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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2015

or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 001-35380

Laredo Petroleum, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

45-3007926
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

15 W. Sixth Street, Suite 900
Tulsa, Oklahoma
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

74119
(Zip code)

(918) 513-4570

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

Number of shares of registrant's common stock outstanding as of August 3, 2015: 213,869,883

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Various statements contained in or incorporated by reference into this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this "Quarterly Report") are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). These forward-looking statements include statements, projections and estimates concerning our operations, performance, business strategy, oil and natural gas reserves, drilling program capital expenditures, liquidity and capital resources, the timing and success of specific projects, outcomes and effects of litigation, claims and disputes, derivative activities and potential financing. Forward-looking statements are generally accompanied by words such as "estimate," "project," "predict," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "potential," "could," "may," "will," "foresee," "plan," "goal," "should," "intend," "pursue," "target," "continue," "suggest" or the negative thereof or other variations thereof or other words that convey the uncertainty of future events or outcomes. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of performance. These statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by us in light of our experience and our perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments as well as other factors we believe are appropriate under the circumstances. Among the factors that significantly impact our business and could impact our business in the future are:

- the volatility of oil, natural gas liquids ("NGL") and natural gas prices;
- changes in domestic and global production, supply and demand for oil, NGL and natural gas;
- the continuation of restrictions on the export of domestic oil production and its potential to cause weakness in domestic pricing;
- the potentially insufficient refining capacity in the U.S. Gulf Coast to refine all of the light sweet crude oil being produced in the U.S., which, coupled with the export limitations noted above and a continuing increase in light sweet crude oil production, could result in widening price discounts to world oil prices and potential shut-in of production due to lack of sufficient markets;
- the ongoing instability and uncertainty in the U.S. and international financial and consumer markets that could adversely affect the liquidity available to us and our customers and the demand for commodities, including oil, NGL and natural gas;
- capital requirements for our operations and projects;
- our ability to maintain or increase the borrowing capacity under our Senior Secured Credit Facility (as defined below) or access other means of providing capital and liquidity;
- our ability to generate sufficient cash to service our indebtedness, fund our capital requirements and generate future profits;
- regulations that prohibit or restrict our ability to apply hydraulic fracturing to our oil and natural gas wells and to access and dispose of water used in these operations;
- legislation or regulations that prohibit or restrict our ability to drill new allocation wells;
- our ability to execute our strategies, including but not limited to our hedging strategies;
- our ability to discover, estimate, develop and replace oil, NGL and natural gas reserves, including our expectations that estimates of our proved reserves will increase;
- uncertainties about the estimates of our oil, NGL and natural gas reserves;
- competition in the oil and natural gas industry;
- changes in the regulatory environment and changes in international, legal, political, administrative or economic conditions;
- drilling and operating risks, including risks related to hydraulic fracturing activities;
- risks related to the geographic concentration of our assets;
- the availability and costs of drilling and production equipment, labor and oil and natural gas processing and other services;
- the availability of sufficient pipeline and transportation facilities and gathering and processing capacity;
- our ability to comply with federal, state and local regulatory requirements;
- restrictions contained in our debt agreements, including our Senior Secured Credit Facility and the indentures governing our senior unsecured notes, as well as debt that could be incurred in the future, and;

- our ability to recruit and retain the qualified personnel necessary to operate our business.

These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements should, therefore, be considered in light of various factors, including those set forth under "Part I, Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report, under "Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015, under "Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors" and "Part II, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 (the "2014 Annual Report"), and those set forth from time to time in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). These documents are available through our website or through the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering and Analysis Retrieval system at <http://www.sec.gov>. In light of such risks and uncertainties, we caution you not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report, or if earlier, as of the date they were made. We do not intend to, and disclaim any obligation to, update or revise any forward-looking statements unless required by securities law.

PART I

Item 1. Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

Laredo Petroleum, Inc.
Consolidated balance sheets
(in thousands, except share data)
(Unaudited)

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 57,593	\$ 29,321
Accounts receivable, net	110,343	126,929
Derivatives	123,823	194,601
Other current assets	22,986	14,402
Total current assets	314,745	365,253
Property and equipment:		
Oil and natural gas properties, full cost method:		
Evaluated properties	4,824,127	4,446,781
Unevaluated properties not being amortized	290,929	342,731
Midstream service assets	148,977	117,052
Other fixed assets	60,406	56,165
Total property and equipment	5,324,439	4,962,729
Less accumulated depletion, depreciation, amortization and impairment	(2,239,159)	(1,608,647)
Net property and equipment	3,085,280	3,354,082
Deferred income taxes	86,347	—
Derivatives	80,551	117,788
Debt issuance costs, net	26,158	28,463
Investment in equity method investee	103,181	58,288
Other assets, net	5,767	8,675
Total assets	\$ 3,702,029	\$ 3,932,549
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 23,264	\$ 39,008
Undistributed revenue and royalties	44,739	65,438
Accrued capital expenditures	95,032	148,241
Deferred income taxes	45,089	71,191
Derivatives	—	115
Other current liabilities	101,950	101,032
Total current liabilities	310,074	425,025
Long-term debt	1,425,000	1,801,295
Deferred income taxes	—	105,754
Asset retirement obligations	33,769	31,042
Other noncurrent liabilities	4,239	6,232
Total liabilities	1,773,082	2,369,348
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized and zero issued as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 450,000,000 shares authorized, and 213,910,802 and 143,686,491 issued, as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively	2,139	1,437
Additional paid-in capital	2,071,721	1,309,171
(Accumulated deficit) retained earnings	(144,913)	252,593
Total stockholders' equity	1,928,947	1,563,201
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 3,702,029	\$ 3,932,549

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Laredo Petroleum, Inc.
Consolidated statements of operations
(in thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

	<u>Three months ended June 30,</u>		<u>Six months ended June 30,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Revenues:				
Oil, NGL and natural gas sales	\$ 125,554	\$ 182,872	\$ 243,672	\$ 356,086
Midstream service revenues	1,726	172	3,035	268
Sales of purchased oil	55,051	—	86,318	—
Total revenues	182,331	183,044	333,025	356,354
Costs and expenses:				
Lease operating expenses	29,206	20,179	61,586	41,964
Production and ad valorem taxes	9,500	13,160	18,586	25,610
Midstream service expenses	1,597	1,526	3,171	2,371
Minimum volume commitments	3,579	588	5,235	1,104
Costs of purchased oil	54,417	—	85,617	—
General and administrative	23,208	29,552	45,063	57,206
Restructuring expenses	—	—	6,042	—
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	593	422	1,172	837
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	72,112	53,056	144,054	102,663
Impairment expense	489,599	—	490,477	—
Total costs and expenses	683,811	118,483	861,003	231,755
Operating income (loss)	(501,480)	64,561	(527,978)	124,599
Non-operating income (expense):				
Loss on derivatives, net	(63,899)	(63,125)	(744)	(94,237)
Income (loss) from equity method investee	2,914	(41)	2,481	(25)
Interest expense	(23,970)	(30,657)	(56,384)	(59,643)
Interest and other income	173	194	296	277
Loss on early redemption of debt	(31,537)	—	(31,537)	—
Write-off of debt issuance costs	—	—	—	(124)
Loss on disposal of assets, net	(1,081)	(205)	(1,843)	(226)
Non-operating expense, net	(117,400)	(93,834)	(87,731)	(153,978)
Loss before income taxes	(618,880)	(29,273)	(615,709)	(29,379)
Income tax benefit:				
Deferred	221,846	10,374	218,203	10,267
Total income tax benefit	221,846	10,374	218,203	10,267
Net loss	\$ (397,034)	\$ (18,899)	\$ (397,506)	\$ (19,112)
Net loss per common share:				
Basic	\$ (1.88)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (2.13)	\$ (0.14)
Diluted	\$ (1.88)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (2.13)	\$ (0.14)
Weighted-average common shares outstanding:				
Basic	211,078	141,298	186,886	141,183
Diluted	211,078	141,298	186,886	141,183

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Laredo Petroleum, Inc.
Consolidated statement of stockholders' equity
(in thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Common Stock			Treasury Stock (at cost)		Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	Total
	Shares	Amount	Additional paid-in capital	Shares	Amount		
Balance, December 31, 2014	143,686	\$ 1,437	\$ 1,309,171	—	\$ —	\$ 252,593	\$ 1,563,201
Restricted stock awards	1,873	19	(19)	—	—	—	—
Restricted stock forfeitures	(443)	(5)	5	—	—	—	—
Vested restricted stock exchanged for tax withholding	—	—	—	205	(2,591)	—	(2,591)
Retirement of treasury stock	(205)	(2)	(2,589)	(205)	2,591	—	—
Equity issuance, net of offering costs	69,000	690	753,473	—	—	—	754,163
Stock-based compensation	—	—	11,680	—	—	—	11,680
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	(397,506)	(397,506)
Balance, June 30, 2015	213,911	\$ 2,139	\$ 2,071,721	—	\$ —	\$ (144,913)	\$ 1,928,947

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this unaudited consolidated financial statement.

Laredo Petroleum, Inc.
Consolidated statements of cash flows
(in thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (397,506)	\$ (19,112)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Deferred income tax benefit	(218,203)	(10,267)
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	144,054	102,663
Impairment expense	490,477	—
Loss on early redemption of debt	31,537	—
Non-cash stock-based compensation, net of amounts capitalized	11,056	10,725
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	1,172	837
Mark-to-market on derivatives:		
Loss on derivatives, net	744	94,237
Cash settlements received (paid) for matured derivatives, net	109,737	(5,851)
Cash settlements received for early terminations of derivatives, net	—	76,660
Change in net present value of deferred premiums paid for derivatives	88	120
Cash premiums paid for derivatives	(2,670)	(3,779)
Amortization of debt issuance costs	2,501	2,512
Cash settlement of performance unit awards	(2,738)	—
Other	(641)	269
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	16,586	(18,402)
Increase in other assets	(9,097)	(7,749)
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable	(15,744)	2,385
(Decrease) increase in undistributed revenues and royalties	(20,699)	8,998
(Decrease) increase in other accrued liabilities	(28,341)	3,058
Increase in other noncurrent liabilities	318	1,644
Increase in fair value of performance unit awards	1,674	1,151
Net cash provided by operating activities	114,305	240,099
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures:		
Acquisition of oil and natural gas properties	—	(6,493)
Acquisition of mineral interests	—	(7,305)
Oil and natural gas properties	(374,508)	(412,211)
Midstream service assets	(34,137)	(25,909)
Other fixed assets	(6,541)	(8,436)
Investment in equity method investee	(14,495)	(19,471)
Proceeds from dispositions of capital assets, net of costs	35	597
Net cash used in investing activities	(429,646)	(479,228)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Borrowings on Senior Secured Credit Facility	300,000	—
Payments on Senior Secured Credit Facility	(475,000)	—
Issuance of March 2023 Notes	350,000	—
Issuance of January 2022 Notes	—	450,000
Redemption of January 2019 Notes	(576,200)	—
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of offering costs	754,163	—
Purchase of treasury stock	(2,591)	(3,556)
Proceeds from exercise of employee stock options	—	1,829
Payments for debt issuance costs	(6,759)	(7,791)
Net cash provided by financing activities	343,613	440,482
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	28,272	201,353
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	29,321	198,153
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 57,593	\$ 399,506

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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Note 1—Organization

Laredo Petroleum, Inc. ("Laredo"), together with its subsidiaries, Laredo Midstream Services, LLC ("LMS") and Garden City Minerals, LLC ("GCM"), is an independent energy company focused on the acquisition, exploration and development of oil and natural gas properties primarily in the Permian Basin in West Texas. LMS and GCM (together, the "Guarantors") guarantee all of Laredo's debt instruments.

In these notes, the "Company," (i) when used in the present tense, prospectively or from October 24, 2014 refers to Laredo, LMS and GCM collectively, unless the context indicates otherwise or (ii) when used for historical periods from December 31, 2013 to October 23, 2014, refers to Laredo and LMS collectively, unless the context indicates otherwise. All amounts, dollars and percentages presented in these unaudited consolidated financial statements and the related notes are rounded and therefore approximate.

The Company operates in two business segments, which are (i) exploration and production and (ii) midstream and marketing. The exploration and production segment is engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of oil and natural gas properties primarily in the Permian Basin in West Texas. The midstream and marketing segment provides the exploration and production segment and certain third parties with (i) any products and services that need to be delivered by midstream infrastructure, including oil and natural gas gathering services as well as rig fuel, natural gas lift and water in the primary drilling corridors and (ii) takeaway optionality in the field and firm service commitments to maximize oil, NGL and natural gas revenues.

Note 2—Basis of presentation and significant accounting policies

a. Basis of presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements were derived from the historical accounting records of the Company and reflect the historical financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods described herein. The Company uses the equity method of accounting to record its net interests when the Company holds 20% to 50% of the voting rights and/or has the ability to exercise significant influence but does not control the entity. Under the equity method, the Company's proportionate share of the investee's net income (loss) is included in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations. See Note 14 for additional discussion of the Company's equity method investment. The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). All material intercompany transactions and account balances have been eliminated in the consolidation of accounts.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have not been audited by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, except that the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2014 is derived from audited consolidated financial statements. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements reflect all necessary adjustments to present fairly the Company's financial position as of June 30, 2015, results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 and cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

Certain disclosures have been condensed or omitted from these unaudited consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, these unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the 2014 Annual Report.

b. Use of estimates in the preparation of interim unaudited consolidated financial statements

The preparation of the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events. These estimates and the underlying assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Although management believes these estimates are reasonable, actual results could differ. The interim results reflected in the unaudited consolidated financial statements are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for other interim periods or for the full year.

Significant estimates include, but are not limited to, (i) estimates of the Company's reserves of oil, NGL and natural gas, (ii) future cash flows from oil and natural gas properties, (iii) depletion, depreciation and amortization, (iv) asset retirement obligations, (v) stock-based compensation, (vi) deferred income taxes, (vii) fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in an acquisition and (viii) fair values of commodity derivatives, commodity deferred premiums and performance unit awards. As fair value is a market-based measurement, it is determined based on the assumptions that market participants would use.

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These estimates and assumptions are based on management's best judgment. Management evaluates its estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis using historical experience and other factors, including the current economic environment. Such estimates and assumptions are adjusted when facts and circumstances dictate. Illiquid credit markets and volatile equity and energy markets have combined to increase the uncertainty inherent in such estimates and assumptions. Management believes its estimates and assumptions to be reasonable under the circumstances. As future events and their effects cannot be determined with precision, actual values and results could differ from these estimates. Any changes in estimates resulting from future changes in the economic environment will be reflected in the financial statements in future periods.

c. Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2015 presentation. These reclassifications had no impact to previously reported total assets, total liabilities, net income or loss, stockholders' equity or cash flows.

d. Treasury stock

Laredo's employees may elect to have the Company withhold shares of stock to satisfy their tax withholding obligations that arise upon the lapse of restrictions on their stock awards. Such treasury stock is recorded at cost and retired upon acquisition.

e. Accounts receivable

The Company sells oil, NGL and natural gas to various customers and participates with other parties in the development and operation of oil and natural gas properties. The Company's accounts receivable are generally unsecured. Accounts receivable for joint interest billings are recorded as amounts billed to customers less an allowance for doubtful accounts.

Amounts are considered past due after 30 days. The Company determines joint interest operations accounts receivable allowances based on management's assessment of the creditworthiness of the joint interest owners. Additionally, as the operator of the majority of its wells, the Company has the ability to realize the receivables through netting of anticipated future production revenues. The Company maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses inherent in its accounts receivable portfolio. In establishing the required allowance, management considers historical losses, current receivables aging and existing industry and economic data. The Company reviews its allowance for doubtful accounts quarterly. Past due amounts greater than 90 days and over a specified amount are reviewed individually for collectability. Account balances are charged off against the allowance after all means of collection have been exhausted and the potential for recovery is remote.

Accounts receivable consist of the following components for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Oil, NGL and natural gas sales	\$ 46,953	\$ 57,070
Joint operations, net ⁽¹⁾	31,454	33,808
Purchased oil and other product sales	18,614	18,917
Matured derivatives	12,961	16,098
Other	361	1,036
Total	<u>\$ 110,343</u>	<u>\$ 126,929</u>

(1) Accounts receivable for joint operations are presented net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$0.1 million and \$0.8 million as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

f. Derivatives

The Company uses derivatives to reduce exposure to fluctuations in the prices of oil and natural gas. By removing a significant portion of the price volatility associated with future production, the Company expects to mitigate, but not eliminate, the potential effects of variability in cash flows from operations due to fluctuations in commodity prices. These transactions are primarily in the form of collars, swaps, puts and basis swaps.

Derivatives are recorded at fair value and are presented net on the unaudited consolidated balance sheets as assets or liabilities. The Company nets the fair value of derivatives by counterparty where the right of offset exists. The Company determines the fair value of its derivatives by utilizing pricing models for substantially similar instruments. Inputs to the pricing

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models include publicly available prices and forward price curves generated from a compilation of data gathered from third parties (see Notes 8 and 9).

The Company's derivatives were not designated as hedges for accounting purposes for any of the periods presented. Accordingly, the changes in fair value are recognized in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations in the period of change. Gains and losses on derivatives are included in cash flows from operating activities (see Note 8).

g. Property and equipment

The following table sets forth the Company's property and equipment for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Evaluated oil and natural gas properties	\$ 4,824,127	\$ 4,446,781
Less accumulated depletion and impairment	(2,211,310)	(1,586,237)
Evaluated oil and natural gas properties, net	2,612,817	2,860,544
Unevaluated properties not being amortized	290,929	342,731
Midstream service assets	148,977	117,052
Less accumulated depreciation	(12,115)	(8,590)
Midstream service assets, net	136,862	108,462
Depreciable other fixed assets	46,793	42,933
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(15,734)	(13,820)
Depreciable other fixed assets, net	31,059	29,113
Land	13,613	13,232
Total property and equipment, net	\$ 3,085,280	\$ 3,354,082

For the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, depletion expense was \$16.19 per barrel of oil equivalent ("BOE") sold and \$19.55 per BOE sold, respectively. For the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, depletion expense was \$16.13 per BOE sold and \$19.58 per BOE sold, respectively.

The Company uses the full cost method of accounting for its oil and natural gas properties. Under this method, all acquisition, exploration and development costs, including certain related employee costs, incurred for the purpose of finding oil and natural gas are capitalized and amortized on a composite unit of production method based on proved oil, NGL and natural gas reserves. Such amounts include the cost of drilling and equipping productive wells, dry hole costs, lease acquisition costs, delay rentals and other costs related to such activities. Costs, including related employee costs, associated with production and general corporate activities are expensed in the period incurred. Sales of oil and natural gas properties, whether or not being amortized currently, are accounted for as adjustments of capitalized costs, with no gain or loss recognized, unless such adjustments would significantly alter the relationship between capitalized costs and proved reserves of oil, NGL and natural gas.

The Company excludes the costs directly associated with acquisition and evaluation of unevaluated properties from the depletion calculation until it is determined whether or not proved reserves can be assigned to the properties. The Company capitalizes a portion of its interest costs on its unevaluated properties. Capitalized interest becomes a part of the cost of the unevaluated properties and is subject to depletion when proved reserves can be assigned to the associated properties. All items classified as unevaluated property are assessed on a quarterly basis for possible impairment or reduction in value. The assessment includes consideration of the following factors, among others: intent to drill, remaining lease term, geological and geophysical evaluations, drilling results and activity, the assignment of evaluated reserves and the economic viability of development if proved reserves are assigned. During any period in which these factors indicate an impairment, the cumulative drilling costs incurred to date for such property and all or a portion of the associated leasehold costs are transferred to the full cost pool and are then subject to depletion.

The full cost ceiling is based principally on the estimated future net cash flows from proved oil and natural gas properties discounted at 10%. Full cost companies are required to use the unweighted arithmetic average first-day-of-the-month

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price for each month within the 12-month period prior to the end of the reporting period, unless prices were defined by contractual arrangements ("SEC Prices"), to calculate the discounted future revenues. In the event the unamortized cost of evaluated oil and natural gas properties being amortized exceeds the full cost ceiling, as defined by the SEC, the excess is charged to expense in the period such excess occurs. Once incurred, a write-down of oil and natural gas properties is not reversible.

As of June 30, 2015, the full cost ceiling value of the Company's reserves was calculated based on SEC Prices as of June 30, 2015, which do not include derivative transactions, of (i) \$68.17 per barrel for oil, (ii) \$26.73 per barrel for NGL and (iii) \$3.22 per MMBtu for natural gas, adjusted by area for energy content, transportation fees, and regional price differentials. Using these SEC Prices, the Company's net book value of evaluated oil and natural gas properties exceeded the full cost ceiling amount as of June 30, 2015. As a result, the Company recorded a non-cash full cost ceiling impairment of \$488.0 million before consideration for deferred income tax benefit and \$314.1 million after consideration for deferred income tax benefit. The adjustment is included in "Impairment expense" in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations and in "Other operating costs and expenses" for the Company's exploration and production segment presented in Note 16.

h. Debt issuance costs

Debt issuance fees, which are stated at cost, net of amortization, are amortized over the life of the respective debt agreements utilizing the effective interest and straight-line methods. The Company capitalized \$6.8 million of debt issuance costs during the six months ended June 30, 2015 mainly as a result of the issuance of the March 2023 Notes (as defined below). The Company capitalized \$7.8 million of debt issuance costs during the six months ended June 30, 2014 mainly as a result of the issuance of the January 2022 Notes (as defined below). The Company had total debt issuance costs of \$26.2 million and \$28.5 million, net of accumulated amortization of \$14.8 million and \$19.4 million, as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

The Company wrote-off approximately \$6.6 million of debt issuance costs during the six months ended June 30, 2015 as a result of the redemption of the January 2019 Notes (as defined below), which are included in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations in the "Loss on early redemption of debt" line item. During the six months ended June 30, 2014 the Company wrote-off approximately \$0.1 million of debt issuance costs as a result of changes in the borrowing base of the Senior Secured Credit Facility (as defined below) due to the issuance of the January 2022 Notes, which are included in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations in the "Write-off of debt issuance costs" line item. See Notes 5.a, 5.b, 5.d and 5.e for definition of and information regarding the March 2023 Notes, January 2022 Notes, January 2019 Notes and the Senior Secured Credit Facility, respectively.

