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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, 2018

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 001-36239

CATCHMARK TIMBER TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

20-3536671

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

5 Concourse Parkway, Suite 2325

Atlanta, GA 30328

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(855) 858-9794

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name, former address, and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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 during the preceding 12 months (or 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 or an emerging growth company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (check one).

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act

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 outstanding of the registrant's common stock, as of July 31, 2018: 49,116,093 shares

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## GLOSSARY

The following abbreviations or acronyms may be used in this document and shall have the adjacent meanings set forth below:

|          |  |
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| AFM      | American Forestry Management, Inc.                               |
| AgFirst  | Agfirst Farm Credit Bank   |
| ASC      | Accounting Standards Codification                                |
| ASU      | Accounting Standards Update                                      |
| CoBank   | CoBank, ACB  |
| Code     | Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended                        |
| EBITDA   | Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depletion, and Amortization     |
| FASB     | Financial Accounting Standards Board                             |
| FCCR     | Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio                                      |
| FRC      | Forest Resource Consultants, Inc.                                |
| GAAP     | Generally Accepted Accounting Principles                         |
| HBU      | Higher and Better Use  |
| IP       | International Paper Company                                      |
| LIBOR    | London Interbank Offered Rate                                    |
| LTIP     | Long-Term Incentive Plan   |
| LTV      | Loan-to-Value  |
| MPERS    | Missouri Department of Transportation & Patrol Retirement System |
| NYSE     | New York Stock Exchange  |
| Rabobank | Cooperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank, B.A.            |
| REIT     | Real Estate Investment Trust                                     |
| SEC      | Securities and Exchange Commission                               |
| TRS      | Taxable REIT Subsidiary  |
| U.S.     | United States  |
| WestRock | WestRock Company (formerly known as MeadWestvaco Corporation)    |

## CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of CatchMark Timber Trust, Inc. and subsidiaries (“CatchMark Timber Trust,” “we,” “our,” or “us”) may be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). In addition, CatchMark Timber Trust, or the executive officers on CatchMark Timber Trust’s behalf, may from time to time make forward-looking statements in reports and other documents CatchMark Timber Trust files with the Securities and Exchange Commission or in connection with written or oral statements made to the press, potential investors, or others. We intend for all such forward-looking statements to be covered by the applicable safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Securities Act and the Exchange Act.

Forward-looking statements can generally be identified by our use of forward-looking terminology such as “may,” “will,” “expect,” “intend,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “believe,” “continue,” or other similar words. However, the absence of these or similar words or expressions does not mean that a statement is not forward-looking. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of performance and are based on certain assumptions, discuss future expectations, describe plans and strategies, contain projections of results of operations or of financial condition or state other forward-looking information. Forward-looking statements in this report relate to anticipated delivery of income, value and long-term returns through sustainable harvests, well-timed sales, selective acquisitions, joint ventures, and related fee-based asset management business; expected uses of cash generated from operations, debt financings and debt and equity offerings; expected sources and adequacy of capital resources and liquidity; change in depletion rates, merchantable timber book value and standing timber inventory volume; possible interest rate risk mitigation actions; and other factors that may lead to fluctuations in future net income (loss). Forward-looking statements in this report also relate to our recently completed Triple T Timberlands transaction and include, but are not limited to, statements about the expected benefits of the transaction, including anticipated harvest volume, financial and operating results and future returns to stockholders; our plans, objectives, expectations, projections and intentions; our integration plans; and projected growth in our annual harvest volumes.

Any such forward-looking statements are based on a number of assumptions involving judgments and are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our historical experience and our present expectations. Such risks and uncertainties with regard to the Triple T Timberlands transaction include, but are not limited to, the risks that the acquired assets and operations may not be integrated successfully or integration costs may be higher than anticipated; the expected benefits of and growth from the transaction may not be fully realized or may take longer to realize than expected; the diversion of management time on integration-related matters; the potential impact of the transaction on relationships with customers, suppliers, competitors, and management and other employees; and litigation risks related to the transaction. See Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. With respect to our ongoing business, these risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the risks discussed in Item 1A herein, as well as Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and our subsequent reports filed with the SEC. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date that this report is filed with the SEC. We make no representations or warranties (express or implied) about the accuracy of any such forward-looking statements contained in this report, and we do not intend to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as required by law.



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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The information furnished in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), stockholders' equity, and cash flows reflects all adjustments, consisting of solely of normal and recurring adjustments, that are, in management's opinion, necessary for a fair and consistent presentation of the aforementioned financial statements.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the condensed notes to CatchMark Timber Trust's consolidated financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and with CatchMark Timber Trust's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. CatchMark Timber Trust's results of operations for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2018 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results expected for the full year.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except for per-share amounts)

|  | (Unaudited)<br>June 30,<br>2018 | December 31,<br>2017 |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Assets:  |                                 |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 12,096                       | \$ 7,805             |
| Accounts receivable  | 3,494                           | 4,575                |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets  | 48,394                          | 5,436                |
| Deferred financing costs   | 368                             | 403                  |
| Timber assets (Note 3):  |                                 |                      |
| Timber and timberlands, net  | 690,807                         | 710,246              |
| Intangible lease assets, less accumulated amortization of \$943 and \$941 as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively  | 14                              | 16                   |
| Investment in unconsolidated joint venture (Note 4)  | 6,977                           | 11,677               |
| Total assets   | \$ 762,150                      | \$ 740,158           |
| Liabilities:   |                                 |                      |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses  | \$ 7,178                        | \$ 4,721             |
| Other liabilities  | 4,302                           | 2,969                |
| Notes payable and lines of credit, less net deferred financing costs (Note 5)  | 292,945                         | 330,088              |
| Total liabilities  | 304,425                         | 337,778              |
| Commitments and Contingencies (Note 7)   | —                               | —                    |
| Stockholders' Equity:  |                                 |                      |
| Class A Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 900,000 shares authorized; 49,123 and 43,425 shares issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively | 491                             | 434                  |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 730,361                         | 661,222              |
| Accumulated deficit and distributions  | (278,954 )                      | (261,652 )           |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income   | 5,827                           | 2,376                |
| Total stockholders' equity   | 457,725                         | 402,380              |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity   | \$ 762,150                      | \$ 740,158           |
| See accompanying notes.  |                                 |                      |



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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except for per-share amounts)

|  | (Unaudited)<br>Three Months<br>Ended<br>June 30, |            | (Unaudited)<br>Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |            |
|--|--|------------|---|------------|
|  | 2018   | 2017       | 2018  | 2017       |
| Revenues:  |  |            |   |            |
| Timber sales   | \$17,745   | \$17,387   | \$36,398                                    | \$33,879   |
| Timberland sales   | 6,834  | 7,953      | 11,086                                      | 13,403     |
| Other revenues   | 1,670  | 1,496      | 2,869                                       | 2,679      |
|  | 26,249   | 26,836     | 50,353                                      | 49,961     |
| Expenses:  |  |            |   |            |
| Contract logging and hauling costs                             | 7,959  | 7,560      | 16,541                                      | 14,981     |
| Depletion  | 6,598  | 7,208      | 13,660                                      | 13,246     |
| Cost of timberland sales                                       | 5,233  | 5,632      | 8,380                                       | 9,495      |
| Forestry management expenses                                   | 1,422  | 1,724      | 3,252                                       | 3,137      |
| General and administrative expenses                            | 3,173  | 2,742      | 6,118                                       | 5,220      |
| Land rent expense  | 176  | 156        | 337   | 306        |
| Other operating expenses                                       | 1,445  | 1,453      | 2,841                                       | 2,648      |
|  | 26,006   | 26,475     | 51,129                                      | 49,033     |
| Operating income (loss)  | 243  | 361        | (776 )                                      | 928        |
| Other income (expense):  |  |            |   |            |
| Interest income  | 96   | 26         | 160   | 37         |
| Interest expense   | (2,553 )   | (2,726 )   | (6,804 )                                    | (5,283 )   |
|  | (2,457 )   | (2,700 )   | (6,644 )                                    | (5,246 )   |
| Net loss before unconsolidated joint venture                   | (2,214 )   | (2,339 )   | (7,420 )                                    | (4,318 )   |
| Income (loss) from unconsolidated joint venture                | 709  | (127 )     | 2,530                                       | (127 )     |
| Net loss   | \$(1,505 )                                       | \$(2,466 ) | \$(4,890 )                                  | \$(4,445 ) |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic and diluted | 49,104   | 38,804     | 46,755                                      | 38,787     |
| Net loss per share - basic and diluted                         | \$(0.03 )  | \$(0.06 )  | \$(0.10 )                                   | \$(0.11 )  |

See accompanying notes.

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CATCHMARK TIMBER TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)  
 (in thousands)

|  | (Unaudited)<br>Three Months<br>Ended<br>June 30, |           | (Unaudited)<br>Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |           |
|--|--|-----------|---|-----------|
|  | 2018   | 2017      | 2018  | 2017      |
| Net loss                                       | \$(1,505)  | \$(2,466) | \$(4,890)                                   | \$(4,445) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss):             |  |           |   |           |
| Market value adjustment to interest rate swaps | 1,520  | (294 )    | 3,451                                       | (572 )    |
| Comprehensive income (loss)                    | \$15   | \$(2,760) | \$(1,439)                                   | \$(5,017) |

See accompanying notes.

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CATCHMARK TIMBER TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (UNAUDITED)  
(in thousands, except for per-share amounts)

|   | Common Stock<br>Shares | Common Stock<br>Amount | Additional<br>Paid-In<br>Capital | Accumulated<br>Deficit and<br>Distributions | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Income | Total<br>Stockholders'<br>Equity |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Balance, December 31, 2017  | 43,425                 | \$ 434                 | \$ 661,222                       | \$ (261,652 )                               | \$ 2,376  | \$ 402,380                       |
| Common stock issued pursuant to:                                  |                        |                        |                                  |   |   |                                  |
| Equity Offering   | 5,750                  | 58                     | 72,392                           |   |   | 72,450                           |
| LTIP, net of forfeitures and amounts withheld<br>for income taxes | (52 )                  | (1 )                   | 337                              |   |   | 336                              |
| Stock issuance cost   |                        |                        | (3,590 )                         |   |   | (3,590 )                         |
| Dividends to common stockholders (\$0.27 per<br>share)            |                        |                        |                                  | (12,412 )                                   |   | (12,412 )                        |
| Net loss  |                        |                        |                                  | (4,890 )                                    |   | (4,890 )                         |
| Other comprehensive income  |                        |                        |                                  |   | 3,451   | 3,451                            |
| Balance, June 30, 2018  | 49,123                 | \$ 491                 | \$ 730,361                       | \$ (278,954 )                               | \$ 5,827  | \$ 457,725                       |

|   | Common Stock<br>Shares | Common Stock<br>Amount | Additional<br>Paid-In<br>Capital | Accumulated<br>Deficit and<br>Distributions | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Income | Total<br>Stockholders'<br>Equity |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Balance, December 31, 2016  | 38,797                 | \$ 388                 | \$ 605,728                       | \$ (226,793 )                               | \$ 1,747  | \$ 381,070                       |
| Common stock issued pursuant to:                                  |                        |                        |                                  |   |   |                                  |
| LTIP, net of forfeitures and amounts withheld<br>for income taxes | 123                    | 1                      | 1,026                            |   |   | 1,027                            |
| Dividends to common stockholders (\$0.27 per<br>share)            |                        |                        |                                  | (10,364 )                                   |   | (10,364 )                        |
| Repurchases of common shares                                      | (97 )                  | (1 )                   | (1,035 )                         |   |   | (1,036 )                         |
| Net loss  |                        |                        |                                  | (4,445 )                                    |   | (4,445 )                         |
| Other comprehensive loss  |                        |                        |                                  |   | (572 )  | (572 )                           |
| Balance, June 30, 2017  | 38,823                 | \$ 388                 | \$ 605,719                       | \$ (241,602 )                               | \$ 1,175  | \$ 365,680                       |

See accompanying notes.

