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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): February 18, 2015

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SUNOCO LP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 30-0740483

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

555 East Airtex Drive Houston, Texas 77073

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip codes)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (832) 234-3600

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The following information is furnished under Item 2.02, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition." This information, including the information contained in Exhibit 99.1 hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On February 18, 2015, Sunoco LP issued a news release announcing its financial results for the fourth fiscal quarter and full year ended December 31, 2014 and providing access information for an investor conference call to discuss those results. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 2.02. The conference call will be available for replay approximately 60 days following the date of the call at www.sunocolp.com, or by telephone through February 26, 2015, by following the telephonic replay instructions provided in the news release.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

<u>Exhibit Number</u> <u>Exhibit Description</u>

99.1 News Release of Sunoco LP, dated February 18, 2015

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 hereunto duly authorized.

SUNOCO LP

Sunoco GP LLC, its general partner

By:

/s/ Mary E.Sullivan

Date: February 19, 2015

By:

Name: Mary E. Sullivan

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit Index

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99.1 News Release of Sunoco LP, dated February 18, 2015



Sunoco LP Announces 4Q and Full Year 2014 Financial and Operating Results

- 4Q distribution increased 10% versus 3Q, 24% versus 4Q 2013 levels
- 4Q gallons sold increased 46% versus 4Q 2013 volumes
- FY 2014 gross profit increased 148% versus FY 2013

Conference Call Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. ET (9:00 a.m. CT) on February 19

HOUSTON - February 18, 2015 - Sunoco LP (NYSE: SUN) (the "Partnership"), today announced financial and operating results for the three and 12-month periods ended December 31, 2014 and provided an update on recent developments.

Reported net income attributable to partners for the quarter was \$30.1 million, or \$0.83 per diluted unit, compared to \$9.5 million, or \$0.43 per diluted unit, in the fourth quarter of 2013. Reported net income includes the impact of \$5.7 million, or \$0.17 per diluted unit, in charges related to the merger with Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (NYSE: ETP) and other acquisition activity.

Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾ totaled \$65.5 million, of which approximately two-thirds was attributable to the acquisition of Mid-Atlantic Convenience Stores, L.L.C. ("MACS") and Aloha Petroleum, Ltd. ("Aloha") in early October and mid-December, respectively. By comparison, adjusted EBITDA in the fourth quarter of 2013 was \$14.1 million. Distributable cash flow ⁽¹⁾ for the quarter was \$51.1 million, compared to \$12.6 million a year ago.

Revenue in the fourth quarter was \$1.3 billion, up approximately 20 percent compared to \$1.1 billion in the comparable period last year. The increase was primarily the result of the contribution of \$39.3 million of merchandise sales from the MACS and Aloha convenience stores acquired during the quarter, along with a 46 percent increase in gallons sold, partly offset by the impact of a 55-cent-per-gallon decrease in the average selling price per gallon of fuel.

Total gross profit for the latest quarter was \$93.2 million, compared to \$20.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2013. Key drivers of the increase were the MACS and Aloha acquisitions, organic growth in gallons sold and favorable fuel margins. On a weighted average basis, fuel margin for all gallons sold increased to 13.0 cents per gallon, compared to 3.8 cents per gallon a year earlier. Sales of retail gallons, a change in the wholesale fuel customer mix and increased fuel margins resulting from declining crude oil prices drove most of the margin increase.

At December 31, SUN operated 153 retail convenience stores and fuel outlets in Virginia, Hawaii, Tennessee, Maryland and Georgia.

Affiliate customers included 656 Stripes® and Sac-N-PacTM convenience stores operated by a subsidiary of our parent company, ETP, as well as sales of motor fuel to ETP subsidiaries for resale under consignment arrangements at approximately 85 independently operated convenience stores. Motor fuel gallons sold to affiliates during the fourth quarter increased 13 percent from a year ago to 304.9 million gallons. Gross profit on these gallons totaled \$9.5 million, or 3.0 cents per gallon, versus \$8.1 million, or 3.0 cents per gallon, in the same period a year ago.

Third-party customers included 738 independent dealers under long-term fuel supply agreements, 55 independently operated consignment locations and over 1,800 other commercial customers. Total gallons sold to third parties increased

year-over-year by 65 percent to 241.5 million gallons. Gross profit on these gallons was \$33.3 million, or 17.6 cents per gallon, compared to \$7.6 million, or 5.2 cents per gallon, in the prior-year period.

