The information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is not complete and may be changed. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not an offer to sell these securities and are not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

> Subject to Completion Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated October 7, 2015

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (To prospectus dated October 7, 2015)



# Targa Resources Partners LP % Series A Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units (Liquidation Preference \$ per unit)

We are offering of the % Series A Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units ("Series A Preferred Units") of Targa Resources Partners LP.

Distributions on the Series A Preferred Units are cumulative from the date of original issue and will be payable monthly in arrears on the 15th day of each month of each year, when, as and if declared by the board of directors of our general partner. The initial distribution on the Series A Preferred Units offered hereby will be payable on November 15, 2015 in an amount equal to \$ per unit. Distributions on the Series A Preferred Units will be payable out of amounts legally available therefor from and including the date of original issue to, but not including, , 2020, at a rate equal to % per annum of the stated liquidation preference. On and after , 2020, distributions on the Series A Preferred Units will accumulate at an annual floating rate equal to the one-month LIBOR plus a spread of %. , 2020, distributions on the

, 2020, we may redeem the Series A Preferred Units, in whole or in part, from any source of funds legally available for such purpose, by paying At any time on or after \$ per unit plus an amount equal to all accumulated and unpaid distributions thereon to the date of redemption, whether or not declared. We (or a third party with our prior written consent) may also redeem the Series A Preferred Units in the event of a Change of Control. See "Description of Series A Preferred Units—Change of Control—Redemption

We intend to apply to have the Series A Preferred Units listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE"), under the symbol "NGLS PRA." If the application is approved, we expect trading of the Series A Preferred Units on the NYSE to begin within 30 days after their original issue date. Currently, there is no public market for the Series A Preferred

Investing in our Series A Preferred Units involves risks. See "Risk Factors" on page S-18 of this prospectus supplement and on page 4 of the accompanying prospectus.

	Per Series A <u>Preferred Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Price to the public	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions	\$	\$
Proceeds to Targa Resources Partners LP (before expenses)	\$	\$

We have granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional

Series A Preferred Units from us on the same terms and conditions as set forth above.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying base prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. , 2015.

The underwriters expect to deliver the Series A Preferred Units on or about

Joint Book-Running Managers

Morgan Stanley BofA Merrill Lynch

UBS Investment Bank

Wells Fargo Securities

Co-Managers

FBR RBC Capital Markets

The date of this prospectus supplement is

, 2015.

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We expect delivery of the Series A Preferred Units will be made against payment therefor on or about , 2015, which will be the fifth business day following the first trading date of the Series A Preferred Units (such settlement being referred to as "T+5"). Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the Series A Preferred Units on the date of this prospectus supplement or the next succeeding business day will be required, by virtue of the fact that the Series A Preferred Units initially will settle in T+5, to specify an alternate settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent failed settlement and should consult their own advisers.

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering of Series A Preferred Units and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the

accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which gives more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering of Series A Preferred Units. Generally, when we refer only to the "prospectus," we are referring to both parts combined. If the information about the Series A Preferred Units offering varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

Any statement made in this prospectus or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or in any other subsequently filed document that is also incorporated by reference into this prospectus modifies or supersedes that statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus. Please read "Information Incorporated by Reference" on page S-50 of this prospectus supplement.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us relating to this offering of Series A Preferred Units. Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized anyone to provide you with additional or different information. If anyone provides you with additional, different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are offering to sell the Series A Preferred Units, and seeking offers to buy the Series A Preferred Units, only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus or any free writing prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the dates shown in these documents or that any information we have incorporated by reference herein is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document incorporated by reference. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since such dates.

### **NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES**

In this prospectus supplement, we use the non-GAAP financial measures of gross margin, operating margin, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow.

Management reviews gross margin and operating margin monthly for consistency and trend analysis. Based on this monthly analysis, management takes appropriate action to maintain positive trends or to reverse negative trends. Management uses gross margin and operating margin as important performance measures of the core profitability of our operations. Gross margin and operating margin is not a presentation made in accordance with GAAP and has important limitations as an analytical tool. You should not consider gross margin and operating margin in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Because gross margin and operating margin excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income and are defined differently by different companies in our industry, our definition of gross margin and operating margin may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies, thereby diminishing their utility. For a reconciliation of gross margin and operating margin to net income, see "Summary Consolidated Financial and Operating Data — Non-GAAP Financial Measures" in this prospectus supplement.

Adjusted EBITDA is not a presentation made in accordance with GAAP and has important limitations as an analytical tool. The economic substance behind management's use of Adjusted EBITDA is to measure the ability of our assets to generate cash sufficient to pay interest costs, support our indebtedness, and make distributions to our equity investors. You should not consider Adjusted EBITDA in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Because Adjusted EBITDA excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income and net cash provided by operating activities and is defined differently by different companies in our industry, our definition of Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. For a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net income and net cash provided by operating activities, see "Summary Consolidated Financial and Operating Data — Non-GAAP Financial Measures" in this prospectus supplement.

Distributable cash flow is a significant performance metric used by us and by external users of our financial statements, such as investors, commercial banks, research analysts and others to compare basic cash flows generated by us (prior to the establishment of any retained cash reserves by the board of directors of our general partner) to the cash distributions we expect to pay our unitholders. Using this metric, management can quickly compute the coverage ratio of estimated cash flows to planned cash distributions. Distributable cash flow is not a presentation made in accordance with GAAP and has important limitations as an analytical tool. You should not consider distributable cash flow in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Because distributable cash flow excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income and is defined differently by different companies in our industry, our definition of distributable cash flow may not be compatible to similarly titled measures of other companies, thereby diminishing its utility. For a reconciliation of distributable cash flow to net income, see "Summary Consolidated Financial and Operating Data — Non-GAAP Financial Measures" in this prospectus supplement.

### DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the information included in this prospectus supplement and the documents we incorporate by reference herein contain "forward-looking" statements. All statements that are not statements of historical facts, including statements regarding our future financial position, business strategy, budgets, projected costs and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. You can typically identify forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking words, such as "may," "could," "project," "believe," "anticipate," "expect," "estimate," "potential," "plan," "forecast" and other similar words. When considering forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the risk factors and other cautionary statements in this prospectus supplement and the documents we have incorporated by reference.

These forward-looking statements reflect our intentions, plans, expectations, assumptions and beliefs about future events and are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside our control. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements include known and unknown risks. Known risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the risks set forth in "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2015, as well as the following risks and uncertainties:

- · our ability to access the debt and equity markets, which will depend on general market conditions and the credit ratings for our debt obligations;
- the amount of collateral required to be posted from time to time in our transactions;
- our success in risk management activities, including the use of derivative instruments to hedge commodity risks;
- the level of creditworthiness of counterparties to transactions;
- changes in laws and regulations, particularly with regard to taxes, safety and protection of the environment;
- the timing and extent of changes in natural gas, natural gas liquids ("NGLs"), crude oil and other commodity prices, interest rates and demand for our services;
- weather and other natural phenomena;
- industry changes, including the impact of consolidations and changes in competition;
- our ability to obtain necessary licenses, permits and other approvals;
- the level and success of crude oil and natural gas drilling around our assets, our success in connecting natural gas supplies to our gathering and processing systems, oil supplies to our gathering systems and NGL supplies to our logistics and marketing facilities and our success in connecting our facilities to transportation and markets;
- our ability to grow through acquisitions or internal growth projects and the successful integration and future performance of such assets, including with respect to the Atlas mergers (as defined below) which were completed on February 27, 2015;
- · general economic, market and business conditions; and
- the risks described elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference herein.

You should read these forward-looking statements carefully because they discuss our expectations about our future performance, contain projections of our future operating results or our future financial condition, or state other "forward-looking" information. Before you invest, you should be aware that the occurrence of any of the events described in "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2015 could substantially harm our business, results of operations and financial condition. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the events described in the forward-looking statements might not occur or might occur to a different extent or at a different time than we have described. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

### **SUMMARY**

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus. It does not contain all of the information that you should consider before making an investment decision. You should read this entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and the documents incorporated herein by reference for a more complete understanding of this offering of Series A Preferred Units. Please read "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2015 for information regarding risks you should consider before investing in our Series A Preferred Units. We include a glossary of some of the terms used in this prospectus supplement as Appendix A. Unless the context otherwise indicates, the information included in this prospectus supplement assumes that the underwriters do not exercise their option to purchase additional Series A Preferred Units.

Throughout this prospectus supplement, when we use the terms "we," "us," "our" or the "partnership," we are referring either to Targa Resources Partners LP and its operating subsidiaries collectively, as the context requires. References in this prospectus supplement to our "general partner" refer to Targa Resources GP LLC. Unless otherwise indicated, references in this prospectus supplement to "Targa" refer to Targa Resources Corp. and its subsidiaries and affiliates (other than us).

#### Overview

Targa Resources Partners is a leading provider of midstream natural gas and NGL services in the United States, with a growing presence in crude oil gathering and petroleum terminaling. In connection with these business activities, we buy and sell natural gas, NGLs and NGL products, crude oil, condensate and refined products.

We are engaged in the business of:

- gathering, compressing, treating, processing and selling natural gas;
- storing, fractionating, treating, transporting, terminaling and selling NGLs and NGL products;
- gathering, storing and terminaling crude oil; and
- storing, terminaling and selling refined petroleum products.

To provide these services, we operate in two primary divisions: (i) Gathering and Processing, consisting of two reportable segments — (a) Field Gathering and Processing and (b) Coastal Gathering and Processing; and (ii) Logistics and Marketing (also referred to as our Downstream Business), consisting of two reportable segments — (a) Logistics Assets and (b) Marketing and Distribution.