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CATCHMARK TIMBER TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(in thousands)

|   | (Unaudited)      |            |
|---|------------------|------------|
|   | Six Months Ended |            |
|   | June 30,         |            |
|   | 2018             | 2017       |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities:   |                  |            |
| Net loss  | \$(4,890 )       | \$(4,445 ) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities: |                  |            |
| Depletion   | 13,660           | 13,246     |
| Basis of timberland sold, lease terminations and other                          | 7,788            | 9,400      |
| Stock-based compensation expense  | 1,561            | 1,338      |
| Noncash interest expense  | 1,933            | 569        |
| Other amortization  | 106              | 84         |
| (Income) loss from unconsolidated joint venture                                 | (2,530 )         | 127        |
| Operating distributions from unconsolidated joint venture                       | 3,668            | —          |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:  |                  |            |
| Accounts receivable   | 412              | (668 )     |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets   | (3,453 )         | (69 )      |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses   | 396              | 1,109      |
| Other liabilities   | 1,672            | 1,580      |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                                       | 20,323           | 22,271     |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities:   |                  |            |
| Timberland acquisitions, earnest money deposits and other                       | (33,597 )        | (11 )      |
| Capital expenditures (excluding timberland acquisitions)                        | (2,117 )         | (2,862 )   |
| Investment in unconsolidated joint venture                                      | —                | (10,539 )  |
| Distributions from unconsolidated joint venture                                 | 3,562            | —          |
| Net cash used in investing activities   | (32,152 )        | (13,412 )  |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities:   |                  |            |
| Repayments of note payable  | (69,000 )        | —          |
| Proceeds from note payable  | 30,000           | 11,000     |
| Financing costs paid  | (103 )           | (83 )      |
| Issuance of common stock  | 72,450           | —          |
| Other offering costs paid   | (3,590 )         | —          |
| Dividends paid to common stockholders   | (12,412 )        | (10,364 )  |
| Repurchase of common shares under the share repurchase program                  | —                | (1,036 )   |
| Repurchase of common shares for minimum tax withholdings                        | (1,225 )         | (311 )     |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities                             | 16,120           | (794 )     |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents                                       | 4,291            | 8,065      |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period                                  | 7,805            | 9,108      |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period  | \$12,096         | \$17,173   |

See accompanying notes.

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CATCHMARK TIMBER TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2018 (unaudited)

1. Organization

CatchMark Timber Trust Inc. ("CatchMark Timber Trust") (NYSE: CTT) owns and operates timberlands located in the United States and has elected to be taxed as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. CatchMark Timber Trust acquires, owns, operates, manages, and disposes of timberland directly, through wholly-owned subsidiaries, or through joint ventures. CatchMark Timber Trust was incorporated in Maryland in 2005 and commenced operations in 2007. CatchMark Timber Trust conducts substantially all of its business through CatchMark Timber Operating Partnership, L.P. ("CatchMark Timber OP"), a Delaware limited partnership. CatchMark Timber Trust is the general partner of CatchMark Timber OP, possesses full legal control and authority over its operations, and owns 99.99% of its common partnership units. CatchMark LP Holder, LLC ("CatchMark LP Holder"), a wholly owned subsidiary of CatchMark Timber Trust, is the sole limited partner of CatchMark Timber OP and owns the remaining 0.01% of its common partnership units. In addition, CatchMark Timber TRS, Inc. ("CatchMark TRS"), a Delaware corporation, was formed as a wholly owned subsidiary of CatchMark Timber OP in 2006. Unless otherwise noted, references herein to CatchMark Timber Trust shall include CatchMark Timber Trust and all of its subsidiaries, including CatchMark Timber OP, and the subsidiaries of CatchMark Timber OP, including CatchMark TRS.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of CatchMark Timber Trust have been prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC, including the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X and do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, the statements for these unaudited interim periods presented include all adjustments, which are of a normal and recurring nature, necessary for a fair and consistent presentation of the results for such periods. Results for these interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year. CatchMark Timber Trust's consolidated financial statements include the accounts of any entity in which CatchMark Timber Trust or its subsidiaries owns a controlling financial interest and any limited partnership in which CatchMark Timber Trust or its subsidiaries owns a controlling general partnership interest. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. For further information, refer to the audited financial statements and footnotes included in CatchMark Timber Trust's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Investment in Joint Venture

For joint ventures that it does not control but exercises significant influence, CatchMark Timber Trust uses the equity method of accounting. CatchMark Timber Trust's judgment about its level of influence or control of an entity involves consideration of various factors including the form of its ownership interest; its representation in the entity's governance; its ability to participate in policy-making decisions; and the rights of other investors to participate in the decision-making process, to replace CatchMark Timber Trust as manager, and/or to liquidate the venture. Under the equity method, the investment in a joint venture is recorded at cost and adjusted for equity in earnings and cash contributions and distributions. Income or loss and cash distributions from an unconsolidated joint venture are allocated according to the provisions of the respective joint venture agreement, which may be different from its stated ownership percentage. Any difference between the carrying amount of these investments on CatchMark Timber Trust's balance sheets and the underlying equity in net assets on the joint venture's balance sheets is adjusted as the related underlying assets are depreciated, amortized, or sold. Distributions received from unconsolidated joint ventures are classified in the accompanying consolidated statements of cash flows using the cumulative earnings approach under

which distributions received in an amount equal to cumulative equity in earnings are recognized as cash inflows from operating activities and distributions received in excess of cumulative equity in earnings represent returns of investment and therefore are classified as cash inflows from investing activities.

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CatchMark Timber Trust evaluates the recoverability of its investments in unconsolidated joint ventures in accordance with accounting standards for equity investments by first reviewing each investment for any indicators of impairment. If indicators are present, CatchMark Timber Trust estimates the fair value of the investment. If the carrying value of the investment is greater than the estimated fair value, management assesses whether the impairment is “temporary” or “other-than-temporary.” In making this assessment, management considers the following: (1) the length of time and the extent to which fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the venture, and (3) CatchMark Timber Trust’s intent and ability to retain its interest long enough for a recovery in market value. If management concludes that the impairment is “other than temporary,” CatchMark Timber Trust reduces the investment to its estimated fair value.

## Reclassification

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current period's financial statement presentation. Within expenses on the accompanying statements of operations, for the three months ended June 30, 2017, basis of timber related to lease terminations, timber deed expirations and casualty losses have been reclassified from basis of timberland sold to other operating expenses in the amount of \$311,000. For the six months June 30, 2017, basis of timber related to lease terminations, timber deed expirations and casualty losses have been reclassified from depletion or basis of timberland sold to other operating expenses, in the amount of \$19,000 and \$321,000, respectively. Within net cash provided by operating activities on the accompanying statements of cash flows, \$19,000 has been reclassified from depletion to basis of timberland sold, lease terminations and other, for the six months ended June 30, 2017.

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). Under this guidance, an entity is required to recognize revenue upon the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the expected consideration for those goods or services. The update requires significant additional disclosure about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts, including significant judgments and changes in judgments. ASU 2014-09, as amended by ASU 2015-14, Revenue from Contracts with Customers: Deferral of the Effective Date (Topic 606), became effective for CatchMark Timber Trust on January 1, 2018. The adoption of ASU 2014-09 did not have a material effect on CatchMark Timber Trust's consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). The new standard establishes a right-of-use (“ROU”) model that requires a lessee to record a ROU asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases will be classified as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the income statement. In January 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-01, Leases (Topic 842): Land Easement Practical Expedient for Transition to Topic 842, to address concerns about the costs and complexity of complying with the transition provision of the new lease requirements under ASU 2016-02. The amendments in ASU 2018-01 permit an entity to elect an optional transition practical expedient to not evaluate under Topic 842 its land easements that exist or expired before its adoption of Topic 842 that were not previously accounted for as leases under Topic 840. ASU 2016-02 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those annual periods, with early adoption permitted. A modified retrospective transition approach is required for lessees classified as capital and operating leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements, with certain practical expedients available. CatchMark Timber Trust continues to assess the impact ASU 2016-02 will have on its consolidated financial statement but does not expect the adoption of this standard will have a material effect on its consolidated financial statements.

In August 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-12, Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities (Topic 815), which amends the hedge accounting recognition and presentation requirements in ASC 815, "Derivatives and Hedging." ASU 2017-12 expands an entity's ability to hedge nonfinancial and financial risk components and reduces the complexity in fair value hedges of interest rate risk. It eliminates the requirement to separately measure and report



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hedge ineffectiveness and requires the entire change in the fair value of a hedging instrument to be presented in the same income statement line as the hedged item when the hedged item affects earnings. ASU 2017-12 is effective for public entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods therein. Early adoption is permitted in any interim period after issuance of ASU 2017-12. CatchMark Timber Trust adopted ASU 2017-12 on January 1, 2018 and the adoption did not have a material effect on its consolidated financial statements.

In June 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-07, Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Nonemployee Share-Based Payment Accounting, which expands the scope of ASC 718 to include share-based payments granted to non-employees in exchange for goods or services used or consumed in an entity's own operations. This guidance aligns the measurement and classification for share-based payments to non-employees with the guidance for share-based payments to employees, with certain exceptions. ASU 2018-07 is effective for public entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods therein. CatchMark Timber Trust is currently assessing the impact ASU 2018-07 will have on its consolidated financial statement but does not expect the adoption of this standard will have a material effect on its consolidated financial statements.

## 3. Timber Assets

As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, timber and timberlands consisted of the following, respectively:

| (in thousands)         | As of June 30, 2018 |   |           |
|------------------------|---------------------|---|-----------|
|                        | Gross               | Accumulated<br>Depletion or<br>Amortization | Net       |
| Timber                 | \$302,615           | \$ 13,660                                   | \$288,955 |
| Timberlands            | 401,114             | —   | 401,114   |
| Mainline roads         | 1,417               | 679   | 738       |
| Timber and timberlands | \$705,146           | \$ 14,339                                   | \$690,807 |

| (in thousands)         | As of December 31, 2017 |   |           |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------|
|                        | Gross                   | Accumulated<br>Depletion or<br>Amortization | Net       |
| Timber                 | \$332,253               | \$ 29,035                                   | \$303,218 |
| Timberlands            | 406,284                 | —   | 406,284   |
| Mainline roads         | 1,349                   | 604   | 744       |
| Timber and timberlands | \$739,886               | \$ 29,639                                   | \$710,246 |

## Timberland Acquisitions

During the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust did not complete any timberland acquisitions.

## Timberland Sales

During the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust sold approximately 3,100 and 4,000 acres of timberland for \$6.8 million and \$8.0 million, respectively. CatchMark Timber Trust's cost basis in the timberland sold was \$4.8 million and \$5.9 million, respectively.