Future amortization expense of debt issuance costs as of June 30, 2015 is as follows:

(in thousands)	
Remaining 2015	\$ 2,227
2016	4,503
2017	4,575
2018	4,349
2019	2,915
Thereafter	7,589
Total	\$ 26,158

i. Other current assets and liabilities

Other current assets consist of the following components for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Prepaid expenses	\$ 16,451	\$ 6,451
Materials and supplies inventory and other	6,535	7,951
Total other current assets	\$ 22,986	\$ 14,402

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Other current liabilities consist of the following components for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Accrued interest payable	\$ 24,088	\$ 37,689
Lease operating expense payable	17,170	11,963
Capital contribution payable to equity method investee	27,917	—
Other accrued liabilities	32,775	51,380
Total other current liabilities	\$ 101,950	\$ 101,032

j. Asset retirement obligations

Asset retirement obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets are recognized as a liability in the period in which they are incurred and become determinable. The associated asset retirement costs are part of the carrying amount of the long-lived asset. Subsequently, the asset retirement cost included in the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset is charged to expense through depletion, or for midstream asset retirement cost through depreciation, of the associated asset. Changes in the liability due to the passage of time are recognized as an increase in the carrying amount of the liability and as corresponding accretion expense.

The fair value of additions to the asset retirement obligation liability is measured using valuation techniques consistent with the income approach, which converts future cash flows into a single discounted amount. Significant inputs to the valuation include: (i) estimated plug and abandonment cost per well based on Company experience, (ii) estimated remaining life per well based on the reserve life per well, (iii) estimated removal and/or remediation costs for midstream assets, (iv) estimated remaining life of midstream assets, (v) future inflation factors and (vi) the Company's average credit adjusted risk-free rate. Inherent in the fair value calculation of asset retirement obligations are numerous assumptions and judgments including, in addition to those noted above, the ultimate settlement of these amounts, the ultimate timing of such settlement and changes in legal, regulatory, environmental and political environments. To the extent future revisions to these assumptions impact the fair value of the existing asset retirement obligation liability, a corresponding adjustment will be made to the asset balance.

The Company is obligated by contractual and regulatory requirements to remove certain pipeline and gas gathering assets and perform other remediation of the sites where such pipeline and gas gathering assets are located upon the retirement of those assets. However, the fair value of the asset retirement obligation cannot currently be reasonably estimated because the settlement dates are indeterminate. The Company will record an asset retirement obligation for pipeline and gas gathering assets in the periods in which settlement dates become reasonably determinable.

The following reconciles the Company's asset retirement obligation liability for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Six months ended June 30, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014
Liability at beginning of period	\$ 32,198	\$ 21,743
Liabilities added due to acquisitions, drilling, midstream service asset construction and other	1,402	6,370
Accretion expense	1,172	1,787
Liabilities settled upon plugging and abandonment	(178)	(450)
Revision of estimates	—	2,748
Liability at end of period	\$ 34,594	\$ 32,198

k. Fair value measurements

The carrying amounts reported in the unaudited consolidated balance sheets for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, undistributed revenue and royalties and other accrued assets and liabilities approximate their fair values. See Note 5.f for fair value disclosures related to the Company's debt obligations. The Company carries its derivatives at fair value. See Notes 8 and 9 for details regarding the fair value of the Company's derivatives.

l. Compensation awards

Stock-based compensation expense, net of amounts capitalized, is included in "General and administrative" in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations over the awards' vesting periods and is based on the awards' grant date fair value. The Company utilizes the closing stock price on the grant date, less an expected forfeiture rate, to determine the fair value of service vesting restricted stock awards and a Black-Scholes pricing model to determine the fair values of service

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vesting restricted stock option awards. The Company utilizes a Monte Carlo simulation prepared by an independent third party to determine the fair values of the performance share awards and performance unit awards. The Company capitalizes a portion of stock-based compensation for employees who are directly involved in the acquisition, exploration and development of its oil and gas properties into the full cost pool. Capitalized stock-based compensation is included as an addition to "Oil and natural gas properties" in the unaudited consolidated balance sheets. See Note 6 for further discussion regarding the restricted stock awards, restricted stock option awards, performance share awards and performance unit awards.

m. Environmental

The Company is subject to extensive federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations. These laws, among other things, regulate the discharge of materials into the environment and may require the Company to remove or mitigate the environmental effects of the disposal or release of petroleum or chemical substances at various sites. Environmental expenditures are expensed in the period incurred. Liabilities for expenditures of a non-capital nature are recorded when environmental assessment or remediation is probable and the costs can be reasonably estimated. Such liabilities are generally undiscounted unless the timing of cash payments is fixed and readily determinable. Management believes no materially significant liabilities of this nature existed as of June 30, 2015 or December 31, 2014.

n. Long-lived assets, materials and supplies and line-fill

Impairment losses are recorded on property and equipment used in operations and other long-lived assets when indicators of impairment are present and the undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by those assets are less than the assets' carrying amount. Impairment is measured based on the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value of the asset.

Materials and supplies are used in developing oil and natural gas properties and are included in "Other current assets" and "Other assets, net" on the unaudited consolidated balance sheets. They are carried at the lower of cost or market ("LCM"). The market price for materials and supplies is determined utilizing the Company's recent prices paid to acquire materials. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, the Company reduced materials and supplies by \$1.5 million and \$2.3 million, respectively, in order to reflect the balance at LCM. The adjustment is included in "Impairment expense" in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations and in "Other operating costs and expenses" for the Company's exploration and production segment presented in Note 16. The Company determined an LCM adjustment was not necessary for materials and supplies during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014.

Minimum volumes of product in a pipeline system that enables the system to operate is known as line-fill, and is generally not available to be withdrawn from the pipeline system until the expiration of the transportation contract. Beginning in the fourth quarter of 2014, the Company owns oil line-fill in third-party pipelines, which is accounted for at LCM with cost determined using the weighted-average cost method, and is included in "Other assets, net" on the unaudited consolidated balance sheets. The LCM adjustment is determined utilizing a quoted market price adjusted for regional price differentials (Level 2). For the six months ended June 30, 2015, the Company recorded an LCM adjustment of \$0.1 million related to its line-fill, which is included in "Impairment expense" in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations and as "Other operating costs and expenses" for the Company's midstream and marketing segment presented in Note 16. The Company determined an LCM adjustment was not necessary for line-fill for the three months ended June 30, 2015.

o. Non-cash investing and supplemental cash flow information

The following presents the non-cash investing and supplemental cash flow information for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Non-cash investing information:		
Change in accrued capital expenditures	\$ (53,209)	\$ 13,346
Change in accrued capital contribution to equity method investee	\$ 27,917	\$ 15,512
Capitalized asset retirement cost	\$ 1,402	\$ 1,591
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Capitalized interest	\$ 178	\$ —

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Note 3—Equity offering

On March 5, 2015, the Company completed the sale of 69,000,000 shares of Laredo's common stock at a price to the public of \$11.05 per share (the "March 2015 Equity Offering"). The Company received net proceeds of \$754.2 million, after underwriting discounts, commissions and offering expenses. Entities affiliated with Warburg Pincus LLC ("Warburg Pincus") purchased 29,800,000 shares in the March 2015 Equity Offering, following which Warburg Pincus owned 41.0% of Laredo's common stock. There were no comparative offerings of the Company's stock during the three or six months ended June 30, 2014.

Note 4—Acquisitions

a. 2014 acquisition of leasehold interests

On August 28, 2014, the Company completed a material acquisition of leasehold interests totaling 8,156 net acres in the Midland Basin, primarily within the Company's core development area, for \$192.5 million. The acquisition was accounted for as an acquisition of assets.

b. 2014 acquisition of mineral interests

On February 25, 2014, the Company completed the acquisition of the mineral interests underlying 278 net acres in Glasscock County, Texas in the Permian Basin for \$7.3 million. These mineral interests entitle the Company to receive royalty payments on all production from this acreage with no additional future capital or operating expenses required. As such, the purchase was accounted for as an acquisition of assets.

c. 2014 acquisitions of evaluated and unevaluated oil and natural gas properties

The Company accounts for acquisitions of evaluated and unevaluated oil and natural gas properties under the acquisition method of accounting. Accordingly, the Company conducts assessments of net assets acquired and recognizes amounts for identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the estimated acquisition date fair values, while transaction and integration costs associated with the acquisitions are expensed as incurred.

The Company makes various assumptions in estimating the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The most significant assumptions relate to the estimated fair values of evaluated and unevaluated oil and natural gas properties. The fair values of these properties are measured using valuation techniques that convert future cash flows to a single discounted amount. Significant inputs to the valuation include estimates of: (i) reserves, (ii) future operating and development costs, (iii) future commodity prices and (iv) a market-based weighted-average cost of capital rate. The market-based weighted-average cost of capital rate is subject to additional project-specific risk factors. To compensate for the inherent risk of estimating the value of the unevaluated properties, the discounted future net revenues of probable and possible reserves are reduced by additional risk-weighting factors.

On June 11, 2014, the Company completed the acquisition of evaluated and unevaluated oil and natural gas properties, totaling 460 net acres, located in Reagan County, Texas for \$4.7 million, net of closing adjustments. On June 23, 2014, the Company completed the acquisition of evaluated and unevaluated oil and natural gas properties, totaling 24 net acres, located in Glasscock County, Texas for \$1.8 million. The results of operations prior to June 2014 do not include results from these acquisitions.

Note 5—Debt

a. March 2023 Notes

On March 18, 2015, the Company completed an offering of \$350.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 6 1/4% senior unsecured notes due 2023 (the "March 2023 Notes"), and entered into an Indenture (the "Base Indenture"), as supplemented by the Supplemental Indenture (the "Supplemental Indenture" and, together with the Base Indenture, the "Indenture"), among Laredo, LMS and GCM, as guarantors, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. The March 2023 Notes will mature on March 15, 2023 with interest accruing at a rate of 6 1/4% per annum and payable semi-annually in cash in arrears on March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing September 15, 2015. The March 2023 Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by LMS, GCM and certain of the Company's future restricted subsidiaries, subject to certain automatic customary releases, including the sale, disposition, or transfer of all of the capital stock or of all or substantially all of the assets of a subsidiary guarantor to one or more persons that are not the Company or a restricted subsidiary, exercise of legal defeasance or covenant defeasance options or satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture, designation of a subsidiary guarantor as a non-guarantor restricted subsidiary or as an unrestricted subsidiary in

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accordance with the Indenture, release from guarantee under the Senior Secured Credit Facility (as defined below), or liquidation or dissolution (collectively, the "Releases").

The March 2023 Notes were offered and sold pursuant to a prospectus supplement dated March 4, 2015 and the base prospectus dated March 22, 2013, relating to the Company's effective shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-187479). The Company received net proceeds of \$343.6 million from the offering, after deducting the underwriters' discount and the estimated outstanding offering expenses. In April 2015, the Company used the proceeds of the offering to fund a portion of the Company's redemption of the January 2019 Notes (defined below). See Note 5.d for additional discussion of this early redemption.

The Company may redeem, at its option, all or part of the March 2023 Notes at any time on or after March 15, 2018, at the applicable redemption price plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of redemption. Further, before March 15, 2018, the Company may on one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the March 2023 Notes in an amount not exceeding the net proceeds from one or more private or public equity offerings at a redemption price of 106.25% of the principal amount of the March 2023 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption, if at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of the March 2023 Notes remains outstanding immediately after such redemption and the redemption occurs within 180 days of the closing date of each such equity offering. If a change of control occurs prior to March 15, 2016, the Company may redeem all, but not less than all, of the March 2023 Notes at a redemption price equal to 110% of the principal amount of the March 2023 Notes plus any accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of redemption.

b. January 2022 Notes

On January 23, 2014, the Company completed an offering of \$450.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 5 5/8% senior unsecured notes due 2022 (the "January 2022 Notes"). The January 2022 Notes will mature on January 15, 2022 and bear an interest rate of 5 5/8% per annum, payable semi-annually, in cash in arrears on January 15 and July 15 of each year, commencing July 15, 2014. The January 2022 Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by LMS, GCM and certain of the Company's future restricted subsidiaries, subject to certain Releases.

c. May 2022 Notes

On April 27, 2012, the Company completed an offering of \$500.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 7 3/8% senior unsecured notes due 2022 (the "May 2022 Notes"). The May 2022 Notes will mature on May 1, 2022 and bear an interest rate of 7 3/8% per annum, payable semi-annually, in cash in arrears on May 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing November 1, 2012. The May 2022 Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by LMS, GCM and certain of the Company's future restricted subsidiaries, subject to certain Releases.

d. January 2019 Notes

On January 20, 2011, the Company completed an offering of \$350.0 million 9 1/2% senior unsecured notes due 2019 (the "January Notes") and on October 19, 2011, the Company completed an offering of an additional \$200.0 million 9 1/2% senior unsecured notes due 2019 (the "October Notes" and together with the January Notes, the "January 2019 Notes"). The January 2019 Notes were due to mature on February 15, 2019 and bore an interest rate of 9 1/2% per annum, payable semi-annually, in cash in arrears on February 15 and August 15 of each year. The January 2019 Notes were fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by LMS, GCM and certain of the Company's future restricted subsidiaries, subject to certain Releases.

On April 6, 2015 (the "Redemption Date"), the entire \$550.0 million outstanding principal amount of the January 2019 Notes was redeemed at a redemption price of 104.750% of the principal amount of the January 2019 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest up to the Redemption Date. The Company recognized a loss on extinguishment of \$31.5 million related to the difference between the redemption price and the net carrying amount of the extinguished January 2019 Notes.

e. Senior Secured Credit Facility

As of June 30, 2015, the Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (as amended, the "Senior Secured Credit Facility"), which matures on November 4, 2018, had a maximum credit amount of \$2.0 billion, a borrowing base of \$1.25 billion and an aggregate elected commitment of \$1.0 billion with \$125.0 million outstanding and was subject to an interest rate of 1.6875%. It contains both financial and non-financial covenants, all of which the Company was in compliance with as of June 30, 2015. Laredo is required to pay an annual commitment fee on the unused portion of the financial institutions' commitment of 0.375% to 0.5%, based on the ratio of outstanding revolving credit to the total commitment under the Senior

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Secured Credit Facility. Additionally, the Senior Secured Credit Facility provides for the issuance of letters of credit, limited to the lesser of total capacity or \$20.0 million. No letters of credit were outstanding as of June 30, 2015 or 2014.

Subsequent to June 30, 2015, the Company made additional borrowings on the Senior Secured Credit Facility. See Note 19.a for additional information.

f. Fair value of debt

The Company has not elected to account for its debt instruments at fair value. The following table presents the carrying amount and fair values of the Company's debt for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Carrying value	Fair value	Carrying value	Fair value
January 2019 Notes ⁽¹⁾	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 551,295	\$ 550,000
January 2022 Notes	450,000	445,499	450,000	396,014
May 2022 Notes	500,000	528,750	500,000	467,529
March 2023 Notes	350,000	362,237	—	—
Senior Secured Credit Facility	125,000	125,009	300,000	300,279
Total value of debt	\$ 1,425,000	\$ 1,461,495	\$ 1,801,295	\$ 1,713,822

(1) The carrying value of the January 2019 Notes includes the October Notes unamortized bond premium of \$1.3 million as of December 31, 2014.

The fair values of the debt outstanding on the January 2019 Notes, January 2022 Notes, May 2022 Notes and the March 2023 Notes were determined using the June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 quoted market price (Level 1) for each respective instrument. The fair values of the outstanding debt on the Senior Secured Credit Facility as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 were estimated utilizing pricing models for similar instruments (Level 2). See Note 9 for information about fair value hierarchy levels.

Note 6—Employee compensation

The Company has a Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP"), which provides for the granting of incentive awards in the form of restricted stock awards, restricted stock option awards, performance share awards, performance unit awards and other awards. The LTIP provides for the issuance of 10.0 million shares.

The Company recognizes the fair value of stock-based compensation awards expected to vest over the requisite service period as a charge against earnings, net of amounts capitalized. The Company's stock-based compensation awards are accounted for as equity instruments and its performance unit awards are accounted for as liability awards. Stock-based compensation is included in "General and administrative" in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations. The Company capitalizes a portion of stock-based compensation for employees who are directly involved in the acquisition, exploration and development of oil and natural gas properties into the full cost pool. Capitalized stock-based compensation is included as an addition to "Oil and natural gas properties" in the unaudited consolidated balance sheets.

a. Restricted stock awards

All restricted stock awards are treated as issued and outstanding in the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements. Per the award agreement terms, if an employee terminates employment prior to the restriction lapse date, for reasons other than death or disability, the awarded shares are forfeited and canceled and are no longer considered issued and outstanding. If the employee's termination of employment is by reason of death or disability, all of the holder's restricted stock will automatically vest. Restricted stock awards granted to officers and employees vest in a variety of vesting schedules including (i) 20% at the grant date and then 20% annually thereafter, (ii) 33%, 33% and 34% per year beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant, (iii) 50% in year two and 50% in year three, (iv) fully on the first anniversary of the grant date and (v) fully on the third anniversary of the grant date. Restricted stock awards granted to non-employee directors vest fully on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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The following table reflects the outstanding restricted stock awards for the six months ended June 30, 2015:

(in thousands, except for weighted-average grant date fair values)	Restricted stock awards	Weighted-average grant date fair value (per award)
Outstanding as of December 31, 2014	2,205	\$ 22.63
Granted	1,873	\$ 12.01
Forfeited	(443)	\$ 21.76
Vested ⁽¹⁾	(855)	\$ 22.31
Outstanding as of June 30, 2015	2,780	\$ 15.73

(1) The vesting of certain restricted stock awards could result in federal and state income tax expense or benefit related to the difference between the market price of the common stock at the date of vesting and the date of grant. See Note 7 for additional discussion regarding the tax impact of vested restricted stock awards.

The Company utilizes the closing stock price on the grant date to determine the fair value of service vesting restricted stock awards. As of June 30, 2015, unrecognized stock-based compensation related to the restricted stock awards expected to vest was \$32.1 million. Such cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.07 years.

b. Restricted stock option awards

Restricted stock option awards granted under the LTIP vest and are exercisable in four equal installments on each of the four anniversaries of the grant date. The following table reflects the stock option award activity for the six months ended June 30, 2015:

(in thousands, except for weighted-average exercise price and contractual term)	Restricted stock option awards	Weighted-average exercise price (per option)	Weighted-average remaining contractual term (years)
Outstanding as of December 31, 2014	1,367	\$ 20.76	8.17
Granted	632	\$ 11.93	
Exercised ⁽¹⁾	—	\$ —	
Expired or canceled	(47)	\$ 19.48	
Forfeited	(119)	\$ 18.03	
Outstanding as of June 30, 2015	1,833	\$ 17.93	8.35
Vested and exercisable at end of period ⁽²⁾	580	\$ 20.76	7.34
Expected to vest at end of period ⁽³⁾	1,229	\$ 16.51	8.83

(1) The exercise of stock option awards could result in federal and state income tax expense or benefit related to the difference between the fair value of the stock option award at the date of grant and the intrinsic value of the stock option award when exercised. See Note 7 for additional discussion regarding the tax impact of exercised stock option awards.

(2) The vested and exercisable options as of June 30, 2015 had no aggregate intrinsic value.

(3) The aggregate intrinsic value of options expected to vest as of June 30, 2015 was \$0.4 million.

The Company utilizes the Black-Scholes option pricing model to determine the fair value of restricted stock option awards and is recognizing the associated expense on a straight-line basis over the four-year requisite service period of the awards. Determining the fair value of equity-based awards requires judgment, including estimating the expected term that stock option awards will be outstanding prior to exercise and the associated volatility. As of June 30, 2015, unrecognized stock-based compensation related to the restricted stock option awards expected to vest was \$9.2 million. Such cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.68 years.

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The assumptions used to estimate the fair value of restricted stock options granted on February 27, 2015 are as follows:

Risk-free interest rate ⁽¹⁾	1.70%
Expected option life ⁽²⁾	6.25 years
Expected volatility ⁽³⁾	52.59%
Fair value per stock option	\$ 6.15

- (1) U.S. Treasury yields as of the grant date were utilized for the risk-free interest rate assumption, correlating the treasury yield terms to the expected life of the option.
- (2) As the Company had limited exercise history at the time of valuation relating to terminations and modifications, expected option life assumptions were developed using the simplified method in accordance with GAAP.
- (3) The Company utilized its own volatility in order to develop the expected volatility.

In accordance with the LTIP and stock option agreement, the options granted will become exercisable in accordance with the following schedule based upon the number of full years of the optionee's continuous employment or service with the Company, following the date of grant:

Full years of continuous employment	Incremental percentage of option exercisable	Cumulative percentage of option exercisable
Less than one	—%	—%
One	25%	25%
Two	25%	50%
Three	25%	75%
Four	25%	100%

No shares of common stock may be purchased unless the optionee has remained in continuous employment with the Company for one year from the grant date. Unless terminated sooner, the option will expire if and to the extent it is not exercised within 10 years from the grant date. The unvested portion of a stock option award shall expire upon termination of employment, and the vested portion of a stock option award shall remain exercisable for (i) one year following termination of employment by reason of the holder's death or disability, but not later than the expiration of the option period, or (ii) 90 days following termination of employment for any reason other than the holder's death or disability, and other than the holder's termination of employment for cause. Both the unvested and the vested but unexercised portion of a stock option award shall expire upon the termination of the option holder's employment or service by the Company for cause.

c. Performance share awards

The performance share awards granted to management on February 27, 2015 (the "2015 Performance Share Awards") and on February 27, 2014 (the "2014 Performance Share Awards") are subject to a combination of market and service vesting criteria. A Monte Carlo simulation prepared by an independent third party was utilized to determine the grant date fair value of these awards. The Company has determined these awards are equity awards and recognizes the associated expense on a straight-line basis over the three-year requisite service period of the awards. These awards will be settled, if at all, in stock at the end of the requisite service period based on the achievement of certain performance criteria.