"Sunoco LP delivered outstanding results in the latest quarter, led primarily by strength in motor fuel margins as well as growth in gallons sold and strong merchandise performance from the convenience stores and retail fuel outlets we recently added to our portfolio," said Bob Owens, Sunoco LP President and Chief Executive Officer. "These factors combined allowed us to increase our quarterly distribution to unitholders by 24 percent year-over-year.

"Our gross profit increased by 365 percent for the quarter, and gallons sold increased by 46 percent over the same period last year.

"We completed several strategic transactions in the fourth quarter as part of our growth strategy. The most recent was the acquisition of the Aloha wholesale and retail business in Hawaii on December 16. On October 1 we completed the acquisition of MACS -- the first drop-down of assets from Energy Transfer Partners to Sunoco LP. We also issued 9.1 million new common units in our first public offering since our IPO.

"We plan to continue our expansion in 2015 through additional asset contributions from ETP, through purchase and leasebacks of Stripes stores, and through organic growth of new stores within our existing retail footprint. In addition, we will continue to look for opportunistic acquisitions like the Aloha assets," Owens said.

FY 2014 Compared to FY 2013

Revenue for the full year 2014 totaled \$5.4 billion, a 20 percent increase compared to full year 2013, of which approximately \$0.5 billion is attributable to the acquisition of MACS and Aloha. Gross profit for this period increased 148 percent year-over-year to \$175.9 million. Total gallons of motor fuel sold to affiliates increased by 12 percent to 1.2 billion gallons, and gallons sold to third parties increased by 45 percent to 749.9 million gallons. On a weighted average basis, fuel margin for all gallons sold increased to 7.0 cents per gallon for the full year 2014, versus 3.7 cents per gallon in the full year 2013.

Net income attributable to partners for the full year 2014 totaled \$56.7 million, a 53 percent increase compared to full year 2013. Adjusted EBITDA was \$122.3 million, compared to \$51.9 million for the 2013 period, and distributable cash flow was \$92.5 million, versus \$47.7 million for 2013.

The MACS acquisition was accounted for as a transaction between entities under common control, which requires the Partnership to retrospectively adjust its financial statements to include the balances and operations of MACS from September 1, 2014, the date of common control. Please refer to the financial statement schedules for a reconciliation of this impact on our previously reported results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014.

Distribution Increase

On February 2, 2015, the Board of Directors of SUN's general partner declared a distribution for the fourth quarter of 2014 of \$0.60 per unit, which corresponds to \$2.40 per unit on an annualized basis. This represents a 10 percent increase compared to the distribution for the third quarter of 2014 and a 24 percent increase compared with the fourth quarter of 2013, and is the seventh consecutive quarterly increase. The distribution will be paid on February 27 to unitholders of record on February 17. SUN achieved a 2.3 times distribution coverage ratio for the quarter, and 1.5 times for the 12 months ended December 31, 2014.

Aloha Acquisition

Sunoco LP completed its acquisition of Honolulu-based Aloha on December 16. Aloha is the largest independent gasoline marketer and one of the largest convenience store operators in Hawaii. The transaction included six fuel storage terminals and a wholesale fuel distribution network that markets to approximately 100 company- or dealer-

operated stores. The base purchase price was \$240 million, subject to a post-closing earn-out, closing adjustments and before transaction expenses, andt was funded under our revolving credit facility.

MACS Acquisition

The first planned acquisition of ETP's retail marketing assets was completed on October 1, 2014, with the purchase of MACS for total consideration of approximately \$768 million, subject to certain working capital adjustments. The consideration paid to ETP consisted of approximately 4 million newly issued SUN units and \$556 million in cash. MACS consists of approximately 110 company-operated convenience stores and 200 dealer-operated and consignment sites in Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee and Georgia.

New Dealers

The Partnership added 261 new contracted dealer sites in the fourth quarter, and 6 sites were discontinued for a total of 793 third-party dealers and consignment locations supplied by SUN as of December 31. Of that total, 256 are attributable to the acquisitions of MACS and Aloha.

For the full year, SUN added a net of 287 contracted third-party dealer contracts, including 275 acquired sites, 30 organic additions and 18 discontinued sites.

Capital Spending

SUN's gross capital expenditures for the fourth quarter were \$69.1 million, which included \$64.5 million for growth capital and \$4.6 million for maintenance capital, excluding the MACS and Aloha acquisitions. For the full year, SUN invested \$168.1 million in growth capital and \$4.9 million for maintenance capital, excluding the acquisitions of MACS and Aloha. Included in growth capex is the purchase of 33 new Stripes stores that were leased back to Stripes.