Our midstream natural gas and NGL services footprint was initially established through several acquisitions from Targa, totaling \$3.1 billion, that occurred from 2007 through 2010. In these transactions we acquired (1) natural gas gathering, processing and treating assets in North Texas, West Texas, New Mexico and the Louisiana Gulf Coast and (2) NGL assets consisting of fractionation, transport, storage and terminaling facilities, low sulfur natural gasoline treating facilities, pipeline transportation and distribution assets, propane storage and truck terminals primarily located near Houston, Texas and in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Since the completion of the final drop down acquisitions from Targa in 2010, we have grown substantially, with large increases in a number of metrics as of year-end 2014, including total assets (108%), adjusted EBITDA (161%), distributable cash flow (188%) and distributions per unit to our common unitholders (51%). The expansion of our business has been fueled by a combination of major organic growth investments in our businesses and acquisitions.

**Organic growth projects.** We continue to invest significant capital to expand through organic growth projects. We have invested approximately \$3.0 billion in growth capital expenditures since 2007, including approximately \$0.3 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2015. These expansion investments were distributed across our businesses, with 43% related to Logistics and Marketing and 57% to Gathering and Processing. We have continued to invest in both large and small organic growth projects in 2015, though we expect that the amount of capital expenditures will vary depending on the level of drilling activity around our areas of operations. We currently estimate that we will have \$700 to \$800 million of estimated growth capital expenditures for announced projects in 2015.

Major organic growth projects completed or underway include:

- International export expansion project. In September 2013, we commissioned Phase I of our International Export Expansion Project, which includes facilities at both our Mont Belvieu facility and our Galena Park Marine Terminal near Houston, Texas. Phase I of this project expanded our export capability to approximately 3.5 to 4 MMBbl per month of propane and/or butane. Included in our Phase I expansion is the capability to export international grade low ethane propane. With the completion of Phase I, our capabilities expanded to include loading very large gas carrier vessels in addition to the small and medium-sized vessels that we loaded for export. As part of Phase II of our International Export Expansion Project, we added incremental capacity and operational efficiencies with the addition of refrigeration, another dock and a de-ethanizer that increased effective capacity to 6.5 to 7.0 MMBbl per month. The total cost of our International Export Expansion Project was approximately \$480 million.
- *Cedar Bayou Fractionator Train 4*. In August 2013, we commissioned an additional fractionator, Train 4, at our 88%-owned Cedar Bayou Fractionator ("CBF") in Mont Belvieu, Texas. This expansion added 100 MBbl/d of fractionation capacity at CBF. The gross cost of Train 4 was approximately \$385 million (our net cost was approximately \$354 million).
- **Badlands expansion program**. During 2013, we invested approximately \$250 million to expand our gathering and processing business in the Williston Basin, North Dakota assets. We increased our crude gathering and natural gas gathering operations substantially with the addition of pipelines and associated facilities and added an additional 20 MMcf/d natural gas processing plant. During 2014, we invested approximately \$165 million for further expansion of this business, including an additional cryogenic processing plant that began commercial operations in early 2015.
- *Field Gathering and Processing Segment expansion*. In May 2014, we commenced commercial operations of the 200 MMcf/d cryogenic Longhorn processing plant in North Texas, and in June 2014, we commenced commercial operations of the 200 MMcf/d cryogenic High Plains processing plant in the Permian Basin. These plants will enable North Texas and SAOU to meet increasing production in North Texas and the eastern side of the Permian Basin.
- Condensate splitter. On March 31, 2014, we announced the approval to construct a condensate splitter at our Channelview Terminal on the Houston Ship Channel. The condensate splitter is supported by a long-term fee based arrangement with Noble Americas Corp., a subsidiary of Noble Group Ltd. The initial project would have the capability to split approximately 35 MBbl/d of condensate into its various components, including naphtha, kerosene, gas oil, jet fuel and liquefied petroleum gas, and would provide segregated storage for the condensate and components.

Effective December 31, 2014, we and Noble agreed to modify the existing arrangements to build (i) a new terminal with significant storage capacity at Patriot; or (ii) a condensate splitter at Channelview with modified timing; or (iii) potentially both projects. We and Noble continue to evaluate these alternatives including final capabilities, capacities and capital costs. The modifications to the previous arrangements provide for us to receive an upfront payment and an enhanced economic benefit over time. The project(s) are now expected to be completed by the beginning of 2018 or later, depending on final project scope and permitting.

- Cedar Bayou Fractionator Train 5. In July 2014, we approved construction of a 100 MBbl/d fractionation expansion in Mont Belvieu, Texas. The 100 MBbl/d expansion will be fully integrated with our existing Gulf Coast NGL storage, terminaling and delivery infrastructure, which includes an extensive network of connections to key petrochemical and industrial customers as well as our LPG export terminal at Galena Park, Texas on the Houston Ship Channel. All environmental and internal approvals required to commence construction of the expansion are in place, and we expect completion of construction in mid-2016. Construction of the expansion will proceed without disruption to existing operations, and we estimate that total capital expenditures for the expansion and the related infrastructure enhancements at Mont Belvieu should approximate \$385 million.
- **Badlands Little Missouri** 3. In the first quarter of 2015, we completed the 40 MMcf/d Little Missouri 3 plant expansion in McKenzie County, North Dakota, that increased capacity to 90 MMcf/d.
- Growth Investments in the Permian and Williston Basins. In April 2014, TPL (as defined below) announced plans to expand the gathering footprint of its WestTX system. This project includes the laying of a high pressure gathering line into Martin and Andrews counties of Texas, as well as adding incremental compression and processing, including installation of a new 200 MMcf/d cryogenic processing plant, known as the Buffalo plant, which is expected to be completed during 2016.

In October 2014, we announced that we intended to build a new cryogenic processing plant in the Delaware Basin of Winkler County, Texas and a new 200 MMcf/d cryogenic processing plant in McKenzie County, North Dakota. Given the significant decrease in commodity prices and expected reductions in producer activity since those announcements, we are continuing to evaluate the appropriate sizing and timing of additional plant capacity and related infrastructure in the Badlands and in the Permian Basin.

**Acquisitions of businesses and assets**. In addition to our organic growth projects, we have made several business and asset acquisitions, including:

- The Atlas Mergers. On February 27, 2015, we and Targa completed the previously announced merger transactions which resulted in our acquisition of Atlas Pipeline Partners, L.P., which we now refer to as Targa Pipeline Partners LP ("TPL") (the "APL merger"), and Targa's acquisition of Atlas Energy, L.P. (together with the APL merger, the "Atlas mergers"). TPL is a provider of natural gas gathering, processing and treating services primarily in the Anadarko, Arkoma and Permian Basins located in the southwestern and mid-continent regions of the United States and in the Eagle Ford Shale play in south Texas. The Atlas mergers add TPL's Woodford/SCOOP, Mississippi Lime, Eagle Ford and additional Permian assets to the Partnership's existing operations. In total, TPL adds 2,053 MMcf/d of processing capacity and 12,220 miles of additional pipeline.
- *Badlands*. On December 31, 2012, we acquired Saddle Butte Pipeline LLC's crude oil gathering pipeline and terminal system and natural gas gathering and processing operations, collectively referred to as "Badlands" for cash consideration of approximately \$976 million. The business is located in the Bakken and Three Forks Shale plays of the Williston Basin in North Dakota.
- Petroleum Logistics. During 2011 and 2012, we acquired refined petroleum products and crude oil storage facilities, including potential
  export capabilities in a series of transactions. Facilities acquired were located on the Houston Ship Channel, the Hylebos Waterway in the
  Port of Tacoma, Washington and on the Patapsco River in Baltimore, Maryland.

# **Growth Drivers**

We believe our near-term growth will be driven by significant organic growth investments to meet supply and demand fundamentals for our existing businesses. We believe our assets are not easily duplicated and are located in active producing areas and near key markets and logistics centers. Over the longer term, we expect our

growth will continue to be driven by production from shale plays and by the deployment of shale exploration and production technologies in both liquids-rich natural gas and crude oil resource plays.

While our growth through 2010 was primarily driven by the implementation of a focused drop down strategy, we and Targa also have a record of completing third party acquisitions. Since our formation, our strategy has included approximately \$12.3 billion in acquisitions and growth capital expenditures of which approximately \$6.2 billion was for acquisitions from third parties. We expect that third-party acquisitions will continue to be a focus of our growth strategy.

### **Recent Developments**

### 63/4% Senior Notes

On September 14, 2015, we privately placed \$600 million in aggregate principal amount of 63/4% Senior Notes due March 2024 (the "63/4% Notes"). The 63/4% Notes offering resulted in approximately \$595 million of net proceeds, which were used to reduce borrowings under our senior secured credit facility.

# **Potential Impact of Current Commodity Prices on Asset Carrying Values**

In recent months, our industry has experienced significant volatility and declines in commodity prices which can have an adverse impact on industry activity levels and on our business. We, as a matter of practice, monitor and evaluate our assets for impairment and will be conducting such an evaluation in connection with our annual planning process and the preparation of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for quarter ended September 30, 2015. Such evaluation will take into consideration various operating assets, as well as recent acquisitions which include significant components of goodwill and intangibles. We have not yet completed any analysis of the impact of commodity pricing or any other events occurring in the third quarter of 2015 on the carrying value of our assets, but such review process could possibly result in impairment charges for the quarters ended September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2015. We cannot provide any assurances as to whether there will be any such impairment charges or, if they are required, whether such changes would be material. However, if any such impairment charges are required, they would be expected to be non-cash charges, which we do not expect to impact the financial outlook information released by us on October 5, 2015.