The 2015 Performance Share Awards have a performance period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017 and any shares earned under such awards are expected to be issued in the first quarter of 2018 if the performance criteria are met. During the six months ended June 30, 2015, 602,501 2015 Performance Share Awards were granted and all remain outstanding as of June 30, 2015. The 271,667 outstanding 2014 Performance Share Awards have a performance period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016 and any shares earned under such awards are expected to be issued in the first quarter of 2017 if the performance criteria are met.

As of June 30, 2015, unrecognized stock-based compensation related to the 2015 Performance Share Awards and the 2014 Performance Share Awards was \$12.8 million. Such cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.33 years.

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The assumptions used to estimate the fair value of the 2015 Performance Share Awards granted on February 27, 2015 are as follows:

Risk-free rate ⁽¹⁾		0.95%
Dividend yield		—%
Expected volatility ⁽²⁾		53.78%
Laredo stock closing price as of February 27, 2015	\$	11.93
Fair value per performance share	\$	16.23

- (1) The risk-free rate was derived using a zero-coupon yield derived from the Treasury Constant Maturities yield curve on the grant date.
(2) The Company utilized a peer historical look-back, weighted with the Company's own volatility, to develop the expected volatility.

d. Stock-based compensation award expense

The following has been recorded to stock-based compensation expense for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Restricted stock award compensation, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 3,856	\$ 4,951	\$ 7,136	\$ 8,437
Restricted stock option award compensation, net of amounts capitalized	1,142	835	1,815	1,463
Restricted performance share award compensation, net of amounts capitalized	1,270	610	2,105	825
Total stock-based compensation, net of amounts capitalized	<u>\$ 6,268</u>	<u>\$ 6,396</u>	<u>\$ 11,056</u>	<u>\$ 10,725</u>

e. Performance unit awards

The performance unit awards issued to management on February 15, 2013 (the "2013 Performance Unit Awards") and on February 3, 2012 (the "2012 Performance Unit Awards") are subject to a combination of market and service vesting criteria. These awards are accounted for as liability awards as they will be settled in cash at the end of the requisite service period based on the achievement of certain performance criteria. A Monte Carlo simulation prepared by an independent third party is utilized to determine the fair values of these awards at the grant date and to re-measure the fair values at the end of each reporting period until settlement in accordance with GAAP. The volatility criteria utilized in the Monte Carlo simulation is based on the volatility of the Company's stock price and the stock price volatilities of a group of peer companies defined in each respective award agreement. The liability and related compensation expense of these awards for each period is recognized by dividing the fair value of the total liability by the requisite service period and recording the pro rata share for the period for which service has already been provided. As there are inherent uncertainties related to these factors and the Company's judgment in applying them to the fair value determinations, there is risk that the recorded performance unit compensation may not accurately reflect the amount ultimately earned by the members of management.

The 44,481 outstanding 2013 Performance Unit Awards have a performance period of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015 and are expected to be paid in the first quarter of 2016 if the performance criteria are met. The 27,381 settled 2012 Performance Unit Awards had a performance period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014 and, as their performance criteria were satisfied, they were paid at \$100 per unit during the first quarter of 2015.

Compensation expense for the 2013 Performance Unit Awards is included in "General and administrative" in the Company's unaudited consolidated statements of operations, and the corresponding liability is included in "Other current liabilities" on the unaudited consolidated balance sheets. Due to the quarterly re-measurement of the fair value of the 2013 Performance Unit Awards as of June 30, 2015, compensation expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 was \$0.7 million and \$1.7 million, respectively. Compensation expense related to the 2012 Performance Unit Awards and the 2013 Performance Unit Awards amounted to \$1.1 million and \$1.2 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively.

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Note 7—Income taxes

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating losses and tax credit carry-forwards. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income (loss) in the period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is established to reduce deferred tax assets if it is determined that it is more likely than not that the related tax benefit will not be realized. On a quarterly basis, management evaluates the need for and adequacy of valuation allowances based on the expected realizability of the deferred tax assets and adjusts the amount of such allowances, if necessary.

The Company evaluates uncertain tax positions for recognition and measurement in the unaudited consolidated financial statements. To recognize a tax position, the Company determines whether it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained upon examination, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation, based on the technical merits of the position. A tax position that meets the more-likely-than-not threshold is measured to determine the amount of benefit to be recognized in the unaudited consolidated financial statements. The amount of tax benefit recognized with respect to any tax position is measured as the largest amount of benefit that is greater than 50 percent likely of being realized upon settlement. The Company had no unrecognized tax benefits related to uncertain tax positions in the unaudited consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2015 or December 31, 2014.

The Company is subject to corporate income taxes and the Texas franchise tax. Income tax benefit for the periods presented consisted of the following:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Current taxes	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Deferred taxes	221,846	10,374	218,203	10,267
Income tax benefit	<u>\$ 221,846</u>	<u>\$ 10,374</u>	<u>\$ 218,203</u>	<u>\$ 10,267</u>

Income tax benefit differed from amounts computed by applying the applicable federal income tax rate of 35% to pre-tax earnings as a result of the following:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Income tax benefit computed by applying the statutory rate	\$ 216,608	\$ 10,246	\$ 215,498	\$ 10,283
State income tax, net of federal tax benefit and increase in valuation allowance	5,776	347	5,867	1,634
Non-deductible stock-based compensation	(15)	(123)	(106)	(239)
Stock-based compensation tax deficiency	(381)	(15)	(2,838)	(156)
Change in deferred tax valuation allowance	(11)	(34)	(16)	(1,112)
Other items	(131)	(47)	(202)	(143)
Income tax benefit	<u>\$ 221,846</u>	<u>\$ 10,374</u>	<u>\$ 218,203</u>	<u>\$ 10,267</u>

The effective tax rate on loss before income taxes was 36% and 35% for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and 35% for both the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014. The Company's effective tax rate is affected by recurring permanent differences and by discrete items that may occur in any given year, but are not consistent from year to year.

The impact of significant discrete items is separately recognized in the quarter in which they occur. The vesting of certain restricted stock awards could result in federal and state income tax expense or benefits related to the difference between the market price of the common stock at the date of vesting and the date of grant. The exercise of stock option awards could result in federal and state income tax expense or benefits related to the difference between the fair value of the stock option on the grant date and the intrinsic value of the stock option when exercised. The tax impact resulting from vestings of restricted stock awards and exercise of option awards are discrete items. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, certain shares related to restricted stock awards vested at times when the Company's stock price was lower than the fair value of those shares on the grant date. As a result, the income tax deduction related to such shares is less than the expense previously recognized for book purposes. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, certain restricted stock options were

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exercised, for which the related income tax deduction was less than the expense previously recognized for book purposes. There were no stock options exercised during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015. In accordance with GAAP, such shortfalls reduce additional paid-in capital to the extent windfall tax benefits have been previously recognized. However, the Company has not previously recognized any windfall tax benefits; therefore, such shortfalls are included in income tax expense.

The following table presents the tax impact of these shortfalls for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Vesting of restricted stock	\$ (388)	\$ —	\$ (2,889)	\$ (1)
Exercise of restricted stock options	—	(16)	—	(158)
Tax expense due to shortfalls	\$ (388)	\$ (16)	\$ (2,889)	\$ (159)

Significant components of the Company's net deferred tax asset (liability) for the periods presented are as follows:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Oil and natural gas properties, midstream service assets and other fixed assets	\$ (322,485)	\$ (424,712)
Net operating loss carry-forward	433,335	353,724
Derivatives	(77,365)	(121,365)
Stock-based compensation	8,645	10,718
Equity method investee	(6,617)	—
Accrued bonus	2,238	3,256
Capitalized interest	3,014	3,049
Other	1,808	(316)
Gross deferred tax asset (liability)	42,573	(175,646)
Valuation allowance	(1,315)	(1,299)
Net deferred tax asset (liability)	\$ 41,258	\$ (176,945)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities were classified in the unaudited consolidated balance sheets as follows for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Deferred tax asset	\$ 86,347	\$ —
Deferred tax liability	(45,089)	(176,945)
Deferred tax asset (liability)	\$ 41,258	\$ (176,945)

The Company had federal net operating loss carry-forwards totaling \$1.2 billion and state of Oklahoma net operating loss carry-forwards totaling \$71.9 million as of June 30, 2015. These carry-forwards begin expiring in 2026. As of June 30, 2015, the Company believes the federal and the state of Oklahoma net operating loss carry-forwards are fully realizable. The Company considered all available evidence, both positive and negative, in determining whether, based on the weight of that evidence, a valuation allowance was needed on either the federal or the Oklahoma net operating loss carry-forwards. Such consideration included estimated future projected earnings based on existing reserves and projected future cash flows from its oil and natural gas reserves (including the timing of those cash flows), the reversal of deferred tax liabilities recorded as of June 30, 2015, the Company's ability to capitalize intangible drilling costs, rather than expensing these costs in order to prevent an operating loss carry-forward from expiring unused, and future projections of Oklahoma sourced income.

The Company's federal and state operating loss carry-forwards include windfall tax deductions from vestings of certain restricted stock awards and stock option exercises that were not recorded in the Company's income tax provision. The amount of windfall tax benefit recognized in additional paid-in capital is limited to the amount of benefit realized currently in income taxes payable. As of June 30, 2015, the Company had suspended additional paid-in capital credits of \$4.5 million related to windfall tax deductions. Upon realization of the net operating loss carry-forwards from such windfall tax deductions, the Company would record a benefit of up to \$4.5 million in additional paid-in capital.

The Company maintains a valuation allowance to reduce certain deferred tax assets to amounts that are more likely than not to be realized. As of June 30, 2015, a full valuation allowance of \$1.3 million was recorded against the deferred tax asset related to the Company's charitable contribution carry-forward of \$3.7 million.

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The Company's income tax returns for the years 2012 through 2014 remain open and subject to examination by federal tax authorities and/or the tax authorities in Oklahoma and Texas, which are the jurisdictions where the Company has operations. Additionally, the statute of limitations for examination of federal net operating loss carry-forwards typically does not begin to run until the year the attribute is utilized in a tax return.

Note 8—Derivatives

a. Commodity derivatives

The Company engages in derivative transactions such as collars, swaps, puts and basis swaps to hedge price risks due to unfavorable changes in oil and natural gas prices related to its production. As of June 30, 2015, the Company had 36 open derivative contracts with financial institutions that extend from July 2015 to December 2017. None of these contracts were designated as hedges for accounting purposes. The contracts are recorded at fair value on the balance sheet and gains and losses are recognized in current period earnings. Gains and losses on derivatives are reported on the unaudited consolidated statements of operations in the "Loss on derivatives, net" line item.

Each collar transaction has an established price floor and ceiling. When the settlement price is below the price floor established by these collars, the Company receives an amount from its counterparty equal to the difference between the settlement price and the price floor multiplied by the hedged contract volume. When the settlement price is above the price ceiling established by these collars, the Company pays its counterparty an amount equal to the difference between the settlement price and the price ceiling multiplied by the hedged contract volume.

Each swap transaction has an established fixed price. When the settlement price is below the fixed price, the counterparty pays the Company an amount equal to the difference between the settlement price and the fixed price multiplied by the hedged contract volume. When the settlement price is above the fixed price, the Company pays its counterparty an amount equal to the difference between the settlement price and the fixed price multiplied by the hedged contract volume.

Each put transaction has an established floor price. The Company pays its counterparty a premium, which can be deferred until settlement, to enter into the put transaction. When the settlement price is below the floor price, the counterparty pays the Company an amount equal to the difference between the settlement price and the fixed price multiplied by the hedged contract volume. When the settlement price is above the floor price, the put option expires.

The oil basis swap transactions have an established fixed basis differential. The Company's oil basis swaps' differential is between the West Texas Intermediate-Argus Americas Crude (Midland) ("WTI Midland") index crude oil price and the WTI NYMEX (defined below) index crude oil price. When the WTI NYMEX price less the fixed basis differential is greater than the actual WTI Midland price, the difference multiplied by the hedged contract volume is paid to the Company by the counterparty. When the WTI NYMEX price less the fixed basis differential is less than the actual WTI Midland price, the difference multiplied by the hedged contract volume is paid by the Company to the counterparty.

During the first quarter of 2014, the Company unwound a physical commodity contract and the associated oil basis swap financial derivative contract that hedged the differential between the Light Louisiana Sweet Argus and the Brent International Petroleum Exchange index oil prices. Prior to its unwind, the physical commodity contract qualified to be scoped out of mark-to-market accounting in accordance with the normal purchase and normal sale scope exemption. Once modified to settle financially in the unwind agreement, the contract ceased to qualify for the normal purchase and normal sale scope exemption, therefore requiring it to be marked-to-market. The Company received net proceeds of \$76.7 million from the early termination of these contracts. The Company agreed to settle the contracts early due to the counterparty's decision to exit the physical commodity trading business.

The following represents cash settlements received (paid) for derivatives for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Cash settlements received (paid) for matured commodity derivatives	\$ 46,596	\$ (4,420)	\$ 109,737	\$ (5,851)
Early terminations of commodity derivatives received	—	—	—	76,660
Cash settlements received (paid) for derivatives, net	\$ 46,596	\$ (4,420)	\$ 109,737	\$ 70,809

The following table summarizes open positions as of June 30, 2015, and represents, as of such date, derivatives in place through December 2017 on annual production volumes:

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	Remaining Year 2015	Year 2016	Year 2017
Oil positions:⁽¹⁾			
Puts:			
Hedged volume (Bbl)	228,000	—	—
Weighted-average price (\$/Bbl)	\$ 75.00	\$ —	\$ —
Swaps:			
Hedged volume (Bbl)	336,000	1,573,800	—
Weighted-average price (\$/Bbl)	\$ 96.56	\$ 84.82	\$ —
Collars:			
Hedged volume (Bbl)	3,283,760	3,654,000	2,628,000
Weighted-average floor price (\$/Bbl)	\$ 79.81	\$ 73.99	\$ 77.22
Weighted-average ceiling price (\$/Bbl)	\$ 95.41	\$ 89.63	\$ 97.22
Totals:			
Total volume hedged with ceiling price (Bbl)	3,619,760	5,227,800	2,628,000
Weighted-average ceiling price (\$/Bbl)	\$ 95.51	\$ 88.18	\$ 97.22
Total volume hedged with floor price (Bbl)	3,847,760	5,227,800	2,628,000
Weighted-average floor price (\$/Bbl)	\$ 80.99	\$ 77.25	\$ 77.22
Basis swaps:⁽²⁾			
Hedged volume (Bbl)	1,840,000	—	—
Weighted-average price (\$/Bbl)	\$ (1.95)	\$ —	\$ —
Natural gas positions:⁽³⁾			
Collars:			
Hedged volume (MMBtu)	14,384,000	18,666,000	—
Weighted-average floor price (\$/MMBtu)	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ —
Weighted-average ceiling price (\$/MMBtu)	\$ 5.96	\$ 5.60	\$ —

- (1) Oil derivatives are settled based on the average of the daily settlement prices for the First Nearby Month of the West Texas Intermediate NYMEX Light Sweet Crude Oil Futures Contract for each NYMEX Trading Day during each month ("WTI NYMEX").
- (2) The associated oil basis swaps are settled on the differential between the WTI Midland and the WTI NYMEX index oil prices.
- (3) Natural gas derivatives are settled based on the Inside FERC index price for West Texas Waha for the calculation period.

b. Balance sheet presentation

In accordance with the Company's standard practice, its commodity derivatives are subject to counterparty netting under agreements governing such derivatives. The Company's oil and natural gas commodity derivatives are presented on a net basis as "Derivatives" on the unaudited consolidated balance sheets. See Note 9.a for a summary of the fair value of derivatives on a gross basis.

By using derivatives to hedge exposures to changes in commodity prices, the Company exposes itself to credit risk and market risk. For the Company, market risk is the exposure to changes in the market price of oil and natural gas, which are subject to fluctuations from a variety of factors, including changes in supply and demand. Credit risk is the failure of the counterparty to perform under the terms of the derivative contract. When the fair value of a derivative contract is positive, the counterparty owes the Company, thereby creating credit risk. The Company's counterparties are participants in the Senior Secured Credit Facility, which is secured by the Company's oil and natural gas reserves; therefore, the Company is not required to post any collateral. The Company does not require collateral from its derivative counterparties. The Company minimizes the credit risk in derivatives by: (i) limiting its exposure to any single counterparty, (ii) entering into derivatives only with counterparties that meet the Company's minimum credit quality standard or have a guarantee from an affiliate that meets the Company's minimum credit quality standard and (iii) monitoring the creditworthiness of the Company's counterparties on an ongoing basis.

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Note 9—Fair value measurements

The Company accounts for its oil and natural gas commodity derivatives at fair value. The fair value of derivatives is determined utilizing pricing models for similar instruments. The models use a variety of techniques to arrive at fair value, including quotes and pricing analysis. Inputs to the pricing models include publicly available prices and forward curves generated from a compilation of data gathered from third parties.

The Company has categorized its assets and liabilities measured at fair value, based on the priority of inputs to the valuation technique, into a three-level fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3).

Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value on the unaudited consolidated balance sheets are categorized based on inputs to the valuation techniques as follows:

- Level 1— Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value for which values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market that management has the ability to access. Active markets are considered to be those in which transactions for the assets or liabilities occur in sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.
- Level 2— Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value for which values are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or model inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities. Substantially all of these inputs are observable in the marketplace throughout the full term of the price risk management instrument and can be derived from observable data or supported by observable levels at which transactions are executed in the marketplace.
- Level 3— Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value for which values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. Unobservable inputs are not corroborated by market data. These inputs reflect management's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability.

When the inputs used to measure fair value fall within different levels of the hierarchy in a liquid environment, the level within which the fair value measurement is categorized is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The Company conducts a review of fair value hierarchy classifications on an annual basis. Changes in the observability of valuation inputs may result in a reclassification for certain financial assets or liabilities. Transfers between fair value hierarchy levels are recognized and reported in the period in which the transfer occurred. No transfers between fair value hierarchy levels occurred during the three or six months ended June 30, 2015 or 2014.

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a. Fair value measurement on a recurring basis

The following tables summarize the Company's fair value hierarchy by commodity on a gross basis and the net presentation on the unaudited consolidated balance sheets for derivative assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total gross fair value	Amounts offset	Net fair value presented on the consolidated balance sheets
As of June 30, 2015:						
Assets						
Current:						
Oil derivatives	\$ —	\$ 124,414	\$ —	\$ 124,414	\$ (3,100)	\$ 121,314
Natural gas derivatives	—	7,554	—	7,554	—	7,554
Oil deferred premiums	—	—	—	—	(4,695)	(4,695)
Natural gas deferred premiums	—	—	—	—	(350)	(350)
Noncurrent:						
Oil derivatives	\$ —	\$ 85,079	\$ —	\$ 85,079	\$ —	\$ 85,079
Natural gas derivatives	—	2,514	—	2,514	—	2,514
Oil deferred premiums	—	—	—	—	(7,042)	(7,042)
Natural gas deferred premiums	—	—	—	—	—	—
Liabilities						
Current:						
Oil derivatives	\$ —	\$ (3,100)	\$ —	\$ (3,100)	\$ 3,100	\$ —
Natural gas derivatives	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oil deferred premiums	—	—	(4,695)	(4,695)	4,695	—
Natural gas deferred premiums	—	—	(350)	(350)	350	—
Noncurrent:						
Oil derivatives	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Natural gas derivatives	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oil deferred premiums	—	—	(7,042)	(7,042)	7,042	—
Natural gas deferred premiums	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net derivative position	\$ —	\$ 216,461	\$ (12,087)	\$ 204,374	\$ —	\$ 204,374

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(in thousands)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total gross fair value	Amounts offset	Net fair value presented on the consolidated balance sheets
As of December 31, 2014:						
Assets						
Current:						
Oil derivatives	\$ —	\$ 190,303	\$ —	\$ 190,303	\$ —	\$ 190,303
Natural gas derivatives	—	9,647	—	9,647	—	9,647
Oil deferred premiums	—	—	—	—	(4,653)	(4,653)
Natural gas deferred premiums	—	—	—	—	(696)	(696)
Noncurrent:						
Oil derivatives	\$ —	\$ 117,963	\$ —	\$ 117,963	\$ —	\$ 117,963
Natural gas derivatives	—	3,646	—	3,646	—	3,646
Oil deferred premiums	—	—	—	—	(3,821)	(3,821)
Natural gas deferred premiums	—	—	—	—	—	—
Liabilities						
Current:						
Oil derivatives	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Natural gas derivatives	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oil deferred premiums	—	—	(4,768)	(4,768)	4,653	(115)
Natural gas deferred premiums	—	—	(696)	(696)	696	—
Noncurrent:						
Oil derivatives	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Natural gas derivatives	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oil deferred premiums	—	—	(3,821)	(3,821)	3,821	—
Natural gas deferred premiums	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net derivative position	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 321,559</u>	<u>\$ (9,285)</u>	<u>\$ 312,274</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 312,274</u>

These items are included as "Derivatives" on the unaudited consolidated balance sheets. Significant Level 2 assumptions associated with the calculation of discounted cash flows used in the mark-to-market analysis of commodity derivatives include each derivative contract's corresponding commodity index price, appropriate risk-adjusted discount rates and other relevant data.

The Company's deferred premiums associated with its commodity derivative contracts are categorized as Level 3, as the Company utilizes a net present value calculation to determine the valuation. They are considered to be measured on a recurring basis as the derivative contracts they derive from are measured on a recurring basis. As commodity derivative contracts containing deferred premiums are entered into, the Company discounts the associated deferred premium to its net present value at the contract trade date, using the Senior Secured Credit Facility rate at the trade date (historical input rates range from 1.69% to 3.56%), and then records the change in net present value to interest expense over the period from trade until the final settlement date at the end of the contract. After this initial valuation, the net present value of each deferred premium is not adjusted; therefore, significant increases (decreases) in the Senior Secured Credit Facility rate would result in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement for each new contract entered into that contained a deferred premium; however, the valuation for the deferred premiums already recorded would remain unaffected. While the Company believes the sources utilized to arrive at the fair value estimates are reliable, different sources or methods could have yielded different fair value estimates; therefore, on a quarterly basis, the valuation is compared to counterparty valuations and a third-party valuation of the deferred premiums for reasonableness.