During the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust sold approximately 5,300 and 6,800 acres of timberland for \$11.1 million and \$13.4 million, respectively. CatchMark Timber Trust's cost basis in the timberland sold was \$7.7 million and \$9.4 million, respectively. Land sale acreage by state is listed below:



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|                | Six Months<br>Ended<br>June 30, |       |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Acres Sold In: | 2018                            | 2017  |
| Alabama        | 800                             | 1,700 |
| Georgia        | 1,700                           | 4,700 |
| Louisiana      | 200                             | 400   |
| North Carolina | 100                             | —     |
| South Carolina | 2,400                           | —     |
| Texas          | 100                             | —     |
| Total          | 5,300                           | 6,800 |

## Current Timberland Portfolio

As of June 30, 2018, CatchMark Timber Trust directly owned interests in approximately 504,400 acres of timberlands in the U.S. South, approximately 474,100 acres of which were held in fee-simple interests and approximately 30,300 acres were held in leasehold interests. A detailed breakout of land acreage by state is listed below:

| Acres by state as of June 30, 2018 | Fee     | Lease  | Total   |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Alabama                            | 73,600  | 5,300  | 78,900  |
| Florida                            | 2,000   | —      | 2,000   |
| Georgia                            | 261,900 | 25,000 | 286,900 |
| Louisiana                          | 20,700  | —      | 20,700  |
| North Carolina                     | 1,500   | —      | 1,500   |
| South Carolina                     | 78,600  | —      | 78,600  |
| Tennessee                          | 300     | —      | 300     |
| Texas                              | 35,500  | —      | 35,500  |
| Total:                             | 474,100 | 30,300 | 504,400 |

## 4. Unconsolidated Joint Venture

In April 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust entered into a joint venture (the “Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture”) that acquired a portfolio of 11,000 acres of commercial timberlands located in North Georgia for an aggregate purchase price of \$20.0 million, exclusive of transaction costs. CatchMark Timber Trust owns a 50% membership interest in the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture and MPERS owns the remaining 50% interest. CatchMark Timber Trust shares substantive participation rights with MPERS, including management selection and termination, and the approval of material operating and capital decisions and, as such, uses the equity method of accounting to record its investment. Income or loss and cash distributions are allocated according to the provisions of the joint venture agreement, which are consistent with the ownership percentages for the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture.

Condensed balance sheet information for the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture is as follows (in thousands):

|                                   | As of         |                   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
|                                   | June 30, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
| Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture: |               |                   |
| Total Assets                      | \$14,610      | \$24,014          |
| Total Liabilities                 | \$656         | \$660             |
| Total Equity                      | \$13,954      | \$23,354          |
| CatchMark Timber Trust:           |               |                   |
| Carrying Value of Investment      | \$6,977       | \$11,677          |

Condensed income statement information for the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture is as follows (in thousands):

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|                                   | Three Months   |         | Six Months     |         |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
|                                   | Ended June 30, |         | Ended June 30, |         |
|                                   | 2018           | 2017    | 2018           | 2017    |
| Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture: |                |         |                |         |
| Total Revenues                    | \$2,821        | \$24    | \$13,614       | \$24    |
| Net Income (Loss)                 | \$1,417        | \$(254) | \$5,059        | \$(254) |
| CatchMark Timber Trust:           |                |         |                |         |
| Equity Share of Net Income (Loss) | \$709          | \$(127) | \$2,530        | \$(127) |

During the three months and six months ended June 30, 2018, CatchMark Timber Trust received a cash distribution of \$5.0 million and \$7.2 million from the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture.

CatchMark Timber Trust serves as the sole manager of the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture, whereby it manages the day-to-day operations of the business, subject to certain major decisions that require the prior consent of MPERS, in exchange for a management fee. Such management fees are included in other revenues on the accompanying consolidated statement of operations. During the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust recognized approximately \$25,000 and \$29,000 of management fees in other revenues. During the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust recognized approximately \$61,000 and \$29,000 of management fees in other revenues.

On July 6, 2018, CatchMark Timber Trust completed a \$200.0 million investment in a joint venture that acquired 1.1 million acres of prime East Texas timberlands (the "Triple T Timberlands"), which closed on July 6, 2018. See Note 10 - Subsequent Events for further details.

## 5. Notes Payable and Lines of Credit

As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust had the following debt balances outstanding (in thousands):

| Credit Facility                                | Maturity Date | Interest Rate | Current Interest Rate <sup>(1)</sup> | Outstanding Balance as of |                   |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
|  |               |               |                                      | June 30, 2018             | December 31, 2017 |
| Term Loan A-1                                  | 12/23/2024    | LIBOR + 1.75% | 3.84%                                | \$100,000                 | \$100,000         |
| Term Loan A-2                                  | 12/1/2026     | LIBOR + 1.90% | 4.00%                                | 100,000                   | 118,809           |
| Term Loan A-3                                  | 12/1/2027     | LIBOR + 2.00% | 4.10%                                | 68,619                    | 118,810           |
| Multi-Draw Term Facility                       | 12/1/2024     | LIBOR + 1.50% | 3.59%                                | \$30,000                  | \$—               |
| Total Principal Balance                        |               |               |                                      | \$298,619                 | \$337,619         |
| Less: Net Unamortized Deferred Financing Costs |               |               |                                      | \$(5,674 )                | \$(7,531 )        |
| Total  |               |               |                                      | \$292,945                 | \$330,088         |

(1) Represents weighted-average interest rate as of June 30, 2018. The weighted-average interest rate excludes the impact of the interest rate swaps (see Note 6 - Interest Rate Swaps), amortization of deferred financing costs, unused commitment fees, and estimated patronage refunds.

## 2017 Amended Credit Agreement

On December 1, 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust amended and restated its existing credit facilities by entering into a fifth amended and restated credit agreement (the "2017 Amended Credit Agreement") with CoBank, AgFirst, Rabobank and certain other financial institutions. The 2017 Amended Credit Agreement increased the maximum amounts available for borrowing from \$500.0 million to \$637.6 million, consisting of the following:

- \$35.0 million five-year revolving credit facility (the “2017 Revolving Credit Facility”);
- \$265.0 million seven-year multi-draw term credit facility (the “2017 Multi-Draw Term Facility”);

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a continuation of a \$100.0 million ten-year term loan (the “Term Loan A-1”), all of which was outstanding under the previous credit agreement;

- a \$118.8 million nine-year term loan (the “Term Loan A-2”); and
- a \$118.8 million ten-year term loan (the “Term Loan A-3”, together with the Term Loan A-1 and Term Loan A-2, the “2017 Term Loan Facilities”).

Proceeds from the Term Loan A-2 and the Term Loan A-3 were used to repay the outstanding balance of the multi-draw term facility under the previous credit agreement.

During the three months ended June 30, 2018, CatchMark Timber Trust made a \$30.0 million draw on the 2017 Multi-Draw Term Facility to fund the earnest money deposit on the Triple T Timberlands transaction, which closed on July 6, 2018. See Note 10 - Subsequent Events for further details. The earnest money deposit was included in prepaid expenses and other assets on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

During the three months ended March 31, 2018, CatchMark Timber Trust repaid \$69.0 million of its outstanding debt balance on the Term Loan A-2 and A-3 with net proceeds received from the 2018 Equity Offering (See Note 8 - Stockholders' Equity for further information). CatchMark Timber Trust expensed \$1.4 million of previously deferred financing costs as a result of the repayments.

As of June 30, 2018, \$270.0 million remained available under the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement, consisting of \$235.0 million from the 2017 Multi-Draw Term Facility and \$35.0 million from the 2017 Revolving Credit Facility.

Borrowings under the 2017 Revolving Credit Facility may be used for general working capital, to support letters of credit, to fund cash earnest money deposits, to fund acquisitions in an amount not to exceed \$5.0 million, and other general corporate purposes. The 2017 Revolving Credit Facility will bear interest at an adjustable rate equal to a base rate plus between 0.50% and 1.20% or a LIBOR rate plus between 1.50% and 2.20%, in each case depending on CatchMark Timber Trust’s LTV Ratio, and will terminate and all amounts outstanding under the facility will be due and payable on December 1, 2022.

The 2017 Multi-Draw Term Facility may be used to finance timber acquisitions and associated expenses, to fund investment in joint ventures, and to reimburse payments of drafts under letters of credit. The 2017 Multi-Draw Term Facility, which is interest only until its maturity date, will bear interest at an adjustable rate equal to a base rate plus between 0.50% and 1.20% or a LIBOR rate plus between 1.50% and 2.20%, in each case depending on CatchMark Timber Trust’s LTV Ratio, and will terminate and all amounts outstanding under the facility will be due and payable on December 1, 2024.

CatchMark Timber Trust will pay the lenders an unused commitment fee on the unused portion of the 2017 Revolving Credit Facility and the 2017 Multi-Draw Term Facility at an adjustable rate ranging from 0.15% to 0.35%, depending on the LTV Ratio.

Under the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement, CatchMark Timber Trust continues to be eligible to receive annual patronage refunds, which are profit distributions made by CoBank and other Farm Credit System banks. The annual patronage refund is dependent on the weighted-average debt balance for the fiscal year under the 2017 Term Loan Facilities and the 2017 Multi-Draw Term Facility, as well as the financial performance of CoBank and other Farm Credit System banks.

CatchMark Timber Trust’s obligations under the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement are collateralized by a first priority lien on the timberlands owned by CatchMark Timber Trust’s subsidiaries and substantially all of CatchMark Timber Trust’s subsidiaries’ other assets in which a security interest may lawfully be granted, including, without limitation,

accounts, equipment, inventory, intellectual property, bank accounts and investment property. In addition, CatchMark Timber Trust's obligations under the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement are jointly and severally guaranteed by all of CatchMark Timber Trust and its subsidiaries pursuant to the terms of the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement.  
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Timber Trust has also agreed to guarantee certain losses caused by certain willful acts of CatchMark Timber Trust or its subsidiaries.

On June 29, 2018, CatchMark Timber Trust amended the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement by entering into a Consent and Amendment Agreement to finance CatchMark's investment in the Triple T Timberlands transaction. This amendment made no other significant changes to the terms of the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement.

### Patronage

CatchMark Timber Trust is eligible to receive annual patronage refunds from its lenders (the "Patronage Banks") under a profit-sharing program made available to borrowers of the Farm Credit System. In March 2018 and 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust received patronage refunds of \$2.7 million and \$2.1 million, respectively, on its eligible borrowings under the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement and the previous credit agreement. Of the total amount received, 75% was received in cash and 25% was received in equity in Patronage Banks. As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust had approximately \$1.5 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, of equity in Patronage Banks included in prepaid expenses and other assets on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

CatchMark Timber Trust has received a patronage refund on its eligible patronage loans for each year it has been party to its previous credit agreements, and the eligibility remains the same under the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement. Therefore, CatchMark Timber Trust accrues patronage refunds it expects to receive in 2019 based on actual patronage refunds received as a percentage of its weighted-average debt balance. For the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust recorded \$0.6 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, in expected patronage refunds against interest expense on the consolidated statements of operations. For the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust recorded \$1.2 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, in expected patronage refunds against interest expense on the consolidated statements of operations. As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, approximately \$1.2 million and \$2.7 million of patronage refunds were included in accounts receivable on the consolidated balance sheets.

### Debt Covenants

The 2017 Amended Credit Agreement contains, among others, the following financial covenants:  
• limits the LTV ratio to (i) 50% at any time prior to the last day of fiscal quarter corresponding to the fourth anniversary of the effective date and (ii) 45% at any time thereafter;  
• requires that we maintain a FCCR of not less than 1.05:1.00; and  
• requires maintenance of a minimum liquidity balance of no less than \$25.0 million at any time; and  
• limits the aggregated capital expenditures not exceeding 1% of the value of the timberlands during any fiscal year.