# **Eagle Ford Shale Natural Gas Processing Joint Venture**

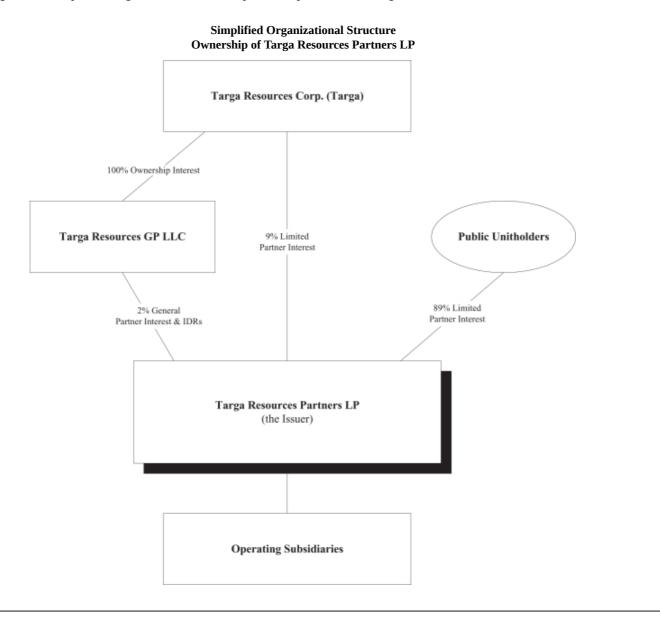
On October 5, 2015, we announced that we have entered into joint venture agreements with Sanchez Energy Corporation ("Sanchez") to construct a new 200 MMcf/d cryogenic natural gas processing plant in La Salle County, Texas ("La Salle County Plant") and approximately 45 miles of associated pipelines. We will hold all the transportation capacity on the pipeline, and the gathering joint venture will receive fees for transportation. The La Salle County Plant is expected to accommodate the growing production from Sanchez's premier Eagle Ford Shale acreage position in Dimmit, La Salle and Webb Counties, Texas and from other third party producers. The plant and high pressure gathering lines are supported by long-term, firm, fee-based contracts and acreage dedications with Sanchez. We will manage construction and operations of the plant and high pressure gathering lines, and the plant is expected to begin operations in early 2017. Prior to the plant being placed in service, we expect to benefit from Sanchez natural gas volumes that will be processed at our Silver Oak facilities in Bee County, Texas.

# Headquarters

Our principal executive offices are located at 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 4300, Houston, Texas 77002 and our telephone number is (713) 584-1000. Our website is *www.targaresources.com*. We make our periodic reports and other information filed with or furnished to the SEC available, free of charge, through our website, as soon as

reasonably practicable after those reports and other information are electronically filed with or furnished to the Commission. The information on our website is not part of this prospectus supplement, and you should rely only on information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement when making a decision as to whether or not to invest in the Series A Preferred Units.

The diagram below depicts our organization and ownership structure prior to this offering.



### THE OFFERING

Issuer

Targa Resources Partners LP.

**Securities Offered** 

of our % Series A Preferred Units (or Series A Preferred Units if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional Series A Preferred Units in full).

Price per unit

\$

Maturity

Perpetual (unless redeemed in the event of a Change of Control (as defined below) or on or after , 2020).

**Distributions** 

Distributions on the Series A Preferred Units issued in this offering will be cumulative from the date that the Series A Preferred Units are originally issued and will be payable on each distribution payment date for the month immediately preceding such payment date when, as and if declared by the board of directors of our general partner out of legally available funds for such purpose.

**Distribution Payment and Record Dates** 

Monthly on the 15th day of each month, commencing on November 15, 2015, to the holders of record as of the close of business on the last business day of the month preceding the distribution payment date.

**Distribution Rate** 

The initial distribution rate for the Series A Preferred Units from and including the date of original issue to, but not including, , 2020 will be % per annum of the \$ liquidation preference per unit (equal to \$ per unit per annum). On and after , 2020, distributions on the Series A Preferred Units will accumulate at an annual floating rate equal to the one-month LIBOR plus a spread of %.

Ranking

The Series A Preferred Units will represent perpetual equity interests in us and, unlike our indebtedness, will not give rise to a claim for redemption at a particular date. The Series A Preferred Units will rank:

- senior to our common units and to each other class or series of partnership interests or other equity securities established after the original issue date of the Series A Preferred Units that is not expressly made senior to or pari passu with the Series A Preferred Units as to the payment of distributions (the "Junior Securities");
- pari passu with any class or series of partnership interests or other equity securities
   established after the original issue date of the Series A Preferred Units that is not expressly
   made senior or subordinated to the Series A Preferred Units as to the payment of
   distributions (the "Parity Securities");
- junior to all of our existing and future indebtedness (including (i) indebtedness outstanding under our senior secured credit

facility, (ii) our 5% Senior Notes due 2018, our  $4\frac{1}{8}$ % Senior Notes due 2019, our  $6\frac{5}{8}$ % Senior Notes due 2020, our  $6\frac{7}{8}$ % Senior Notes due 2021, our  $6\frac{3}{8}$ % Senior Notes due 2022, our  $5\frac{1}{4}$ % Senior Notes due 2023, our  $4\frac{1}{4}$ % Senior Notes due 2023 and our  $6\frac{3}{4}$ % Notes (collectively, our "Existing Senior Notes") and (iii) indebtedness outstanding under our accounts receivable securitization facility (the "Securitization Facility")) and other liabilities with respect to assets available to satisfy claims against us; and

• junior to each other class or series of partnership interests or other equity securities established after the original issue date of the Series A Preferred Units that is expressly made senior to the Series A Preferred Units as to the payment of distributions (the "Senior Securities").

**Restrictions on Distributions** 

No distribution may be declared or paid or set apart for payment on any Junior Securities (other than a distribution payable solely in Junior Securities) unless full cumulative distributions have been or contemporaneously are being paid or provided for on all outstanding Series A Preferred Units and any Parity Securities through the most recently completed respective distribution periods.

**Optional Redemption** 

At any time on or after , 2020, we may redeem the Series A Preferred Units, in whole or in part, from any source of funds legally available for such purpose, by paying \$ per unit plus an amount equal to all accumulated and unpaid distributions thereon to the date of redemption, whether or not declared. We must provide not less than 30 days' and not more than 60 days' written notice of any such redemption. Any such redemption by the Partnership will be subject to compliance with the provisions of our senior secured credit facility, the indentures governing our Existing Senior Notes (the "Existing Senior Notes Indentures") and any other agreements governing our future or existing outstanding indebtedness.

**Redemption Upon a Change of Control** 

Upon a Change of Control (as defined below), we (or a third party with our prior written consent) may, within 120 days after the first date on which such Change of Control occurred, subject to applicable law, redeem the Series A Preferred Units, in whole or in part, from any source of funds legally available for such purpose, by paying \$ per Series A Preferred Unit, plus all accumulated and unpaid distributions (whether or not such distributions will have been declared) to the redemption date. If, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date (as defined below), we exercise (or a third party with our prior written consent exercises) these redemption rights by giving written notice of redemption, holders of the Series A Preferred Units that we have (or a third party with our prior written consent has) elected to redeem will not have the conversion right described under "— Change of Control Rights." Any such redemption by the Partnership will be subject to compliance with the provisions of our

senior secured credit facility, the Existing Senior Notes Indentures and any other agreements governing our future or existing outstanding indebtedness.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following:

- the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger, consolidation or business combination), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of us and our subsidiaries taken as a whole to any "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) and following such occurrence neither we nor such person has a class of common equity securities listed or admitted to trading on any National Securities Exchange (as defined below); or
- the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger, consolidation or business combination), the result of which is that any person (as defined above), other than Targa and its subsidiaries, becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the voting interests of our general partner, measured by voting power rather than percentage of interests, and following such occurrence neither we nor such person has a class of common equity securities listed or admitted to trading on any National Securities Exchange.

**Conversion; Exchange and Preemptive Rights** 

Except as described under "— Change of Control rights," the Series A Preferred Units will not be subject to preemptive rights or be convertible into or exchangeable for any other securities or property at the option of the holder.

**Change of Control Rights** 

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control that occurs while Series A Preferred Units are outstanding, each holder of Series A Preferred Units will have the right to convert such number of Series A Preferred Units held by such holder on the Change of Control Conversion Date as such holder may elect into a number of our common units per Series A Preferred Unit to be converted equal to, subject to certain adjustments pursuant to our Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership (as amended, our "Partnership Agreement"), the lesser of:

admitted to trading for the ten consecutive trading days ending with the trading day immediately preceding the Change of Control Conversion Date, and

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subject to certain pro rata adjustments for any unit splits and certain provisions in the case of a Change of Control pursuant to which our common units will be converted into Alternative Conversion Consideration (as defined below), each as described in greater detail under "Description of Series A Preferred Units — Change of Control — Change of Control Rights."

However, if prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, we provide (or, if applicable, a third party with our prior written consent provides) notice of our (or its) election to redeem Series A Preferred Units as described under "— Optional Redemption" or "— Redemption upon a Change of Control"), holders of Series A Preferred Units will not have any right to convert the Series A Preferred Units that we have (or a third party with our prior written consent has) elected to redeem, and any Series A Preferred Units subsequently selected for redemption that have been tendered for conversion will be redeemed on the applicable redemption date instead of converted on the Change of Control Conversion Date.