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The following table presents actual cash payments required for deferred premiums as of June 30, 2015, and for the calendar years following:

(in thousands)		
Remaining 2015	\$	2,497
2016		4,471
2017		4,967
2018		426
Total	\$	12,361

A summary of the changes in assets classified as Level 3 measurements for the periods presented are as follows:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Balance of Level 3 at beginning of period	\$ (8,882)	\$ (10,790)	\$ (9,285)	\$ (12,684)
Change in net present value of deferred premiums for derivatives	(45)	(55)	(88)	(120)
Total purchases and settlements:				
Purchases	(4,409)	—	(5,384)	—
Settlements	1,249	1,820	2,670	3,779
Balance of Level 3 at end of period	\$ (12,087)	\$ (9,025)	\$ (12,087)	\$ (9,025)

b. Fair value measurement on a nonrecurring basis

The Company accounts for the impairment of long-lived assets, if any, at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. For purposes of fair value measurement, it was determined that the impairment of long-lived assets is classified as Level 3, based on the use of internally developed cash flow models. See Note 2.n for discussion regarding the Company's impairments of materials and supplies and line-fill during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015.

The accounting policies for impairment of oil and natural gas properties are discussed in Note 2.g. Significant inputs included in the calculation of discounted cash flows used in the impairment analysis include the Company's estimate of operating and development costs, anticipated production of evaluated reserves and other relevant data. See Note 2.g for discussion regarding the Company's second-quarter full cost ceiling impairment.

Note 10—Credit risk

The Company's oil, NGL and natural gas sales are made to a variety of purchasers, including intrastate and interstate pipelines or their marketing affiliates and independent marketing companies. The Company's joint operations accounts receivable are from a number of oil and natural gas companies, partnerships, individuals and others who own interests in the oil and natural gas properties operated by the Company. Management believes that any credit risk imposed by a concentration in the oil and natural gas industry is offset by the creditworthiness of the Company's customer base and industry partners. The Company routinely assesses the recoverability of all material trade and other receivables to determine collectability.

The Company uses derivatives to hedge its exposure to oil and natural gas price volatility. These transactions expose the Company to potential credit risk from its counterparties. In accordance with the Company's standard practice, its derivatives are subject to counterparty netting under agreements governing such derivatives; therefore, the credit risk associated with its derivative counterparties is somewhat mitigated. See Notes 2.f, 8 and 9 for additional information regarding the Company's derivatives.

Note 11—Commitments and contingencies

a. Litigation

From time to time the Company is involved in legal proceedings and/or may be subject to industry rulings that could bring rise to claims in the ordinary course of business. The Company has concluded that the likelihood is remote that the ultimate resolution of any pending litigation or pending claims will be material or have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

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b. Drilling contracts

The Company has committed to drilling contracts with various third parties to complete its various drilling projects. The contracts contain early termination clauses that require the Company to potentially pay penalties to the third parties should the Company cease drilling efforts. These penalties would negatively impact the Company's financial statements upon early contract termination, especially if a significant number of such contracts were terminated early in their respective terms. In the fourth quarter of 2014, the Company announced a reduced 2015 capital expenditure budget compared to 2014. As a result, the Company began releasing rigs as drilling contracts came close to expiration and incurred charges of \$0.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2014. No comparable amounts were recorded in the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 or 2014. Future commitments of \$27.0 million as of June 30, 2015 are not recorded in the accompanying unaudited consolidated balance sheets. Management does not currently anticipate the early termination of any existing contracts in 2015 that would result in a substantial penalty.

c. Federal and state regulations

Oil and natural gas exploration, production and related operations are subject to extensive federal and state laws, rules and regulations. Failure to comply with these laws, rules and regulations can result in substantial penalties. The regulatory burden on the oil and natural gas industry increases the cost of doing business and affects profitability. The Company believes that it is in compliance with currently applicable federal and state regulations related to oil and natural gas exploration and production, and that compliance with the current regulations will not have a material adverse impact on the financial position or results of operations of the Company. These rules and regulations are frequently amended or reinterpreted; therefore, the Company is unable to predict the future cost or impact of complying with these regulations.

d. Other commitments

See Notes 15.a and 19.b for discussion regarding the commitments to the Company's non-consolidated variable interest entity ("VIE").

Note 12—Restructuring

Following the fourth-quarter 2014 drop in oil prices, in an effort to reduce costs and to better position the Company for ongoing efficient growth, on January 20, 2015, the Company executed a company-wide restructuring and reduction in force (the "RIF") that included (i) the relocation of certain employees in the Company's Dallas, Texas area office to the Company's other existing offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Midland, Texas; (ii) closing the Company's Dallas, Texas area office; (iii) a workforce reduction of approximately 75 employees and (iv) the release of 24 contract personnel. The RIF was communicated to employees on January 20, 2015 and was generally effective immediately. The Company's compensation committee approved the RIF and the related severance package. The Company incurred \$6.0 million in expenses during the six months ended June 30, 2015 related to the RIF.

Note 13—Net loss per share

Basic net loss per share is computed by dividing net loss by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted net loss per share reflects the potential dilution of non-vested restricted stock awards, performance share awards and outstanding restricted stock options. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, all of these potentially dilutive items were anti-dilutive due to the Company's net loss and, therefore, were excluded from the calculation of diluted net loss per share.

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The following is the calculation of basic and diluted weighted-average common shares outstanding and net loss per share for the periods presented:

(in thousands, except for per share data)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net loss (numerator):				
Net loss—basic and diluted	\$ (397,034)	\$ (18,899)	\$ (397,506)	\$ (19,112)
Weighted-average common shares outstanding (denominator)⁽¹⁾:				
Basic	211,078	141,298	186,886	141,183
Diluted	211,078	141,298	186,886	141,183
Net loss per share:				
Basic	\$ (1.88)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (2.13)	\$ (0.14)
Diluted	\$ (1.88)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (2.13)	\$ (0.14)

(1) For the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, weighted-average common shares outstanding used in the computation of basic and diluted net loss per share attributable to stockholders has been computed taking into account the March 2015 Equity Offering.

Note 14—Variable interest entity

An entity is referred to as a VIE pursuant to accounting guidance for consolidation if it possesses one of the following criteria: (i) it is thinly capitalized, (ii) the residual equity holders do not control the entity, (iii) the equity holders are shielded from the economic losses, (iv) the equity holders do not participate fully in the entity's residual economics, or (v) the entity was established with non-substantive voting interests. In order to determine if a VIE should be consolidated, an entity must determine if it is the primary beneficiary of the VIE. The primary beneficiary of a VIE is that variable interest holder possessing a controlling financial interest through: (i) its power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the VIE's economic performance and (ii) its obligation to absorb losses or its right to receive benefits from the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE. In order to determine whether the Company owns a variable interest in a VIE, a qualitative analysis is performed of the entity's design, organizational structure, primary decision makers and relevant agreements. The Company continually monitors its VIE exposure to determine if any events have occurred that could cause the primary beneficiary to change.

LMS contributed \$14.5 million during the six months ended June 30, 2015 and \$8.2 million and \$19.5 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively, to Medallion Gathering & Processing, LLC, a Texas limited liability company formed on October 12, 2012, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (together "Medallion"). No contributions were made to Medallion during the three months ended June 30, 2015. See Note 19.b for discussion on a contribution made to Medallion subsequent to June 30, 2015.

LMS holds 49% of Medallion ownership units. Medallion was established for the purpose of developing midstream solutions and providing midstream infrastructure to bring oil, NGL and natural gas to market. LMS and the other 51% interest-holder have agreed that the voting rights of Medallion, the profit and loss sharing, and the additional capital contribution requirements shall be equal to the ownership unit percentage held. Additionally, Medallion requires a super-majority vote of 75% for all key operating and business decisions. The Company has determined that Medallion is a VIE. However, LMS is not considered to be the primary beneficiary of the VIE because LMS does not have the power to direct the activities that most significantly affect Medallion's economic performance. As such, Medallion is accounted for under the equity method of accounting with the Company's proportionate share of Medallion's net income (loss) reflected in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations as "Income (loss) from equity method investee" and the carrying amount reflected in the unaudited consolidated balance sheets as "Investment in equity method investee."

During the six months ended June 30, 2015, Medallion continued expansion activities on existing portions of its pipeline infrastructure in order to gather additional third-party oil production. During the three months ended June 30, 2015, Medallion began recognizing revenue due to its main pipeline becoming fully operational. See Note 15.a for discussion of items included in the unaudited consolidated financial statements related to Medallion.

During the three months ended June 30, 2015, the Company negotiated a buyout of a minimum volume commitment to Medallion, which was related to natural gas gathering infrastructure Medallion constructed on acreage that the Company does not plan to develop. The portion of the buyout that was related to the Company's minimum volume commitment for future

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periods was \$3.0 million and is included in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations in the line item "Minimum volume commitments" for the period in which the buyout was settled.

Note 15—Related Parties

a. Medallion

The following table summarizes items included in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations related to Medallion for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Midstream service revenues	\$ 390	\$ —	\$ 487	\$ —
Minimum volume commitments	3,579	588	5,235	1,104
Interest and other income	—	—	108	—

The following table summarizes items included in the unaudited consolidated balance sheets related to Medallion for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Other assets, net	\$ 1,229	\$ 1,110
Other current liabilities	27,917	3,443

Amounts included in "Other assets, net" above represent LMS owned line-fill in Medallion's pipeline and amounts included in "Other current liabilities" above represent LMS's capital contribution paid to Medallion subsequent to June 30, 2015. See Note 14 for additional discussion of Medallion and Note 19.b for additional discussion of the subsequent payment to Medallion.

b. Targa Resources Corp.

The Company has a gathering and processing arrangement with affiliates of Targa Resources Corp. ("Targa"). One of Laredo's directors is on the board of directors of Targa.

The following table summarizes the net oil, NGL and natural gas sales (oil, NGL and natural gas sales less production taxes) received from Targa and included in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Oil, NGL and natural gas sales	\$ 34,012	\$ 23,997	\$ 53,643	\$ 46,476

The following table summarizes the amounts included in oil, NGL and natural gas sales receivable from Targa in the unaudited consolidated balance sheets for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Accounts receivable, net	\$ 9,333	\$ 12,869

Note 16—Segments

Since the beginning of 2015, the Company has presented financial results by segment to highlight the growing value of its midstream and marketing segment and its interest in Medallion, as Medallion's third-party revenues increase.

The Company operates in two business segments, which are (i) exploration and production and (ii) midstream and marketing. The exploration and production segment is engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of oil and natural gas properties. The midstream and marketing segment provides the exploration and production segment and certain third parties with (i) any products and services that need to be delivered by midstream infrastructure, including oil and natural gas gathering services as well as rig fuel, natural gas lift and water in the primary drilling corridors and (ii) takeaway optionality in the field and firm service commitments to maximize oil, NGL and natural gas revenues.

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The following tables present selected financial information regarding the Company's operating segments for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Exploration and production	Midstream and marketing	Intercompany eliminations	Consolidated company
Three months ended June 30, 2015:				
Oil, NGL and natural gas sales	\$ 125,679	\$ 221	\$ (346)	\$ 125,554
Midstream service revenues	—	4,362	(2,636)	1,726
Sales of purchased oil	—	55,051	—	55,051
Total revenues	125,679	59,634	(2,982)	182,331
Lease operating expenses, including production tax	41,423	—	(2,717)	38,706
Midstream service expenses, including minimum volume commitments	4,399	998	(221)	5,176
Costs of purchased oil	—	54,417	—	54,417
General and administrative ⁽¹⁾	21,347	1,861	—	23,208
Depletion, depreciation and amortization ⁽²⁾	69,987	2,125	—	72,112
Other operating costs and expenses ⁽³⁾	490,147	45	—	490,192
Operating income (loss)	\$ (501,624)	\$ 188	\$ (44)	\$ (501,480)
Other financial information:				
Income from equity method investee	\$ —	\$ 2,914	\$ —	\$ 2,914
Interest expense ⁽⁴⁾	\$ (22,845)	\$ (1,125)	\$ —	\$ (23,970)
Loss on early redemption of debt ⁽⁴⁾	\$ (30,056)	\$ (1,481)	\$ —	\$ (31,537)
Capital expenditures ⁽⁵⁾	\$ (133,259)	\$ (13,841)	\$ —	\$ (147,100)
Gross property and equipment ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 5,170,912	\$ 257,073	\$ (365)	\$ 5,427,620
Three months ended June 30, 2014:				
Oil, NGL and natural gas sales	\$ 182,872	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 182,872
Midstream service revenues	—	1,542	(1,370)	172
Total revenues	182,872	1,542	(1,370)	183,044
Lease operating expenses, including production tax	34,709	—	(1,370)	33,339
Midstream service expenses, including minimum volume commitments	—	2,114	—	2,114
General and administrative ⁽¹⁾	27,742	1,810	—	29,552
Depletion, depreciation and amortization ⁽²⁾	52,261	795	—	53,056
Other operating costs and expenses ⁽³⁾	422	—	—	422
Operating income (loss)	\$ 67,738	\$ (3,177)	\$ —	\$ 64,561
Other financial information:				
Loss from equity method investee	\$ —	\$ (41)	\$ —	\$ (41)
Interest expense ⁽⁴⁾	\$ (29,729)	\$ (928)	\$ —	\$ (30,657)
Capital expenditures ⁽⁵⁾	\$ (229,922)	\$ (15,705)	\$ —	\$ (245,627)
Gross property and equipment ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 3,962,611	\$ 123,648	\$ —	\$ 4,086,259

- (1) General and administrative costs were allocated based on the number of employees in the respective segment as of June 30, 2015 and 2014. However, payroll, deferred compensation, vehicle costs and the capitalization of payroll and deferred compensation associated with land and geology are based on actual costs for each segment for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.
- (2) Depletion, depreciation and amortization is based on actual costs for each segment with the exception of the allocation of other fixed assets, which is based on the number of employees in the respective segment as of June 30, 2015 and 2014.
- (3) Includes accretion of asset retirement obligations and impairments for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014. These expenses are based on actual costs and are not allocated. See Notes 2.g and 2.n for discussion of the Company's impairments.
- (4) Interest expense and loss on early redemption of debt are allocated based on gross property and equipment and total contributions to the Company's equity method investee as of June 30, 2015 and 2014.
- (5) Capital expenditures excludes acquisition of oil and natural gas properties for the three months ended June 30, 2014.
- (6) Gross property and equipment includes investment in equity method investee totaling \$103.2 million and \$40.9 million as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Other fixed assets were allocated based on the number of employees in the respective segment as of June 30, 2015 and 2014.

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(in thousands)	Exploration and production	Midstream and marketing	Intercompany eliminations	Consolidated company
Six months ended June 30, 2015:				
Oil, NGL and natural gas sales	\$ 243,890	\$ 333	\$ (551)	\$ 243,672
Midstream service revenues	—	8,045	(5,010)	3,035
Sales of purchased oil	—	86,318	—	86,318
Total revenues	243,890	94,696	(5,561)	333,025
Lease operating expenses, including production tax	85,268	—	(5,096)	80,172
Midstream service expenses, including minimum volume commitments	4,399	4,340	(333)	8,406
Costs of purchased oil	—	85,617	—	85,617
General and administrative ⁽¹⁾	41,125	3,938	—	45,063
Depletion, depreciation and amortization ⁽²⁾	140,244	3,810	—	144,054
Other operating costs and expenses ⁽³⁾	497,338	353	—	497,691
Operating loss	\$ (524,484)	\$ (3,362)	\$ (132)	\$ (527,978)
Other financial information:				
Income from equity method investee	\$ —	\$ 2,481	\$ —	\$ 2,481
Interest expense ⁽⁴⁾	\$ (53,932)	\$ (2,452)	\$ —	\$ (56,384)
Loss on early redemption of debt ⁽⁴⁾	\$ (30,056)	\$ (1,481)	\$ —	\$ (31,537)
Capital expenditures ⁽⁵⁾	\$ (380,872)	\$ (34,314)	\$ —	\$ (415,186)
Gross property and equipment ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 5,170,912	\$ 257,073	\$ (365)	\$ 5,427,620
Six months ended June 30, 2014:				
Oil, NGL and natural gas sales	\$ 356,086	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 356,086
Midstream service revenues	—	2,572	(2,304)	268
Sales of purchased oil	—	—	—	—
Total revenues	356,086	2,572	(2,304)	356,354
Lease operating expenses, including production tax	69,878	—	(2,304)	67,574
Midstream service expenses, including minimum volume commitments	—	3,475	—	3,475
General and administrative ⁽¹⁾	54,058	3,148	—	57,206
Depletion, depreciation and amortization ⁽²⁾	101,229	1,434	—	102,663
Other operating costs and expenses ⁽³⁾	837	—	—	837
Operating income (loss)	\$ 130,084	\$ (5,485)	\$ —	\$ 124,599
Other financial information:				
Loss from equity method investee	\$ —	\$ (25)	\$ —	\$ (25)
Interest expense ⁽⁴⁾	\$ (58,103)	\$ (1,540)	\$ —	\$ (59,643)
Capital expenditures ⁽⁵⁾	\$ (420,331)	\$ (26,225)	\$ —	\$ (446,556)
Gross property and equipment ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 3,962,611	\$ 123,648	\$ —	\$ 4,086,259

- (1) General and administrative costs were allocated based on the number of employees in the respective segment as of June 30, 2015 and 2014. However, payroll, deferred compensation, vehicle costs and the capitalization of payroll and deferred compensation associated with land and geology are based on actual costs for each segment for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.
- (2) Depletion, depreciation and amortization is based on actual costs for each segment with the exception of the allocation of other fixed assets, which is based on the number of employees in the respective segment as of June 30, 2015 and 2014.
- (3) Includes the following expenses: restructuring expense, accretion of asset retirement obligations and impairments for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014. These expenses are based on actual costs and are not allocated. See Notes 2.g and 2.n for discussion of the Company's impairments.
- (4) Interest expense and loss on early redemption of debt are allocated based on gross property and equipment and total contributions to the Company's equity method investee as of June 30, 2015 and 2014.
- (5) Capital expenditures excludes acquisition of mineral interests and acquisition of oil and natural gas properties for the six months ended June 30, 2014.
- (6) Gross property and equipment includes investment in equity method investee totaling \$103.2 million and \$40.9 million as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Other fixed assets were allocated based on the number of employees in the respective segment as of June 30, 2015 and 2014.

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Note 17—Subsidiary guarantees

Laredo and the Guarantors have fully and unconditionally guaranteed the January 2022 Notes, the May 2022 Notes, the March 2023 Notes and the Senior Secured Credit Facility, subject to the Releases. In accordance with practices accepted by the SEC, Laredo has prepared condensed consolidating financial statements to quantify the assets, results of operations and cash flows of such subsidiaries as subsidiary guarantors. The following unaudited condensed consolidating balance sheets as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, unaudited condensed consolidating statements of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 and unaudited condensed consolidating statements of cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 present financial information for Laredo on a stand-alone basis (carrying any investment in subsidiaries under the equity method), financial information for the subsidiary guarantors on a stand-alone basis (carrying any investment in subsidiaries under the equity method), and the consolidation and elimination entries necessary to arrive at the information for the Company on a condensed consolidated basis. Deferred income taxes for LMS and for GCM are recorded on Laredo's statements of financial position, statements of operations and statements of cash flows as they are disregarded entities for income tax purposes. Laredo and the Guarantors are not restricted from making intercompany distributions to each other.

