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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# Form S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# MARTIN MIDSTREAM PARTNERS L.P. \* MARTIN MIDSTREAM FINANCE CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

# Delaware Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrants principal executive offices)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective, as determined by market conditions and other factors.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. o

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. b

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. o

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. o

If this form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box. o

If this form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box. o

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

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

#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered <sup>(1)</sup>	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	Amount of Registration Fee <sup>(3)</sup>
Primary Offering				
Common Units representing				
limited partner interests <sup>(4)</sup>				
Debt Securities <sup>(4)(5)(6)</sup>				
Guarantees of Debt				
Securities <sup>(4)(5)(6)</sup>				
Total Primary Offering			\$500,000,000	\$25,903(3)
Secondary Offering				
Common Units representing				
limited partner interests	3,500,000	\$36.89	\$129,115,000 <sup>(7)</sup>	\$9,206 <sup>(7)</sup>
Total			\$629,115,000	\$35,109

- (1) Rule 457(a) permits the registration fee to be calculated on the basis of the maximum offering price of all the securities listed and, therefore, with respect to the primary offering, the table does not specify by each class information as to the amount to be registered or the proposed maximum offering price per security. In no event will the aggregate initial offering price of all securities offered from time to time in the primary offering exceed \$500,000,000. Any securities registered hereunder may be sold separately or as units with other securities registered hereunder. The indeterminate aggregate amount or number also includes such securities as may, from time to time, be issued upon conversion or exchange of securities registered hereunder, to the extent any such securities are, by their terms, convertible into or exchangeable for other securities.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o).
- (3) Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act of 1933, the securities registered pursuant to this registration statement include \$317,392,500 of unsold securities previously registered on Martin Midstream Partners Registration Statement on Form S-3 (dated December 18, 2007, Registration No. 333-148146) (the Prior Registration Statement ). The amount of the registration fee associated with such securities that was previously paid with the Prior Registration Statement was \$12,280, of which \$9,747 is remaining, which amount will be used to offset the \$35,650 that is to be paid in connection with the primary offering pursuant to this registration statement. Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act, the offering of the unsold securities registered under the Prior Registration Statement will be deemed terminated as of the date of effectiveness of this Registration Statement.
- (4) Subject to notes (1) and (3) above, there are being registered hereunder a presently indeterminate number of common units and an indeterminate principal amount of debt securities and guarantees of debt securities.
- (5) If any debt securities are issued at an original issue discount, then the offering price of such debt securities shall be in such amount as shall result in an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$500,000,000 less the dollar amount of any registered securities previously issued.

(6)

If a series of debt securities of Martin Midstream Partners L.P. is guaranteed, the Subsidiary Guarantors listed on Schedule A hereto may irrevocably and unconditionally guarantee the debt securities of Martin Midstream Partners L.P. Pursuant to Rule 457(n) no separate fee is payable with respect to the guarantees of the debt securities being registered.

- (7) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act, the offering price and registration fee are computed based on the average of the high and low prices reported for our common units on the Nasdaq National Market on December 3, 2010 of \$36.89.
  - \* Includes certain subsidiaries of Martin Midstream Partners L.P. identified on Schedule A hereto.

Each Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

#### SCHEDULE A

# SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS

Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter*	State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization	I.R.S. Employer Identification No
Martin Operating GP LLC	Delaware	76-0712101
Martin Operating Partnership, L.P.	Delaware	76-0712100
Prism Gas Systems I, L.P.	Texas	20-1995429
Prism Gas Systems GP, L.L.C.	Texas	20-1995342
Prism Gulf Coast Systems, L.L.C.	Texas	20-1995457
McLeod Gas Gathering and Processing Company, L.L.C.	Louisiana	72-1437080
Woodlawn Pipeline Co., Inc.	Texas	75-2596945
Prism Liquids Pipeline LLC	Texas	26-1548825

\* The address for each registrant s principal executive office is 4200 Stone Road, Kilgore, Texas 75662 and the telephone number for each registrant s principal executive office is (903) 983-6200.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities, and it is not soliciting any offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

#### SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED DECEMBER 7, 2010

#### PROSPECTUS

Martin Midstream Partners L.P. Martin Midstream Finance Corp.