For a definition of "Change of Control Conversion Date" and the restrictions on cash payments under a Change of Control, please read "Description of Series A Preferred Units — Change of Control — Change of Control Rights."

Holders of the Series A Preferred Units generally have no voting rights.

Unless we have received the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding Series A Preferred Units, voting as a single class, no amendment to our Partnership Agreement may be adopted that would have a material adverse effect on the existing preferences, rights, powers or duties of the Series A Preferred Units.

In addition, unless we have received the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding Series A Preferred Units, voting as a class together with holders of any other Parity Securities upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, we may not (i) create or issue any Parity Securities if the cumulative distributions on Series A Preferred Units are in arrears or (ii) create or issue any Senior Securities.

In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, whether voluntary or involuntary, holders of the Series A Preferred Units will generally, subject to the discussion under

**Voting Rights** 

**Fixed Liquidation Preference** 

"Description of Series A Preferred Units — Liquidation Rights," have the right to receive the liquidation preference of \$ per unit plus an amount equal to all accumulated and unpaid distributions thereon to the date of payment, whether or not declared. A consolidation or merger of us with or into any other entity, individually or in a series of transactions, will not be deemed to be a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs. The rights of the Series A Preferred Unitholders to receive the liquidation preference will be subject to the proportional rights of holders of Parity Securities.

Sinking Fund

The Series A Preferred Units will not be subject to any sinking fund requirements.

**No Fiduciary Duties** 

We and our officers and directors will not owe any fiduciary duties to holders of the Series A Preferred Units other than a contractual duty of good faith and fair dealing pursuant to our Partnership Agreement.

**Use of Proceeds** 

We expect to receive net proceeds of approximately \$\frac{1}{2}\$ million from the sale of the Series A Preferred Units offered hereby, or \$\frac{1}{2}\$ million if the underwriters' option to purchase additional Series A Preferred Units is exercised in full, in each case, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to reduce borrowings under our senior secured credit facility, and will use any remaining proceeds for general partnership purposes, which may include repaying other indebtedness, redeeming or repurchasing some of our outstanding notes, working capital and funding capital expenditures and acquisitions. See "Use of Proceeds."

Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates are lenders under our senior secured credit facility that we expect to reduce using the net proceeds from this offering and, accordingly, such underwriters and affiliates will receive a portion of the net proceeds from this offering. See "Plan of Distribution."

We intend to file an application to list the Series A Preferred Units on the NYSE. If the application is approved, trading of the Series A Preferred Units on the NYSE is expected to begin within 30 days after the original issue date of the Series A Preferred Units. The underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in the Series A Preferred Units prior to commencement of any trading on the NYSE. However, the underwriters will have no obligation to do so, and no assurance can be given that a market for the Series A Preferred Units will develop prior to commencement of trading on the NYSE or, if developed, will be maintained.

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Tax Considerations

Listing

See "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" in this prospectus supplement.

Form	The Series A Preferred Units will be issued and maintained in book-entry form registered in the name of the nominee of The Depository Trust Company, except under limited circumstances. Please read "Description of Series A Preferred Units — Book-Entry System."
Settlement	Delivery of the Series A Preferred Units offered hereby will be made against payment therefor through the book-entry facilities of The Depository Trust Company on or about , 2015.
Risk Factors	Investing in our Series A Preferred Units involves risks. Please read "Risk Factors" on page S-18 of this prospectus supplement, page 4 of the accompanying prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference, as well as the other cautionary statements throughout this prospectus, for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our Series A Preferred Units.

# SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA

The information contained herein should be read together with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the historical combined financial statements and the accompanying notes incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. Please read "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31 and June 30, 2015, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, for a discussion of factors that affect the comparability of the information reflected in the summary consolidated financial and operating data.

The following table summarizes selected financial and operating data for the periods and as of the dates indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,				onths Ended une 30,	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015	
	(In millions of dollars, except operating, per unit and price data)					
Statement of Operations Data:						
Revenues	\$5,676.9	\$6,314.9	\$8,616.5	\$4,295.3	\$ 3,379.1	
Product purchases	4,672.2	5,137.2	7,046.9	3,531.7	2,505.3	
Gross margin (1)	1,004.7	1,177.7	1,569.6	763.6	873.8	
Operating expenses	313.0	376.2	433.0	210.9	248.2	
Operating margin (2)	691.7	801.5	1,136.6	552.7	625.6	
Depreciation and amortization expense	197.3	271.6	346.5	165.3	282.5	
General and administrative expense	131.6	143.1	139.8	74.8	87.1	
Other operating (income) expense	19.9	9.6	(3.0)	(1.0)	0.5	
Income from operations	342.9	377.2	653.3	313.6	255.5	
Other income (expense):						
Interest expense, net	(116.8)	(131.0)	(143.8)	(68.1)	(113.1)	
Equity earnings	1.9	14.8	18.0	9.1	0.5	
Loss on debt redemption and amendments	(12.8)	(14.7)	(12.4)	_	_	
Other	(7.8)	15.2	(5.2)		(11.0)	
Income before income taxes	207.4	261.5	509.9	254.6	131.9	
Income tax (expense) benefit	(4.2)	(2.9)	(4.8)	(2.4)	(0.8)	
Net income	203.2	258.6	505.1	252.2	131.1	
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	28.6	25.1	37.4	21.0	12.5	
Net income attributable to Targa Resources Partners LP	\$ 174.6	\$ 233.5	\$ 467.7	\$ 231.2	\$ 118.6	
Net income attributable to general partner	66.7	107.5	148.7	69.6	87.1	
Net income attributable to limited partners	107.9	126.0	319.0	161.6	31.5	
Net income attributable to Targa Resources Partners LP	\$ 174.6	\$ 233.5	\$ 467.7	\$ 231.2	\$ 118.6	
Net income per limited partner unit — basic	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.19	\$ 2.78	\$ 1.43	\$ 0.20	
Net income per limited partner unit — diluted	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.19	\$ 2.77	\$ 1.42	\$ 0.20	
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding — basic	\$ 90.1	\$ 105.5	\$ 114.7	\$ 113.3	\$ 159.7	
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding — diluted	\$ 90.2	\$ 105.7	\$ 115.1	\$ 113.9	\$ 160.1	

				Six Mon	ths Ended
	Year Ended December 31,				ie 30,
	2012	2013 llions of dollars, e	2014	2014	2015
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Financial data:					
Adjusted EBITDA (3)	\$ 518.5	\$ 635.2	\$ 970.3	\$ 463.1	\$ 560.2
Distributable cash flow (4)	357.5	446.3	763.2	369.3	409.6
Capital expenditures	1,612.9	1,034.5	747.8	390.9	384.9
Operating data:					
Crude oil gathered, MBbl/d	_	46.9	93.5	79.3	103.7
Plant natural gas inlet, MMcf/d (5)(6)	2,098.3	2,110.2	2,109.5	2,081.2	3,016.6
Gross NGL production, MBbl/d	128.7	136.8	153.0	149.4	242.7
Export volumes, MBbl/d (7)	31.6	66.6	176.9	137.4	177.9
Natural gas sales, BBtu/d (6)	927.6	928.2	902.3	873.6	1,595.9
NGL sales, MBbl/d	267.9	294.8	419.5	381.3	503.3
Condensate sales, MBbl/d	3.5	3.5	4.4	4.3	8.8
Balance sheet data (at period end):					
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 3,533.2	\$ 4,345.4	\$4,824.6	\$4,619.4	\$ 9,684.3
Total assets	5,025.7	5,971.4	6,377.2	6,240.0	13,237.6
Long-term debt, less current maturities	2,393.3	2,905.3	2,783.4	2,726.9	5,178.8
Total owner's equity	1,860.1	2,218.4	2,688.4	2,380.8	7,147.3
Cash flow data:					
Net cash provided by (used in):					
Operating activities	\$ 465.4	\$ 411.4	\$ 838.5	\$ 456.8	\$ 522.3
Investing activities	(1,593.8)	(1,026.3)	(751.4)	(413.7)	(1,266.1)
Financing activities	1,140.8	604.4	(72.3)	(33.3)	757.0
Distributions declared per unit	2.61	2.89	3.15	1.54	1.65

- (1) Gross margin is a non-GAAP financial measure and is discussed under "Non-GAAP Financial Measures."
- (2) Operating margin is a non-GAAP financial measure and is discussed under "Non-GAAP Financial Measures."
- (3) Adjusted EBITDA is net income attributable to Targa Resources Partners LP before: interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, gains or losses on debt repurchases and redemptions, early debt extinguishments and asset disposals, risk management activities related to derivative instruments including the cash impact of hedges acquired in the APL merger, non-cash compensation on Partnership equity grants, transactions costs related to acquisitions, earnings/losses from unconsolidated affiliates net of distributions and the noncontrolling interest portion of depreciation and amortization expenses. This is a non-GAAP financial measure and is discussed under "Non-GAAP Financial Measures."
- (4) Distributable cash flow is income attributable to Targa Resources Partners LP plus depreciation and amortization, deferred taxes and amortization of debt issue costs included in interest expense, adjusted for non-cash risk management activities related to derivative instruments including the cash impact of hedges acquired in the APL merger, debt repurchases and redemptions, early debt extinguishments, non-cash compensation on Partnership equity grants, transaction costs related to acquisitions, earnings/losses from unconsolidated affiliates net of distributions and asset disposals and less maintenance capital expenditures (net of any reimbursements of project costs). This measure includes any impact of noncontrolling interests. This is a non-GAAP financial measure and is discussed under "Non-GAAP Financial Measures."
- (5) Plant natural gas inlet represents the volume of natural gas passing through the meter located at the inlet of a natural gas processing plant, other than in Badlands, where it represents total wellhead gathered volume.
- (6) Plant natural gas inlet volumes include producer take-in-kind volumes, while natural gas sales exclude producer take-inkind volumes.
- (7) Export volumes represent the quantity of NGL products delivered to third party customers at our Galena Park Marine terminal that are destined for international markets.