CatchMark Timber Trust was in compliance with the financial covenants of the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement as of June 30, 2018.

### Interest Paid and Fair Value of Outstanding Debt

During the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust made interest payments of \$2.7 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, on its borrowings. Included in the interest payments for the three months ended June 30, 2017 was unused commitment fees of \$0.1 million. No unused commitment fees were paid during the second quarter of 2018.

During the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust made interest payments of \$5.6 million and \$5.3 million, respectively, on its borrowings. Included in the interest payments for the six months ended

June 30, 2018 and 2017 were unused commitment fees of \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million, respectively.

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As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the weighted-average interest rate on these borrowings, after consideration of interest rate swaps (see Note 6 - Interest Rate Swaps), was 3.93% and 3.61%, respectively. After further consideration of expected patronage refunds, CatchMark Timber Trust's weighted-average interest rate as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017 was 3.13% and 2.81%, respectively.

The fair value of CatchMark Timber Trust's outstanding debt approximated its book value as of June 30, 2018. The fair value was estimated based on discounted cash flow analysis using the current market borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements as of the measurement dates.

#### 6. Interest Rate Swaps

CatchMark Timber Trust uses interest rate swaps to mitigate its exposure to changing interest rates on its variable rate debt instruments. During the first quarter of 2018, CatchMark Timber Trust entered into two separate interest rate swaps with Rabobank on \$30.0 million and \$20.0 million of the 2017 Term Loan Facilities (collectively, the "2018 Rabobank Swaps"). CatchMark Timber Trust had seven interest rate swaps outstanding as of June 30, 2018, with terms below:

| Interest Rate Swap | Effective Date | Maturity Date | Pay Rate | Receive Rate    | (in<br>thousands)  |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------|
|                    |                |               |          |                 | Notional<br>Amount |
| 2014 Rabobank Swap | 12/23/2014     | 12/23/2024    | 2.395%   | one-month LIBOR | \$ 35,000          |
| 2016 Rabobank Swap | 8/23/2016      | 12/23/2024    | 1.280%   | one-month LIBOR | \$ 45,000          |
| 2017 Rabobank Swap | 3/23/2017      | 3/23/2024     | 2.330%   | one-month LIBOR | \$ 20,000          |
| 2017 Rabobank Swap | 3/28/2017      | 3/28/2020     | 1.800%   | one-month LIBOR | \$ 30,000          |
| 2017 Rabobank Swap | 3/28/2017      | 11/28/2021    | 2.045%   | one-month LIBOR | \$ 20,000          |
| 2018 Rabobank Swap | 2/28/2018      | 11/28/2022    | 2.703%   | one-month LIBOR | \$ 30,000          |
| 2018 Rabobank Swap | 2/28/2018      | 11/28/2026    | 2.884%   | one-month LIBOR | \$ 20,000          |
|                    |                |               |          |                 | \$ 200,000         |

As of June 30, 2018, CatchMark Timber Trust's interest rate swaps effectively fixed the interest rate on \$200.0 million of its \$298.6 million variable rate debt at 3.92%. All seven interest rate swaps qualify for hedge accounting treatment.

#### Fair Value and Cash Paid for Interest Under Interest Rate Swaps

The following table presents information about CatchMark Timber Trust's interest rate swaps measured at fair value as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017:

| Instrument Type                                | Balance Sheet Classification      | (in thousands)  |          |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|----------|
|  |                                   | Estimated Fair Value<br>as of<br>June 30, December 31,<br>2018 2017 |          |
| Derivatives designated as hedging instruments: |                                   |   |          |
| Interest rate swaps                            | Prepaid expenses and other assets | \$ 5,992  | \$ 2,935 |
| Interest rate swaps                            | Other liabilities                 | \$(165 )  | \$(559 ) |

As of June 30, 2018, CatchMark Timber Trust estimated that approximately \$0.5 million will be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income to interest expense over the next 12 months.

During the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust recognized a change in fair value of the interest rate swaps of approximately \$3.5 million and \$0.6 million as other comprehensive income and other

comprehensive loss, respectively. There was no hedge ineffectiveness on the interest rate swaps required to be recognized in current earnings.

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During the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, net payments of approximately \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million were made under the interest rate swaps, respectively. During the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, net payments of approximately \$0.3 million and \$0.5 million were made under the interest rates swaps, respectively. Interest rate swaps payments were recorded as interest expense.

### 7. Commitments and Contingencies

#### Mahrt Timber Agreements

CatchMark Timber Trust is party to a fiber supply agreement and a master stumpage agreement (collectively, the "Mahrt Timber Agreements") with a wholly owned subsidiary of WestRock. The fiber supply agreement provides that WestRock will purchase specified tonnage of timber from CatchMark TRS at specified prices per ton, depending upon the type of timber. The fiber supply agreement is subject to quarterly market pricing adjustments based on an index published by Timber Mart-South, a quarterly trade publication that reports raw forest product prices in 11 southern states. The master stumpage agreement provides that CatchMark Timber Trust will sell specified amounts of timber and make available certain portions of its timberlands to CatchMark TRS for harvesting. The initial term of the Mahrt Timber Agreements is October 9, 2007 through December 31, 2032, subject to extension and early termination provisions. The Mahrt Timber Agreements ensure a long-term source of supply of wood fiber products for WestRock in order to meet its paperboard and lumber production requirements at specified mills and provide CatchMark Timber Trust with a reliable customer for the wood products from its timberlands.

#### Timberland Operating Agreements

Pursuant to the terms of the timberland operating agreement between CatchMark Timber Trust and FRC (the "FRC Timberland Operating Agreement"), FRC manages and operates CatchMark Timber Trust's timberlands and related timber operations, including ensuring delivery of timber to WestRock in compliance with the Mahrt Timber Agreements. In consideration for rendering the services described in the timberland operating agreement, CatchMark Timber Trust pays FRC (i) a monthly management fee based on the actual acreage FRC manages, which is payable monthly in advance, and (ii) an incentive fee based on timber harvest revenues generated by the timberlands, which is payable quarterly in arrears. The FRC Timberland Operating Agreement, as amended, is effective through March 31, 2019, and is automatically extended for one-year periods unless written notice is provided by CatchMark Timber Trust or FRC to the other party at least 120 days prior to the current expiration. The FRC Timberland Operating Agreement may be terminated by either party with mutual consent or by CatchMark Timber Trust with or without cause upon providing 120 days' prior written notice.

Pursuant to the terms of the timberland operating agreement between CatchMark Timber Trust and AFM (the "AFM Timberland Operating Agreement"), AFM manages and operates CatchMark Timber Trust's timberlands and related timber operations, including ensuring delivery of timber to customers. In consideration for rendering the services described in the AFM Timberland Operating Agreement, CatchMark Timber Trust pays AFM (i) a monthly management fee based on the actual acreage AFM manages, which is payable monthly in advance, and (ii) an incentive fee based on revenues generated by the timber operations. The incentive fee is payable quarterly in arrears. The AFM Timberland Operating Agreement is effective through November 30, 2018, and is automatically extended for one-year periods unless written notice is provided by CatchMark Timber Trust or AFM to the other party at least 120 days prior to the current expiration. The AFM Timberland Operating Agreement may be terminated by either party with mutual consent or by CatchMark Timber Trust with or without cause upon providing 120 days' prior written notice.

#### Litigation

From time to time, CatchMark Timber Trust may be a party to legal proceedings, claims, and administrative proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of its business. Management makes assumptions and estimates concerning the likelihood and amount of any reasonably possible loss relating to these matters using the latest information available. CatchMark Timber Trust records a liability for litigation if an unfavorable outcome is probable and the amount of loss or range of loss can be reasonably estimated. If an unfavorable outcome is probable and a reasonable estimate of the loss is a

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range, CatchMark Timber Trust accrues the best estimate within the range. If no amount within the range is a better estimate than any other amount, CatchMark Timber Trust accrues the minimum amount within the range. If an unfavorable outcome is probable but the amount of the loss cannot be reasonably estimated, CatchMark Timber Trust discloses the nature of the litigation and indicates that an estimate of the loss or range of loss cannot be made. If an unfavorable outcome is reasonably possible and the estimated loss is material, CatchMark Timber Trust discloses the nature and estimate of the possible loss of the litigation. CatchMark Timber Trust does not disclose information with respect to litigation where an unfavorable outcome is considered to be remote.

CatchMark Timber Trust is not currently involved in any legal proceedings of which the outcome is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the results of operations or financial condition of CatchMark Timber Trust. CatchMark Timber Trust is not aware of any legal proceedings contemplated by governmental authorities.

8. Stockholders' Equity

Equity Offering

On June 2, 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-218466) with the SEC (the "Shelf Registration Statement"), which was declared effective by the SEC on June 16, 2017. The Shelf Registration Statement provides CatchMark Timber Trust with future flexibility to offer, from time to time and in one or more offerings, debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, warrants, or any combination thereof. The terms of any such future offerings are established at the time of an offering. In March 2018, under the Shelf Registration Statement, CatchMark Timber Trust issued 5.75 million shares of its Class A common stock at a price of \$12.60 per share (the "2018 Equity Offering"). After deducting \$3.5 million in underwriting commissions and fees and other issuance costs, CatchMark Timber Trust received net proceeds of \$69.0 million from the 2018 Equity Offering. CatchMark Timber Trust used the net proceeds from the 2018 Equity Offering to pay down its outstanding debt.

9. Stock-based Compensation

Stock-based Compensation - Independent Directors

On June 25, 2018, CatchMark Timber Trust issued 23,736 shares to its six independent directors, 4,154 shares of which were repurchased for estimated income tax payments. CatchMark Timber Trust recognized approximately \$0.3 million and \$0.3 million of fair value of the award within general and administrative expenses for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively.

Stock-based Compensation - Employees

During the three months ended June 30, 2018, CatchMark Timber Trust did not issue any share of service-based restricted stock grants to its non-executive employees.

A rollforward of CatchMark Timber Trust's unvested, service-based restricted stock awards to employees for the six months ended June 30, 2018 is as follows:

|                               | Number of<br>Underlying<br>Shares | Weighted-Average<br>Grant Date<br>Fair Value |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Unvested at December 31, 2017 | 278,633                           | \$ 11.05                                     |
| Granted                       | 73,000                            | \$ 12.97                                     |
| Vested                        | (140,984 )                        | \$ 11.46                                     |

|                           |         |          |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|
| Forfeited                 | —       | \$ —     |
| Unvested at June 30, 2018 | 210,649 | \$ 11.44 |



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## Stock-based Compensation Expense

A summary of CatchMark Timber Trust's stock-based compensation expense for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 is presented below:

| (in thousands)                                  | Three Months Ended June 30, |       | Six Months Ended June 30, |         |
|---|-----------------------------|-------|---------------------------|---------|
|   | 2018                        | 2017  | 2018                      | 2017    |
| Stock-based Compensation Expense classified as: |                             |       |                           |         |
| General and administrative expenses             | \$758                       | \$678 | \$1,274                   | \$1,004 |
| Forestry management expenses                    | 38                          | 240   | 287                       | 334     |
| Total   | \$796                       | \$918 | \$1,561                   | \$1,338 |

As of June 30, 2018, approximately \$3.3 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to non-vested restricted stock and RSU's remained and will be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.2 years.