#### \$500,000,000 COMMON UNITS DEBT SECURITIES

#### 3,500,000 COMMON UNITS OFFERED BY THE SELLING UNITHOLDER

The following securities may be offered in one or more offerings under this prospectus:

Common units representing limited partner interests in Martin Midstream Partners L.P.; and

Debt securities of Martin Midstream Partners L.P. and Martin Midstream Finance Corp.

Martin Midstream Finance Corp. may act as co-issuer of the debt securities, and certain direct or indirect subsidiaries of Martin Midstream Partners L.P. may guarantee the debt securities.

The aggregate initial offering price of the securities that we offer by this prospectus will not exceed \$500,000,000. We will offer the securities in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions at the time of our offerings.

In addition, the selling unitholder may offer and sell, from time to time, under this prospectus up to an aggregate of 3,500,000 common units. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of our units by the selling unitholder.

This prospectus describes only the general terms of these securities and the general manner in which we or the selling unitholder may offer the securities. The specific terms of any securities we or the selling unitholder may offer will be included in a supplement to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement will describe the specific manner in which we or the selling unitholder will offer the securities and also may add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. The common units are traded on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol MMLP.

You should read this prospectus and the prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in any of our securities. This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of our securities unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

# Investing in our securities involves risk. You should carefully consider the risk factors described under Risk Factors beginning on page 5 of this prospectus before you make any investment in our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined whether this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is , 2010

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents we have incorporated by reference. We have not authorized anyone else to give you different information. We are not offering these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of those documents. We will disclose any material changes in our affairs in an amendment to this prospectus, a prospectus supplement or a future filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

#### **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may sell, in one or more offerings, up to \$500,000,000 in total aggregate initial offering price of securities described in this prospectus. The selling unitholder may, from time to time, use this process to sell in one or more offering transactions an aggregate of up to 3,500,000 common units. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of units by the selling unitholder.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of us and the securities offered under this prospectus. Each time we or the selling unitholder sell securities under this prospectus, we or the selling unitholder will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering and the securities being offered. The prospectus supplement also may add to, update or change information in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement. You should read carefully this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the additional information described below under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

As used in this prospectus, Martin Midstream Partners, we, us, and our and similar terms mean Martin Midstream Partners L.P., and its subsidiaries. References to Martin Midstream Partners Predecessor, we, ours, us, or like terms when used in a historical context for periods prior to November 2002 refer to the assets and operations of Martin Resource Management Corporation s businesses that were contributed to us in connection with the closing of our initial public offering in November 2002. References in this prospectus to Martin Resource Management refer to Martin Resource Management Corporation and its direct and indirect consolidated and unconsolidated subsidiaries.

# MARTIN MIDSTREAM PARTNERS L.P.

#### Overview

We are a publicly traded limited partnership with a diverse set of operations focused primarily in the United States Gulf Coast region. Our four primary business lines include:

Terminalling and storage services for petroleum products and by-products;

Natural gas services;

Sulfur and sulfur-based products processing, manufacturing, marketing and distribution; and

Marine transportation services for petroleum products and by-products.

The petroleum products and by-products we gather, process, transport, store and market are produced primarily by major and independent oil and gas companies who often turn to third parties, such as us, for the transportation and disposition of these products. In addition to these major and independent oil and gas companies, our primary customers include independent refiners, large chemical companies, fertilizer manufacturers and other wholesale purchasers of these products. We generate the majority of our cash flow from fee-based contracts with these customers. Our location in the Gulf Coast region of the United States provides us strategic access to a major hub for petroleum refining, natural gas gathering and processing and support services for the exploration and production industry.

We were formed in 2002 by Martin Resource Management Corporation (Martin Resource Management), a privately-held company whose initial predecessor was incorporated in 1951 as a supplier of products and services to drilling rig contractors. Since then, Martin Resource Management has expanded its operations through acquisitions and internal expansion initiatives as its management identified and capitalized on the needs of producers and purchasers of hydrocarbon products and by-products and other bulk liquids. Martin Resource Management indirectly owns an approximate 35.5% limited partnership interest in us. Furthermore, it owns and controls our general partner, which owns a 2.0% general partner interest and incentive distribution rights in us.

The historical operation of our business segments by Martin Resource Management provides us with several decades of experience and a demonstrated track record of customer service across our operations. Our current lines of business have been developed and systematically integrated over this period of more than 50 years, including natural gas services (1950s); sulfur (1960s); marine transportation (late 1980s) and terminalling and storage (early 1990s). This development of a diversified and integrated set of assets and operations has produced a complementary portfolio of midstream services that facilitates the maintenance of long-term customer relationships and encourages the development of new customer relationships.