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

Gross Margin. We define gross margin as revenues less purchases. It is impacted by volumes and commodity prices as well as by our contract mix and commodity hedging program. We define Gathering and Processing gross margin as total operating revenues from (1) the sale of natural gas, condensate, crude oil and NGLs and (2) natural gas and crude oil gathering and service fee revenues, less product purchases, which consist primarily of producer payments and other natural gas and crude oil purchases. Logistics Assets gross margin consists primarily of service fee revenue. Gross margin for Marketing and Distribution equals total revenue from service fees, NGL and natural gas sales, less cost of sales, which consists primarily of NGL and natural gas purchases, transportation costs and changes in inventory valuation. The gross margin impacts of cash flow hedge settlements are reported in Other.

*Operating Margin*. We define operating margin as gross margin less operating expenses. Operating margin is an important performance measure of the core profitability of our operations.

Management reviews business segment gross margin and operating margin monthly as a core internal management process. We believe that investors benefit from having access to the same financial measures that our management uses in evaluating our operating results. Gross margin and operating margin provide useful information to investors because they are used as supplemental financial measures by us and by external users of our financial statements, including investors and commercial banks, to assess:

- the financial performance of our assets without regard to financing methods, capital structure or historical cost basis;
- our operating performance and return on capital as compared to other companies in the midstream energy sector, without regard to financing or capital structure; and
- the viability of acquisitions and capital expenditure projects and the overall rates of return on alternative investment opportunities.

Gross margin and operating margin are non-GAAP measures. The GAAP measure most directly comparable to gross margin and operating margin is net income. Gross margin and operating margin are not alternatives to GAAP net income and have important limitations as analytical tools. Investors should not consider gross margin and operating margin in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Because gross margin and operating margin exclude some, but not all, items that affect net income and are defined differently by different companies in our industry, our definitions of gross margin and operating margin may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies, thereby diminishing their utility.

Management compensates for the limitations of gross margin and operating margin as analytical tools by reviewing the comparable GAAP measure, understanding the differences between the measures and incorporating these insights into its decision-making processes.

Adjusted EBITDA. We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income attributable to Targa Resources Partners LP before: interest; income taxes; depreciation and amortization; gains or losses on debt repurchases and redemptions, early debt extinguishments and asset disposals; risk management activities related to derivative instruments, including the cash impact of hedges acquired in the APL merger; non-cash compensation on Partnership equity grants; transaction costs related to acquisitions; earnings/losses from unconsolidated affiliates net of distributions and the noncontrolling interest portion of depreciation and amortization expenses. Adjusted EBITDA is used as a supplemental financial measure by us and by external users of our financial statements such as investors, commercial banks and others. The economic substance behind our use of Adjusted EBITDA is to measure the ability of our assets to generate cash sufficient to pay interest costs, support our indebtedness and make distributions to our investors.

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. The GAAP measures most directly comparable to Adjusted EBITDA are net cash provided by operating activities and net income attributable to Targa Resources Partners LP. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to GAAP net cash provided by operating activities or GAAP net income. Adjusted EBITDA has important limitations as an analytical tool. Investors should not consider Adjusted EBITDA in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Because Adjusted EBITDA excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income and net cash provided by operating activities and is defined differently by different companies in our industry, our definition of Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies, thereby diminishing its utility.

Management compensates for the limitations of Adjusted EBITDA as an analytical tool by reviewing the comparable GAAP measures, understanding the differences between the measures and incorporating these insights into its decision-making processes.

**Distributable Cash Flow.** We define distributable cash flow as net income attributable to Targa Resources Partners LP plus depreciation and amortization, deferred taxes and amortization of debt issue costs included in interest expense, adjusted for risk management activities related to derivative instruments, including the cash impact of hedges acquired in the Atlas mergers; debt repurchases and redemptions; early debt extinguishments; non-cash compensation on Partnership equity grants; transaction costs related to acquisitions; earnings/losses from unconsolidated affiliates net of distributions and asset disposals and less maintenance capital expenditures (net of any reimbursements of project costs). This measure includes any impact of noncontrolling interests.

Distributable cash flow is a significant performance metric used by us and by external users of our financial statements, such as investors, commercial banks and research analysts, to compare basic cash flows generated by us (prior to the establishment of any retained cash reserves by the board of directors of our general partner) to the cash distributions we expect to pay our unitholders. Using this metric, management and external users of our financial statements can quickly compute the coverage ratio of estimated cash flows to cash distributions. Distributable cash flow is also an important financial measure for our unitholders since it serves as an indicator of our success in providing a cash return on investment. Specifically, this financial measure indicates to investors whether or not we are generating cash flow at a level that can sustain or support an increase in our quarterly distribution rates. Distributable cash flow is also a quantitative standard used throughout the investment community with respect to publicly-traded partnerships and limited liability companies because the value of a unit of such an entity is generally determined by the unit's yield (which in turn is based on the amount of cash distributions the entity pays to a unitholder).

Distributable cash flow is a non-GAAP financial measure. The GAAP measure most directly comparable to distributable cash flow is net income attributable to Targa Resources Partners LP. Distributable cash flow should not be considered as an alternative to GAAP net income attributable to Targa Resources Partners LP. It has important limitations as an analytical tool. Investors should not consider distributable cash flow in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Because distributable cash flow excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income and is defined differently by different companies in our industry, our definition of distributable cash flow may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies, thereby diminishing its utility.

Management compensates for the limitations of distributable cash flow as an analytical tool by reviewing the comparable GAAP measure, understanding the differences between the measures and incorporating these insights into its decision making processes.

The following tables reconcile the non-GAAP financial measures used by management to the most directly comparable GAAP measures for the periods indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,			Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
Described to the second of the			(in millions)		
Reconciliation of Targa Resources Partners LP gross margin and operating					
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Gross margin	\$1,004.7	\$1,177.7	\$1,569.6	\$ 763.6	\$ 873.8
Operating expenses	(313.0)	(376.2)	(433.0)	(210.9)	(248.2)
Operating margin	691.7	801.5	1,136.6	552.7	625.6
Depreciation and amortization expense	(197.3)	(271.6)	(346.5)	(165.3)	(282.5)
General and administrative expense	(131.6)	(143.1)	(139.8)	(74.8)	(87.1)
Interest expense, net	(116.8)	(131.0)	(143.8)	(68.1)	(113.1)
Income tax expense	(4.2)	(2.9)	(4.8)	(2.4)	(0.8)
Gain (loss) on sale or disposition of assets	(15.6)	(3.9)	4.8	1.2	0.2
Loss on debt redemption and amendments	(12.8)	(14.7)	(12.4)	_	_
Change in contingent consideration	_	15.3	_	_	_
Other, net	(10.2)	9.0	11.0	8.9	(11.2)
Targa Resources Partners LP net income	\$ 203.2	\$ 258.6	\$ 505.1	\$ 252.2	\$ 131.1
Reconciliation of net cash provided by Targa Resources Partners LP operating activities to Adjusted EBITDA:					
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 465.4	\$ 411.4	\$ 838.5	\$ 456.8	\$ 522.3
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(28.6)	(25.1)	(37.4)	(21.0)	(12.5)
Interest expense	116.8	131.0	143.8	68.1	113.1
Non-cash interest expense, net (1)	(17.6)	(15.5)	(11.2)	(6.7)	(6.0)
(Earnings) loss from unconsolidated affiliates (2)	<u> </u>	_	_	_	(0.5)
Distributions from unconsolidated affiliates (2)	_	_	_	_	7.0
Transaction costs related to business acquisitions (2)	_	_	_	_	14.3
Current income tax expense	2.5	2.0	3.2	1.7	0.5
Other (3)	(15.6)	(13.7)	(18.4)	(9.1)	(24.8)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities which used (provided) cash:	, ,	` ,	` '		
Accounts receivable, inventories and other assets	(96.1)	230.3	(58.6)	41.1	(204.6)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	91.7	(85.2)	110.4	(67.8)	151.4
Targa Resources Partners LP Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 518.5	\$ 635.2	\$ 970.3	\$ 463.1	\$ 560.2

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes amortization of debt issuance costs, discount and premium.

<sup>(2)</sup> The definition of Adjusted EBITDA was revised in 2014 to exclude non-cash compensation on equity grants and in 2015 to exclude earnings from unconsolidated investments net of distributions and transaction costs related to business acquisitions.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes equity earnings from unconsolidated investments — net of distributions, accretion expense associated with asset retirement obligations and noncontrolling interest portion of depreciation and amortization expense.