## 10. Subsequent Events

## Triple T Joint Venture

On July 6, 2018, CatchMark Timber Trust and affiliates, together with a consortium of institutional investors, including BTG Pactual Timberland Investment Group, Highland Capital Management, Medley Management Inc., and British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (the "Triple T Joint Venture"), completed the acquisition of 1.1 million acres of prime East Texas timberlands, or the Triple T Timberlands, for approximately \$1.39 billion. The property was sold by Campbell Global on behalf of the institutional owners of the property. The purchase price of the Triple T Timberlands was financed through the proceeds of the Triple T Joint Venture partners' equity contributions, including a \$200 million equity contribution by CatchMark Timber Trust, and a \$600 million, seven-year term loan made pursuant to a credit agreement, dated July 6, 2018, between the Triple T Joint Venture and its affiliates and the lenders. Borrowings under the term loan bear interest at a floating rate equal to LIBOR or a base rate, plus a margin determined based upon a LTV ratio and are secured by all of the assets of the Triple T Joint Venture and its subsidiaries. CatchMark Timber Trust funded its \$200 million equity contribution with borrowings under the 2017 Multi-Draw Term Facility, including the \$30 million earnest money deposit made during the quarter and \$170 million borrowed on July 5, 2018.

In connection with the Triple T Joint Venture, a subsidiary of CatchMark entered into an asset management agreement pursuant to which CatchMark will receive an asset management fee equal to 1%, subject to reduction in certain circumstances, of the value of the equity contributions from the institutional investors in the Triple T Joint Venture during the term of the joint venture. As a result, for its investment of \$200 million, CatchMark Timber Trust tripled the number of acres under its management to approximately 1.6 million acres and significantly expanded its fee-based asset management business.

CatchMark Timber Trust expects to use the equity method to account for its investment in the Triple T Joint Venture. Income (loss) and cash distributions from the Triple T Joint Venture will be allocated according to the provisions of the joint venture agreement, which is different than stated ownership percentage. Accordingly, CatchMark Timber Trust anticipates using the hypothetical-liquidation-at-book-value approach ("HLBV") to determine its equity in earnings of the Triple T Joint Venture. As a result of transaction costs and distribution preferences, CatchMark Timber Trust anticipates incurring non-cash GAAP losses from the unconsolidated Triple T Joint Venture equal to its initial investment in the joint venture in the near term.

Dividend Declaration

On August 2, 2018, CatchMark Timber Trust declared a cash dividend of \$0.135 per share for its common stockholders of record on August 30, 2018, payable on September 14, 2018.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto. See also "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" preceding Part I of this report, as well as our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Overview

We primarily engage in the ownership, management, acquisition, and disposition of timberland properties located in the United States. We generate recurring income and cash flow from the harvest and sale of timber, as well as from non-timber related revenue sources, such as rent from hunting and recreational leases. When and where we believe appropriate, we also generate income and cash flow from timberland sales. In addition to current income, we expect to realize long-term returns from the biological growth of our standing timber inventory.

We strive to deliver superior long-term returns for our stockholders through disciplined acquisitions, sustainable harvests, and well-timed sales. Our immediate emphasis is to grow through selective acquisitions and investments in high demand fiber markets and to efficiently integrate new acquisitions and investments into our operations. Operationally, we focus on generating cash flows from sustainable harvests and improved harvest mix on prime timberlands, as well as opportunistic land sales to provide recurring dividends to our stockholders. We continue to practice intensive forest management and silvicultural techniques that increase the biological growth of our forests.

We also seek to create additional value by entering into joint ventures with long-term, institutional equity partners to opportunistically acquire, own, and manage timberland properties that fit our core investment strategy. In addition, we expect that our joint venture platform will drive future growth through a fee-based management business that leverages our scale and timberland management efficiencies.

In April 2017, we entered into our first joint venture, the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture. For the six months ended June 30, 2018, we recognized \$2.5 million in equity earnings and received \$7.2 million in cash distributions from the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture. See Note 4 - Unconsolidated Joint Venture to our accompanying consolidated financial statements and "Results of Operations" below for further details.

On July 6, 2018, we, together with a consortium of institutional investors, completed the acquisition of 1.1 million acres of prime East Texas timberlands from Campbell Global for approximately \$1.39 billion. We serve as the asset manager for the Triple T Joint Venture. For an investment of \$200 million in the Triple T Joint Venture, we have tripled the number of acres under our management to approximately 1.6 million acres and significantly expanded our fee-based asset management business. This innovative transaction fits our profile for acquiring interests in properties that can provide sustainable growth for our stockholders. The Triple T Timberlands have a highly productive site index and are projected to grow from the current 2.8 million tons of annual harvest volume to more than five million tons by 2028.

We expect to use the equity method to account for our investment in the Triple T Joint Venture. Income (loss) and cash distributions from the Triple T Joint Venture will be allocated according to the provisions of the joint venture agreement, which is different than the stated ownership percentage. Accordingly, we anticipate using HLBV to determine our equity in earnings of the Triple T Joint Venture. As a result of transaction costs and distribution preferences, we anticipate incurring non-cash GAAP losses from the unconsolidated Triple T Joint Venture equal to our initial investment in the joint venture in the near term. We expect to adjust for such non-cash losses in our non-GAAP measures, including Adjusted EBITDA, as they are based on a hypothetical liquidation scenario and are based on book value rather than fair value.

See Note 10 - Subsequent Events to our accompanying consolidated financial statements for additional information regarding the Triple T Joint Venture.

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## Timberland Portfolio

As of June 30, 2018, we wholly owned interests in approximately 504,400 acres of high-quality industrial timberland in the U.S. South, consisting of approximately 474,100 acres of fee timberlands and approximately 30,300 acres of leased timberlands. Our wholly-owned timberlands contained acreage comprised of approximately 74% pine stands and 26% hardwood stands located within an attractive and competitive fiber basket encompassing a diverse group of pulp, paper and wood products manufacturing facilities. Wholly-owned timberland acreage by state is listed below:

|                   | As of June 30, 2018 |        |         |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------|---------|
| Acres Located In: | Fee                 | Lease  | Total   |
| Alabama           | 73,600              | 5,300  | 78,900  |
| Florida           | 2,000               | —      | 2,000   |
| Georgia           | 261,900             | 25,000 | 286,900 |
| Louisiana         | 20,700              | —      | 20,700  |
| North Carolina    | 1,500               | —      | 1,500   |
| South Carolina    | 78,600              | —      | 78,600  |
| Tennessee         | 300                 | —      | 300     |
| Texas             | 35,500              | —      | 35,500  |
| Total:            | 474,100             | 30,300 | 504,400 |

As of June 30, 2018, our wholly-owned timber inventory consisted of an estimated 19.9 million tons of merchantable inventory with the following components:

|   | Tons (in millions) |       |       |
|---|--------------------|-------|-------|
| Merchantable timber inventory: <sup>(1)</sup> | Fee                | Lease | Total |
| Pulpwood                                      | 9.6                | 0.6   | 10.2  |
| Sawtimber <sup>(2)</sup>                      | 9.3                | 0.4   | 9.7   |
| Total   | 18.9               | 1.0   | 19.9  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Merchantable timber inventory does not include current year growth, which should approximate current year harvest volumes (see Results of Operations below for information on current year harvest volume).

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes chip-n-saw and sawtimber.

In addition to the wholly-owned timber assets, as of June 30, 2018, we owned a 50% member interest in the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture that owns approximately 5,600 acres of high-quality commercial timberlands located in north Georgia. On July 6, 2018, we acquired an interest in the Triple T Joint Venture, which owns 1.1 million acres of prime East Texas timberlands with approximately 39.8 million tons of merchantable timber inventory. We serve as the asset manager for the Triple T Joint Venture.

## Timber Agreements

A significant portion of our timber sales is derived from the Mahrt Timber Agreements under which we sell specified amounts of timber to WestRock subject to market pricing adjustments. For full year 2018, WestRock is required to purchase approximately 408,000 tons of timber under the Mahrt Timber Agreements. For the six months ended June 30, 2018, WestRock purchased approximately 202,000 tons under the Mahrt Timber Agreements, which contributed approximately 14% of our net timber sales revenue. WestRock has historically purchased tonnage that exceeded the minimum requirement under the Mahrt Timber Agreements. See Note 7 – Commitments and Contingencies to our accompanying consolidated financial statements for additional information regarding the material terms of the Mahrt Timber Agreements.



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We assumed a pulpwood supply agreement with IP (the "Carolinas Supply Agreement") in connection with a timberland acquisition that closed in June 2016. For full year 2018, we are required by the Carolinas Supply Agreement to supply to IP approximately 137,000 tons of pulpwood. During the six months ended June 30, 2018, we sold approximately 70,600 tons under the Carolinas Supply Agreement, which contributed approximately 5% of our net timber sales revenue.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

### Overview

Cash flows generated from our operations are primarily used to fund recurring expenditures and distributions to our stockholders. The amount of distributions to common stockholders is determined by our board of directors and is dependent upon a number of factors, including funds deemed available for distribution based principally on our current and future projected operating cash flows, less capital requirements necessary to maintain our existing timberland portfolio. In determining the amount of distributions to common stockholders, we also consider our financial condition, our expectations of future sources of liquidity, current and future economic conditions, market demand for timber and timberlands, and tax considerations, including the annual distribution requirements necessary to maintain our status as a REIT under the Code.

In determining how to allocate cash resources in the future, we will initially consider the source of the cash. We anticipate using a portion of cash generated from operations, after payments of periodic operating expenses and interest expense, to fund certain capital expenditures required for our timberlands. Any remaining cash generated from operations may be used to partially fund timberland acquisitions and pay distributions to stockholders. Therefore, to the extent that cash flows from operations are lower, timberland acquisitions and stockholder distributions are anticipated to be lower as well. Capital expenditures, including new timberland acquisitions, are generally funded with cash from operations or existing debt availability; however, proceeds from future debt financings, and equity and debt offerings may be used to fund capital expenditures, acquire new timberland properties, invest in joint ventures, and pay down existing and future borrowings.

### Shelf Registration Statement and Equity Offerings

On June 2, 2017, we filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC, which was declared effective by the SEC on June 16, 2017. The Shelf Registration Statement provides us with future flexibility to offer, from time to time and in one or more offerings, up to \$600 million in an undefined combination of debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, or warrants. The terms of any such future offerings would be established at the time of an offering.

In March 2018, under the Shelf Registration Statement, we issued 5.75 million shares of Class A common stock at a price of \$12.60 per share. After deducting \$3.5 million in underwriting commissions and fees and other issuance costs, we received net proceeds of \$69.0 million from the 2018 Equity Offering, which we anticipate deploying into near-term direct timberland acquisitions and/or joint venture investments.

### 2017 Amended Credit Agreement

The 2017 Amended Credit Agreement provides for borrowing up to \$637.6 million consisting of:

- \$35.0 million five-year revolving credit facility (the "2017 Revolving Credit Facility");
- \$265.0 million seven-year multi-draw term credit facility (the "2017 Multi-Draw Term Facility");
- a continuation of a \$100.0 million ten-year term loan (the "Term Loan A-1"), all of which was outstanding under the previous credit agreement;
- \$118.8 million nine-year term loan (the "Term Loan A-2"); and

▪ \$118.8 million ten-year term loan (the “Term Loan A-3”, together with the Term Loan A-1 and Term

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Loan A-2, the “2017 Term Loan Facilities”).

The 2017 Multi-Draw Term Facility may be used to finance timber acquisitions and associated expenses, to fund investment in joint ventures, and to reimburse payments of drafts under letters of credit. Borrowings under the 2017 Revolving Credit Facility may be used for general working capital, to support letters of credit, to fund cash earned money deposits, to fund acquisitions in an amount not to exceed \$5.0 million, and other general corporate purposes.