# **Primary Business Segments**

Our primary business segments can be generally described as follows:

*Terminalling and Storage.* We own or operate 12 marine shore based terminal facilities and 11 specialty terminal facilities located in the United States Gulf Coast region that provide storage, processing and handling services for producers and suppliers of petroleum products and by-products, lubricants and other liquids,

including the refining of various grades and quantities of naphthenic lubricants and related products. Our facilities and resources provide us with the ability to handle various products that require specialized treatment, such as molten sulfur and asphalt. We also provide land rental to oil and gas companies along with storage and handling services for lubricants and fuel oil. We provide these terminalling and storage services on a fee basis primarily under long-term contracts. A significant portion of the contracts in this segment provide for minimum fee arrangements that are not based on the volumes handled.

*Natural Gas Services.* Through our acquisitions of Prism Gas Systems I, L.P. (Prism Gas) and Woodlawn Pipeline Co., Inc. (Woodlawn), we have ownership interests in over 615 miles of gathering and transmission pipelines located in the natural gas producing regions of East Texas, Northwest

Louisiana, the Texas Gulf Coast and offshore Texas and federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico, as well as a 285 MMcfd capacity natural gas processing plant located in East Texas. In addition to our natural gas gathering and processing business, we distribute natural gas liquids or, NGLs . We purchase NGLs primarily from natural gas processors. We store NGLs in our supply and storage facilities for wholesale deliveries to propane retailers, refineries and industrial NGL users in Texas and the Southeastern United States. We own an NGL pipeline which spans approximately 200 miles running from Kilgore to Beaumont, Texas. We own three NGL supply and storage facilities with an aggregate above-ground storage capacity of approximately 3,000 barrels and we lease approximately 2.2 million barrels of underground storage capacity for NGLs. We believe we have a natural gas processing competitive advantage in East Texas with the only full fractionation facilities serving this area. The recent acquisition of natural gas gathering and processing assets from Crosstex Energy, L.P. and Crosstex Energy, Inc. by our Waskom Gas Processing Company (a joint venture in which we participate with Center Point Energy Gas Processing Company, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of CenterPoint Energy, Inc.) further strengthens our East Texas infrastructure.

*Sulfur Services.* We have developed an integrated system of transportation assets and facilities relating to sulfur services over the last 30 years. We process and distribute sulfur predominantly produced by oil refineries primarily located in the United States Gulf Coast region. We handle molten sulfur on contracts that are tied to sulfur indices and tend to provide stable margins. We process molten sulfur into prilled or pelletized sulfur on take or pay fee contracts at our facilities in Port of Stockton, California and Beaumont, Texas. The sulfur we process and handle is primarily used in the production of fertilizers and industrial chemicals. We own and operate six sulfur-based fertilizer products for wholesale distributors and industrial users. These plants are located in Illinois, Texas and Utah. In October 2007, we completed the construction of a sulfuric acid production plant in Plainview, Texas which processes molten sulfur into sulfuric acid. Demand for our sulfur products exists in both the domestic and foreign markets, and we believe our asset base provides us with additional opportunities to handle increases in U.S. supply and access to foreign demand.

*Marine Transportation.* We own a fleet of 40 inland marine tank barges, 17 inland push boats and four offshore tug barge units that transport petroleum products and by-products largely in the United States Gulf Coast region. We provide these transportation services on a fee basis primarily under annual contracts and many of our customers have long standing contractual relationships with us. Over the past several years, we have focused on modernizing our fleet. As a result, the average age of our vessels has decreased from 33 years in 2006 to 22 years as of March 4, 2010 and we anticipate that the average age will be 19 years at the end of 2010. This modernized asset base is attractive both to our existing customers as well as potential new customers. In addition, our fleet contains several vessels that reflect our focus on specialty products. For example, we are one of a very limited number of companies that can transport molten sulfur.

Our principal executive offices are located at 4200 Stone Road, Kilgore, Texas 75662, our phone number is (903) 983-6200, and our web site is www.martinmidstream.com.