Condensed consolidating balance sheet
June 30, 2015
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(in thousands)	Laredo	Subsidiary Guarantors	Intercompany eliminations	Consolidated company
Accounts receivable, net	\$ 91,619	\$ 18,724	\$ —	\$ 110,343
Other current assets	194,806	9,596	—	204,402
Total oil and natural gas properties, net	2,896,862	7,249	(365)	2,903,746
Total midstream service assets, net	—	136,862	—	136,862
Total other fixed assets, net	44,273	399	—	44,672
Investment in subsidiaries and equity method investee	233,920	103,181	(233,920)	103,181
Total other long-term assets	194,659	4,164	—	198,823
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,656,139</u>	<u>\$ 280,175</u>	<u>\$ (234,285)</u>	<u>\$ 3,702,029</u>
Accounts payable	\$ 21,591	\$ 1,673	\$ —	\$ 23,264
Other current liabilities	244,892	41,918	—	286,810
Long-term debt	1,425,000	—	—	1,425,000
Other long-term liabilities	35,344	2,664	—	38,008
Stockholders' equity	1,929,312	233,920	(234,285)	1,928,947
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 3,656,139</u>	<u>\$ 280,175</u>	<u>\$ (234,285)</u>	<u>\$ 3,702,029</u>

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Condensed consolidating balance sheet
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(in thousands)	Laredo	Subsidiary Guarantors	Intercompany eliminations	Consolidated company
Accounts receivable, net	\$ 107,860	\$ 19,069	\$ —	\$ 126,929
Other current assets	238,300	24	—	238,324
Total oil and natural gas properties, net	3,196,231	7,277	(233)	3,203,275
Total midstream service assets, net	—	108,462	—	108,462
Total other fixed assets, net	42,046	299	—	42,345
Investment in subsidiaries and equity method investee	163,349	58,288	(163,349)	58,288
Total other long-term assets	150,430	4,496	—	154,926
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,898,216</u>	<u>\$ 197,915</u>	<u>\$ (163,582)</u>	<u>\$ 3,932,549</u>
Accounts payable	\$ 38,453	\$ 555	\$ —	\$ 39,008
Other current liabilities	354,217	31,800	—	386,017
Long-term debt	1,801,295	—	—	1,801,295
Other long-term liabilities	140,817	2,211	—	143,028
Stockholders' equity	1,563,434	163,349	(163,582)	1,563,201
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 3,898,216</u>	<u>\$ 197,915</u>	<u>\$ (163,582)</u>	<u>\$ 3,932,549</u>

Condensed consolidating statement of operations
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(in thousands)	Laredo	Subsidiary Guarantors	Intercompany eliminations	Consolidated company
Total operating revenues	\$ 125,687	\$ 59,626	\$ (2,982)	\$ 182,331
Total operating costs and expenses	629,359	57,390	(2,938)	683,811
Operating income (loss)	(503,672)	2,236	(44)	(501,480)
Interest expense and other, net	(23,797)	—	—	(23,797)
Other non-operating income (expense)	(91,367)	2,914	(5,150)	(93,603)
Income (loss) before income tax	(618,836)	5,150	(5,194)	(618,880)
Deferred income tax benefit	221,846	—	—	221,846
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ (396,990)</u>	<u>\$ 5,150</u>	<u>\$ (5,194)</u>	<u>\$ (397,034)</u>

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(in thousands)	Laredo	Subsidiary Guarantors	Intercompany eliminations	Consolidated company
Total operating revenues	\$ 243,833	\$ 94,753	\$ (5,561)	\$ 333,025
Total operating costs and expenses	772,667	93,765	(5,429)	861,003
Operating income (loss)	(528,834)	988	(132)	(527,978)
Interest expense and other, net	(56,088)	—	—	(56,088)
Other non-operating income (expense)	(30,655)	2,481	(3,469)	(31,643)
Income (loss) before income tax	(615,577)	3,469	(3,601)	(615,709)
Deferred income tax benefit	218,203	—	—	218,203
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ (397,374)</u>	<u>\$ 3,469</u>	<u>\$ (3,601)</u>	<u>\$ (397,506)</u>

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(in thousands)	Laredo	Subsidiary Guarantors	Intercompany eliminations	Consolidated company
Total operating revenues	\$ 182,872	\$ 1,542	\$ (1,370)	\$ 183,044
Total operating costs and expenses	116,596	3,257	(1,370)	118,483
Operating income (loss)	66,276	(1,715)	—	64,561
Interest expense and other, net	(30,463)	—	—	(30,463)
Other non-operating expense	(65,086)	(44)	1,759	(63,371)
Loss before income tax	(29,273)	(1,759)	1,759	(29,273)
Deferred income tax benefit	10,374	—	—	10,374
Net loss	<u>\$ (18,899)</u>	<u>\$ (1,759)</u>	<u>\$ 1,759</u>	<u>\$ (18,899)</u>

Condensed consolidating statement of operations
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(in thousands)	Laredo	Subsidiary Guarantors	Intercompany eliminations	Consolidated company
Total operating revenues	\$ 356,086	\$ 2,572	\$ (2,304)	\$ 356,354
Total operating costs and expenses	229,106	4,953	(2,304)	231,755
Operating income (loss)	126,980	(2,381)	—	124,599
Interest expense and other, net	(59,366)	—	—	(59,366)
Other non-operating expense	(96,993)	(77)	2,458	(94,612)
Loss before income tax	(29,379)	(2,458)	2,458	(29,379)
Deferred income tax benefit	10,267	—	—	10,267
Net loss	<u>\$ (19,112)</u>	<u>\$ (2,458)</u>	<u>\$ 2,458</u>	<u>\$ (19,112)</u>

Condensed consolidating statement of cash flows
For the six months ended June 30, 2015
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(in thousands)	Laredo	Subsidiary Guarantors	Intercompany eliminations	Consolidated company
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 136,092	\$ (18,318)	\$ (3,469)	\$ 114,305
Change in investments between affiliates	(70,472)	67,003	3,469	—
Capital expenditures and other	(380,961)	(48,685)	—	(429,646)
Net cash flows provided by financing activities	343,613	—	—	343,613
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	28,272	—	—	28,272
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	29,320	1	—	29,321
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 57,592</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 57,593</u>

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Condensed consolidating statement of cash flows
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(in thousands)	Laredo	Subsidiary Guarantors	Intercompany eliminations	Consolidated company
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 240,880	\$ (3,239)	\$ 2,458	\$ 240,099
Change in investments between affiliates	(44,202)	46,660	(2,458)	—
Capital expenditures and other	(435,807)	(43,421)	—	(479,228)
Net cash flows provided by financing activities	440,482	—	—	440,482
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	201,353	—	—	201,353
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	198,153	—	—	198,153
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 399,506</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 399,506</u>

Note 18—Recent accounting pronouncements

In July 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued new guidance in Topic 330, *Inventory*, which seeks to simplify the measurement of inventory. The amendments in this update apply to inventory that is measured using all methods excluding last-in, first-out and the retail inventory method. The main substantive provision of this guidance is for an entity to change the subsequent measurement of inventory, within the scope of this guidance, from LCM to the lower of cost and net realizable value. Net realizable value is the estimated selling prices in the ordinary course of business, less reasonably predictable costs of completion, disposal and transportation. The amendments in this update are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those fiscal years and should be applied prospectively with earlier application permitted as of the beginning of an interim or annual reporting period. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements upon adoption of this standard.

In April 2015, the FASB issued new guidance in Subtopic 835-30, *Interest-Imputation of Interest*, which seeks to simplify the presentation of debt issuance costs. These amendments require that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in an entity's balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs are not affected by the amendments in this guidance. Entities should apply the amendments on a retrospective basis, wherein the balance sheet of each individual period presented should be adjusted to reflect the period-specific effects of applying the new guidance. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within that reporting period. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements upon adoption of this standard.

In May 2014, the FASB issued a comprehensive new revenue recognition standard that supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Topic 605, *Revenue Recognition*, and industry-specific guidance in Subtopic 932-605, *Extractive Activities—Oil and Gas—Revenue Recognition*. The core principle of the new guidance is that a company should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring those goods or services. The new standard also requires significantly expanded disclosure regarding the qualitative and quantitative information of an entity's nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. The standard creates a five-step model that requires companies to exercise judgment when considering the terms of a contract and all relevant facts and circumstances. The standard allows for several transition methods: (a) a full retrospective adoption in which the standard is applied to all of the periods presented, or (b) a modified retrospective adoption in which the standard is applied only to the most current period presented in the financial statements, including additional disclosures of the standard's application impact to individual financial statement line items. This standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements upon adoption of this standard.

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Note 19—Subsequent events

a. Senior Secured Credit Facility

On July 15, 2015, the Company borrowed an additional \$10.0 million on the Senior Secured Credit Facility. The outstanding balance under the Senior Secured Credit Facility was \$135.0 million at August 5, 2015.

b. Medallion capital call

On July 1, 2015, the Company contributed \$27.9 million to fund continued expansion activities on existing portions of Medallion's pipeline infrastructure in order to gather additional third-party production. As of June 30, 2015, the Company had recorded a capital contribution payable in the amount of this capital call.

c. New commodity derivative contract

Subsequent to June 30, 2015, the Company entered into the following new commodity derivative contract:

	Aggregate volumes	Floor Price	Ceiling Price	Contract period
Natural gas (volumes in MMBtu):				
Price collar ⁽¹⁾	5,475,000	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00	January 2017 - December 2017

(1) The associated commodity derivative will be settled based on the Inside FERC index price for West Texas Waha. A \$0.5 million deferred premium is associated with this contract.

d. Divestiture of non-strategic assets

On August 3, 2015, the Company entered into an agreement to sell non-strategic, and primarily non-operated properties and the associated production for \$64.8 million, subject to closing adjustments. This divestiture is comprised of 5,882 net acres and 119 producing properties, is effective July 1, 2015 and is expected to close on or before September 15, 2015.

Note 20—Supplementary information

Costs incurred in oil and natural gas property acquisition, exploration and development activities

Costs incurred in the acquisition, exploration and development of oil and natural gas assets are presented below for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Property acquisition costs:				
Evaluated	\$ —	\$ 3,848	\$ —	\$ 3,873
Unevaluated	—	2,645	—	9,925
Exploration	3,841	8,143	8,354	16,642
Development costs ⁽¹⁾	110,518	220,240	317,190	408,553
Total costs incurred	\$ 114,359	\$ 234,876	\$ 325,544	\$ 438,993

(1) The costs incurred for oil and natural gas development activities include \$0.5 million and \$0.9 million in asset retirement obligations for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$1.0 million and \$1.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the unaudited consolidated financial statements and condensed notes thereto included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report as well as our audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our 2014 Annual Report. The following discussion contains "forward-looking statements" that reflect our future plans, estimates, beliefs and expected performance. We caution that assumptions, expectations, projections, intentions or beliefs about future events may, and often do, vary from actual results and the differences can be material. Please see "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements." Except for purposes of the unaudited consolidated financial statements and condensed notes thereto included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report, references in this Quarterly Report to "Laredo," "we," "us," "our" or similar terms (i) when used in the present tense, prospectively or from October 24, 2014, refer to Laredo, LMS and GCM collectively and (ii) when used for historical periods from December 31, 2013 to October 23, 2014, refer to Laredo and LMS collectively, unless the context otherwise indicates or requires. All amounts, dollars and percentages presented in this Quarterly Report are rounded and therefore approximate.

Executive overview

We are an independent energy company focused on the acquisition, exploration and development of oil and natural gas properties in the Permian Basin in West Texas. Since our inception, we have grown primarily through our drilling program coupled with select strategic acquisitions and joint ventures.

Our financial and operating performance for the three months ended June 30, 2015 included the following:

- Oil, NGL and natural gas sales of \$125.6 million, compared to \$182.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014;
- Average daily sales volumes of 46,532 BOE/D, compared to 28,653 BOE/D for the three months ended June 30, 2014;
- Net loss of \$397.0 million, including an after-tax non-cash full cost ceiling impairment of \$314.1 million, compared to a net loss of \$18.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014; and
- Adjusted EBITDA (a non-GAAP financial measure) of \$117.9 million, compared to \$117.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014.

Our financial and operating performance for the six months ended June 30, 2015 included the following:

- Oil, NGL and natural gas sales of \$243.7 million, compared to \$356.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014;
- Average daily sales volumes of 47,007 BOE/D, compared to 27,852 BOE/D for the six months ended June 30, 2014;
- Net loss of \$397.5 million, including an after-tax non-cash full cost ceiling impairment of \$314.1 million, compared to a net loss of \$19.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014; and
- Adjusted EBITDA (a non-GAAP financial measure) of \$236.5 million, compared to \$305.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014.

Recent developments

Future full cost impairment

We review the carrying value of our oil and natural gas properties under the full cost accounting rules of the SEC on a quarterly basis, and we recorded a full cost ceiling impairment as of June 30, 2015. The substantial decrease in oil, NGL and natural gas prices that began in the second half of 2014 has continued into the third quarter of 2015, and if prices remain at or below the current depressed levels, we may incur additional non-cash full cost impairments in the future, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations for the periods in which the impairments are incurred. The potential likely effects of the current trends and uncertainties in oil, NGL and natural gas prices on our future full cost ceiling tests cannot be meaningfully quantified due to the number of uncertain variables that affect our calculation such as (i) significant changes in drilling and completion costs, (ii) changes in oilfield service costs, (iii) production results, (iv) our ability, in a low price environment, to strategically drill the most economic locations in our multi-stack horizontal targets and (v) any potential value added to our proved reserves when testing recoverability from drilling unreported probable and possible locations. If we were to assume that as of August 5, 2015, all the uncertainties and variables above remained constant in our reserve report as of June

30, 2015 and we further substitute SEC Prices as of August 1, 2015, we will have an additional potentially material impairment to record as of September 30, 2015. However, the impact of such uncertainties and variables above will impact the need and amount of a potential impairment. See Note 2.g to our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report for SEC Prices used in our full cost ceiling test as of June 30, 2015.

Divestiture of non-strategic assets

On August 3, 2015, we entered into an agreement to sell non-strategic, and primarily non-operated properties and the associated production for \$64.8 million, subject to closing adjustments. This divestiture is comprised of 5,882 net acres and 119 producing properties, is effective July 1, 2015 and is expected to close on or before September 15, 2015.

Three-stream reporting

As of January 1, 2015, all of our natural gas processing agreements with various processors had been modified to allow us to take title to the NGL resulting from the processing of our natural gas. Based on this, we elected to report reserves, sales volumes, prices and revenues for oil, NGL and natural gas separately for periods after January 1, 2015. This is known as "three-stream reporting." For periods prior to January 1, 2015, we presented our reserves, sales volumes, prices and revenues for oil and natural gas, which combined NGL with the natural gas stream, and did not separately report NGL. This change impacts the comparability of 2015 with prior periods.

Core areas of operations

The oil and liquids-rich Permian Basin is characterized by multiple target horizons, extensive production histories, long-lived reserves, high drilling success rates and high initial production rates. As of June 30, 2015, we had assembled 159,509 net acres in the Permian Basin, of which 149,921 net acres are located in our Permian-Garden City area.

Reserves and pricing

Our results of operations are heavily influenced by commodity prices, which historically experience significant fluctuations and have significantly declined in recent months. Prices for oil, NGL and natural gas can fluctuate widely in response to relatively minor changes in the global and regional supply of and demand for oil, NGL and natural gas, market uncertainty, economic conditions and a variety of additional factors. A rapid decline in commodity prices has occurred and has continued throughout 2015. A continuation of depressed commodity prices may affect the economic viability of and ability to fund drilling projects, as well as the economic valuation and economic recovery of oil, NGL and natural gas reserves.

Our reserves as of June 30, 2015 were reported in three streams: oil, NGL and natural gas. Our reserves as of June 30, 2014 were reported in two streams: oil and liquids-rich natural gas with the economic value of the NGL in our natural gas included in the wellhead natural gas price. The SEC Prices as of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014 used to value our reserves were \$68.17 per Bbl for oil, \$26.73 per Bbl for NGL and \$3.22 per MMBtu for natural gas and \$96.85 per Bbl for oil and \$4.03 per MMBtu for liquids-rich natural gas, respectively. The SEC Prices used to estimate proved reserves for all periods do not include derivative transactions. These SEC Prices were held constant throughout the life of the properties and have been adjusted for quality, transportation fees, geographical differentials, marketing bonuses or deductions and other factors affecting the price received at the wellhead.

We have entered into a number of commodity derivatives, which have enabled us to offset a portion of the changes in our cash flow caused by price fluctuations on our production as discussed in "Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk."

Sources of our revenue

Our revenues are primarily derived from the sale of oil, NGL and natural gas and the sale of purchased oil within the continental United States and do not include the effects of derivatives. For the three months ended June 30, 2015, our revenues were comprised of sales of 54% oil, 8% NGL, 7% natural gas, 30% sale of purchased oil and 1% midstream service revenues. For the six months ended June 30, 2015, our revenues were comprised of sales of 57% oil, 8% NGL, 8% natural gas, 26% sale of purchased oil and 1% midstream service revenues. Our revenues may vary significantly from period to period as a result of changes in volumes of production sold and/or changes in commodity prices.

Results of operations

Three and six months ended June 30, 2015 as compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2014

Sales volumes, oil, NGL and natural gas revenues and pricing

The following table sets forth information regarding sales volumes, oil, NGL and natural gas revenues and average sales prices per BOE sold, for the periods presented:

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Sales volumes⁽¹⁾:				
Oil (MBbl)	1,938	1,513	4,110	2,934
NGL (MBbl)	1,095	—	2,084	—
Natural gas (MMcf)	7,205	6,567	13,885	12,643
Oil equivalents (MBOE) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	4,234	2,607	8,508	5,041
Average daily sales volumes (BOE/D) ⁽³⁾	46,532	28,653	47,007	27,852
% Oil	46%	58%	48%	58%
Oil, NGL and natural gas revenues (in thousands)⁽¹⁾:				
Oil	\$ 98,394	\$ 142,919	\$ 189,009	\$ 273,346
NGL	14,081	—	27,268	—
Natural gas	13,079	39,953	27,395	82,740
Total revenues	\$ 125,554	\$ 182,872	\$ 243,672	\$ 356,086
Average sales prices⁽¹⁾:				
Oil, realized (\$/Bbl) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 50.77	\$ 94.47	\$ 45.99	\$ 93.17
NGL, realized (\$/Bbl) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 12.85	\$ —	\$ 13.08	\$ —
Natural gas, realized (\$/Mcf) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 1.82	\$ 6.08	\$ 1.97	\$ 6.54
Average price, realized (\$/BOE) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 29.65	\$ 70.13	\$ 28.64	\$ 70.63
Oil, hedged (\$/Bbl) ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 72.39	\$ 90.55	\$ 70.87	\$ 90.25
NGL, hedged (\$/Bbl) ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 12.85	\$ —	\$ 13.08	\$ —
Natural gas, hedged (\$/Mcf) ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 2.29	\$ 6.04	\$ 2.32	\$ 6.46
Average price, hedged (\$/BOE) ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 40.36	\$ 67.75	\$ 41.22	\$ 68.73

(1) For periods prior to January 1, 2015, we presented our sales volumes, revenues and average sales prices for oil and natural gas, which combined NGL with the natural gas stream, and did not separately report NGL. This change impacts the comparability of the two periods presented.

(2) Bbl equivalents are calculated using a conversion rate of six Mcf per one Bbl.

(3) The volumes presented are based on actual results and are not calculated using the rounded numbers presented in the table above.

(4) Realized oil, NGL and natural gas prices are the actual prices realized at the wellhead after all adjustments for quality, transportation fees, geographical differentials, marketing bonuses or deductions and other factors affecting the price at the wellhead. The prices presented are based on actual results and are not calculated using the rounded numbers presented in the table above.

(5) Hedged prices reflect the after-effect of our commodity hedging transactions on our average sales prices. Our calculation of such after-effects include current period settlements of matured commodity derivatives in accordance with GAAP and an adjustment to reflect premiums incurred previously or upon settlement that are attributable to instruments that settled in the period. The prices presented are based on actual results and are not calculated using the rounded numbers presented in the table above.

The following table presents cash settlements received (paid) for matured commodity derivatives and premiums incurred previously or upon settlement attributable to instruments that settled during the periods utilized in our calculation of the hedged prices presented above:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Cash settlements received (paid) for matured commodity derivatives:				
Oil	\$ 42,972	\$ (4,337)	\$ 104,558	\$ (5,231)
Natural gas	3,624	(83)	5,179	(620)
Total	\$ 46,596	\$ (4,420)	\$ 109,737	\$ (5,851)
Premiums paid attributable to contracts that matured during the respective period:				
Oil	\$ (1,073)	\$ (1,589)	\$ (2,318)	\$ (3,318)
Natural gas	(176)	(231)	(352)	(461)
Total	\$ (1,249)	\$ (1,820)	\$ (2,670)	\$ (3,779)

Changes in prices and volumes caused the following changes to our oil, NGL and natural gas revenues between the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014:

(in thousands)	Oil	NGL	Natural gas	Total net dollar effect of change
2014 Revenues	\$ 142,919	\$ —	\$ 39,953	\$ 182,872
Effect of changes in price	(84,694)	14,077	(30,693)	(101,310)
Effect of changes in volumes	40,169	—	3,876	44,045
Other	—	4	(57)	(53)
2015 Revenues	\$ 98,394	\$ 14,081	\$ 13,079	\$ 125,554

Changes in prices and volumes caused the following changes to our oil, NGL and natural gas revenues between the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014:

(in thousands)	Oil	NGL	Natural gas	Total net dollar effect of change
2014 Revenues	\$ 273,346	\$ —	\$ 82,740	\$ 356,086
Effect of changes in price	(193,899)	27,263	(63,453)	(230,089)
Effect of changes in volumes	109,555	—	8,118	117,673
Other	7	5	(10)	2
2015 Revenues	\$ 189,009	\$ 27,268	\$ 27,395	\$ 243,672

Oil revenue. Our oil revenue is a function of oil production volumes sold and average sales prices received for those volumes. The decrease in oil revenue of \$44.5 million, or 31%, for the three months ended June 30, 2015 as compared to the three months ended June 30, 2014, is mainly due to a 46% decrease in average oil prices realized, partially offset by a 28% increase in oil production.

The decrease in oil revenue of \$84.3 million, or 31%, for the six months ended June 30, 2015 as compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014, is mainly due to a 51% decrease in average oil prices realized, partially offset by a 40% increase in oil production.

NGL and natural gas revenues. On January 1, 2015, we began utilizing three-stream reporting, which impacts the comparability of 2015 with prior periods. Our NGL and natural gas revenues are a function of NGL and natural gas production, volumes sold and average sales prices received for those volumes. The total decrease in NGL and natural gas revenues from the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 as compared to the periods in 2014, is mainly related to a decrease in average prices realized on our natural gas and NGL production. Stripping out the NGL component from our liquids-rich natural gas results in a lower price received for residue natural gas during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 as compared to the same periods in 2014 in which we received revenues from liquids-rich natural gas. The decrease in prices is partially offset by an increase in NGL and natural gas production during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 as compared to the same periods in 2014.

Costs and expenses

The following table sets forth information regarding costs and expenses and average costs per BOE sold for the periods presented:

(in thousands except for per BOE sold data)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Costs and expenses:				
Lease operating expenses	\$ 29,206	\$ 20,179	\$ 61,586	\$ 41,964
Production and ad valorem taxes	9,500	13,160	18,586	25,610
Midstream service expenses	1,597	1,526	3,171	2,371
Minimum volume commitments	3,579	588	5,235	1,104
Costs of purchased oil	54,417	—	85,617	—
General and administrative ⁽¹⁾	23,208	29,552	45,063	57,206
Restructuring expenses	—	—	6,042	—
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	593	422	1,172	837
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	72,112	53,056	144,054	102,663
Impairment expense	489,599	—	490,477	—
Total costs and expenses	\$ 683,811	\$ 118,483	\$ 861,003	\$ 231,755
Average costs per BOE sold⁽²⁾:				
Lease operating expenses	\$ 6.90	\$ 7.74	\$ 7.24	\$ 8.32
Production and ad valorem taxes	2.24	5.05	2.18	5.08
Midstream service expenses	0.38	0.59	0.37	0.47
General and administrative ⁽¹⁾	5.48	11.34	5.30	11.35
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	17.03	20.35	16.93	20.37
Total	\$ 32.03	\$ 45.07	\$ 32.02	\$ 45.59

- (1) General and administrative includes non-cash stock-based compensation, net of amount capitalized, of \$6.3 million and \$6.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$11.1 million and \$10.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.
- (2) For periods prior to January 1, 2015, we presented our average costs per BOE sold, which combined NGL with the natural gas stream, and did not separately report NGL. This change impacts the comparability of the two periods presented.

Lease operating expenses. Lease operating expenses, which include workover expenses, increased by \$9.0 million or 45%, and \$19.6 million, or 47%, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2014. These increases were mainly due to increases in our (i) producing wells and (ii) well service and workover expenses.

Production and ad valorem taxes. Production and ad valorem taxes decreased by \$3.7 million, or 28%, and 7.0 million, or 27%, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2014. This change is mainly due to a decrease in production taxes, which are based on and fluctuate proportionately with our oil, NGL and natural gas revenues, which decreased by \$3.0 million and \$6.3 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2014 as a result of the corresponding decrease in oil, NGL and natural gas revenues.