The table below presents the details of each credit facility under the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement as of June 30, 2018:

(dollars in thousands)

| Facility Name                  | Maturity Date | Interest Rate <sup>(1)</sup> | Unused Commitment Fee | Total Availability | Outstanding Balance | Remaining Availability |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 2017 Revolving Credit Facility | 12/1/2022     | LIBOR + 1.50%                | 0.20%                 | \$ 35,000          | \$ —                | \$ 35,000              |
| 2017 Multi-Draw Term Facility  | 12/1/2024     | LIBOR + 1.50%                | 0.20%                 | 265,000            | 30,000              | 235,000                |
| Term Loan A-1                  | 12/23/2024    | LIBOR + 1.75%                | N/A                   | 100,000            | 100,000             | —                      |
| Term Loan A-2                  | 12/1/2026     | LIBOR + 1.90%                | N/A                   | 100,000            | 100,000             | —                      |
| Term Loan A-3                  | 12/1/2027     | LIBOR + 2.00%                | N/A                   | 68,619             | 68,619              | —                      |
| Total                          |               |                              |                       | \$ 568,619         | \$ 298,619          | \$ 270,000             |

(1) The applicable LIBOR margin on the 2017 Revolving Credit Facility and the 2017 Multi-Draw Term Facility ranges from 1.50% to 2.20%, depending on the LTV ratio.

On July 5, 2018, CatchMark Timber Trust borrowed \$170.0 million under the 2017 Multi-Draw Term Facility to fund its investments in the Triple T Joint Venture. See Note 10 - Subsequent Events to our accompanying consolidated financial statements for further details.

#### Patronage

We are eligible to receive annual patronage refunds from our lenders under the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement. The annual patronage refund depends on the weighted-average debt balance with each participating lender, as calculated by CoBank, for the respective fiscal year under the eligible patronage loans, as well as the financial performance of the Patronage Banks. In March 2018, we received a patronage refund of \$2.7 million on our borrowings under the eligible patronage loans that were outstanding during 2017. Of the total amount received, 75% was received in cash and 25% was received in equity in Patronage Banks. The equity component of the patronage refund is redeemable for cash only at the discretion of the Patronage Banks' board of directors.

#### Debt Covenants

The 2017 Amended Credit Agreement contains, among others, the following financial covenants:

- limits the LTV ratio to (i) 50% at any time prior to the last day of fiscal quarter corresponding to the fourth anniversary of the effective date and (ii) 45% at any time thereafter;
- requires that we maintain a FCCR of not less than 1.05:1.00; and
- requires maintenance of a minimum liquidity balance of no less than \$25.0 million at any time; and
- limits the aggregated capital expenditures not exceeding 1% of the value of the timberlands during any fiscal year.

We were in compliance with the financial covenants of the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement as of June 30, 2018.

Short-Term Liquidity and Capital Resources

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Net cash provided by operating activities for the six months ended June 30, 2018 was \$20.3 million, a \$1.9 million, or 9%, decrease from the six months ended June 30, 2017. Cash provided by operating activities consisted primarily of receipts from customers for timber and timberland sales and distributions from the unconsolidated joint venture, reduced by payments for operating costs, administrative expenses and interest expense. The decrease was primarily due to incurring \$3.6 million in pursuit costs related to the Triple T Joint venture (which were reimbursed by the joint venture in July 2018) and a \$2.6 million decrease in net timberland sales, offset by a \$3.7 million operating distribution received from the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture and an increase of \$1.0 million in net timber sales.

Net cash used in investing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2018 was \$32.2 million, which was \$18.7 million more than the six months ended June 30, 2017. The increase was primarily due to a \$30.0 million earnest money deposit related to the Triple T Timberlands transaction, offset by a \$3.6 million return of capital distribution received from the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture during the six months ended June 30, 2018, as compared to investing \$10.5 million in the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture during the same period in the prior year.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2018 was \$16.1 million as compared to using \$0.8 million in financing activities in the six months ended June 30, 2017. During the six months ended June 30, 2018, we borrowed \$30.0 million under the 2017 Multi-Draw Term Facility to fund the earnest money deposit related to Triple T Timberlands. We received \$72.5 million of gross proceeds from the 2018 Equity Offering. After deducting \$3.5 million in underwriting commissions and fees and other issuance costs, the net proceeds of \$69.0 million from the 2018 Equity Offering were used to pay down our outstanding debt balances. We distributed \$12.4 million to our stockholders, fully funded by net cash provided by operating activities. We did not make any repurchases of common shares under our share repurchase program during the six months ended June 30, 2018.

We believe that we have access to adequate liquidity and capital resources, including cash flow generated from operations, cash on-hand, borrowing capacity and possible public offerings of equity or debt securities, necessary to meet our current and future obligations that become due over the next 12 months. As of July 31, 2018, we had a cash balance of \$21.3 million and had access to \$100.0 million of additional borrowing capacity under the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement (see 2017 Amended Credit Agreement above).

### Long-Term Liquidity and Capital Resources

Over the long-term, we expect our primary sources of capital to include net cash flows from operations, including proceeds from timber and timberland sales, proceeds from secured or unsecured financings from banks and other lenders, and public offerings of equity or debt securities. Our principal demands for capital include operating expenses, interest expense on any outstanding indebtedness, certain capital expenditures (other than timberland acquisitions), repayment of debt, timberland acquisitions, and stockholder distributions.

### Contractual Obligations and Commitments

As of June 30, 2018, our contractual obligations are as follows:

| Contractual Obligations                                   | Payments Due by Period (in thousands) |                |                 |                 |                  |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
|   | Total                                 | 2018           | 2019-2020       | 2021-2022       | Thereafter       |
| Debt obligations <sup>(1)</sup>                           | \$298,619                             | \$—            | \$—             | \$—             | \$298,619        |
| Estimated interest on debt obligations <sup>(1) (2)</sup> | 92,699                                | 5,923          | 23,582          | 23,686          | 39,508           |
| Operating lease obligations                               | 2,873                                 | 570            | 1,399           | 904             | —                |
| Other liabilities <sup>(3)</sup>                          | 559                                   | 12             | 279             | 268             | —                |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$394,750</b>                      | <b>\$6,505</b> | <b>\$25,260</b> | <b>\$24,858</b> | <b>\$338,127</b> |

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents respective obligations under the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement as of June 30, 2018, in which \$268.6 million was outstanding under the 2017 Term Loan Facilities and \$30.0 million was outstanding under the 2017

Multi-Draw Term Facilities (see "2017 Amended Credit Agreement" above).

- (2) Amounts include the impact of interest rate swaps. See Note 6 – Interest Rate Swaps of our accompanying consolidated financial statements for additional information.

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- (3) Represents future payments to satisfy a liability that expires in May 2022 which was assumed upon a timberland acquisition.

## Distributions

Our board of directors declares cash distributions quarterly. The amount of future distributions that we may pay to our common stockholders will be determined by our board of directors.

On February 15, 2018, our board of directors declared a cash dividend for stockholders of record as of February 28, 2018 in the amount of \$0.135 per share. This distribution was paid on March 16, 2018. On May 3, 2018, our board of directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.135 per share for our common stockholders of record on May 31, 2018. This distribution was paid on June 15, 2018.

For the six months ended June 30, 2018, we paid total distributions to stockholders of \$12.4 million, which was funded from net cash provided by operating activities.

## Results of Operations

## Overview

Our results of operations are materially impacted by the fluctuating nature of timber prices, changes in the levels and mix of our harvest volumes, the level of timberland sales, changes to associated depletion rates, varying interest expense based on the amount and cost of outstanding borrowings, and earnings from joint venture investments.

Timber sales volumes, net timber sales prices, timberland sales, and changes in volume, price and harvest mix for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 are shown in the following tables:

|                            | Three Months |         | Change |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------|--------|
|                            | Ended        |         |        |
|                            | June 30,     |         |        |
|                            | 2018         | 2017    | %      |
| Timber sales volume (tons) |              |         |        |
| Pulpwood                   | 341,870      | 352,476 | (3 )%  |
| Sawtimber <sup>(1)</sup>   | 218,755      | 229,635 | (5 )%  |
|                            | 560,625      | 582,111 | (4 )%  |

## Harvest mix

|                          |    |      |   |
|--------------------------|----|------|---|
| Pulpwood                 | 61 | % 61 | % |
| Sawtimber <sup>(1)</sup> | 39 | % 39 | % |

Net timber sales price (per ton) <sup>(2)</sup>

|                          |      |      |     |
|--------------------------|------|------|-----|
| Pulpwood                 | \$13 | \$12 | 8 % |
| Sawtimber <sup>(1)</sup> | \$24 | \$24 | — % |

## Timberland sales

|                        |         |         |   |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---|
| Gross sales (000's)    | \$6,834 | \$7,953 |   |
| Sales volume (acres)   | 3,100   | 4,000   |   |
| % of fee acres         | 0.7     | % 0.9   | % |
| Sales price (per acre) | \$2,199 | \$1,993 |   |



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|                            | Six Months Ended |           | Change |   |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------|--------|---|
|                            | 2018             | 2017      |        | % |
| Timber sales volume (tons) |                  |           |        |   |
| Pulpwood                   | 695,566          | 643,421   | 8      | % |
| Sawtimber <sup>(1)</sup>   | 439,843          | 450,022   | (2)    | % |
|                            | 1,135,409        | 1,093,443 | 4      | % |

## Harvest mix

|                          |    |      |   |
|--------------------------|----|------|---|
| Pulpwood                 | 61 | % 59 | % |
| Sawtimber <sup>(1)</sup> | 39 | % 41 | % |

Net timber sales price (per ton) <sup>(2)</sup>

|                          |      |      |     |   |
|--------------------------|------|------|-----|---|
| Pulpwood                 | \$14 | \$13 | 8   | % |
| Sawtimber <sup>(1)</sup> | \$23 | \$24 | (1) | % |

## Timberland sales

|                        |          |          |   |  |
|------------------------|----------|----------|---|--|
| Gross sales (000's)    | \$11,086 | \$13,403 |   |  |
| Sales volume (acres)   | 5,300    | 6,800    |   |  |
| % of fee acres         | 1.1      | % 1.5    | % |  |
| Sales price (per acre) | \$2,099  | \$1,967  |   |  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes chip-n-saw and sawtimber.

Prices per ton are rounded to the nearest dollar and shown on a stumpage basis (i.e., net of contract logging and <sup>(2)</sup>hauling costs) and, as such, the sum of these prices multiplied by the tons sold does not equal timber sales in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

During the second quarter of 2018, South-wide stumpage prices for all product categories declined from the previous quarter, as reported by TimberMart-South. As a seasonal tendency in the second quarter, the Southern timber market was constrained by wet weather, mill outages, high inventories and quotas. South-wide pine sawtimber stumpage price remained below \$24 per ton for the sixth consecutive quarter. Relative to the second quarter of 2017, stumpage prices for all pine product categories improved by 1%, while hardwood sawtimber and hardwood pulpwood prices improved by 4% and 19%, respectively.

Anticipating strong financial performance and contributions from the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture in 2018, our operating plan for 2018 entails tactically deferring some harvest to future periods when we expect to capture better pricing. Executed according to plan, our harvest volume for the second quarter of 2018 was 4% lower than the prior year quarter. Year-to-date volume was 4% higher than the six months ended June 30, 2017 primarily as a result of increased delivered pulpwood volume during the first quarter of 2018 when we took advantage of favorable pulpwood pricing.