#### **Our Relationship with Martin Resource Management**

We were formed in 2002 by Martin Resource Management, a privately-held company whose initial predecessor was incorporated in 1951 as a supplier of products and services to drilling rig contractors. Since then, Martin Resource Management has expanded its operations through acquisitions and internal expansion initiatives as its management identified and capitalized on the needs of producers and purchasers of hydrocarbon products and by-products and other bulk liquids. Martin Resource Management owns an approximate 35.5% limited partnership interest in us. Furthermore, it owns and controls our general partner, which owns a 2.0% general partner interest and incentive distribution rights in us. Martin Resource Management directs our business operations through its ownership and

control of our general partner. In addition, under the terms of an omnibus agreement with Martin Resource Management, the employees of

Martin Resource Management are responsible for conducting our business and operating our assets. Martin Resource Management is also an important supplier and customer of ours.

#### THE SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS

Our general partner, Martin Midstream GP LLC, is a Delaware limited liability company. Martin Resource Management Corporation, a Delaware corporation, owns and controls Martin Midstream GP LLC, such that it has ultimate responsibility for conducting our business and managing our operations.

We own 100% of Martin Midstream Finance Corp. Martin Midstream Finance Corp. was organized for the purpose of co-issuing our debt securities and has no material assets or liabilities, other than as co-issuer of our debt securities. Its activities will be limited to co-issuing our debt securities and engaging in activities thereto.

Martin Operating GP LLC, Martin Operating Partnership L.P., Prism Gas Systems I, L.P., Prism Gas Systems GP, L.L.C., Prism Gulf Coast Systems, L.L.C., McLeod Gas Gathering and Processing Company, L.L.C., Woodlawn Pipeline Co., Inc. and Prism Liquids Pipeline LLC may unconditionally guarantee any series of debt securities of Martin Midstream Partners L.P. and Martin Midstream Finance Corp. offered by this prospectus, as set forth in a related prospectus supplement. As used in this prospectus, the term Subsidiary Guarantors means the subsidiaries that unconditionally guarantee any such series of debt securities.

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#### **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks described in our filings with the SEC referred to under the heading Where You Can Find More Information, as well as the risks included and incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including the risk factors incorporated by reference herein from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, as amended on our Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on May 4, 2010, and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2010, June 30, 2010 and September 30, 2010, as updated by annual, quarterly and other reports and documents we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus and that are incorporated by reference herein. If any of these risks were to occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be adversely affected. In that case, the trading price of our common units or debt securities could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment. When we offer and sell any securities pursuant to a prospectus supplement, we may include additional risk factors relevant to such securities in the prospectus supplement.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, the accompanying prospectus supplement and the documents we incorporate by reference include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Statements included in this prospectus, the accompanying prospectus supplement and the documents we incorporate by reference that are not historical facts (including any statements concerning plans and objectives of management for future operations or economic performance, or assumptions or forecasts related thereto), are forward-looking statements. These statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology including forecast, may, believe. will, expect. anticipate, continue or other similar words. These statements discuss future expectations, contain projections of results estimate. of operations or of financial condition or state other forward-looking information. We and our representatives may from time to time make other oral or written statements that are also forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are made based upon management s current plans, expectations, estimates, assumptions and beliefs concerning future events impacting us and therefore involve a number of risks and uncertainties. We caution that forward-looking statements are not guarantees and that actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements.

Because these forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements for a number of important reasons, including, but not limited to, the matters discussed under Risk Factors and elsewhere in this prospectus, the accompanying prospectus supplement and the documents we incorporate by reference herein. If one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize (or the consequences of such a development changes), or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual outcomes may vary materially from those forecasted or expected. We undertake no responsibility to update forward-looking statements for changes related to these or any other factors that may occur subsequent to this filing for any reason.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless we specify otherwise in any prospectus supplement, we will use the net proceeds (after the payment of offering expenses and underwriting discounts and commissions) from the sale of securities offered hereby for general partnership purposes, which may include, among other things:

paying or refinancing all or a portion of our indebtedness outstanding at the time, including indebtedness incurred in connection with acquisitions; and

funding working capital, capital expenditures or acquisitions.

The actual application of proceeds from the sale of any particular offering of securities using this prospectus will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to such offering. The precise amount and timing of the application of these proceeds will depend upon our funding requirements and the availability and cost of other funds.

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the common units by the selling unitholder.

# **RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The table below sets forth the Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges for us for each of the periods indicated.