Midstream service expenses. Midstream service expenses represent costs incurred to operate and maintain our (i) oil and natural gas gathering and transportation systems and related facilities, (ii) centralized oil storage tanks, (iii) natural gas lift, rig fuel and centralized compression infrastructure and (iv) water storage, recycling and transportation facilities. These expenses increased by \$0.1 million, or 5%, and \$0.8 million, or 34%, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2014, due to the expanded midstream service component of our business.

Minimum volume commitments. Minimum volume commitments increased by \$3.0 million and \$4.1 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2014. These increases are mainly a result of a negotiated buyout of a minimum volume commitment to Medallion, which was related to natural gas gathering infrastructure constructed by Medallion on acreage that we do not plan to develop.

Costs of purchased oil. See "—Results of Operations - midstream and marketing" for a discussion of these costs.

General and administrative ("G&A"). The table below shows the changes in the significant components of G&A expense for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30, 2015 compared to 2014	Six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to 2014
Changes in G&A:		
Professional fees	\$ (2,051)	\$ (3,784)
Charitable contributions	(68)	(3,161)
Salaries, benefits and bonuses, net of amount capitalized	(1,250)	(2,051)
Performance unit awards	(376)	522
Stock-based compensation, net of amount capitalized	(128)	332
Other	(2,471)	(4,001)
Total changes in G&A	\$ (6,344)	\$ (12,143)

G&A expense, excluding stock-based compensation, decreased by \$6.2 million, or 27%, and \$12.5 million, or 27%, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2014. The decreases are primarily due to (i) professional fees paid to a consulting company in the prior period that was engaged to assist us with the optimization of our development operations, (ii) our \$3.0 million charitable contribution pledge expensed in the prior period, which will be paid in annual payments through 2024 and (iii) reduced personnel expenses as a result of the RIF which occurred early in the first quarter of 2015.

Stock-based compensation, net of amount capitalized, decreased by \$0.1 million, or 2%, and increased by \$0.3 million, or 3%, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2014. These changes are mainly due to the issuance of 631,639 non-qualified restricted stock options to management and 602,501 performance share awards to management during the six months ended June 30, 2015, compared to the issuance of 336,140 non-qualified restricted stock options to management and 271,667 performance share awards to management in the same period in 2014, partially offset by forfeitures of restricted stock awards as a result of the RIF.

The fair values for each of our restricted stock awards issued were calculated based on the value of our stock price on the grant date in accordance with GAAP and are being expensed on a straight-line basis over their associated requisite service periods. The fair values for each of our non-qualified restricted stock options awards were determined using a Black-Scholes valuation model in accordance with GAAP and are being expensed on a straight-line basis over their associated four-year requisite service periods.

Our performance share awards are accounted for as equity awards. The fair values of the performance share awards issued were based on a projection of the performance of our stock price relative to a peer group, defined in each performance share awards' agreement, utilizing a forward-looking Monte Carlo simulation. The fair values for each of our performance share awards will not be re-measured after their initial grant-date valuation and are being expensed on a straight-line basis over their associated three-year requisite service periods.

Our performance unit awards, which settle in cash if performance criteria are met, are accounted for as liability awards. The associated expense for these awards decreased by \$0.4 million and increased by \$0.5 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2014. These fluctuations are mainly due to the quarterly re-measurement of the 2013 Performance Unit Awards based on the performance of our stock price relative to the peer group utilized in the forward-looking Monte Carlo simulation. The 2012 Performance Unit Awards performance criteria were satisfied at December 31, 2014, and they were paid at \$100 per unit during the first quarter of 2015. This payout did not affect quarter-to-date expense as they were fully accrued at December 31, 2014.

See Notes 2.1 and 6 to our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report for additional information regarding our stock and performance based compensation.

Restructuring expenses. Restructuring expenses relate to the first-quarter 2015 RIF which was an effort to reduce costs and better position ourselves for ongoing efficient growth. Restructuring expenses of \$6.0 million were incurred in the first quarter of 2015. As of June 30, 2015, no additional RIF expenses are expected to be incurred. See Note 12 to our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report for further discussion of the RIF.

Depletion, depreciation and amortization ("DD&A"). The following table provides components of our DD&A expense for the periods presented:

(in thousands except for per BOE sold data)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Depletion of evaluated oil and natural gas properties	\$ 68,545	\$ 50,955	\$ 137,273	\$ 98,697
Depreciation of midstream service assets	1,933	918	3,580	1,692
Depreciation and amortization of other fixed assets	1,634	1,183	3,201	2,274
Total DD&A	\$ 72,112	\$ 53,056	\$ 144,054	\$ 102,663
DD&A per BOE sold	\$ 17.03	\$ 20.35	\$ 16.93	\$ 20.37

DD&A increased by \$19.1 million, or 36%, and \$41.4 million, or 40%, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2014, mainly due to increases in our production.

Impairment expense. Our net book value of evaluated oil and natural gas properties exceeded the full cost ceiling amount as of June 30, 2015. As a result, we recorded a non-cash full cost ceiling impairment of \$488.0 million before consideration for deferred income tax benefit and \$314.1 million after consideration for deferred income tax benefit. Other less material components of impairment expense for the six months ended June 30, 2015 are LCM adjustments of \$2.3 million for materials and supplies and \$0.1 million for our line-fill. There were no comparable impairments during the prior periods.

Non-operating income and expense. The following table sets forth the components of non-operating income and expense for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Non-operating income (expense):				
Loss on derivatives, net	\$ (63,899)	\$ (63,125)	\$ (744)	\$ (94,237)
Income (loss) from equity method investee	2,914	(41)	2,481	(25)
Interest expense	(23,970)	(30,657)	(56,384)	(59,643)
Interest and other income	173	194	296	277
Loss on early redemption of debt	(31,537)	—	(31,537)	—
Write-off of debt issuance costs	—	—	—	(124)
Loss on disposal of assets, net	(1,081)	(205)	(1,843)	(226)
Non-operating expense, net	\$ (117,400)	\$ (93,834)	\$ (87,731)	\$ (153,978)

Derivatives. The table below shows the changes in the components of loss on derivatives, net for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Three months ended	Six months ended
	June 30, 2015 compared to 2014	June 30, 2015 compared to 2014
Changes in loss on derivatives, net:		
Fair value of derivatives outstanding	\$ (51,790)	\$ 54,565
Early terminations of derivatives received	—	(76,660)
Cash settlements received for matured derivatives	51,016	115,588
Total (increase) decrease in loss on derivatives, net	\$ (774)	\$ 93,493

The changes in fair value of derivatives outstanding for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the same periods in 2014, is the result of the changing relationship between our contract prices and the associated forward curves used to calculate the fair value of our derivatives in relation to expected market prices. In general, we experience gains during periods of decreasing market prices and losses during periods of increasing market prices. The decrease in loss on derivatives, net for the six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to 2014 was partially offset by the cash received for the early settlement in February 2014 of our oil basis swap differential between the Light Louisiana Sweet Argus and the Brent International Petroleum Exchange index oil prices. Net cash settlements received for matured derivatives are based on the cash settlement prices of our matured derivatives compared to the prices specified in the derivative contracts.

See Notes 2.f, 8 and 9 to our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report and "Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" for additional information regarding our derivatives.

Interest expense. Interest expense decreased by \$6.7 million, or 22%, and 3.3 million, or 5%, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2014. The decreases are primarily due to the redemption of the January 2019 Notes on April 6, 2015, which are partially offset by the issuance of the March 2023 Notes. The March 2023 Notes, which began accruing interest on March 18, 2015, have both a lower interest rate and a lower principal amount than the January 2019 Notes.

The table below shows the changes in the significant components of interest expense for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30, 2015 compared to 2014	Six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to 2014
Changes in interest expense:		
January 2019 Notes	\$ (12,136)	\$ (12,142)
March 2023 Notes	5,469	6,259
Senior Secured Credit Facility, net of capitalized interest	328	1,469
January 2022 Notes	—	1,477
Other	(348)	(322)
Total change in interest expense	\$ (6,687)	\$ (3,259)

Loss on early redemption of debt. During the three months ended June 30, 2015, we redeemed the entire \$550.0 million outstanding principal amount of the January 2019 Notes at a redemption price of 104.750% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest up to the Redemption Date. We recognized a loss on extinguishment of \$31.5 million related to the difference between the redemption price and the net carrying amount of the January 2019 Notes.

Disposal of assets. Loss on disposal of assets increased \$0.9 million and \$1.6 million for three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2014 as a result of losses related to the sales and write-off of materials and supplies and other fixed assets.

Income tax expense. The fluctuations in net loss before and after income tax benefit are shown in the table below:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Loss before income taxes	\$ (618,880)	\$ (29,273)	\$ (615,709)	\$ (29,379)
Income tax benefit	221,846	10,374	218,203	10,267
Net loss	\$ (397,034)	\$ (18,899)	\$ (397,506)	\$ (19,112)

The effective tax rate on loss before income taxes was 36% and 35% for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and 35% for both the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Our effective tax rate is affected by recurring permanent differences and by discrete items that may occur in any given year, but are not consistent from year to year. As of June 30, 2015, we expect the fiscal year 2015 annual effective tax rate, excluding discrete items, applicable to forecasted income before income taxes to be 35%. Significant factors that could impact the annual effective tax rate include management's assessment of certain tax matters, changes in certain non-deductible expenses and shortfalls related to restricted stock awards that vest and stock options that are exercised during the year. GAAP requires the application of the estimated annual effective rate in determining the interim period tax provision unless a rate cannot be reliably estimated, such as when a small change in pre-tax income or loss creates significant variations in the customary relationship between income tax expense or benefit and pre-tax income or loss in interim periods. In such a situation, the interim period tax provision should be based on actual year-to-date results.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, certain shares related to restricted stock awards vested at times when our stock price was lower than the fair value of those shares on the grant date. As a result, the income tax deduction related to such shares is less than the expense previously recognized for book purposes. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, certain restricted stock options were exercised, for which the related income tax deduction was less than the expense previously recognized for book purposes. There were no stock options exercised during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015. As a result of these differences in book compensation cost and related tax deduction, the tax impact of these shortfalls increased by \$0.4 million and \$2.7 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2014.

We utilize a one-pool approach when accounting for the pool of windfall tax benefits in which employees and non-employees are grouped into a single pool. As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, we did not have any eligible windfall tax benefits to offset future shortfalls as no excess tax benefits had been recognized, and therefore the tax impact of these shortfalls is included in income tax expense for these respective periods. We expect income tax provisions for future reporting periods will be

impacted by this stock compensation tax deduction shortfall; however, we cannot predict the stock compensation shortfall impact because of dependency upon the future market price of our stock.

Results of operations - midstream and marketing

The following table presents selected financial information regarding our midstream and marketing operating segment for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Natural gas sales	\$ 221	\$ —	\$ 333	\$ —
Midstream service revenues	4,362	1,542	8,045	2,572
Sales of purchased oil	55,051	—	86,318	—
Total revenues	59,634	1,542	94,696	2,572
Midstream service expenses, including minimum volume commitments	998	2,114	4,340	3,475
Costs of purchased oil	54,417	—	85,617	—
General and administrative ⁽¹⁾	1,861	1,810	3,938	3,148
Depletion, depreciation and amortization ⁽²⁾	2,125	795	3,810	1,434
Other operating costs and expenses ⁽³⁾	45	—	353	—
Operating income (loss)	\$ 188	\$ (3,177)	\$ (3,362)	\$ (5,485)
Other financial information:				
Income (loss) from equity method investee	\$ 2,914	\$ (41)	\$ 2,481	\$ (25)
Interest expense ⁽⁴⁾	\$ (1,125)	\$ (928)	\$ (2,452)	\$ (1,540)
Loss on early redemption of debt ⁽⁴⁾	\$ (1,481)	\$ —	\$ (1,481)	\$ —

- (1) G&A costs were allocated based on the number of employees in the respective segment as of June 30, 2015 and 2014. However, payroll, deferred compensation, vehicle costs and the capitalization of payroll and deferred compensation associated with land and geology are based on actual costs for each segment for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.
- (2) DD&A is based on actual costs for each segment with the exception of the allocation of other fixed assets, which is based on the number of employees in the respective segment as of June 30, 2015 and 2014.
- (3) Includes the following expenses: restructuring expense, accretion of asset retirement obligations and impairments for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014. These expenses are based on actual costs and are not allocated. See Notes 2.g and 2.n to our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report for discussion of our impairments.
- (4) Interest expense and loss on early redemption of debt are allocated based on gross property and equipment and total contributions to our equity method investee as of June 30, 2015 and 2014.

Natural gas sales. These revenues are related to our midstream and marketing segment providing our exploration and production segment with processed natural gas for use in the field. The corresponding cost component of these transactions are included in "Midstream service expenses." There were no comparable natural gas sales during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014.

Midstream service revenues. Our midstream service revenues from operations increased by \$2.8 million and \$5.5 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2014. These increases are due to (i) higher volumes of gathered natural gas, (ii) gas lift fees generated in our drilling corridors that were not operational during the comparable periods ended 2014 and (iii) oil throughput fees generated by our oil gathering line which was not operational during the comparable periods ended 2014.

Sales of purchased oil. Sales of purchased oil for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 were \$55.1 million and \$86.3 million, respectively. During the fourth quarter of 2014, we began purchasing oil from producers in West Texas, transporting the product on the Bridgetex Pipeline and selling the product to a third party in the Houston market.

Midstream service expenses, including minimum volume commitments. Midstream service expenses, including minimum volume commitments, decreased by \$1.1 million and increased by \$0.9 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2014. The quarter-over-quarter decrease is mainly due to a

reduction in LMS minimum volume commitments and a reduction in monthly generator charges through the use of centralized compression facilities. The year-over-year-increase is due to continued expansion of the midstream service component of our business.

Costs of purchased oil. Costs of purchased oil for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 was \$54.4 million and \$85.6 million, respectively. These costs include purchasing oil from a producer and transporting the purchased oil on the Bridgetex Pipeline to the Houston market.

Income (loss) from equity method investee. We own 49% of the ownership units of Medallion. As such, we account for this investment under the equity method of accounting with our proportionate share of net income (loss) reflected in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations as "Income (loss) from equity method investee" and the carrying amount reflected in the unaudited consolidated balance sheets as "Investment in equity method investee." See Note 14 to our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report for additional information regarding this investment. During the three months ended June 30, 2015, Medallion began recognizing revenue due to its main pipeline becoming fully operational.

Interest expense. Interest expense increased by \$0.2 million and \$0.9 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, compared to the same period in 2014. Interest is allocated to the midstream and marketing segment based on its gross property and equipment and total contributions to its equity method investee. We have expanded the midstream and marketing component of our business and built out our service facilities significantly in the past year, thereby increasing the interest expense that is allocated to this segment.

Loss on early redemption of debt. We recognized a loss on extinguishment related to the difference between the redemption price and the net carrying amount of the extinguished January 2019 Notes during the three months ended June 30, 2015. Loss on early redemption of debt is allocated to the midstream and marketing segment based on its gross property and equipment and total contributions to its equity method investee.

Liquidity and capital resources

Our primary sources of liquidity have been cash flows from operations, proceeds from equity offerings, proceeds from senior unsecured note offerings and borrowings under our Senior Secured Credit Facility. We believe cash flows from operations and availability under our Senior Secured Credit Facility provide sufficient liquidity to manage our cash needs and contractual obligations and to fund expected capital expenditures. A significant portion of our capital expenditures can be adjusted and managed by us. As we pursue reserves and production growth in the Permian Basin, we continually monitor and consider which financing alternatives, including debt and equity capital resources, joint ventures and asset sales, are available to meet our future planned or accelerated capital expenditures. Our primary operational uses of capital have been for the acquisition, exploration and development of oil and natural gas properties, LMS's infrastructure development and investments in Medallion, our equity method investee.

We continually seek to maintain a financial profile that provides operational flexibility. However, the decrease in oil, NGL and natural gas prices may have a negative impact on our ability to raise additional capital and/or maintain our desired levels of liquidity. At June 30, 2015, we had \$875.0 million available for borrowings under our Senior Secured Credit Facility. We believe that our operating cash flow and the aforementioned liquidity sources combined with our capital budget for 2015 provide us with the financial resources to implement our planned exploration and development activities. We use derivatives to reduce exposure to fluctuations in the prices of oil and natural gas. As of June 30, 2015, more than 100% of our expected oil production for the last six months of 2015 is hedged at a weighted-average floor price of \$80.99 per Bbl and 60% of our expected natural gas and NGL production for the last six months of 2015 is hedged at a weighted-average floor price of \$3.00 per MMBtu. By removing a significant portion of the price volatility associated with future production, we expect to mitigate, but not eliminate, the potential effects of variability in cash flows from operations due to fluctuations in commodity prices.

On March 5, 2015, we completed the sale of 69,000,000 shares of Laredo's common stock at a price to the public of \$11.05 per share, from which we received net proceeds of \$754.2 million after underwriting discounts, commissions and offering expenses. Entities affiliated with Warburg Pincus purchased 29,800,000 shares in the March 2015 Equity Offering, following which Warburg Pincus owned 41.0% of our common stock.

On March 18, 2015, we completed an offering of \$350.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 6 1/4% senior unsecured notes due 2023, which will mature on March 15, 2023 and bear an interest rate of 6 1/4% per annum payable semi-annually in cash in arrears on March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing September 15, 2015.

As of June 30, 2015, we had \$125.0 million outstanding under our Senior Secured Credit Facility and \$1.3 billion in senior unsecured notes. We had \$875.0 million available for borrowings under our Senior Secured Credit Facility and \$57.6 million in cash on hand for total available liquidity of \$932.6 million as of June 30, 2015.

Subsequent to June 30, 2015, we borrowed \$10.0 million on our Senior Secured Credit Facility. As of August 4, 2015 we had \$1.3 billion in debt outstanding, \$865.0 million available for borrowings under our Senior Secured Credit Facility and \$22.2 million in cash on hand for total available liquidity of \$887.2 million.

Our commodity derivative positions will help us stabilize a portion of our expected cash flows from operations in the event of possible future declines in the price of oil and natural gas. See "Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" below.

Cash flows

Our cash flows for the periods presented are as follows:

(in thousands)	Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 114,305	\$ 240,099
Net cash used in investing activities	(429,646)	(479,228)
Net cash provided by financing activities	343,613	440,482
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 28,272	\$ 201,353

Cash flows provided by operating activities

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$114.3 million and \$240.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The decrease of \$125.8 million was largely due to the \$76.7 million net proceeds received for early terminations of commodity derivative contracts during the six months ended June 30, 2014. Other notable changes in net cash provided by operating activities were (i) increases of \$378.4 million in net loss and \$207.9 million in deferred income tax benefit, (ii) a decrease of \$93.5 million in loss on derivatives, net and (iii) a \$45.6 million reduction in working capital. These changes were partially offset by (i) an increase of \$490.5 million in impairment expense during the six months ended June 30, 2015, (ii) an increase of \$115.6 million in cash settlements received (paid) for matured derivatives, net, (iii) an increase of \$41.4 million in DD&A and (iv) a \$31.5 million loss on early redemption of debt during the six months ended June 30, 2015.

Our operating cash flows are sensitive to a number of variables, the most significant of which are the volatility of oil, NGL and natural gas prices and production levels. Regional and worldwide economic activity, weather, infrastructure, capacity to reach markets, costs of operations and other variable factors significantly impact the prices of these commodities. These factors are not within our control and are difficult to predict. For additional information on the impact of changing prices on our financial position, see "Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk."

Cash flows used in investing activities

Net cash used in investing activities was \$429.6 million and \$479.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The decrease of \$49.6 million is mainly attributable to decreased capital expenditures for oil and natural gas properties during the six months ended June 30, 2015 and the acquisition of oil and natural gas properties and mineral interests during the six months ended June 30, 2014.

Our cash used in investing activities for the periods presented is summarized in the table below:

(in thousands)	Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Capital expenditures:		
Acquisition of oil and natural gas properties	\$ —	\$ (6,493)
Acquisition of mineral interests	—	(7,305)
Oil and natural gas properties	(374,508)	(412,211)
Midstream service assets	(34,137)	(25,909)
Other fixed assets	(6,541)	(8,436)
Investment in equity method investee	(14,495)	(19,471)
Proceeds from dispositions of capital assets, net of costs	35	597
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (429,646)	\$ (479,228)

Capital expenditure budget

During the second quarter of 2015, our board of directors approved an increased capital expenditure budget of approximately \$595.0 million for calendar year 2015, which includes capital requirements of our equity method investee but excludes acquisitions. We do not have a specific acquisition budget since the timing and size of acquisitions cannot be accurately forecasted.

The amount, timing and allocation of capital expenditures are largely discretionary and within management's control. If oil, NGL and natural gas prices decline below our acceptable levels, or costs increase above our acceptable levels, we may choose to defer a portion of our budgeted capital expenditures until later periods to achieve the desired balance between sources and uses of liquidity and prioritize capital projects that we believe have the highest expected returns and potential to generate near-term cash flow. Subject to financing alternatives, we may also increase our capital expenditures significantly to take advantage of opportunities we consider to be attractive. We consistently monitor and may adjust our projected capital expenditures in response to success or lack of success in drilling activities, changes in prices, availability of financing and joint venture opportunities, drilling and acquisition costs, industry conditions, the timing of regulatory approvals, the availability of rigs, reduction of service costs, contractual obligations, internally generated cash flow and other factors both within and outside our control.

Cash flows provided by financing activities

Our net cash flows provided by financing activities were \$343.6 million and \$440.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. For the six months ended June 30, 2015, our primary sources of cash provided by financing activities were proceeds from our March 2015 Equity Offering, the issuance of our March 2023 Notes and borrowings on our Senior Secured Credit Facility, partially offset by the redemption of our January 2019 Notes and the payments on our Senior Secured Credit Facility during the quarter ended March 31, 2015. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, our primary source of cash provided by financing activities was proceeds from the issuance of our January 2022 Notes.