	Year Ended December 31,			Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
Description of the state of the			(in millions)		
Reconciliation of net income attributable to Targa Resources Partners LP to Adjusted EBITDA:					
Net income attributable to Targa Resources Partners LP	\$174.6	\$233.5	\$467.7	\$231.2	\$118.6
Interest expense, net	116.8	131.0	143.8	68.1	113.1
Income tax expense	4.2	2.9	4.8	2.4	0.8
Depreciation and amortization expense	197.3	271.6	346.5	165.3	282.5
(Gain) loss on sale or disposition of assets	15.6	3.9	(4.8)	(1.2)	(0.2)
Loss on debt redemption and amendments	12.8	14.7	12.4	_	_
Change in contingent consideration		(15.3)	_	_	_
(Earnings) loss from unconsolidated affiliates (1)	_	_	_	_	(0.5)
Distributions from unconsolidated affiliates (1)	_	_	_	_	7.0
Compensation on Partnership equity grants (1)	3.6	6.0	9.2	4.9	8.9
Transaction costs related to business acquisitions (1)	_	_	_	_	14.3
Non-cash risk management activities	5.4	(0.5)	4.7	(0.7)	24.2
Noncontrolling interests adjustment (2)	(11.8)	(12.6)	(14.0)	(6.9)	(8.5)
Targa Resources Partners LP Adjusted EBITDA	\$518.5	\$635.2	\$970.3	\$463.1	\$560.2

<sup>(1)</sup> The definition of Adjusted EBITDA was revised in 2014 to exclude non-cash compensation on equity grants and in 2015 to exclude earnings from unconsolidated investments net of distributions and transaction costs related to business acquisitions.

<sup>(2)</sup> Noncontrolling interest portion of depreciation and amortization expense.

	Year Ended December 31,			Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
			(in millions)		
Reconciliation of net income attributable to Targa Resources Partners LP to distributable cash flow:					
Net income attributable to Targa Resources Partners LP	\$174.6	\$233.5	\$467.7	\$231.2	\$118.6
Depreciation and amortization expense	197.3	271.6	346.5	165.3	282.5
Deferred income tax expense	1.7	0.9	1.6	0.7	0.3
Non-cash interest expense, net (1)	17.6	15.5	11.2	6.7	6.0
(Earnings) loss from unconsolidated affiliates (2)	_	_	_	_	(0.5)
Distributions from unconsolidated affiliates (2)	_	_	_	_	7.0
Loss on debt redemption and amendments	12.8	14.7	12.4	_	_
Change in contingent consideration	_	(15.3)	_	_	_
(Gain) loss on sale or disposition of assets	15.6	3.9	(4.8)	(1.2)	(0.2)
Compensation on Partnership equity grants (2)	3.6	6.0	9.2	4.9	8.9
Non-cash risk management activities	5.4	(0.5)	4.7	(0.7)	24.2
Maintenance capital expenditures	(67.6)	(79.9)	(79.1)	(33.7)	(46.6)
Transaction costs related to business acquisitions (2)	_	_	_	_	14.3
Other (3)	(3.5)	(4.1)	(6.2)	(3.9)	(4.9)
Targa Resources Partners LP distributable cash flow	<u>\$357.5</u>	\$446.3	\$763.2	\$369.3	\$409.6

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes amortization of debt issuance costs, discount and premium.

<sup>(2)</sup> The definition of Adjusted EBITDA was revised in 2014 to exclude non-cash compensation on equity grants and in 2015 to exclude earnings from unconsolidated investments net of distributions and transaction costs related to business acquisitions.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes the noncontrolling interest portion of maintenance capital expenditures, depreciation and amortization expense.

### RISK FACTORS

Investing in our Series A Preferred Units involves risk. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider the risk factors discussed or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, together with all of the other information included, or incorporated by reference, in this prospectus supplement or to which we refer you, including the risk factors and other cautionary statements described under the heading "Risk Factors" included in Item 1A of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2015, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus. If any of these risks were to occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be adversely affected. Also, please read "Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

### Risks Related to the Series A Preferred Units

### The Series A Preferred Units represent perpetual equity interests in us.

The Series A Preferred Units represent perpetual equity interests in us and, unlike our indebtedness, will not give rise to a claim for redemption at a particular date. As a result, holders of the Series A Preferred Units may be required to bear the financial risks of an investment in the Series A Preferred Units for an indefinite period of time. In addition, the Series A Preferred Units will rank junior to all our current and future indebtedness (including indebtedness outstanding under our senior secured credit facility, our Existing Senior Notes and indebtedness outstanding under our Securitization Facility, and any other senior securities we may issue in the future with respect to assets available to satisfy claims against us).

We cannot assure you that we will be able to pay distributions on our Series A Preferred Units regularly, and the agreements governing our indebtedness may limit the cash available to make distributions on the Series A Preferred Units.

Subject to the limitations on restricted payments contained in the Existing Senior Notes Indentures and in our senior secured credit agreement, we distribute all of our "available cash" each quarter to our limited partners and our general partner. "Available cash" is defined in our Partnership Agreement, and it generally means, for each fiscal quarter, all cash and cash equivalents on hand at the end of such quarter and all additional cash and cash equivalents on hand immediately prior to the date of determination of available cash resulting from borrowings for working capital purposes subsequent to the end of such quarter less the amount of cash reserves established by our general partner to:

- provide for the proper conduct of our business;
- comply with applicable law, the terms of any of our debt instruments, or other agreements; or
- provide funds for distributions to our unitholders and to our general partner for any one or more of the next four quarters.

As a result, we do not expect to accumulate significant amounts of cash. Depending on the timing and amount of our cash distributions, these distributions could significantly reduce the cash available to us in subsequent periods to make payments on the Series A Preferred Units.

The Series A Preferred Units are subordinated to our existing and future debt obligations, and your interests could be diluted by the issuance of additional units, including additional Series A Preferred Units, and by other transactions.

The Series A Preferred Units are subordinated to all of our existing and future indebtedness (including indebtedness outstanding under our senior secured credit facility, our Existing Senior Notes and indebtedness outstanding under our Securitization Facility). As of June 30, 2015, and after giving effect to the issuance of our

6 ¾% Notes and the application of the net proceeds therefrom and this offering and the application of the estimated net proceeds from this offering, we estimate that we would have had \$\frac{1}{2}\text{ million}\$ million of borrowings outstanding under our senior secured credit facility, \$\frac{2}{2}\text{0.5}\$ million of letters of credit outstanding and \$\frac{1}{2}\text{ million}\$ million of additional borrowing capacity under our senior secured credit facility. The Securitization Facility provides up to \$200 million of borrowing capacity at LIBOR rates plus a margin to December 11, 2015. Under the Securitization Facility, two of our consolidated subsidiaries (Targa Liquids Marketing and Trade LLC ("TLMT") and Targa Gas Marketing LLC ("TGM")) sell or contribute receivables to another of our consolidated subsidiaries, a special purpose consolidated subsidiary created for the sole purpose of the facility. This special purpose consolidated subsidiary, in turn, sells an undivided percentage ownership in the eligible receivables, without recourse, to a third-party financial institution. Receivables up to the amount of the outstanding debt under the Securitization Facility are not available to satisfy the claims of the creditors of us, TLMT or TGM. Any excess receivables are eligible to satisfy the claims of creditors of us, TLMT or TGM. As of June 30, 2015, total funding under the Securitization Facility was \$124.2 million.

The payment of principal and interest on our debt reduces cash available for distribution to us and on our units, including the Series A Preferred Units.

The issuance of additional units pari passu with or senior to the Series A Preferred Units would dilute the interests of the holders of the Series A Preferred Units, and any issuance of Senior Securities or Parity Securities (each as defined under "Summary — The Offering — Ranking") or additional indebtedness could affect our ability to pay distributions on, redeem or pay the liquidation preference on the Series A Preferred Units.

# Investors should not expect us to redeem the Series A Preferred Units on the date the Series A Preferred Units become redeemable by us or on any particular date afterwards.

The Series A Preferred Units have no maturity or mandatory redemption date and are not redeemable at the option of investors under any circumstances. At any time on or after , 2020, we may redeem the Series A Preferred Units, in whole or in part, from any source of funds legally available for such purpose, by paying \$ per unit plus an amount equal to all accumulated and unpaid distributions thereon to the date of redemption, whether or not declared. Any decision we may make at any time to redeem the Series A Preferred Units will depend upon, among other things, our evaluation of our capital position and general market conditions at that time.

# As a holder of Series A Preferred Units you have extremely limited voting rights.

Your voting rights as a holder of Series A Preferred Units will be extremely limited. Our common units are the only class of our partnership interests carrying full voting rights.

Holders of the Series A Preferred Units generally have no voting rights. Certain other limited protective voting rights are described in this prospectus supplement under "Description of Series A Preferred Units — Voting Rights."

# Our ability to issue Parity Securities in the future could adversely affect the rights of holders of our Series A Preferred Units.

We are allowed to issue additional Series A Preferred Units and Parity Securities without any vote of the holders of the Series A Preferred Units, except where the cumulative distributions on the Series A Preferred Units or any Parity Securities are in arrears. The issuance of additional Series A Preferred Units or any Parity Securities would have the effect of reducing the amounts available to the holders of the Series A Preferred Units issued in this offering upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up if we do not have sufficient funds to pay all liquidation preferences of the Series A Preferred Units and Parity Securities in full. It also would reduce amounts available to make distributions on the Series A Preferred Units issued in this offering if we do not have sufficient funds to pay distributions on all outstanding Series A Preferred Units and Parity Securities.

In addition, although holders of Series A Preferred Units are entitled to limited voting rights, as described in "Description of the Series A Preferred Units — Voting Rights," with respect to certain matters the Series A Preferred Units will generally vote separately as a class along with all other series of our Parity Securities that we may issue upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable. As a result, the voting rights of holders of Series A Preferred Units may be significantly diluted, and the holders of such other series of Parity Securities that we may issue may be able to control or significantly influence the outcome of any vote. Future issuances and sales of Parity Securities, or the perception that such issuances and sales could occur, may cause prevailing market prices for the Series A Preferred Units and our common units to decline and may adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital in the financial markets at times and prices favorable to us.

The Series A Preferred Units are a new issuance and do not have an established trading market, which may negatively affect their market value and your ability to transfer or sell your units. In addition, the lack of a fixed redemption date for the Series A Preferred Units will increase your reliance on the secondary market for liquidity purposes.

The Series A Preferred Units are a new issuance and do not have an established trading market. In addition, since the securities have no stated maturity date, investors seeking liquidity will be limited to selling their units in the secondary market absent redemption by us. We intend to apply to list the Series A Preferred Units on the NYSE, but there can be no assurance that the NYSE will accept the Series A Preferred Units for listing. Even if the Series A Preferred Units are approved for listing by the NYSE, an active trading market on the NYSE for the units may not develop or, even if it develops, may not last, in which case the trading price of the Series A Preferred Units could be adversely affected and your ability to transfer your units will be limited. If an active trading market does develop on the NYSE, the Series A Preferred Units may trade at prices lower than the offering price. The trading price of the Series A Preferred Units would depend on many factors, including:

- prevailing interest rates, increases in which may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Series A Preferred Units;
- the market for similar securities;
- general economic and financial market conditions;
- the annual yield from distributions on the Series A Preferred Units as compared to the yields of other financial instruments;
- · our issuance of debt or preferred equity securities; and
- our financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

We have been advised by the underwriters that they intend to make a market in the Series A Preferred Units pending any listing of the Series A Preferred Units on the NYSE, but they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market making at any time without notice.

# Market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the Series A Preferred Units.

One of the factors that will influence the price of the Series A Preferred Units will be the distribution yield on the Series A Preferred Units (as a percentage of the price of the Series A Preferred Units) relative to market interest rates. An increase in market interest rates, which are currently at low levels relative to historical rates, may lead prospective purchasers of the Series A Preferred Units to expect a higher distribution yield, and higher interest rates would likely increase our borrowing costs and potentially decrease funds available for distribution. Accordingly, higher market interest rates could cause the market price of the Series A Preferred Units to decrease.

# Change of control conversion rights may make it more difficult for a party to acquire us or discourage a party from acquiring us.

The change of control conversion feature of the Series A Preferred Units may have the effect of discouraging a third party from making an acquisition proposal for us or of delaying, deferring or preventing certain of our change of control transactions under circumstances that otherwise could provide the holders of our common units and Series A Preferred Units with the opportunity to realize a premium over the then-current market price of such equity securities or that unitholders may otherwise believe is in their best interests.

# Treatment of distributions on our Series A Preferred Units as guaranteed payments for the use of capital creates a different tax treatment for the holders of our Series A Preferred Units than the holders of our common units.

The tax treatment of distributions on our Series A Preferred Units is uncertain. We will treat the holders of Series A Preferred Units as partners for tax purposes and will treat distributions on the Series A Preferred Units as guaranteed payments for the use of capital that will generally be taxable to the holders of Series A Preferred Units as ordinary income. Although a holder of Series A Preferred Units could recognize taxable income from the accrual of such a guaranteed payment even in the absence of a contemporaneous distribution, we anticipate accruing and making the guaranteed payment distributions on a monthly basis. Otherwise, the holders of Series A Preferred Units are generally neither anticipated to share in our items of income, gain, loss or deduction, nor be allocated any share of our nonrecourse liabilities. If the Series A Preferred Units were treated as indebtedness for tax purposes, rather than as guaranteed payments for the use of capital, distributions likely would be treated as payments of interest by us to the holders of Series A Preferred Units.

A holder of Series A Preferred Units will be required to recognize gain or loss on a sale of units equal to the difference between the holder's amount realized and tax basis in the units sold. The amount realized generally will equal the sum of the cash and the fair market value of other property such holder receives in exchange for such Series A Preferred Units. Subject to general rules requiring a blended basis among multiple partnership interests, the tax basis of a Series A Preferred Unit will generally be equal to the sum of the cash and the fair market value of other property paid by the holder to acquire such Series A Preferred Unit. Gain or loss recognized by a holder on the sale or exchange of a Series A Preferred Unit held for more than one year generally will be taxable as long-term capital gain or loss. Because holders of Series A Preferred Units will not be allocated a share of our items of depreciation, depletion or amortization, it is not anticipated that such holders would be required to recharacterize any portion of their gain as ordinary income as a result of the recapture rules.

Investment in the Series A Preferred Units by tax-exempt investors, such as employee benefit plans and individual retirement accounts ("IRAs"), and non-U.S. persons raises issues unique to them. Although the issue is not free from doubt, we will treat distributions to non-U.S. holders of the Series A Preferred Units as "effectively connected income" (which will subject holders to U.S. net income taxation and possibly the branch profits tax) that are subject to withholding taxes imposed at the highest effective tax rate applicable to such non-U.S. holders. If the amount of withholding exceeds the amount of U.S. federal income tax actually due, non-U.S. holders may be required to file U.S. federal income tax returns in order to seek a refund of such excess. The treatment of guaranteed payments for the use of capital to tax exempt investors is not certain and such payments may be treated as unrelated business taxable income, or UBTI, for federal income tax purposes. If you are a tax-exempt entity or a non-U.S. person, you should consult your tax advisor with respect to the consequences of owning our Series A Preferred Units.

# Holders of Series A Preferred Units may have liability to repay distributions.

Under certain circumstances, holders of the Series A Preferred Units may have to repay amounts wrongfully returned or distributed to them. Under Section 17-607 of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, we may not make a distribution if the distribution would cause our liabilities to exceed the fair value of our assets. Liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interests and liabilities that are non-recourse to the partnership are not counted for purposes of determining whether a distribution is permitted.

Delaware law provides that for a period of three years from the date of an impermissible distribution, limited partners who received the distribution and who knew at the time of the distribution that it violated Delaware law will be liable to the limited partnership for the distribution amount. A purchaser of Series A Preferred Units who becomes a limited partner is liable for the obligations of the transferring limited partner to make contributions to the Partnership that are known to such purchaser of units at the time it became a limited partner and for unknown obligations if the liabilities could be determined from our Partnership Agreement.

### USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds of this offering will be approximately \$\frac{million}{million}\$, or \$\frac{million}{million}\$ if the underwriters' option to purchase additional Series A Preferred Units is exercised in full, in each case, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to reduce borrowings under our senior secured credit facility, and will use any remaining proceeds for general partnership purposes, which may include reducing the balance of our Securitization Facility, redeeming or repurchasing some of our outstanding notes, working capital and funding capital expenditures and acquisitions.

Our senior secured revolving credit facility, which matures October 2017, provides \$1.6 billion of borrowing capacity, allows us to request increases in commitments up to an additional \$300 million and allows us to enter into the Securitization Facility for up to \$400 million. As of June 30, 2015, and after giving effect to the issuance of our 6 ¾% Notes and the application of the net proceeds therefrom and this offering and the application of the estimated net proceeds from this offering, we estimate that we would have had \$million of borrowings outstanding under our senior secured credit facility, \$20.5 million of letters of credit outstanding and approximately \$million of additional borrowing capacity under our senior secured credit facility. The weighted average interest rate paid on our senior secured credit facility was 2.0% during the six months ended June 30, 2015. Within the past year, we have used borrowings under our senior secured credit facility to fund certain payments made in connection with the APL merger (including the cash consideration and certain financing) and for general partnership purposes. Please read "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Liquidity and Capital Resources" in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2015, incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates are lenders under our senior secured credit facility that we expect to reduce using the net proceeds from this offering and, accordingly, such underwriters and affiliates will receive a portion of the net proceeds from this offering. See "Plan of Distribution."

# **CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth our consolidated cash and cash equivalents and our consolidated capitalization as of June 30, 2015:

- · on a historical basis; and
- on an as adjusted basis to reflect (i) the issuance of \$600 million principal amount of our 6 3/4% Notes and the application of the net proceeds therefrom and (ii) the consummation of this offering and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in "Use of Proceeds."

	As of June 30, 2015	
	Historical	As Adjusted
Cash and cash equivalents	(in million \$ 85.5	s of dollars)
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Debt obligations:		
Senior secured credit facility, variable rate, due October 2017 (1)	\$ 878.0	\$
Senior notes issued by TRP:		
5% Senior Notes due 2018	1,100.0	1,100.0
4 1/8% Senior Notes due 2019	800.0	800.0
65/8% Senior Notes due 2020	342.1	342.1
Unamortized premium	5.4	5.4
6 1/8% Senior Notes due 2021	483.6	483.6
Unamortized discount	(23.8)	(23.8)
6 ¾% Senior Notes due 2022	300.0	300.0
5 1/4% Senior Notes due 2023	600.0	600.0
4 1/4% Senior Notes due 2023	625.0	625.0
63/4% Senior Notes due 2024	_	600.0
Senior notes issued by TPL:		
65/8% Senior Notes due 2020	13.1	13.1
Unamortized premium	0.2	0.2
43/4% Senior Notes due 2021	6.5	6.5
$57/\!\!8$ % Senior Notes due 2023	48.1	48.1
Unamortized premium	0.6	0.6
Accounts receivable securitization facility, due December 2015 (1)(2)	124.2	124.2
Total debt obligations	5,303.0	
Owners' equity:		
Owners' equity	6,849.9	6,849.9
Series A Preferred equity	_	
Noncontrolling interest in subsidiaries	297.4	297.4
Total owners' equity	7,147.3	
Total capitalization	\$12,450.3	\$

<sup>(1)</sup> As of October 5, 2015, we had \$490.0 million of borrowings outstanding under our senior secured credit facility and approximately \$11.2 million of outstanding letters of credit. As of October 5, 2015, we had available capacity under our senior secured credit facility of \$1,098.8 million. As of October 5, 2015, total funding under the Securitization Facility was \$135.5 million.