	I	Fiscal Year	· Ended Do	ecember 3	1,	Nine Months Ended September 30,
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	2.41	2.17	2.64	2.52	1.97	1.38

Earnings included in the calculation of this ratio consist of pre-tax income before minority interest and equity in earnings of the partnership, distributions from unconsolidated entities, fixed charges and amortization of capitalized interest less capitalized interest. Fixed charges included in the calculation of this ratio consist of fixed charges interest expense, capitalized interest and estimated interest element of rentals.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE DEBT SECURITIES

Martin Midstream Partners and Martin Midstream Finance Corp. may issue senior debt securities under an indenture among them, the Subsidiary Guarantors, if any, and a trustee that we will name in the related prospectus supplement. We refer to this indenture as the Martin Midstream Partners senior indenture. The issuers may also issue subordinated debt securities under an indenture to be entered into among them, the Subsidiary Guarantors, if any, and a trustee that we will name in the related prospectus supplement. We refer to this indenture as the Martin Midstream Partners subordinated indenture. We refer to the Martin Midstream Partners senior indenture and the Martin Midstream Partners subordinated indenture collectively as the indentures. The debt securities will be governed by the provisions of the related indenture and those made part of the indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

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

Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this Description of the Debt Securities to we, us and our mean Martin Midstream Partners and Martin Midstream Finance Corp. and references herein to an indenture refer to the particular indenture under which we issue a series of debt securities.

#### **Provisions Applicable to Each Indenture**

General. Any series of debt securities:

will be general obligations of the issuer;

will be general obligations of the Subsidiary Guarantors if they are guaranteed by the Subsidiary Guarantors; and

may be subordinated to the Senior Indebtedness (as defined below) of the issuers and the Subsidiary Guarantors.

The indentures do not limit the amount of debt securities that may be issued under any indenture, and do not limit the amount of other indebtedness or securities that we may issue. We may issue debt securities under the indentures from time to time in one or more series, each in an amount authorized prior to issuance.

No indenture contains any covenants or other provisions designed to protect holders of the debt securities in the event we participate in a highly leveraged transaction or upon a change of control. The indentures also do not contain provisions that give holders the right to require us to repurchase their securities in the event of a decline in our credit ratings for any reason, including as a result of a takeover, recapitalization or similar restructuring or otherwise.

*Terms.* We will prepare a prospectus supplement and either a supplemental indenture, or authorizing resolutions of the board of directors of our general partner, accompanied by an officers certificate, relating to any series of debt securities that we offer, which will include specific terms relating to some or all of the following:

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

the form and title of the debt securities of that series;

whether or not the debt securities will be secured;

the total principal amount of the debt securities of that series;

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

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

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any interest rate which the debt securities of that series will bear, the date from which interest will accrue, interest payment dates and record dates for interest payments;

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

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

whether the debt securities are entitled to the benefit of any guarantee by any Subsidiary Guarantor;

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

any provisions for optional redemption or early repayment;

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

the denominations in which the debt securities will be issued;

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

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

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

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

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

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

whether the securities are to constitute Rule 144A securities;

any changes to the subordination provisions for the subordinated debt securities; and

any other terms of the debt securities of that series.

This description of debt securities will be deemed modified, amended or supplemented by any description of any series of debt securities set forth in a prospectus supplement related to that series.

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

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

*The Subsidiary Guarantees.* The Subsidiary Guarantors may fully, unconditionally and absolutely guarantee on an unsecured basis all series of debt securities of the issuers and may execute a notation of guarantee as further evidence of such guarantee. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any such guarantee by the Subsidiary Guarantors.

If a series of senior debt securities is so guaranteed, the Subsidiary Guarantors guarantee of the senior debt securities will be the Subsidiary Guarantors unsecured and unsubordinated general obligation, and will rank on a parity with all of the Subsidiary Guarantors other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. If a series of subordinated debt securities is so guaranteed, the Subsidiary Guarantors guarantee of the

subordinated debt securities will be the Subsidiary Guarantors unsecured general obligation and will be subordinated to all of the Subsidiary Guarantors other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness.

The obligations of each Subsidiary Guarantor under its guarantee of the debt securities will be limited to the maximum amount that will not result in the obligations of the Subsidiary Guarantor under the guarantee constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under federal or state law, after giving effect to:

all other contingent and fixed liabilities of the Subsidiary Guarantor; and

any collections from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Subsidiary Guarantor in respect of the obligations of the Subsidiary Guarantor under its guarantee.

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