Our cash provided by financing activities for the periods presented is summarized in the table below:

(in thousands)	Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Borrowings on Senior Secured Credit Facility	\$ 300,000	\$ —
Payments on Senior Secured Credit Facility	(475,000)	—
Issuance of March 2023 Notes	350,000	—
Issuance of January 2022 Notes	—	450,000
Redemption of January 2019 Notes	(576,200)	—
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of offering costs	754,163	—
Purchase of treasury stock	(2,591)	(3,556)
Proceeds from exercise of employee stock options	—	1,829
Payments for debt issuance costs	(6,759)	(7,791)
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$ 343,613	\$ 440,482

Debt

As of June 30, 2015, we were a party only to our Senior Secured Credit Facility and the indentures governing our senior unsecured notes.

Senior Secured Credit Facility. As of June 30, 2015, our Senior Secured Credit Facility, which matures November 4, 2018, had a maximum credit amount of \$2.0 billion, a borrowing base of \$1.25 billion, an aggregate elected commitment amount of \$1.0 billion and \$125.0 million outstanding.

Principal amounts borrowed under the Senior Secured Credit Facility are payable on the final maturity date with such borrowings bearing interest that is payable, at our election, either on the last day of each fiscal quarter at an Adjusted Base Rate or at the end of one-, two-, three-, six- or, to the extent available, 12-month interest periods (and in the case of six- and 12-month interest periods, every three months prior to the end of such interest period) at an Adjusted London Interbank Offered Rate, in each case, plus an applicable margin based on the ratio of the outstanding amount on the Senior Secured Credit Facility to the elected commitment. We are also required to pay an annual commitment fee on the unused portion of the bank's commitment of 0.375% to 0.5%.

Our Senior Secured Credit Facility is secured by a first-priority lien on our assets, including oil and natural gas properties constituting at least 80% of the present value of our proved reserves owned now or in the future. Our Senior Secured Credit Facility contains both financial and non-financial covenants. We were in compliance with these ratios as of June 30, 2015 and expect to be in compliance with them for the foreseeable future.

Senior unsecured notes. On March 18, 2015, we completed an offering of \$350.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 6 1/4% senior unsecured notes due 2023. Our March 2023 Notes will mature on March 15, 2023 and bear an interest rate of 6 1/4% per annum and payable semi-annually in cash in arrears on March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing September 15, 2015. Our March 2023 Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis by LMS, GCM and certain of our future restricted subsidiaries. Our March 2023 Notes were issued under and are governed by an indenture and supplement thereto, each dated March 18, 2015 (collectively, the "2015 indenture"), among Laredo and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. The 2015 indenture contains customary terms, events of default and covenants relating to, among other things, the incurrence of debt, the payment of dividends or similar restricted payments, entering into transactions with affiliates and limitations on asset sales. Indebtedness under our March 2023 Notes may be accelerated in certain circumstances upon an event of default as set forth in the 2015 indenture.

On January 23, 2014, we completed an offering of \$450.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5 5/8% senior unsecured notes due 2022. Our January 2022 Notes will mature on January 15, 2022 and bear an interest rate of 5 5/8% per annum, payable semi-annually, in cash in arrears on January 15 and July 15 of each year, commencing July 15, 2014. Our January 2022 Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis by LMS, GCM and certain of our future restricted subsidiaries. Our January 2022 Notes were issued under and are governed by an indenture dated January 23, 2014 (the "2014 indenture"), among Laredo and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. The 2014 indenture contains customary terms, events of default and covenants relating to, among other things, the incurrence of debt, the payment of dividends or similar restricted payments, entering into transactions with affiliates and limitations on asset sales. Indebtedness under our January 2022 Notes may be accelerated in certain circumstances upon an event of default as set forth in the 2014 indenture.

On April 27, 2012, we completed an offering of \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7 3/8% senior unsecured notes due 2022. Our May 2022 Notes will mature on May 1, 2022 and bear an interest rate of 7 3/8% per annum, payable semi-annually, in cash in arrears on May 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing November 1, 2012. Our May 2022 Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis by LMS, GCM and certain of our future restricted subsidiaries. Our May 2022 Notes were issued under and are governed by an indenture and supplement thereto, each dated April 27, 2012 (collectively, the "2012 indenture"), among Laredo and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. The 2012 indenture contains customary terms, events of default and covenants relating to, among other things, the incurrence of debt, the payment of dividends or similar restricted payments, entering into transactions with affiliates and limitations on asset sales. Indebtedness under our May 2022 Notes may be accelerated in certain circumstances upon an event of default as set forth in the 2012 indenture.

On January 20, 2011 and October 19, 2011, we completed the offerings of \$350.0 million principal amount and \$200.0 million principal amount, respectively, of 9 1/2% senior unsecured notes due 2019. Our January 2019 Notes were due to mature on February 15, 2019 and bore an interest rate of 9 1/2% per annum, payable semi-annually, in cash in arrears on February 15 and August 15 of each year. Our January 2019 Notes were fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis by LMS, GCM and certain of our future restricted subsidiaries. Our January 2019 Notes were issued under and are governed by an indenture dated January 20, 2011, among Laredo and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "2011 indenture"). The 2011 indenture contained customary terms, events of default and covenants relating to, among other things, the incurrence of debt, the payment of dividends or similar restricted payments, entering into transactions with affiliates and limitations on asset sales.

Utilizing proceeds from the March 2023 Notes and the March 2015 Equity Offering, we redeemed the January 2019 Notes in full on April 6, 2015. See Note 5.d to our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report for information regarding the early redemption of the January 2019 Notes.

Refer to Note 4 of our audited consolidated financial statements included in the 2014 Annual Report and Note 5 of our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report for further discussion of the March 2023 Notes, January 2022 Notes, May 2022 Notes, January 2019 Notes and our Senior Secured Credit Facility.

As of August 5, 2015, we had a total of \$1.3 billion of senior unsecured notes outstanding and \$135.0 million outstanding on the Senior Secured Credit Facility.

Obligations and commitments

As of June 30, 2015, our contractual obligations included our March 2023 Notes, January 2022 Notes, May 2022 Notes, Senior Secured Credit Facility, drilling contract commitments, derivatives, performance unit liability awards, asset retirement obligations, office and equipment leases and capital contribution commitments to our equity method investee. From December 31, 2014 to June 30, 2015, the material changes in our contractual obligations included (i) a decrease of \$683.0 million in principal and interest due to the redemption of the January 2019 Notes, (ii) an increase of \$525.0 million in principal and interest due to the March 2023 Notes offering, (iii) a decrease of \$175.0 million outstanding on our Senior Secured Credit Facility, (iv) a decrease of \$57.2 million on our interest obligations for our senior unsecured notes as semi-annual interest payments were made in January, February and May 2015, (iv) a decrease of \$18.2 million for drilling contract commitments (on contracts other than those on a well-by-well basis) and (v) a decrease in our outstanding capital contribution commitment to our equity method investee due to a payment by us of \$14.5 million towards construction of pipeline extensions by Medallion.

Refer to Notes 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 14 and 15 to our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report for additional discussion of our contractual obligations.

Non-GAAP financial measures

The non-GAAP financial measure of Adjusted EBITDA, as defined by us, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies. Therefore, this non-GAAP measure should be considered in conjunction with net income or loss and other performance measures prepared in accordance with GAAP, such as operating income or loss or cash flow from operating activities. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for GAAP measures, such as net income or loss, operating income or loss or any other GAAP measure of liquidity or financial performance.

Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure that we define as net income or loss plus adjustments for income tax expense or benefit, depletion, depreciation and amortization, bad debt expense, impairment expense, non-cash stock-based compensation, restructuring expenses, gains or losses on derivatives, cash settlements of matured commodity derivatives, cash settlements on early terminated commodity derivatives, premiums paid for derivatives that matured during the period, interest expense, write-off of debt issuance costs, gains or losses on disposal of assets, loss on early redemption of debt and buyout of minimum volume commitment. Adjusted EBITDA provides no information regarding a company's capital structure, borrowings, interest costs, capital expenditures, working capital movement or tax position. Adjusted EBITDA does not represent funds available for discretionary use because those funds are required for debt service, capital expenditures and working capital, income taxes, franchise taxes and other commitments and obligations. However, our management believes Adjusted EBITDA is useful to an investor in evaluating our operating performance because this measure:

- is widely used by investors in the oil and natural gas industry to measure a company's operating performance without regard to items excluded from the calculation of such term, which can vary substantially from company to company depending upon accounting methods, book value of assets, capital structure and the method by which assets were acquired, among other factors;
- helps investors to more meaningfully evaluate and compare the results of our operations from period to period by removing the effect of our capital structure from our operating structure; and
- is used by our management for various purposes, including as a measure of operating performance, in presentations to our board of directors and as a basis for strategic planning and forecasting.

There are significant limitations to the use of Adjusted EBITDA as a measure of performance, including the inability to analyze the effect of certain recurring and non-recurring items that materially affect our net income or loss, the lack of comparability of results of operations to different companies and the different methods of calculating Adjusted EBITDA reported by different companies. Our measurements of Adjusted EBITDA for financial reporting as compared to compliance under our debt agreements differ.

The following presents a reconciliation of net loss to Adjusted EBITDA:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net loss	\$ (397,034)	\$ (18,899)	\$ (397,506)	\$ (19,112)
Plus:				
Deferred income tax benefit	(221,846)	(10,374)	(218,203)	(10,267)
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	72,112	53,056	144,054	102,663
Impairment expense	489,599	—	490,477	—
Non-cash stock-based compensation, net of amounts capitalized	6,268	6,396	11,056	10,725
Restructuring expenses	—	—	6,042	—
Loss on derivatives, net	63,899	63,125	744	94,237
Cash settlements received (paid) for matured commodity derivatives, net	46,596	(4,420)	109,737	(5,851)
Cash settlements received for early terminations of commodity derivatives, net	—	—	—	76,660
Premiums paid for derivatives that matured during the period ⁽¹⁾	(1,249)	(1,820)	(2,670)	(3,779)
Interest expense	23,970	30,657	56,384	59,643
Write-off of debt issuance costs	—	—	—	124
Loss on disposal of assets, net	1,081	205	1,843	226
Loss on early redemption of debt	31,537	—	31,537	—
Buyout of minimum volume commitment	3,014	—	3,014	—
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 117,947	\$ 117,926	\$ 236,509	\$ 305,269

(1) Reflects premiums incurred previously or upon settlement that are attributable to instruments settled in the respective periods presented.

Critical accounting policies and estimates

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our unaudited consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of our financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Certain accounting policies involve judgments and uncertainties to such an extent that there is reasonable likelihood that materially different amounts could have been reported under different conditions, or if different assumptions had been used. We evaluate our estimates and assumptions on a regular basis. We base our estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates and assumptions used in preparation of our unaudited consolidated financial statements. We believe these accounting policies reflect our more significant estimates and assumptions used in preparation of our unaudited consolidated financial statements.

In management's opinion, the more significant reporting areas impacted by our judgments and estimates are (i) the choice of accounting method for oil and natural gas activities, (ii) estimation of oil and natural gas reserve quantities and standardized measure of future net revenues, (iii) revenue recognition, (iv) fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in an acquisition, (v) impairment of oil and natural gas properties, (vi) asset retirement obligations, (vii) valuation of derivatives and deferred premiums, (viii) valuation of stock-based compensation and performance unit compensation and (ix) estimation of income taxes. Management's judgments and estimates in these areas are based on information available from both internal and external sources, including engineers, geologists and historical experience in similar matters. Actual results could differ from these estimates, as additional information becomes known.

There have been no material changes in our critical accounting policies and procedures during the six months ended June 30, 2015. For our other critical accounting policies and procedures, please see our disclosure of critical accounting policies in "Part II, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of the 2014 Annual Report. Additionally, see Note 2 to our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report for a discussion of additional accounting policies and estimates made by management.

Recent accounting pronouncements

In July 2015, the FASB issued new guidance in Topic 330, *Inventory*, which seeks to simplify the measurement of inventory. The amendments in this update apply to inventory that is measured using all methods excluding last-in, first-out and the retail inventory method. The main substantive provision of this guidance is for an entity to change the subsequent measurement of inventory, within the scope of the guidance, from LCM to the lower of cost and net realizable value. Net realizable value is the estimated selling prices in the ordinary course of business, less reasonably predictable costs of completion, disposal and transportation. The amendments in this update are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those fiscal years and should be applied prospectively with earlier application permitted as of the beginning of an interim or annual reporting period. We are currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements upon adoption of this standard.

In April 2015, the FASB issued new guidance in Subtopic 835-30, *Interest-Imputation of Interest*, which seeks to simplify the presentation of debt issuance costs. These amendments require that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in an entity's balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs are not affected by the amendments in this guidance. Entities should apply the amendments on a retrospective basis, wherein the balance sheet of each individual period presented should be adjusted to reflect the period-specific effects of applying the new guidance. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within that reporting period. Early adoption is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements upon adoption of this standard.

In May 2014, the FASB issued a comprehensive new revenue recognition standard that supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Topic 605, *Revenue Recognition*, and industry-specific guidance in Subtopic 932-605, *Extractive Activities—Oil and Gas—Revenue Recognition*. The core principle of the new guidance is that a company should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring those goods or services. The new standard also requires significantly expanded disclosure regarding the qualitative and quantitative information of an entity's nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. The standard creates a five-step model that requires companies to exercise judgment when considering the terms of a contract and all relevant facts and circumstances. The standard allows for several transition methods: (a) a full retrospective adoption in which the standard is applied to all of the periods presented, or (b) a modified retrospective adoption in which the standard is applied only to the most current period presented in the financial statements, including additional disclosures of the standard's application impact to individual financial statement line items. This standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period. We are currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements upon adoption of this standard.

Off-balance sheet arrangements

Currently, we do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements other than operating leases, which are included in "Obligations and commitments."

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

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

Commodity price exposure

Due to the inherent volatility of oil, NGL and natural gas prices, we use commodity derivatives, such as collars, swaps, puts and basis swaps to hedge price risk associated with a significant portion of our anticipated production. By removing a majority of the price volatility associated with future production, we expect to reduce, but not eliminate, the potential effects of variability in cash flows from operations due to fluctuations in commodity prices. We have not elected hedge accounting on these derivatives and, therefore, the gains and losses on open positions are reflected in earnings. At each period end, we estimate the fair value of our commodity derivatives using an independent third-party valuation and recognize the associated gain or loss in our unaudited consolidated statements of operations.

The fair values of our commodity derivatives are largely determined by estimates of the forward curves of the relevant price indices. As of June 30, 2015, a 10% change in the forward curves associated with our commodity derivatives would have changed our net positions to the following amounts:

(in thousands)	10% Increase	10% Decrease
Commodity derivatives	\$ 140,675	\$ 274,936

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the fair values of our open derivative contracts were \$204.4 million and \$312.3 million, respectively. Refer to Notes 2.f, 8 and 9 of our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report for additional disclosures regarding our derivatives.

Interest rate risk

Our Senior Secured Credit Facility bears interest at a floating rate and, as of June 30, 2015, we had \$125.0 million outstanding on our Senior Secured Credit Facility. Our January 2022 Notes, May 2022 Notes and March 2023 Notes bear fixed interest rates and we had \$450.0 million, \$500.0 million and \$350.0 million outstanding, respectively, as of June 30, 2015, as shown in the table below.

(in millions except for interest rates)	Expected maturity date						Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Thereafter	
January 2022 Notes - fixed rate	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 450.0	\$ 450.0
Average interest rate	—%	—%	—%	—%	—%	5.625%	5.625%
May 2022 Notes - fixed rate	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 500.0	\$ 500.0
Average interest rate	—%	—%	—%	—%	—%	7.375%	7.375%
March 2023 Notes - fixed rate	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 350.0	\$ 350.0
Average interest rate	—%	—%	—%	—%	—%	6.250%	6.250%
Senior Secured Credit Facility - variable rate	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 125.0	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 125.0
Average interest rate	—%	—%	—%	1.848%	—%	—%	1.848%

Counterparty and customer credit risk

Our principal exposures to credit risk are through (i) receivables from derivatives (\$204.4 million as of June 30, 2015), (ii) receivables from the sale of our oil, NGL and natural gas production (\$47.0 million as of June 30, 2015), which we market to energy marketing companies and refineries, (iii) joint interest receivables (\$31.5 million as of June 30, 2015) (iv) receivables from matured derivatives (\$13.0 million as of June 30, 2015) and (v) receivables from midstream product sales (\$18.6 million as of June 30, 2015).

We are subject to credit risk due to the concentration of (i) our oil, NGL and natural gas receivables with several significant customers and (ii) our midstream service product sales receivable with one significant customer. On occasion we require our customers to post collateral, and the inability of our significant customers to meet their obligations to us or their insolvency or liquidation may adversely affect our financial results.

We have entered into International Swap Dealers Association Master Agreements ("ISDA Agreements") with each of our derivative counterparties, who also are lenders in our Senior Secured Credit Facility. The terms of the ISDA Agreements provide the counterparties and us with rights of offset upon the occurrence of defined acts of default by either a counterparty or us to a derivative, whereby the party not in default may offset all derivative liabilities owed to the defaulting party against all derivative asset receivables from the defaulting party.

Refer to Note 10 to our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report for additional disclosures regarding credit risk.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this report, an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of Laredo's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act), was performed under the supervision and with the participation of Laredo's management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer. Based on that evaluation, these officers concluded that Laredo's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of June 30, 2015. Our disclosure controls and other procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed in the reports we file and submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to Laredo's management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Evaluation of changes in internal control over financial reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended June 30, 2015 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time we are subject to various legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business, including proceedings for which we may not have insurance coverage. While many of these matters involve inherent uncertainty, as of the date hereof, we are not party to any legal proceedings that we currently believe will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to the other information set forth in this Quarterly Report, you should carefully consider the risks discussed in our 2014 Annual Report and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015. There have been no material changes in our risk factors from those described in the 2014 Annual Report and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015. The risks described in the 2014 Annual Report and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015 are not the only risks facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or future results.

Item 2. Repurchase of Equity Securities

Period	Total number of shares withheld ⁽¹⁾	Average price per share	Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans	Maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under the plan
April 1, 2015 - April 30, 2015	5,334	\$ 14.42	—	—
May 1, 2015 - May 31, 2015	1,118	\$ 14.72	—	—
June 1, 2015 - June 30, 2015	15,159	\$ 14.17	—	—
Total	21,611			

(1) Represents shares that were withheld by us to satisfy employee tax withholding obligations that arose upon the lapse of restrictions on restricted stock.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

Disclosure pursuant to Section 13(r) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Pursuant to Section 13(r) of the Exchange Act, we may be required to disclose in our annual and quarterly reports to the SEC, whether we or any of our "affiliates" knowingly engaged in certain activities, transactions or dealings relating to Iran or with certain individuals or entities targeted by U.S. economic sanctions. Disclosure is generally required even where the activities, transactions or dealings were conducted in compliance with applicable law. Because the SEC defines the term "affiliate" broadly, it includes any entity under common "control" with us (with the term "control" also being construed broadly by the SEC).

The description of the activities below has been provided to us by Warburg Pincus LLC ("WP"), affiliates of which: (i) beneficially own more than 10% of our outstanding common stock and/or are members of our board of directors and (ii) beneficially own more than 10% of the equity interests of, and have the right to designate members of the board of directors of, Santander Asset Management Investment Holdings Limited ("SAMIH"). SAMIH may therefore be deemed to be under common "control" with us; however, this statement is not meant to be an admission that common control exists.

The disclosure below relates solely to activities conducted by SAMIH and its non-U.S. affiliates that may be deemed to be under common "control" with us. The disclosure does not relate to any activities conducted by us or by WP and does not involve our or WP's management. Neither WP nor Laredo has had any involvement in or control over the disclosed activities of SAMIH, and neither WP nor Laredo has independently verified or participated in the preparation of the disclosure. Neither WP nor Laredo is representing to the accuracy or completeness of the disclosure nor do WP or we undertake any obligation to correct or update it.

We understand that SAMIH's affiliates intend to disclose in their next annual or quarterly SEC report that Santander UK holds frozen savings and current accounts for two customers resident in the U.K. who are currently designated by the U.S. for terrorism. The accounts held by each customer were blocked after the customer's designation and have remained blocked and dormant throughout the first half of 2015. No revenue has been generated by Santander UK on these accounts.

An Iranian national, resident in the U.K., who is currently designated by the U.S. under the Iranian Financial Sanctions Regulations and the Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferators Sanctions Regulations ("NPWMD sanctions program"), holds a mortgage with Santander UK that was issued prior to any such designation. No further drawdown has been made (or would be permitted) under this mortgage although Santander UK continues to receive repayment installments. In the first half of 2015, total revenue in connection with the mortgage was approximately £1,780 and net profits were negligible relative to the overall profits of Santander UK. Santander UK does not intend to enter into any new relationships with this customer, and any disbursements will only be made in accordance with applicable sanctions. The same Iranian national also holds two investment accounts with Santander Asset Management UK Limited. The accounts have remained frozen during the first half of 2015. The investment returns are being automatically reinvested, and no disbursements have been made to the customer. Total revenue for the Santander Group in connection with the investment accounts was approximately £120 and net profits in the first quarter of 2015 were negligible relative to the overall profits of Banco Santander, S.A.

Item 6. Exhibits

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4.1	Form of Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of Laredo's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-176439) filed on November 14, 2011).
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC.

Date: August 6, 2015

By: /s/ Randy A. Foutch

Randy A. Foutch

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

(principal executive officer)

Date: August 6, 2015

By: /s/ Richard C. Buterbaugh

Richard C. Buterbaugh

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(principal financial officer)

Date: August 6, 2015

By: /s/ Michael T. Beyer

Michael T. Beyer

Vice President - Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

(principal accounting officer)

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**LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC.
CHANGE IN CONTROL
EXECUTIVE SEVERANCE PLAN**

Effective November 9, 2011

As Amended June 21, 2015

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Plan is to enable Laredo Petroleum, Inc. (the “Company,” together with its subsidiaries, the “Employer”) to offer certain protections to employees if their employment with the Employer is terminated by the Employer without Cause or by the Participant for Good Reason in connection with a Change in Control. Accordingly, to accomplish this purpose, the Board has adopted the Plan, effective as of November 9, 2011 (the “Effective Date”).