We currently expect capital spending for the full year 2015, excluding acquisitions, to be within the following ranges (in millions):

Gro	owth	Mainte	enance
Low	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>
\$165	\$215	\$15	\$25

Included in the above growth capital spending estimate is the purchase and leaseback of 30 to 35 new convenience stores from Stripes, out of the 35 to 40 that Stripes plans to build in 2015.

Liquidity

At December 31, 2014, SUN had borrowings against its \$1.25 billion revolving line of credit of \$683.4 million and \$11.8 million in standby letters of credit, leaving unused availability of \$554.8 million. Net debt to Adjusted EBITDA, pro forma for the MACS and Aloha acquisitions, was 4.1 times at year-end.

Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are non-GAAP financial measures of performance that have limitations and should not be
considered as a substitute for net income. Please refer to the discussion and tables under "Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Measures" later in
this news release for a discussion of our use of Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow, and a reconciliation to net income for the
periods presented.

Fourth Quarter Earnings Conference Call

Sunoco LP management will hold a conference call on Thursday, February 19, at 10:00 a.m. ET (9:00 a.m. CT) to discuss fourth quarter and full year results and recent developments. To participate, dial 412-902-0003 approximately 10 minutes early and ask for the Sunoco LP conference call. The call will also be accessible live and for later replay via webcast in the Investor Relations section of Sunoco's website at www.SunocoLP.com under Events and Presentations. A telephone replay will be available through February 26 by calling 201-612-7415 and using the access code 13599739#.

About Sunoco LP

Sunoco LP (NYSE: SUN) is a master limited partnership (MLP) that primarily distributes motor fuel to convenience stores, independent dealers, commercial customers and distributors. SUN also operates more than 150 convenience stores and retail fuel sites. SUN's general partner is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ETP. While primarily engaged in natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil and refined products transportation, ETP also operates a retail business with a network of more than 5,500 company- or independently-operated retail fuel outlets and convenience stores through its wholly owned subsidiaries, Sunoco, Inc. and Stripes LLC. For more information, visit the Sunoco LP website at www.SunocoLP.com .

Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains "forward-looking statements" which may describe Sunoco LP's ("SUN") objectives, expected results of operations, targets, plans, strategies, costs, anticipated capital expenditures, potential acquisitions, new store openings and/or new dealer locations, management's expectations, beliefs or goals regarding proposed transactions between ETP and SUN, the expected timing of those transactions and the future financial and/or operating impact of those transactions, including the anticipated integration process and any related benefits, opportunities or synergies. These statements are based on current plans, expectations and projections and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and events to vary materially, including but not limited to: execution, integration, environmental and other risks related to acquisitions (including drop-downs) and our overall acquisition strategy; competitive pressures from convenience stores, gasoline stations, other nontraditional retailers and other wholesale fuel distributors located in SUN's markets; dangers inherent in storing and transporting motor fuel; SUN's ability to renew or renegotiate long-term distribution contracts with customers; changes in the price of and demand for motor fuel; changing consumer preferences for alternative fuel sources or improvement in fuel efficiency; competition in the wholesale motor fuel distribution industry; seasonal trends; severe or unfavorable weather conditions; increased costs; SUN's ability to make and integrate acquisitions; environmental laws and regulations; dangers inherent in the storage of motor fuel; reliance on suppliers to provide trade credit terms to adequately fund ongoing operations; acts of war and terrorism; dependence on information technology systems; SUN's and ETP's ability to consummate any proposed transactions, or to satisfy the conditions precedent to the consummation of such transactions; successful development and execution of integration plans; ability to realize anticipated synergies or cost-savings and the potential impact of the transactions on employee, supplier, customer and competitor relationships; and other unforeseen factors. For a full discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties, refer to the "Risk Factors" section of SUN's and ETP's most recently filed annual reports on Form 10-K and current report on Form 8-K/A filed October 21, 2014. These forward-looking statements are based on and include our estimates as of the date hereof. Subsequent events and market developments could cause our estimates to change. While we may elect to update these forwardlooking statements at some point in the future, we specifically disclaim any obligation to do so, even if new information becomes available, except as may be required by applicable law.

Financial Schedules Follow

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Sunoco LP Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income

	Predecessor					Successor		
	Year ended 20		January 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014		September 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014		ended eccember 31, 2014	
		(dollars in	the	ousands excep	 t uni	t and per unit a	тои	nts)
Revenues:		,		1		1		,
Motor fuel sales to third parties	\$	1,502,786	\$	1,275,422	\$	941,243	\$	2,216,665
Motor fuel sales to affiliates		2,974,122		2,200,394		873,842		3,074,236
Merchandise sales		_		_		52,275		52,275
Rental income		10,060		11,690		16,020		27,710
Other income		5,611		4,683		6,447		11,130
Total revenues		4,492,579		3,492,189		1,889,827		5,382,016
Cost of sales:								
Motor fuel cost of sales to third parties		1,476,479		1,252,141		872,984		2,125,125
Motor fuel cost of sales to affiliates		2,942,525		2,177,028		861,475		3,038,503
Merchandise		_		_		38,820		38,820
Other		2,611		2,339		1,303		3,642
Total cost of sales		4,421,615		3,431,508		1,774,582		5,206,090
Gross profit		70,964		60,681		115,245		175,926
Operating expenses:								
General and administrative		16,814		17,075		16,358		33,433
Other operating		3,187		4,964		29,288		34,252
Rent		1,014		729		3,459		4,188
Loss (gain) on disposal of assets and impairment charge		324		(39)		2,670		2,631
Depreciation, amortization and accretion		8,687		10,457		16,498		26,955
Total operating expenses		30,026		33,186		68,273		101,459
Income from operations	_	40,938		27,495		46,972		74,467
Interest expense, net		(3,471)		(4,767)		(9,562)		(14,329)
Income before income taxes		37,467		22,728		37,410		60,138
Income tax expense		(440)		(218)		(2,134)		(2,352)
Net income and comprehensive income		37,027		22,510		35,276		57,786
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest		_		_		(1,043)	_	(1,043)
Net income and comprehensive income attributable to partners	\$	37,027	\$	22,510	\$	34,233	\$	56,743

	Predecessor					Successor		
	Year ended December 31, 2013 January 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014		2	September 1, 014 through December 31, 2014	Combined Year ended December 31, 2014			
		(dollars in	thous	ands except	unit	and per unit o	атоі	ints)
Net income per limited partner unit:								
Common - basic and diluted	\$	1.69	\$	1.02	\$	0.85	\$	1.96
Subordinated - basic and diluted	\$	1.69	\$	1.02	\$	0.85	\$	1.96
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding:								
Common units - (basic)	1	0,964,258	11	1,023,617		20,572,373		14,206,536
Common units - (diluted)	1	0,986,102	11	1,048,745		20,578,755		14,223,648
Subordinated units - affiliated (basic and diluted)	1	0,939,436	10),939,436		10,939,436		10,939,436
Cash distribution per unit	\$	1.84	\$	1.02	\$	1.15	\$	2.17

Sunoco LP Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income Unaudited

	I	Predecessor	Successor				
		e Months Ended tember 31, 2013		Months Ended nber 31, 2014			
	(dolla	ırs in thousands, excep	t unit and pe	r unit amounts)			
Revenues:							
Motor fuel sales to third parties	\$	392,937	\$	668,215			
Motor fuel sales to affiliates		716,322		617,732			
Merchandise sales		_		39,277			
Rental income		3,335		12,300			
Other income		1,874		4,098			
Total revenues		1,114,468		1,341,622			
Cost of sales:							
Motor fuel cost of sales to third parties		385,296		610,115			
Motor fuel cost of sales to affiliates		708,189		608,263			
Merchandise		_		29,064			
Other		934		996			
Total cost of sales		1,094,419		1,248,438			
Gross profit		20,049		93,184			
Operating expenses:							
General and administrative		4,937		13,137			
Other operating		1,382		23,028			
Rent		249		2,204			
Loss on disposal of assets and impairment charge		118		2,670			
Depreciation, amortization and accretion		2,597		12,502			
Total operating expenses		9,283		53,541			
Income from operations		10,766		39,643			
Interest expense, net		(1,101)		(6,636)			
Income before income taxes	·	9,665		33,007			
Income tax expense		(142)		(2,114)			
Net income and comprehensive income		9,523		30,893			
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest				(782)			
Net income and comprehensive income attributable to partners	\$	9,523	\$	30,111			

	Predecessor	Successor Three Months Ended December 31, 2014			
	Three Months Ended December 31, 2013				
	 (dollars in thousands, excep	t unit d	and per unit amounts)		
Net income per limited partner unit:					
Common - basic and diluted	\$ 0.43	\$	0.83		
Subordinated - basic and diluted	\$ 0.43	\$	0.83		
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding:					
Common units - (basic)	11,014,487		23,745,231		
Common units - (diluted)	11,038,440		23,753,287		
Subordinated units - affiliated (basic and diluted)	10,939,436		10,939,436		
Cash distribution per unit	\$ 0.49	\$	0.60		

In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, amounts previously reported for the third quarter of 2014 have been revised to reflect the retrospective consolidation of MACS into the Partnership, as the transfer of MACS into the Partnership met the definition of a transaction between entities under common control. MACS is retroactively consolidated beginning September 1, 2014, the date (for accounting purposes) that ETP completed its merger with Susser Holdings Corporation, the former parent company of Sunoco LP, and the date the Partnership and MACS began to be under common control. The following table presents the revenues and net income attributable to partners for the previously separate entities and the revised combined amounts to include the operations of MACS effective September 1, 2014 (in thousands):

	 ree Months Ended ptember 30, 2014		Nine Months Ended eptember 30, 2014		
Revenues:					
Revenues:					
Partnership	\$ 1,304,922	\$	3,897,534		
MACS	142,860		142,860		
Combined	\$ 1,447,782	\$	4,040,394		
Net income attributable to partners:					
Partnership	\$ 1,027	\$	20,754		
MACS	5,878		5,878		
Combined	\$ 6,905	\$	26,632		
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Sunoco LP Consolidated Balance Sheets

		redecessor ecember 31, 2013	Successor December 31, 2014	
		(in thousands	 , except	units)
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	8,150	\$	67,151
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$323 and \$1,220 at December 31, 2013 and 2014, respectively		69,005		81,224
Receivables from affiliates		49,879		19,574
Inventories, net		11,122		48,646
Other current assets		66		8,546
Total current assets		138,222		225,141
Property and equipment, net		180,127		905,465
Other assets:				
Marketable securities		25,952		_
Goodwill		22,823		863,458
Intangible assets, net		22,772		172,108
Deferred tax asset, long-term portion		_		22,336
Other noncurrent assets		188		16,416
Total assets	\$	390,084	\$	2,204,924
Liabilities and equity				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	110,432	\$	95,932
Accounts payable to affiliates		_		3,112
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		11,427		41,881
Current maturities of long-term debt		525		13,757
Total current liabilities		122,384		154,682
Revolving lines of credit		156,210		683,378
Long-term debt		29,416		173,383
Deferred tax liability, long-term portion		222		_
Other noncurrent liabilities		2,159		49,306
Total liabilities	•	310,391		1,060,749
Commitments and contingencies:		<u>, </u>		
Partners' capital:				
Limited partner interest:				
Common unitholders - public (10,936,352 units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2013 and 20,036,329 units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2014)		210,269		874,688
Common unitholders - affiliated (79,308 units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2013 and 4,062,848 units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2014)		1,562		38,821
Subordinated unitholders - affiliated (10,939,436 units issued and outstanding at each December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2014)		(132,138)		236,310
Total partners' capital		79,693		1,149,819
Noncontrolling interests				(5,644
Total equity		79,693		1,144,175
Total liabilities and equity	\$	390,084	\$	2,204,924

Key Operating Metrics

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, information concerning key measures we rely on to gauge our operating performance. The following information is intended to provide investors with a reasonable basis for assessing our historical operations but should not serve as the only criteria for predicting our future performance.

The key operating metrics presented below for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, are the combined results of operations for the Partnership for the predecessor period from January 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014, and the successor period from September 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Please refer to the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income included herein for the results of the individual periods.