Our pulpwood stumpage price for the quarter increased by 8% from the prior year quarter primarily as a result of increased harvests from strong local markets, including particularly from our Coastal Georgia property acquired in the fourth quarter of 2017. Our sawtimber stumpage price for the second quarter was consistent with the prior year quarter at \$24 per ton, which was higher than the South-wide market average. Additionally, chip-n-saw as a percentage of sawtimber volumes increased as we took advantage of favorable chip-n-saw pricing. Our realized stumpage prices trend with the overall South-wide timber market reported by TimberMart-South and are generally higher than South-wide average due to the strength of the micro-markets in which we operate.





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Revenues. Revenues for the three months ended June 30, 2018 was \$26.2 million, consistent with that for the three months ended June 30, 2017 as a result of a \$1.1 million decrease in timberland sales revenue, offset by a \$0.4 million increase in timber sales revenue and a \$0.2 million increase in other revenues. Timberland sales revenue decreased to \$6.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 from \$8.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017 as we sold fewer acres in 2018 at higher average per-acre sales price. Gross timber sales revenue increased 2% as a result of a 6% increase in average pricing offset by a 4% decrease in harvest volume. Average pricing increased primarily as a result of a 6% increase in delivered sales as a percentage of our total timber sales and harvest from local markets with strong pricing, including our Coastal Georgia property acquired in the fourth quarter of 2017. Gross timber sales revenue from delivered sales includes logging and hauling costs that customers pay for deliveries. Timber sales revenue generated by properties acquired within the last 12 months are attributed to volume change in the table below.

Timber sales revenue by product for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 are shown in the following table:

|                             | Three<br>Months<br>Ended | Changes<br>attributable to: | Three<br>Months<br>Ended |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| (in thousands)              | June 30,<br>2017         | Price/Volume                | June 30,<br>2018         |
| Timber sales <sup>(1)</sup> |                          |                             |                          |
| Pulpwood                    | \$9,191                  | \$261 \$ 88                 | \$9,540                  |
| Sawtimber <sup>(2)</sup>    | 8,196                    | (114 ) 123                  | 8,205                    |
|                             | \$17,387                 | \$147 \$ 211                | \$17,745                 |

<sup>(1)</sup> Timber sales are presented on a gross basis.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes chip-n-saw and sawtimber.

Operating Expenses. Contract logging and hauling costs increased 5% to \$8.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 from \$7.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017 as a result of a 6% increase in delivered sales volume.

Depletion expense decreased 8% to \$6.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 from \$7.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017 due to a 4% decrease in harvest volume and lower blended depletion rates. We calculate depletion rates annually by dividing the beginning merchantable inventory book value, after the write-off of accumulated depletion, by current standing timber inventory volume. Before the impact of any future acquisitions or significant land sales, the merchantable book value is expected to decrease over time due to depletion, while the standing timber inventory volume is expected to stay relatively stable due to our sustainable harvest management practices. Therefore, we generally expect depletion rates of our current portfolio to decrease over time.

Costs of timberland sales decreased to \$5.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 from \$5.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017 as we sold fewer acres in 2018.

Forestry management fees decreased to \$1.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 from \$1.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017 as a result of a \$0.3 million decrease in personnel costs due to changes in time allocations of certain personnel as a result of the Triple T Timberlands transaction..

General and administrative expenses increased to \$3.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 from \$2.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017 primarily due to a \$0.2 million increase in investment pursuit costs and a \$0.2 million increase in personnel costs due to changes in time allocations of certain personnel as a result of the Triple T Timberlands transaction and which were offset by the personnel cost decrease in forestry management fees.

Interest expense. Interest expense for the three months ended June 30, 2018 was \$2.6 million, consistent with that for the three months ended June 30, 2017 primarily due to a \$0.3 million decrease in interest expense on interest rate swaps as a result of favorable swap rates on certain interest rate swaps, offset by a \$0.2 million increase in interest expense on outstanding debt due to higher effective interest rates on our borrowings.

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Income from unconsolidated joint venture. During the three months ended June 30, 2018, we recognized \$0.7 million of income from the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture, which represents our portion of the joint venture's second quarter 2018 net income of \$1.4 million, generated primarily through the sales of mitigation bank credits and HBU timberland.

Net loss. Our net loss decreased to \$1.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 from \$2.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017 primarily due to a \$0.8 million increase in income from the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture. Our net loss per share for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 was \$0.03 and \$0.06, respectively.

Comparison of the six months ended June 30, 2018 to the six months ended June 30, 2017

Revenues. Revenues increased to \$50.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 from \$50.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017 due to an increase in timber sales revenue of \$2.5 million and other revenue of \$0.2 million, offset by a \$2.3 million decrease in timberland sales revenue. Gross timber sales revenue increased 7% primarily as a result of a 4% increase in harvest volume and a 3% increase in average pricing. Average pricing increased primarily as a result of a 5% increase in delivered sales as a percentage of our total timber sales. Gross timber sales revenue from delivered sales includes logging and hauling costs that customers pay for deliveries.

Timber sales revenue by product for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 are shown in the following table:

|                             | Six<br>Months<br>Ended | Changes<br>attributable to:     | Six<br>Months<br>Ended |          |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| (in thousands)              | June 30,<br>2017       | Price/MI <del>X</del><br>Volume | June 30,<br>2018       |          |
| Timber sales <sup>(1)</sup> |                        |                                 |                        |          |
| Pulpwood                    | \$17,464               | \$(385)                         | \$2,125                | \$19,204 |
| Sawtimber <sup>(2)</sup>    | 16,415                 | 798                             | (19 )                  | 17,194   |
|                             | \$33,879               | \$413                           | \$2,106                | \$36,398 |

(1) Timber sales are presented on a gross basis.

(2) Includes chip-n-saw and sawtimber.

Timberland sales revenue decreased to \$11.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 from \$13.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017 as we sold fewer acres in 2018 due to timing of closings, offset by higher average per-acre sales price.

Operating Expenses. Contract logging and hauling costs increased 10% to \$16.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 from \$15.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017 as a result of a 11% increase in delivered sales volume.

Depletion expense increased 3% to \$13.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 from \$13.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017 due to 4% increase in harvest volume offset by lower blended depletion rates.

Costs of timberland sales decreased to \$8.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 from \$9.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017 as we sold fewer acres in 2018.

Forestry management fees increased \$0.1 million to \$3.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 as a result of a \$0.2 million increase in third-party manager costs offset by lower personnel costs due to changes in time allocations of certain personnel as a result of the Triple T Timberlands transaction.

General and administrative expenses increased to \$6.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 from \$5.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017 primarily due to a \$0.2 million increase in investment pursuit costs and an increase in personnel costs due to changes in time allocations of certain personnel as a result of the Triple T Timberlands transaction and which were offset by the personnel cost decrease in forestry management fees.

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Other operating expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2018 increased to \$2.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 from \$2.6 million the six months ended June 30, 2017 primarily as a result of an increase in logging road maintenance cost and an increase in planting costs on leased properties.

Interest expense. Interest expense increased to \$6.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 from \$5.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017 primarily due to a \$1.4 million non-recurring write-off of deferred financing costs as a result of repaying \$69.0 million outstanding debt in March 2018. Additionally, the cash component of interest expense increased in the six months ended June 30, 2018 by \$0.1 million from 2017 due to higher LIBOR rates.

Income from unconsolidated joint venture. During the six months ended June 30, 2018, we recognized \$2.5 million of income from the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture, which represents our portion of the joint venture's net income of \$5.1 million, generated primarily through the sale of HBU timberland and mitigation bank credits.

Net loss. Our net loss increased to \$4.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 from \$4.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017 primarily due to the \$1.7 million increase in operating loss and the \$1.5 million increase in interest expense, offset by the \$2.7 million increase in income from the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture. Our net loss per share for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 was \$0.10 and \$0.11, respectively.

## Adjusted EBITDA

The discussion below is intended to enhance the reader's understanding of our operating performance and ability to satisfy lender requirements. EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure of operating performance. EBITDA is defined by the SEC as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; however, we have excluded certain other expenses which we believe are not indicative of the ongoing operating results of our timberland portfolio, and we refer to this measure as Adjusted EBITDA (see the reconciliation table below). As such, our Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. Due to the significant amount of timber assets subject to depletion and the significant amount of financing subject to interest and amortization expense, management considers Adjusted EBITDA to be an important measure of our financial performance. By providing this non-GAAP financial measure, together with the reconciliation below, we believe we are enhancing investors' understanding of our business and our ongoing results of operations, as well as assisting investors in evaluating how well we are executing our strategic initiatives. Items excluded from Adjusted EBITDA are significant components in understanding and assessing financial performance. Adjusted EBITDA is a supplemental measure of operating performance that does not represent and should not be considered in isolation or as an alternative to, or substitute for net income, cash from operations, or other financial statement data presented in accordance with GAAP in our consolidated financial statements as indicators of our operating performance. Adjusted EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under U.S. GAAP. Some of the limitations are:

▲ Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect our capital expenditures, or our future requirements for capital expenditures;

▲ Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect changes in, or our interest expense or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments on, our debt; and

▲ Although depletion is a non-cash charge, we will incur expenses to replace the timber being depleted in the future, and Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect all cash requirements for such expenses.

Due to these limitations, Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as a measure of discretionary cash available to us to invest in the growth of our business. Our credit agreement contains a minimum debt service coverage ratio

based, in part, on Adjusted EBITDA since this measure is representative of adjusted income available for interest payments. We further believe that our presentation of this non-GAAP financial measurement provides information that is useful to analysts and investors because they are important indicators of the strength of our operations and the performance of our business.

For the three months ended June 30, 2018, Adjusted EBITDA was \$14.0 million, consistent with the three months ended June 30, 2017, primarily due to a \$1.4 million decrease in net timberland sales, offset by \$1.4 million of Adjusted EBITDA from the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture.

For the six months ended June 30, 2018, Adjusted EBITDA was \$28.9 million, a \$4.0 million increase from the six months ended June 30, 2017, primarily due to \$6.5 million of Adjusted EBITDA from the Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture, a \$1.0 million increase in net timber sales and a \$0.2 million increase in other revenues, offset by a \$2.6 million decrease in net timberland sales, a \$0.6 million increase in general and administrative expenses, and a \$0.4 million increase in other operating expenses.

Our reconciliation of net loss to Adjusted EBITDA for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 follows:

| (in thousands)   | Three Months Ended June 30, |            | Six Months Ended June 30, |            |
|--|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|
|  | 2018                        | 2017       | 2018                      | 2017       |
| Net loss   | \$(1,505 )                  | \$(2,466 ) | \$(4,890 )                | \$(4,445 ) |
| Add:   |                             |            |                           |            |
| Depletion  | 6,598                       | 7,208      | 13,660                    | 13,246     |
| Basis of timberland sold, lease terminations and other <sup>(1)</sup>  | 4,932                       | 5,864      | 7,788                     | 9,400      |
| Amortization <sup>(2)</sup>  | 314                         | 349        | 2,039                     | 653        |
| Depletion, amortization, and basis of timberland and mitigation credits sold included in income from unconsolidated joint venture <sup>(3)</sup> | 590                         | 3          | 3,846                     | 3          |
| Stock-based compensation expense   | 796                         | 918        | 1,561                     | 1,338      |
| Interest expense <sup>(2)</sup>  | 2,290                       | 2,419      | 4,871                     | 4,713      |
| Other <sup>(4)</sup>   | —                           | 16         | 35                        | 20         |
| Adjusted EBITDA  | \$14,015                    | \$14,311   | \$28,910                  | \$24,928   |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes non-cash basis of timber and timberland assets written-off related to timberland sold, terminations of timberland leases and casualty losses.