Unless otherwise expressly provided in Section 2.3 or unless otherwise agreed to between the Employer and a Participant on or after the date hereof, Participants covered by the Plan shall not be eligible to participate in any other severance or termination plan, policy or practice of the Employer that would otherwise apply under the circumstances described herein. The Plan is intended to constitute a “top hat” plan under ERISA for the benefit of a select group of highly compensated or management employees. Capitalized terms and phrases used herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in Article I.

**ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of the Plan, capitalized terms and phrases used herein shall have the meanings ascribed in this Article.

“**Accounting Firm**” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.6 below.

“**Applicable Percentage**” shall mean (i) for the Company’s Chief Executive Officer, 300%, (ii) for the Company’s other executive officers as determined by the Board, other than the Chief Executive Officer, 200%, and (iii) for any employee who has a title of “Vice President” or greater as determined by the Board that is not otherwise described in clauses (i) or (ii) of this definition, 100%.

“**Base Salary**” shall mean a Participant’s annual base compensation rate for services paid by the Employer to the Participant at the time immediately prior to the Participant’s termination of employment, as reflected in the Employer’s payroll records. Base Salary shall not include commissions, bonuses, overtime pay, incentive compensation, benefits paid under any qualified or

non-qualified plan, any group medical, dental or other welfare benefit plan, non-cash compensation or any other additional compensation.

“Board” shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.

“Bonus Target” shall mean (i) for the Company’s Chief Executive Officer, the sum of 300% of such officer’s target annual bonus plus the prorated amount of such target annual bonus for the fiscal year in which either the Change in Control occurs or the Participant’s termination of employment occurs, whichever is greater, (ii) for the Company’s other executive officers and any employee who has a title of “Vice President” or greater as determined by the Board and is not otherwise described in clause (i) of this definition, the sum of 200% of such officer’s target annual bonus plus the prorated amount of such target annual bonus for the fiscal year in which either the Change in Control occurs or the Participant’s termination of employment occurs, whichever is greater, as set forth under the Participant’s individual employment agreement with the Employer or in any written bonus plan, program or arrangement approved by the Board or the Compensation Committee of the Board.

“Cause” shall have the meaning in a Participant’s employment or similar services agreement, or if none (or in the absence of any definition of “Cause” contained in such an agreement), (i) the Participant’s commission of, conviction for, plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, or other material act or omission involving dishonesty or fraud, (ii) the Participant’s conduct that results in or is reasonably likely to result in harm to the reputation or business of the Employer or any of its affiliates in any material way, (iii) the Participant’s failure to perform duties as reasonably directed by the Employer or the Participant’s material violation of any rule, regulation, policy or plan for the conduct of any service provider to the Employer or its affiliates or its or their business (which, if curable, is not cured within 5 days after notice thereof is provided to the Participant) or (iv) the Participant’s gross negligence, willful malfeasance or material act of disloyalty with respect to the Employer or its affiliates (which, if curable, is not cured within 5 days after notice thereof is provided to the Participant). Any determination of whether Cause exists shall be made by the Committee in its sole discretion.

“Change in Control” shall have the meaning set forth in the Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc. 2011 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.

“COBRA” shall mean the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended.

“Code” shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

“Code Section 409A” shall mean Section 409A of the Code together with the treasury regulations and other official published guidance promulgated thereunder.

“Committee” shall mean the Compensation Committee of the Board or such other committee appointed by the Board from time to time to administer the Plan.

“Company” shall have the meaning set forth in the Introduction above.

“Continuation Period” shall mean a period commencing on the date of a Participant’s termination of employment until the earliest of: (A) eighteen (18) months following the date of termination; (B) the date the Participant becomes eligible for coverage under the health insurance plan of a subsequent employer; or (C) the date the Participant or the Participant’s eligible dependents, as the case may be, cease to be eligible under COBRA.

“Continued Health Coverage” shall mean the benefit set forth in Section 2.2(b) below.

“Delay Period” shall mean the period commencing on the date the Participant incurs a Separation from Service from the Employer until the earlier of (A) the six (6)-month anniversary of the date of such Separation from Service and (B) the date of the Participant’s death.

“Disability” shall mean a Participant’s disability that would qualify as such under the Employer’s long-term disability plan without regard to any waiting periods set forth in such plan.

“Effective Date” shall have the meaning set forth in the Introduction above.

“Employer” shall have the meaning set forth in the Introduction above.

“ERISA” shall mean the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

“Exchange Act” shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“Good Reason” shall have the meaning in a Participant’s employment or similar services agreement, or if none (or in the absence of any definition of “Good Reason” contained in such an agreement), shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events on or following a Change in Control without the Participant’s express written consent, provided, that, the Participant gives notice to the Employer of the Good Reason event within ninety (90) days after the initial occurrence of the Good Reason event and such event is not fully corrected in all material respects by the Employer within thirty (30) days following receipt of the Participant’s written notification: (a) a material diminution in the Participant’s (i) title, (ii) authority, (iii) duties or responsibilities, or (iv) Base Salary (other than in connection with a diminution of base salaries to similarly situated employees), (b) a relocation of the Participant’s principal business location to an area outside a 50 mile radius of the Participant’s principal business location immediately prior to the Change in Control, or (c) the Employer’s failure to pay amounts to the Participant when due.

“Net After Tax Benefit” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.6 below.

“Participant” shall mean any individual with the title of Vice President or above and any individual that is designated in writing by the Board or the Committee for participation in the Plan.

“**Plan**” shall mean the Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc. Change in Control Executive Severance Plan.

“**Plan Administrator**” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.1 below.

“**Qualifying Event**” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1 below.

“**Release**” shall mean the general release of claims contemplated by Section 2.5 below.

“**Separation from Service**” shall mean termination of a Participant’s employment with the Employer, provided, that, such termination constitutes a separation from service within the meaning of Code Section 409A and the default presumptions set forth in the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Code Section 409A. All references in the Plan to a “resignation,” “termination,” “termination of employment” or like terms shall mean Separation from Service.

“**Severance Benefits**” shall mean collectively, the Severance Payments and the Continued Health Coverage.

“**Severance Payments**” shall mean the payments set forth in Section 2.2(a) below.

“**Specified Employee**” shall mean a Participant who, as of the date of his or her Separation from Service, is deemed to be a “specified employee” within the meaning of that term under Section 409A(a)(2)(B) of the Code and using the identification methodology selected by the Employer from time to time in accordance therewith, or if none, the default methodology set forth therein.

“**Underpayment**” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.6 below.

ARTICLE II SEVERANCE BENEFITS

2.1 Eligibility for Severance Benefits.

(a) Qualifying Event for Participants. In the event that during the period commencing on the date of the consummation of a Change in Control and ending eighteen (18) months thereafter, the employment of a Participant is terminated by the Employer without Cause or by the Participant for Good Reason (each a “**Qualifying Event**”), then the Employer shall pay or provide the Participant with the Severance Benefits.

(b) Non-Qualifying Events. A Participant shall not be entitled to Severance Benefits under the Plan if the Participant’s employment is terminated for any reason other than a Qualifying Event, including, without limitation, (i) by the Employer for Cause, (ii) by the Participant for any reason other than for Good Reason, or (iii) on account of the Participant’s death or Disability.

2.2 **Amount of Severance Benefits.** Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of termination, in the event that a Participant becomes entitled to benefits pursuant to Section 2.1 hereof, the Employer shall pay or provide the Participant with the Severance Benefits as follows:

(a) **Severance Payment.** Subject to the provisions of Sections 2.3 through 2.7, the Employer shall pay to the Participant the sum of (x) the product of the Applicable Percentage multiplied by the Participant's Base Salary and (y) the Participant's Bonus Target, if any. Any such Severance Payment shall be payable in a lump sum on the first payroll after the sixtieth (60th) day following a Qualifying Event, so long as the conditions therefor have been fully satisfied.

(b) **Continued Health Coverage.** Subject to the provisions of Sections 2.3 through 2.7, and subject to a timely election pursuant to COBRA by a Participant, during the applicable Continuation Period the Company shall pay the full cost for continued coverage pursuant to COBRA, for the Participant and the Participant's eligible dependents, under the Employer's group health plans in which the Participant participated immediately prior to the date of termination of the Participant's employment. Following the applicable Continuation Period, the Participant shall be entitled to such continued coverage for the remainder of the COBRA period on a full self-pay basis to the extent eligible under COBRA. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Plan shall prohibit the Employer from amending or terminating any group health plan. Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, in the event that the payment of amounts payable hereunder this clause (b) shall result in adverse tax consequences under Chapter 100 of the Code, Code Section 4980D or otherwise to the Employer, the parties shall undertake commercially reasonable efforts to restructure such benefit in an economically equivalent manner to avoid the imposition of such taxes on the Employer, provided, however, that, should the Employer's auditors determine in good faith that no such alternative arrangement is achievable, the Participant shall not be entitled to his rights to payment under this clause (b). Further, the Employer's and the Participant shall undertake commercially reasonable efforts to structure the benefits under this clause (b) in a manner that is most tax efficient for the parties (i.e., on an after-tax basis), although neither the Employer nor any of its employees, directors, managers, board members, affiliates, parents, stakeholders, equityholders, agents, successors, predecessors or related parties guarantees the tax treatment of any benefit under this clause (b) and no such party shall have liability to the Participant or his beneficiaries with respect to the taxation of such benefits or amounts payable in respect thereof.

2.3 **No Other Entitlements.** Participants hereunder shall not be entitled to severance amounts under any other plan, program or policy of the Employer and any amounts required to be paid to Participant as a matter of law or contract shall offset amounts payable hereunder in a manner that does not result in adverse tax consequences to the Participant under Code Section 409A as determined by the Plan Administrator.

2.4 **No Duty to Mitigate/Set-off.** No Participant entitled to receive Severance Benefits hereunder shall be required to seek other employment or to attempt in any way to reduce any amounts payable to the Participant by the Employer pursuant to the Plan and, except as provided in Sections 2.2(b) hereof, there shall be no offset against any amounts due to the Participant under the Plan on account of any remuneration attributable to any subsequent employment that the Participant may obtain or otherwise. The amounts payable hereunder may be subject to setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other right which the Employer may have against the Participant, except as the Plan Administrator determines would result in adverse tax consequences to the Participant under Code Section 409A.

2.5 **Release Required.** Any amounts payable pursuant to the Plan shall be conditioned upon the Participant's execution and non-revocation, within sixty (60) days following the effective date of termination, of a general release of claims against the Employer, its affiliates, and related parties thereto, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Employer. The Employer shall provide the release to the Participant within five (5) calendar days following the Participant's date of termination. The Release will contain customary carveouts for the payment of consideration payable hereunder (which shall serve as consideration for such Release), vested benefits under the Employer's qualified plans, directors' and officers' insurance and indemnification and such other carveouts as the Plan Administrator determines in its sole and absolute discretion. In the event that the Release is not executed or is revoked by the Participant in accordance with its terms, and benefits have been provided by the Employer to the Participant (including, without limitation, benefits under Section 2.2(b), the Participant shall be required (and the Employer will be entitled to setoff amounts owed to Participant) to immediately reimburse the Employer for the cost of benefits provided to Participant and his/her beneficiaries thereunder as reasonably determined by the Plan Administrator.

2.6 **Code Section 280G.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan or any other agreement to which the Participant is a party to the contrary, if payments made pursuant to this Plan (when taken together with other payments to such Participant) are considered "excess parachute payments" under Section 280G of the Code, then such excess parachute payments plus any other payments made by the Employer and its affiliates to such Participant which are considered excess parachute payments shall be limited (cash first then stock compensation) to the greatest amount which may be paid to such Participant under Section 280G of the Code without causing any loss of deduction to the Employer under such Code Section, but only if, by reason of such reduction, the "Net After Tax Benefit" (as defined below) to the Participant shall exceed the net after tax benefit if such reduction was not made. "**Net After Tax Benefit**" for purposes of this Plan shall mean the sum of (i) the total amounts payable to the Participant under this Plan, plus (ii) all other payments and benefits which the Executive receives or then is entitled to receive from the Employer and its affiliates that would constitute an "excess parachute payment" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code, less (iii) the amount of federal and state income taxes

payable with respect to the foregoing calculated at the maximum marginal income tax rate for each year in which the foregoing shall be paid to the Participant (based upon the rate in effect for such year as set forth in the Code at the time of termination of the Participant's employment), less (iv) the amount of excise taxes imposed with respect to the payments and benefits described in (i) and (ii) above by Section 4999 of the Code. The determination of whether payments would be considered excess parachute payments and the calculation of all the amounts referred to in this Plan shall be made by the Employer's regular independent accounting firm at the expense of the Employer (the "**Accounting Firm**"), which shall provide detailed supporting calculations. Any determination by the Accounting Firm shall be binding upon the Employer and the Participants. As a result of the uncertainty in the application of Section 4999 of the Code at the time of the initial determination by the Accounting Firm hereunder, it is possible that payments to which Participant was entitled, but that he or she did not receive pursuant to this Section, could have been made without the imposition of the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code ("**Underpayment**"). In such event, the Accounting Firm shall determine the amount of the Underpayment that has occurred and any such Underpayment shall be promptly paid by the Employer to or for the benefit of the Participant.

2.7 **Restrictive Covenants.** As a condition for the eligibility for the Severance Benefits hereunder, to the extent not already done, each Participant hereby agrees to execute the Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc. Confidentiality, Non-Disparagement and Non-Solicitation Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as Annex A.

ARTICLE III UNFUNDED PLAN; ERISA

3.1 **Unfunded Status.** The Plan shall be "unfunded" for the purposes of ERISA and the Code and Severance Payments shall be paid out of the general assets of the Employer as and when Severance Payments are payable under the Plan. All Participants shall be solely unsecured general creditors of the Employer. If the Employer decides in its sole discretion to establish any advance accrued reserve on its books against the future expense of the Severance Payments payable hereunder, or if the Employer decides in its sole discretion to fund a trust under the Plan, such reserve or trust shall not under any circumstances be deemed to be an asset of the Plan.

3.2 **ERISA.** The Plan is intended to constitute a "top hat" plan under ERISA for the benefit of a select group of highly compensated or management employees.

**ARTICLE IV
ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLAN**

4.1 **Plan Administrator.** The general administration of the Plan on behalf of the Employer shall be placed with the Committee, or if none the Board (the “**Plan Administrator**”).

4.2 **Reimbursement of Expenses of Plan Administrator.** The Employer may, in its sole discretion, pay or reimburse the members of the Plan Administrator for all reasonable expenses incurred in connection with their duties hereunder, including, without limitation, expenses of outside legal counsel.

4.3 **Retention of Professional Assistance.** The Plan Administrator may employ such legal counsel, accountants and other persons as may be reasonably required in carrying out its work in connection with the Plan.

4.4 **Books and Records.** The Plan Administrator shall maintain such books and records regarding the fiscal and other transactions of the Plan and such other data as may be required to carry out its functions under the Plan and to comply with all applicable laws.

4.5 **Indemnification.** The Plan Administrator and its members shall not be liable for any action or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan. The Employer shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, indemnify and hold harmless each member of the Plan Administrator for liabilities or expenses they and each of them incur in carrying out their respective duties under the Plan, other than for any liabilities or expenses arising out of such individual’s willful misconduct or fraud.

**ARTICLE V
AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION**

The Employer reserves the right to amend or terminate, in whole or in part, any or all of the provisions of the Plan by action of the Board (or a duly authorized committee thereof) at any time. The Plan shall automatically terminate on the eighteen month anniversary following the first Change in Control to occur hereunder, provided, that, in no event shall any amendment reducing the Severance Benefits provided hereunder or any Plan termination be effective prior to the twelve (12) month anniversary of the Effective Date, and further provided that the Employer shall not amend or terminate the Plan at any time after (i) the occurrence of a Change in Control or (ii) the date the Employer enters into a definitive agreement which, if consummated, would result in a Change in Control, unless the potential Change in Control is abandoned (as publicly announced by the Employer), and in either case until eighteen (18) months after the occurrence of a Change in Control, provided, that, all Severance Benefits under the Plan have been paid.

ARTICLE VI SUCCESSORS

For purposes of the Plan, the Employer shall include any and all successors or assignees, whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise, to all or substantially all the business or assets of the Employer (or its members, as the case may be) and such successors and assignees shall perform the Employer's obligations under the Plan, in the same manner and to the same extent that the Employer would be required to perform if no such succession or assignment had taken place. In the event the surviving corporation in any transaction to which the Employer is a party is a subsidiary of another corporation, then the ultimate parent corporation of such surviving corporation shall cause the surviving corporation to perform the Plan in the same manner and to the same extent that the Employer would be required to perform if no such succession or assignment had taken place. In such event, the term "Employer," as used in the Plan, shall mean the Employer, as hereinbefore defined and any successor or assignee (including the ultimate parent corporation) to the business or assets which by reason hereof becomes bound by the terms and provisions of the Plan.

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 **Minors and Incompetents.** If the Plan Administrator shall find that any person to whom Severance Benefits are payable under the Plan is unable to care for his or her affairs because of illness or accident, or is a minor, any Severance Benefits due (unless a prior claim therefore shall have been made by a duly appointed guardian, committee or other legal representative) may be paid to the spouse, child, parent, or brother or sister, or to any person deemed by the Plan Administrator to have incurred expense for such person otherwise entitled to the Benefits, in such manner and proportions as the Plan Administrator may determine in its sole discretion. Any such Severance Benefits shall be a complete discharge of the liabilities of the Employer, the Plan Administrator and the Board under the Plan.

7.2 **Limitation of Rights.** Nothing contained herein shall be construed as conferring upon a Participant the right to continue in the employ of the Employer as an employee in any other capacity or to interfere with the Employer's right to discharge him or her at any time for any reason whatsoever.

7.3 **Payment Not Salary.** Any Severance Benefits payable under the Plan shall not be deemed salary or other compensation to the Participant for the purposes of computing benefits to which he or she may be entitled under any pension plan or other arrangement of the Employer maintained for the benefit of its employees, unless such plan or arrangement provides otherwise.

7.4 **Severability.** In case any provision of the Plan shall be illegal or invalid for any reason, said illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts hereof, but the Plan shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal and invalid provision never existed.

7.5 **Withholding.** The Employer shall have the right to make such provisions as it deems necessary or appropriate to satisfy any obligations it may have to withhold federal, state or local income or other taxes incurred by reason of payments pursuant to the Plan. In lieu thereof, the Company and/or the Employer shall have the right to withhold the amounts of such taxes from any other sums due or to become due from the Company and/or the Employer to the Participant upon such terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe.

7.6 **Non-Alienation of Benefits.** The Severance Benefits payable under the Plan shall not be subject to alienation, transfer, assignment, garnishment, execution or levy of any kind, and any attempt to cause any Severance Benefits to be so subjected shall not be recognized.

7.7 **Governing Law.** To the extent legally required, the Code and ERISA shall govern the Plan and, if any provision hereof is in violation of any applicable requirement thereof, the Employer reserves the right to retroactively amend the Plan to comply therewith. To the extent not governed by the Code and ERISA, the Plan shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oklahoma without reference to rules relating to conflicts of law.

7.8 **Code Section 409A.**

(a) **General.** Neither the Employer nor any employee, director, manager, board member, affiliate, parent, stakeholder, equityholder, agent, successor, predecessor or related party makes a guarantee with respect to the tax treatment of payments hereunder and no such party shall be responsible in any event with regard to non-compliance with or failure to be exempt from Code Section 409A. The Plan is intended to either comply with, or be exempt from, the requirements of Code Section 409A. To the extent that the Plan is not exempt from the requirements of Code Section 409A, the Plan is intended to comply with the requirements of Code Section 409A and shall be limited, construed and interpreted in accordance with such intent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event whatsoever shall the Employer be liable for any additional tax, interest or penalty that may be imposed on a Participant by Code Section 409A or any damages for failing to comply with Code Section 409A.

(b) **Separation from Service; Specified Employees.** A termination of employment shall not be deemed to have occurred for purposes of any provision of the Plan providing for the payment of any amounts or benefits upon or following a termination of employment unless such termination is also a Separation from Service. If a Participant is deemed on the date of termination to be a Specified Employee, then with regard to any payment hereunder that is nonqualified deferred compensation subject to Section 409A and that is specified as subject to this Section, such payment shall be delayed and not be made prior to the expiration of the Delay

Period. All payments delayed pursuant to this Section 7.8(b) (whether they would have otherwise been payable in a single lump sum or in installments in the absence of such delay) shall be paid to the Participant in a single lump sum on the first payroll date on or following the first day following the expiration of the Delay Period, and any remaining payments and benefits due under the Plan shall be paid or provided in accordance with the normal payment dates specified for them herein.

7.9 **Non-Exclusivity.** The adoption of the Plan shall not be construed as creating any limitations on the power of the Employer to adopt such other termination or benefits arrangements as it deems desirable, and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or limited in application.

7.10 **Headings and Captions.** The headings and captions herein are provided for reference and convenience only. They shall not be considered part of the Plan and shall not be employed in the construction of the Plan.

7.11 **Gender and Number.** Whenever used in the Plan, the masculine shall be deemed to include the feminine and the singular shall be deemed to include the plural, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

7.12 **Communications.** All announcements, notices and other communications regarding the Plan will be made by the Employer in writing.

The Plan Administrator keeps records of the Plan and is responsible for the administration of the Plan. The Plan Administrator will also answer any questions a Participant may have about the Plan. Service of legal process may be made upon the Plan Administrator (at the address above) or the Company's General Counsel.

No individual may, in any case, become entitled to additional benefits or other rights under the Plan after the Plan is terminated. Under no circumstances, will any benefit under the Plan ever vest or become nonforfeitable.

Adopted by the Board: November 9, 2011

Amended by the Board: June 21, 2015

CERTIFICATION

I, Randy A. Foutch, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Laredo Petroleum, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 6, 2015

/s/ Randy A. Foutch

Randy A. Foutch

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Richard C. Buterbaugh, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Laredo Petroleum, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 6, 2015

/s/ Richard C. Buterbaugh

Richard C. Buterbaugh

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, Randy A. Foutch, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Laredo Petroleum, Inc. (the "Company"), and Richard C. Buterbaugh, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify that, to their knowledge:

- (1) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the period ending June 30, 2015, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

August 6, 2015

/s/ Randy A. Foutch

Randy A. Foutch

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

August 6, 2015

/s/ Richard C. Buterbaugh

Richard C. Buterbaugh

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer