due to increased working capital of \$35.5 million, combined with a decrease of net income, after adjusting for non-cash items, of \$1.7 million. The increase in working capital was due primarily to the decrease in accounts payable resulting from significantly lower crude oil and other feedstock prices at December 31, 2008 as compared to December 31, 2007 and losses from our derivative activities. The reduction in accounts payable was partially offset by significant decreases in inventory and accounts receivable as a result of our working capital reduction initiatives and lower crude oil prices and fuel products selling prices.

*Investing Activities.* Cash used in investing activities decreased to \$22.7 million during 2009 compared to \$480.5 million during 2008. This decrease was due primarily to the acquisition of Penreco for \$269.1 million and spending on the Shreveport expansion project in 2008 of \$119.6 million, with no comparable activity in 2009. Also decreasing the use of cash for investing activities in 2009 was the early settlement of \$49.7 million of derivative instruments related to 2008 and 2009 utilized to economically hedge the risk of rising crude oil prices in 2008 with no

comparable activity in 2009.

Cash used in investing activities increased to \$480.5 million during 2008 compared to \$260.9 million during 2007. This increase was primarily due to the acquisition of Penreco for \$269.1 million. Also increasing the use of cash for investing activities was the settlement of \$49.7 million of derivative instruments utilized to economically hedge the risk of rising crude oil prices. As crude oil prices declined significantly during the last six months of 2008, the realized losses on these derivative instruments increased. Offsetting this increased use of cash was a decrease of

\$93.3 million in capital expenditures in 2008 compared to 2007. The majority of the capital expenditures were incurred at our Shreveport refinery, with \$119.6 million related to the Shreveport refinery expansion project incurred in 2008 as compared to \$188.9 million incurred in 2007. The remaining decrease in capital expenditures of \$24.0 million primarily related to lower spending on various other capital projects at our Shreveport refinery compared to the prior year. Further offsetting the increased use of cash was the \$6.1 million of cash proceeds received as a result of selling certain mineral rights on our real property at our Shreveport and Princeton refineries to a third party during the second quarter of 2008.

*Financing Activities.* Cash used in financing activities was \$78.1 million during 2009 compared to cash provided of \$350.1 million during 2008. This change was primarily due to proceeds from borrowings under the new senior secured term loan credit facility of \$385.0 million along with associated debt issuance costs incurred during 2008 with no comparable activity in 2009. The increased use of cash was also due to net repayments on the revolving credit facility of \$62.6 million compared to net borrowings of \$95.6 million in 2008, primarily due to final spending on the Shreveport refinery expansion project in 2008. Partially offsetting the increased use of cash were the proceeds received from our December 2009 public equity offering of approximately \$52.3 million, including \$1.1 million of contributions received from our general partner.

Financing activities provided cash of \$350.1 million during 2008 as compared to \$12.4 million during 2007. This change was primarily due to borrowings under the new senior secured term loan credit facility along with associated debt issuance costs. A portion of the new term loan proceeds of \$385.0 million was used to finance the acquisition of Penreco. The increase was also due to a \$88.6 million increase in borrowings on our revolving credit facility, primarily due to spending on the Shreveport refinery expansion project. These increases were offset by uses of cash to repay our old term loan of \$10.7 million, increased debt issuance costs of \$9.3 million and repayments under the new term loan of \$9.9 million. The repayments under the new term loan are approximately \$1.0 million per quarter. We sold certain mineral rights and our term loan credit agreement required that the proceeds of \$6.1 million be used to repay an equal portion of the term loan. Our distributions to partners decreased \$10.9 million as we reduced our distribution early in 2008 to our minimum quarterly distribution of \$0.45 per unit.

On January 5, 2010, we declared a quarterly cash distribution of \$0.455 per unit on all outstanding units, or \$16.4 million, for the quarter ended December 31, 2009. The distribution was paid on February 12, 2010 to unitholders of record as of the close of business on February 2, 2010. This quarterly distribution of \$0.455 per unit equates to \$1.82 per unit, or \$65.6 million, on an annualized basis.

## Capital Expenditures

Our capital expenditure requirements consist of capital improvement expenditures, replacement capital expenditures and environmental capital expenditures. Capital improvement expenditures include expenditures to acquire assets to grow our business and to expand existing facilities, such as projects that increase operating capacity. Replacement capital expenditures replace worn out or obsolete equipment or parts. Environmental capital expenditures include asset additions to meet or exceed environmental and operating regulations.

The following table sets forth our capital improvement expenditures, replacement capital expenditures and environmental capital expenditures in each of the periods shown.

Year Ended December 31, 2009 2008 2007 (In millions)

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Capital improvement expenditures Replacement capital expenditures	\$ 8.0 12.1	\$ 161.6 4.4	\$ 248.8 10.9
Environmental capital expenditures	3.4	1.7	1.3
Total	\$ 23.5	\$ 167.7	\$ 261.0

We anticipate that future capital expenditure requirements will be provided primarily through cash provided by operations and available borrowings under our revolving credit facility. In 2009, we limited our overall capital expenditures to required environmental expenditures, necessary replacement capital expenditures to maintain our facilities and minor capital improvement projects to reduce energy costs, improve finished product quality and

finished product yields. Management estimates its replacement and environmental capital expenditures to be approximately \$4.0 million per quarter in 2010 with total capital expenditures remaining generally consistent with 2009.

Over the past three years, we have invested significantly in expanding and enhancing the operations at our facilities, primarily at our Shreveport refinery. We invested a total of approximately \$8.0 million, \$161.6 million, and \$248.8 million during 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Of these investments during these periods, \$308.5 million was related to our Shreveport refinery expansion project completed and operational in May 2008. Approximately \$123.2 million was related to other projects to improve efficiency, de-bottleneck certain operating units and for new product development. These expenditures have enhanced and improved our product mix and operating cost leverage, but did not significantly increase the feedstock throughput capacity of our Shreveport refinery or our other refineries.

The Shreveport expansion project has increased this refinery s throughput capacity from 42,000 bpd to 60,000 bpd and enhanced the Shreveport refinery s ability to process sour crude oil up to approximately 25,000 bpd. In 2008, the Shreveport refinery had total feedstock runs of 37,096 bpd, representing an increase of approximately 2,744 bpd from 2007, before completion of the Shreveport expansion project. In 2008, the Shreveport refinery did not achieve the expected significant increase in feedstock runs compared to 2007 due primarily to unscheduled downtime due to Hurricane Ike and scheduled downtime in the fourth quarter of 2008 to complete a three-week turnaround. In 2009, feedstock run rates at our Shreveport refinery averaged approximately 43,639 bpd. We did not increase feedstock run rates further due to the continued impacts of the economic downturn.

## Debt and Credit Facilities

On January 3, 2008, we repaid all of our indebtedness under our previous senior secured first lien term loan credit facility, entered into new senior secured first lien term loan facility and amended our existing senior secured revolving credit facility. As of December 31, 2009, our credit facilities consist of:

a \$375.0 million senior secured revolving credit facility, subject to borrowing base restrictions, with a standby letter of credit sublimit of \$300.0 million; and

a \$435.0 million senior secured first lien credit *facility* consisting of a \$385.0 million term loan facility and a \$50.0 million letter of credit facility to support crack spread hedging. In connection with the execution of the senior secured first lien credit facility, we incurred total debt issuance costs of \$23.4 million, including \$17.4 million of issuance discounts.

Borrowings under the amended revolving credit facility are limited by advance rates of percentages of eligible accounts receivable and inventory (the borrowing base) as defined by the revolving credit agreement. As such, the borrowing base can fluctuate based on changes in selling prices of our products and our current material costs, primarily the cost of crude oil. The borrowing base cannot exceed the total commitments of the lender group. The lender group under our revolving credit facility is comprised of a syndicate of nine lenders with total commitments of \$375.0 million. The number of lenders in our facility has been reduced from ten due to an acquisition. If further acquisitions occur, we will increase the concentration of our exposure to certain financial institutions. Currently, the largest member of our bank group provides a commitment for \$87.5 million. The smallest commitment is \$15 million and the median commitment is \$42.5 million. In the event of a default by one of the lenders in the syndicate, the total commitments under the revolving credit facility would be reduced by the defaulting lender. In the alternative, the revolving credit facility also permits us to replace a defaulting lender. Although we do not expect any current lenders to default under the revolving credit facility, we can provide no assurance that lender defaults will not occur. Also, our borrowing base at December 31, 2009 was \$194.0 million; thus, we would have to experience

defaults in commitments totaling \$181.0 million from our lender group before such defaults would impact our liquidity as of December 31, 2009. Accordingly, at least three of our nine lenders would have to default in order for our current liquidity position under the revolving credit facility to be adversely impacted.

The revolving credit facility, which is our primary source of liquidity for cash needs in excess of cash generated from operations, currently bears interest at prime plus a basis points margin or LIBOR plus a basis points margin, at our option. This margin is currently at 50 basis points for prime and 200 basis points for LIBOR; however, it fluctuates based on measurement of our Consolidated Leverage Ratio discussed below and is expected to be reduced during the first quarter of 2010 to 25 basis points for prime and 175 basis points for LIBOR due to the reduction in our Consolidated Leverage Ratio. The revolving credit facility has a first priority lien on our cash, accounts receivable and inventory and a second priority lien on our fixed assets which matures in January 2013. On December 31, 2009, we had availability on our revolving credit facility of \$107.3 million, based upon a \$194.0 million borrowing base, \$46.9 million in outstanding standby letters of credit, and outstanding borrowings of \$39.9 million. The improvement in our availability under our revolving credit facility of approximately \$56.0 million from December 31, 2008 to December 31, 2009 is due primarily to cash flow from operations and the \$52.3 million in proceeds from our December 2009 public equity offering that were used to reduce borrowings under our revolving credit facility offset by capital expenditures, distributions to unitholders, and debt service costs. Additionally, availability under the revolving credit facility at December 31, 2009 was reduced by incremental working capital requirements related to our obligations under the LyondellBasell Agreements in November 2009. We believe that we have sufficient cash flow from operations and borrowing capacity to meet our financial commitments, debt service obligations, contingencies and anticipated capital expenditures. However, we are subject to business and operational risks that could materially adversely affect our cash flows. A material decrease in our cash flow from operations or a significant, sustained decline in crude oil prices would likely produce a corollary material adverse effect on our borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility and potentially have a material adverse effect on our ability to comply with the covenants under our credit facilities. Substantial declines in crude oil prices, if sustained, may materially diminish our borrowing base which is based, in part, on the value of our crude oil inventory and could result in a material reduction in our borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility.

The term loan facility, fully drawn at \$385.0 million on January 3, 2008, bears interest at a rate of LIBOR plus 400 basis points or prime plus 300 basis points, at our option. Management has historically kept the outstanding balance on a LIBOR basis; however, that decision is evaluated every three months to determine if a portion should be converted back to the prime rate. Each lender under this facility has a first priority lien on our fixed assets and a second priority lien on our cash, accounts receivable and inventory. Our term loan facility matures in January 2015. Under the terms of our term loan facility, we applied a portion of the net proceeds from the term loan facility to the acquisition of Penreco. We are required to make mandatory repayments of approximately \$1.0 million at the end of each fiscal quarter, beginning with the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2008 and ending with the fiscal quarter ending September 30, 2014, with the remaining balance due at maturity on January 3, 2015. In June 2008, we received lease bonuses of \$6.1 million associated with the sale of mineral rights on our real property at our Shreveport and Princeton refineries to a non-affiliated third party. As a result of these transactions, we recorded a gain of \$5.8 million in other income (expense) in the consolidated statements of operations. Under the term loan agreement, cash proceeds resulting from the disposition of our property, plant and equipment generally must be used as a mandatory prepayment of the term loan.

Our letter of credit facility to support crack spread hedging bears interest at a rate of 4.0% and is secured by a first priority lien on our fixed assets. We have issued a letter of credit in the amount of \$50.0 million, the full amount available under this letter of credit facility, to one counterparty. As long as this first priority lien is in effect and the counterparty remains the beneficiary of the \$50.0 million letter of credit, we will have no obligation to post additional cash, letters of credit or other collateral with the counterparty to provide additional credit support for a mutually-agreed maximum volume of executed crack spread hedges. In the event the counterparty is exposure to us exceeds \$100.0 million, we would be required to post additional credit support to enter into additional crack spread hedges up to the aforementioned maximum volume. In addition, we have other crack spread hedges in place with other approved counterparties under the letter of credit facility whose credit exposure to us is also secured by a first priority lien on our fixed assets, subject to certain conditions.

Our credit facilities permit us to make distributions to our unitholders as long as we are not in default and would not be in default following the distribution. Under the credit facilities, we were historically obligated to

comply with certain financial covenants requiring us to maintain a Consolidated Leverage Ratio of no more than 4.0 to 1 and a Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio of no less than 2.50 to 1 (as of the end of each fiscal quarter and after giving effect to a proposed distribution or other restricted payments as defined in the credit agreements) and Availability (as such term is defined in our credit agreements) of at least \$35.0 million (after giving effect to a proposed distribution or other restricted payments as defined in the credit agreements). As of the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2009 and for all future quarters, we are obligated to maintain a Consolidated Leverage Ratio of no more than 3.75 to 1, a Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio of no less than 2.75 to 1 and Availability of at least \$35.0 million (after giving effect to a proposed distribution or other restricted payments as defined in the credit agreements. The Consolidated Leverage Ratio is defined under our credit agreements to mean the ratio of our Consolidated Debt (as defined in the credit agreements) as of the last day of any fiscal quarter to our Adjusted EBITDA (as defined below) for the last four fiscal quarter periods ending on such date. The Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio is defined as the ratio of Consolidated EBITDA for the last four fiscal quarters to Consolidated Interest Charges for the same period. Adjusted EBITDA means Consolidated EBITDA as defined in our credit facilities to mean, for any period: (1) net income plus (2)(a) interest expense; (b) taxes; (c) depreciation and amortization; (d) unrealized losses from mark to market accounting for hedging activities; (e) unrealized items decreasing net income (including the non-cash impact of restructuring, decommissioning and asset impairments in the periods presented); (f) other non-recurring expenses reducing net income which do not represent a cash item for such period; and (g) all non-recurring restructuring charges associated with the Penreco acquisition minus (3)(a) tax credits; (b) unrealized items increasing net income (including the non-cash impact of restructuring, decommissioning and asset impairments in the periods presented); (c) unrealized gains from mark to market accounting for hedging activities; and (d) other non-recurring expenses and unrealized items that reduced net income for a prior period, but represent a cash item in the current period.

In addition, if at any time that our borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility falls below \$35.0 million, meaning we have Availability of less than \$35.0 million, we will be required to immediately measure and maintain a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of at least 1 to 1 (as of the end of each fiscal quarter). The Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is defined under our credit agreements to mean the ratio of (a) Adjusted EBITDA minus Consolidated Capital Expenditures minus Consolidated Cash Taxes, to (b) Fixed Charges (as each such term is defined in our credit agreements).

Compliance with the financial covenants pursuant to our credit agreements is measured quarterly based upon performance over the most recent four fiscal quarters, and as of December 31, 2009, we believe we were in compliance with all financial covenants under our credit agreements and have adequate liquidity to conduct our business. Even though our liquidity and leverage improved during fiscal year 2009, we are continuing to take steps to ensure that we continue to meet the requirements of our credit agreements and currently believe that we will be in compliance for all future measurement dates, although assurances cannot be made regarding our future compliance with these covenants.

Failure to achieve our anticipated results may result in a breach of certain of the financial covenants contained in our credit agreements. If this occurs, we will enter into discussions with our lenders to either modify the terms of the existing credit facilities or obtain waivers of non-compliance with such covenants. There can be no assurances of the timing of the receipt of any such modification or waiver, the term or costs associated therewith or our ultimate ability to obtain the relief sought. Our failure to obtain a waiver of non-compliance with certain of the financial covenants or otherwise amend the credit facilities would constitute an event of default under our credit facilities and would permit the lenders to pursue remedies. These remedies could include acceleration of maturity under our credit facilities and limitations on, or the elimination of, our ability to make distributions to our unitholders. If our lenders accelerate maturity under our credit facilities, a significant portion of our indebtedness may become due and payable immediately. We might not have, or be able to obtain, sufficient funds to make these accelerated payments. If we are unable to make these accelerated payments, our lenders could seek to foreclose on our assets.

In addition, our credit agreements contain various covenants that limit our ability, among other things, to: incur indebtedness; grant liens; make certain acquisitions and investments; make capital expenditures above specified amounts; redeem or prepay other debt or make other restricted payments such as distributions to unitholders; enter into transactions with affiliates; enter into a merger, consolidation or sale of assets; and cease our refining margin hedging program (our lenders have required us to obtain and maintain derivative contracts for fuel products margins

in our fuel products segment for a rolling period of 1 to 12 months for at least 60% and no more than 90% of our anticipated fuels production, and for a rolling 13-24 months forward for at least 50% and no more than 90% of our anticipated fuels production).

If an event of default exists under our credit agreements, the lenders will be able to accelerate the maturity of the credit facilities and exercise other rights and remedies. An event of default is defined as nonpayment of principal interest, fees or other amounts; failure of any representation or warranty to be true and correct when made or confirmed; failure to perform or observe covenants in the credit agreement or other loan documents, subject to certain grace periods; payment defaults in respect of other indebtedness; cross-defaults in other indebtedness if the effect of such default is to cause the acceleration of such indebtedness under any material agreement if such default could have a material adverse effect on us; bankruptcy or insolvency events; monetary judgment defaults; asserted invalidity of the loan documentation; and a change of control in us.

### **Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments**

A summary of our total contractual cash obligations as of December 31, 2009 is as follows:

	Payments Due by Period				
	Less	-	-		
	Than	1-3	3-5	More Than	
Total	1 Year	Years	Years	5 Years	
		(In thousand	ls)		