For the purpose of the above reconciliation, amortization includes amortization of deferred financing costs, amortization of intangible lease assets, and amortization of mainline road costs, which are included in either interest expense, land rent expense, or other operating expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

<sup>(3)</sup> Reflects our share of depletion, amortization, and basis of timberland and mitigation credits sold of the unconsolidated Dawsonville Bluffs Joint Venture.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes certain cash expenses that management believes do not directly reflect the core business operations of our timberland portfolio on an on-going basis, including costs required to be expensed by GAAP related to acquisitions transactions, joint ventures or new business initiatives.

### ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK

As a result of our debt facilities, we are exposed to interest rate changes. Our interest rate risk management objectives are to limit the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and to lower our overall borrowing costs. To achieve these objectives, we have entered into seven interest rate swaps, and may enter into other interest rate swaps, caps, or other arrangements in order to mitigate our interest rate risk on a related financial instrument. We do not enter into derivative or interest rate transactions for speculative purposes; however, certain of our derivatives may not qualify for hedge accounting treatment. All of our debt was entered into for other than trading purposes. We manage our ratio of fixed-to-floating-rate debt with the objective of achieving a mix that we believe is appropriate in light of anticipated changes in interest rates. We closely monitor interest rates and will continue to consider the

sources and terms of our borrowing facilities to determine whether we have appropriately guarded ourselves against the risk of increasing interest rates in future periods.

As of June 30, 2018, the outstanding balance of the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement was \$298.6 million, \$100.0 million of which was outstanding under the Term Loan A-1, \$100.0 million of which was outstanding under the Term Loan A-2, \$68.6 million of which was outstanding under the Term Loan A-3, and \$30.0 million of which was outstanding under the 2017 Multi-Draw Term Facility. The Term Loan A-1 matures on December 23, 2024 and bears interest at an adjustable rate based on one-month LIBOR Rate plus a margin of 1.75%, the Term Loan A-2 matures on December 1, 2026 and bears interest at an adjustable rate based on one-month LIBOR Rate plus a margin of 1.90%, the Term Loan A-3 matures on December 1, 2027 and bears interest at an adjustable rate based on one-month LIBOR Rate plus a margin of 2.0%, and the 2017 Multi-Draw Term Facility matures on December 1, 2024 and bears interest at an adjustable rate equal to a base rate plus between 0.50% and 1.20% or a LIBOR rate plus between 1.50% and 2.20%, in each case depending on CatchMark Timber Trust's LTV Ratio.

As of June 30, 2018, we had seven outstanding interest rate swaps with a total notional value of \$200.0 million. After consideration of the interest rate swaps, \$98.6 million of our total debt outstanding remains subject to variable interest rate. A change in the market interest rate impacts the net financial instrument position of our effectively fixed-rate debt portfolio; however, it has no impact on interest incurred or cash flows.

Details of our variable-rate and effectively fixed-rate debt outstanding as of June 30, 2018, along with the corresponding average interest rates, are listed below:

| (dollars in thousands)      | Expected Maturity Date |      |      |      |      |            | Total     |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------------|-----------|
|                             | 2018                   | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Thereafter |           |
| Maturing debt:              |                        |      |      |      |      |            |           |
| Variable-rate debt          | \$—                    | \$—  | \$—  | \$—  | \$—  | \$98,619   | \$98,619  |
| Effectively fixed-rate debt | \$—                    | \$—  | \$—  | \$—  | \$—  | \$200,000  | \$200,000 |
| Average interest rate:      |                        |      |      |      |      |            |           |
| Variable-rate debt          | —%                     | —%   | —%   | —%   | —%   | 3.94       | % 3.94    |
| Effectively fixed-rate debt | —%                     | —%   | —%   | —%   | —%   | 3.92       | % 3.92    |

As of June 30, 2018, the weighted-average interest rate of our outstanding debt, after consideration of the interest rate swaps, was 3.93%. A 1.0% change in interest rates would result in a change in interest expense of approximately \$1.0 million per year. The amount of effectively variable-rate debt outstanding in the future will largely depend on the level of cash from operations and the rate at which we are able to deploy such proceeds toward repayment of amounts outstanding under the 2017 Amended Credit Agreement, the acquisition of timberland properties and investments in joint ventures.

#### ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

##### Management's Conclusions Regarding the Effectiveness of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Management, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer), has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. Based upon that evaluation, the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report in providing a reasonable level of assurance that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods in SEC rules and forms, including providing a reasonable level of assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in such reports is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Principal Executive Officer and our Principal Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

##### Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting



There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended June 30, 2018 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

### ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time, we are party to legal proceedings, which arise in the ordinary course of our business. We are not currently involved in any legal proceedings of which the outcome is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition, nor are we aware of any such legal proceedings contemplated by governmental authorities.

### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

We may fail to realize all of the anticipated benefits of the Triple T Joint Venture or those benefits may take longer to realize than expected. We also may encounter significant difficulties in integrating the business and operations of the Triple T Timberlands. The future results of our company will suffer if we do not effectively manage our expanded operations.

Our ability to realize the anticipated benefits of the Triple T Joint Venture depends, to a large extent, on our ability to successfully integrate the business and operations of the Triple T Timberlands recently acquired by the Triple T Joint Venture and managed by us. Following the acquisition of the Triple T Timberlands, the number of acres of timberlands under our management has increased significantly. The integration and combination of an acquired business can be a complex, costly and time-consuming process. As a result, we may be required to devote significant management attention and resources to integrating the business practices and operations of the Triple T Timberlands. The integration process may disrupt our business and the business of the Triple T Timberlands and, if implemented ineffectively, could restrict the full realization of the anticipated benefits of the Triple T Joint Venture. The failure to meet the challenges involved in integrating the business and operations of the Triple T Timberlands and to realize the anticipated benefits of the Triple T Joint Venture could cause an interruption of, or a loss of momentum in, our business activities or those of the Triple T Timberlands and could adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, the overall integration of the business and operations of the Triple T Timberlands may result in material unanticipated problems, expenses, liabilities, loss of customers and diversion of our management's and employees' attention. The challenges of combining our operations and those of the Triple T Timberlands:

- difficulties in the integration of operations and systems;
- difficulties in managing the expanded operations of a larger business operation;
- challenges in keeping existing customers and obtaining new customers;
- challenges in retaining, attracting and assimilating key personnel, including personnel that are considered key to the future success of the business of the Triple T Joint Venture; and
- challenges in keeping key business relationships in place.

Many of these factors are outside of our control, and any one of them could result in increased costs and liabilities, decreases in the amount of expected revenues and earnings, and diversion of management's time and energy, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, even if the business and operations of the Triple T Timberlands are integrated successfully with our business and operations, the full benefits of the transaction may not be realized, including the synergies, cost savings, growth opportunities or earnings accretion that are expected. These benefits may not be achieved within the anticipated time frame, or at all, and additional unanticipated costs may be incurred in the integration process. Furthermore, the Triple T Timberlands may have unknown or contingent liabilities that we have assumed but that were

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not discovered during the course of our due diligence. These liabilities could include exposure to unexpected environmental problems, compliance and regulatory violations, key employee and client retention problems and other problems that could result in significant costs to us.

All of these factors could cause dilution to our earnings per share, decrease or delay the expected accretive effect of the Triple T Joint Venture to us, negatively impact the price of our common stock, or have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Actions of one or more of our joint venture partners could negatively impact the operation and performance of the Triple T Joint Venture.

Our joint venture relationship with the other joint venture partners presents certain risks that could jeopardize the successful operation and performance of the Triple T Joint Venture and the Triple T Timberlands, including, without limitation:

- the risk that one or more of our joint venture partners might become bankrupt, insolvent or otherwise unable to meet its financial obligations under the terms of the Triple T Joint Venture;

- the risk that one or more our joint venture partners may at any time have economic or business interests or goals which are, or which become, inconsistent with our business interests or goals;

- the risk that one or more of our joint venture partners may be in a position to take actions that are contrary to the agreed upon terms of the Triple T Joint Venture, our instructions or our policies or objectives;

- the risk that we may incur liabilities as a result of an action taken by one or more of our joint venture partners;

- the risk that disputes between us and one or more of our joint venture partners may result in litigation or arbitration that would increase our expenses and occupy the time and attention of our officers and directors; and

- the risk that we may not be able to sell our interest in the Triple T Joint Venture when we desire to exit the Triple T Joint Venture, or at an attractive price.

The occurrence of any of the foregoing risks with respect to the Triple T Joint Venture could have an adverse effect on the financial performance of the Triple T Joint Venture, which could in turn have an adverse effect on our financial performance and the value of an investment in our company.

## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

### Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The following table provides information regarding our purchases of our common stock during the quarter ended June 30, 2018:

| Period             | Total Number of Shares Purchased (2) | Average Price Paid per Share (2) | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (1) | Maximum Number (Or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (1) |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| April 1 - April 30 | 26,276                               | \$ 12.26                         | —  | \$ 19.8 million  |
| May 1 - May 31     | —                                    | \$ —                             | —  | \$ 19.8 million  |
| June 1 - June 30   | 4,154                                | \$ 12.64                         | —  | \$ 19.8 million  |
| Total              | 30,430                               | —                                | —  | —  |

(1) On August 7, 2015, our Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program under which we may repurchase up to \$30 million of our outstanding common shares.

(2) Represents shares purchased for tax withholding or estimated income tax payments purposes only.

#### ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

The exhibits required to be filed with this report are set forth below and incorporated by reference herein.

| Exhibit Number | Description  |
|----------------|--|
| 2.1            | <u>Crown Pine Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 14, 2018, by and among Creek Pine Holdings, LLC, Crown Pine Parent, L.P., Crown Pine REIT, Inc. GPT1, LLC and Crown Pine Timber 1, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 18, 2018)</u> |
| 3.1            | <u>Sixth Articles of Amendment and Restatement of CatchMark Timber Trust, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2013 filed on August 9, 2013)</u>   |
| 3.2            | <u>First Articles of Amendment to the Sixth Articles of Amendment and Restatement of CatchMark Timber Trust, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-11 (File No. 333-191322) filed on September 23, 2013)</u>                                    |
| 3.3            | <u>Articles of Amendment of CatchMark Timber Trust, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 25, 2013 (the "October 25 Form 8-K"))</u>  |
| 3.4            | <u>Articles of Amendment of CatchMark Timber Trust, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the October 25 Form 8-K)</u>   |
| 3.5            | <u>Articles Supplementary (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the October 25 Form 8-K)</u>  |
| 3.6            | <u>Amended and Restated Bylaws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.6 to Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-191916) filed on October 25, 2013)</u>  |
| 31.1*          | <u>Certification of the Principal Executive Officer of the Company, pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-14 and 15d-14 as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u>  |
| 31.2*          |  |

Certification of the Principal Financial Officer of the Company, pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

32.1\* Certification of the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer of the Company, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

101.INS\* XBRL Instance Document

101.SCH\* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document

101.CAL\* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document

101.DEF\* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document

101.LAB\* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document

101.PRE\* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

\* Filed herewith

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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.

**CATCHMARK TIMBER TRUST, INC.**  
(Registrant)

Date: August 2, 2018 By: /s/ Brian M. Davis  
Brian M. Davis  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)