	Three Months Ended					Year Ended			
	D	ecember 31, 2013	Ι	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013		I	December 31, 2014	
	(d	ollars and gall	ons i	in thousands, exc		otor fuel pricing	and g	gross profit per	
Revenues:				g	allon)				
Retail motor fuel sales	\$	_	\$	168,000	\$	_	\$	228,895	
Wholesale motor fuel sales to third parties		392,937		500,215		1,502,786		1,987,770	
Wholesale motor fuel sales to affiliates		716,322		617,732		2,974,122		3,074,236	
Merchandise sales		_		39,277		_		52,275	
Rental and other income		5,209		16,398		15,671		38,840	
Total revenues		1,114,468		1,341,622		4,492,579		5,382,016	
Gross profit:									
Retail motor fuel		_		24,786		_		30,392	
Wholesale motor fuel to third parties		7,641		33,314		26,307		61,148	
Wholesale motor fuel to affiliates		8,133		9,469		31,597		35,733	
Merchandise		_		10,213		_		13,455	
Other		4,275		15,402		13,060		35,198	
Total gross profit		20,049		93,184		70,964		175,926	
Net income attributable to partners	\$	9,523	\$	30,111	\$	37,027	\$	56,743	
Adjusted EBITDA (1)	\$	14,067	\$	65,486	\$	51,885	\$	122,313	
Distributable cash flow (1)	\$	12,648	\$	51,114	\$	47,679	\$	92,488	
Operating Data:									
Total motor fuel gallons sold:									
Retail		_		60,247		_		83,419	
Wholesale third-party		146,043		241,516		517,775		749,925	
Wholesale affiliated		269,544		304,872		1,053,259		1,178,619	
Motor fuel gross profit cents per gallon:									
Retail		_		44.5¢		_		39.3¢	
Wholesale third-party		5.2¢		17.6¢		5.1¢		9.6¢	
Wholesale affiliated		3.0¢		3.0¢		3.0¢		3.0¢	
Volume-weighted average for all gallons		3.8¢		13.0¢		3.7¢		7.0¢	
Retail merchandise margin		_		26.0%		_		25.7%	

⁽¹⁾ We define EBITDA as net income before net interest expense, income tax expense and depreciation, amortization, and accretion expense. Adjusted EBITDA further adjusts EBITDA to reflect certain other non-recurring and non-cash items. We define distributable cash flow as Adjusted EBITDA less cash interest expense, current income tax expense, maintenance capital expenditures, and other non-cash adjustments. EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are not financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP.

Effective September 1, 2014, as a result of the ETP Merger and in an effort to conform the method by which we measure our business to that of ETP's operations, we now define Adjusted EBITDA to also include adjustments for unrealized gains and losses on commodity derivatives and inventory fair value adjustments.

We believe EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are useful to investors in evaluating our operating performance because:

- Adjusted EBITDA is used as a performance measure under our revolving credit facility;
- securities analysts and other interested parties use such metrics as measures of financial performance, ability to make distributions to our unitholders and debt service capabilities;
- they are used by our management for internal planning purposes, including aspects of our consolidated operating budget, and capital expenditures; and
- distributable cash flow provides useful information to investors as it is a widely accepted financial indicator used by investors to
 compare partnership performance, as it provides investors an enhanced perspective of the operating performance of our assets and the
 cash our business is generating.

EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are not recognized terms under GAAP and do not purport to be alternatives to net income as measures of operating performance or to cash flows from operating activities as a measure of liquidity. EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow have limitations as analytical tools, and one should not consider them in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations include:

- they do not reflect our total cash expenditures, or future requirements, for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;
- they do not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, working capital;
- they do not reflect interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments on our revolving credit facility or term loans;
- although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will often have to be replaced in the future, and EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA do not reflect cash requirements for such replacements; and
- because not all companies use identical calculations, our presentation of EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income to EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow:

	Three Months Ended				Year Ended				
	D	ecember 31, 2013	D	December 31, 2014	J	December 31, 2013	Dec	cember 31, 2014	
				(in th	ous	ands)			
Net income	\$	9,523	\$	30,893	\$	37,027	\$	57,786	
Depreciation, amortization and accretion		2,597		12,502		8,687		26,955	
Interest expense, net		1,101		6,636		3,471		14,329	
Income tax expense		142		2,114		440		2,352	
EBITDA		13,363		52,145		49,625		101,422	
Non-cash compensation expense		586		778		1,936		6,080	
Loss on disposal of assets and impairment charge		118		2,670		324		2,631	
Unrealized gains on commodity derivatives		_		(1,226)		_		(1,433)	
Inventory fair value adjustments				11,119				13,613	
Adjusted EBITDA		14,067		65,486		51,885		122,313	
Cash interest expense		1,006		6,255		3,090		12,029	
Income tax expense (current)		136		3,003		302		3,275	
Maintenance capital expenditures		277		4,332		814		5,196	
MACS acquisition adjustment (1)		_		_		_		8,282	
Earnings attributable to noncontrolling interest		_		782				1,043	
Distributable cash flow	\$	12,648	\$	51,114	\$	47,679	\$	92,488	

⁽¹⁾ Adjustment includes MACS' results of operations for the period September 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014. The initial date of common control was September 1, 2014 and as such, MACS results have been included in our results of operations from that date forward.