<sup>(2)</sup> All amounts outstanding under the Securitization Facility are reflected as a current liability on TRP's balance sheet.

### **DESCRIPTION OF SERIES A PREFERRED UNITS**

### General

The Series A Preferred Units offered hereby are a new series of preferred units. In connection with the closing of this offering, we intend to adopt the Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, which will set forth the terms of the Series A Preferred Units. Upon completion of this offering, there will be Series A Preferred Units issued and outstanding (assuming no exercise of the Underwriters' option to purchase additional units). We may, without notice to or consent of the holders of the then-outstanding Series A Preferred Units, authorize and issue additional Series A Preferred Units and Junior Securities (as defined under "Summary — The Offering — Ranking" and, subject to the limitations described under "— Voting Rights," Senior Securities (as defined under "Summary — The Offering — Ranking")).

The holders of our common units are entitled to receive, to the extent permitted by law, such distributions as may from time to time be declared by the board of directors of our general partner. Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holders of our common units are entitled to receive distributions of our assets, after we have satisfied or made provision for our debts and other obligations.

The Series A Preferred Units will entitle the holders thereof to receive cumulative cash distributions when, as and if declared by the board of directors of our general partner out of legally available funds for such purpose. When issued and paid for in the manner described in this prospectus supplement and accompanying base prospectus, the Series A Preferred Units offered hereby will be fully paid and nonassessable. Subject to the matters described under "— Liquidation Rights," each Series A Preferred Unit will generally have a fixed liquidation preference of \$ per unit plus an amount equal to accumulated and unpaid distributions thereon to the date fixed for payment, whether or not declared.

The Series A Preferred Units will represent perpetual equity interests in us and, unlike our indebtedness, will not give rise to a claim for redemption at a particular date. As such, the Series A Preferred Units will rank junior to all of our existing and future indebtedness (including (i) indebtedness outstanding under our senior secured credit facility, (ii) our Existing Senior Notes and (iii) indebtedness outstanding under our Securitization Facility) and other liabilities with respect to assets available to satisfy claims against us. The rights of the Series A Preferred Unitholders to receive the liquidation preference will be subject to the proportional rights of holders of Parity Securities.

All of the Series A Preferred Units offered hereby will be represented by one or more certificates issued to the Depositary (as defined under "— Book-Entry System") and registered in the name of its nominee and, so long as a Depositary has been appointed and is serving, no person acquiring Series A Preferred Units will be entitled to receive a certificate representing such units unless applicable law otherwise requires or the Depositary gives notice of its intention to resign or is no longer eligible to act as such and a successor is not appointed within 60 days thereafter. Please read "— Book-Entry System."

Except as described below in "— Change of Control — Change of Control Rights," the Series A Preferred Units will not be convertible into our common units or any other securities and will not have exchange rights or be entitled or subject to any preemptive or similar rights. The Series A Preferred Units will not be subject to mandatory redemption or to any sinking fund requirements. The Series A Preferred Units will be subject to redemption, in whole or in part, at our option commencing on , 2020. Please read "— Redemption."

We have appointed Computershare Trust Company, N.A. as the paying agent (the "Paying Agent"), and the registrar and transfer agent (the "Transfer Agent") for the Series A Preferred Units. The address of the Paying Agent and the Transfer Agent is P.O. Box 43010, Providence, Rhode Island 02940-3010.

References in this Description of Series A Preferred Units to "we," "our" or "us" are to Targa Resources Partners LP and not to any of its subsidiaries or affiliates.

# Ranking

The Series A Preferred Units will, with respect to anticipated monthly distributions, rank:

- senior to the Junior Securities (including our common units);
- pari passu with any Parity Securities;
- junior to all of our existing and future indebtedness (including (i) indebtedness outstanding under our senior secured credit facility, (ii) our Existing Senior Notes and (iii) indebtedness outstanding under our Securitization Facility) and other liabilities with respect to assets available to satisfy claims against us; and
- junior to any Senior Securities.

Under our Partnership Agreement, we may issue Junior Securities from time to time in one or more series without the consent of the holders of the Series A Preferred Units. The board of directors of our general partner has the authority to determine the preferences, powers, qualifications, limitations, restrictions and special or relative rights or privileges, if any, of any such series before the issuance of any units of that series. The board of directors of our general partner will also determine the number of units constituting each series of securities. Our ability to issue any Parity Securities in certain circumstances or Senior Securities is limited as described under "— Voting Rights."

# **Change of Control**

# Redemption upon a Change of Control

Upon a Change of Control (as defined below), we (or a third party with our prior written consent) may, within 120 days after the first date on which such Change of Control occurred, subject to applicable law, redeem the Series A Preferred Units, in whole or in part, from any source of funds legally available for such purpose, by paying \$ per Series A Preferred Unit, plus all accumulated and unpaid distributions (whether or not such distributions will have been declared) to the redemption date. If, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date (as defined below), we exercise (or a third party with our prior written consent exercises) these redemption rights described in the immediately preceding sentence or as described below under "— Redemption" by giving written notice of redemption, holders of the Series A Preferred Units that we have (or a third party with our prior written consent has) elected to redeem will not have the conversion right described below under "— Change of Control Rights." Any such redemption by the Partnership will be subject to compliance with the provisions of our senior secured credit facility, the Existing Senior Notes Indentures and any other agreements governing our future or existing outstanding indebtedness.

Any such redemption will be subject to the redemption procedures described below under "— Redemption —Redemption Procedures."

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following:

- the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger, consolidation or business combination), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of us and our subsidiaries taken as a whole to any "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), and following such occurrence neither we nor such person has a class of common equity securities listed or admitted to trading on any National Securities Exchange; or
- the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger, consolidation or business combination), the result of which is that any person (as defined above), other than Targa and its subsidiaries, becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the voting interests of our general partner, measured by voting power rather than percentage of interests and following such occurrence neither we nor such person has a class of common equity securities listed or admitted to trading on any National Securities Exchange.

"National Securities Exchange" means an exchange registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 6(a) of the Exchange Act.

### **Change of Control Rights**

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control that occurs while Series A Preferred Units are outstanding, each holder of Series A Preferred Units will have the right to convert (a "Series A Change of Control Conversion") such number of Series A Preferred Units held by such holder on the Change of Control Conversion Date as such holder may elect into a number of our common units per Series A Preferred Unit to be converted (such number of common units, the "Common Unit Conversion Consideration") equal to, subject to certain adjustments pursuant to our Partnership Agreement, the lesser of:

- the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the sum of the \$ liquidation preference plus the amount of any accumulated and unpaid distributions to the Change of Control Conversion Date (unless the Change of Control Conversion Date is after a record date for a Series A Preferred Unit distribution payment and prior to the corresponding Series A Preferred Unit distribution payment date, in which case no additional amount for such accumulated and unpaid distribution will be included in this sum) by (ii) the average of the closing prices for our common units on the National Securities Exchange on which our common units are then listed or admitted to trading for the ten consecutive trading days ending with the trading day immediately preceding the Change of Control Conversion Date, and
- (the "Unit Cap").

The Unit Cap is subject to pro rata adjustments for any unit splits (including those effected pursuant to a distribution of our common units), subdivisions or combinations, in each case referred to as a "Unit Split," with respect to our common units. The adjusted Unit Cap as the result of a Unit Split will be the number of our common units that is equal to the product obtained by multiplying (i) the Unit Cap in effect immediately prior to the Unit Split by (ii) a fraction, (a) the numerator of which is the number of our common units outstanding after giving effect to the Unit Split and (b) the denominator of which is the number of our common units outstanding immediately prior to the Unit Split.

In the case of a Change of Control pursuant to which our common units will be converted into cash, securities or other property or assets (including any combination thereof) (the "Alternative Conversion Consideration"), a holder of Series A Preferred Units electing to participate in the Series A Change of Control Conversion will receive upon conversion of the Series A Preferred Units elected by such holder the kind and amount of such consideration on a per unit basis which such holder would have owned or been entitled to receive upon the Change of Control had such holder held a number of common units equal to the Common Unit Conversion Consideration immediately prior to the effective time of the Change of Control; provided, that, if the holders of our common units have the opportunity to elect the form of consideration to be received in such Change of Control, the consideration that the holders of Series A Preferred Units electing to participate in the Series A Change of Control Conversion will receive will be the form and proportion of the aggregate consideration elected by the holders of our common units who participate in the determination (based on the weighted average of elections) and will be subject to any limitations to which all holders of our common units are subject, including, without limitation, pro rata reductions applicable to any portion of the consideration payable in the Change of Control. No fractional units will be issued upon the conversion of the Series A Preferred Units. Instead, we will pay the cash value of such fractional units.

However, if prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, we provide (or, if applicable, a third party with our prior written consent provides) notice of our (or its) election to redeem Series A Preferred Units as described under "— Optional Redemption" or "— Redemption upon a Change of Control", holders of Series A Preferred Units will not have any right to convert the Series A Preferred Units that we have (or a third party with our prior written consent has) elected to redeem, and any Series A Preferred Units subsequently selected for redemption that have been tendered for conversion will be redeemed on the related redemption date instead of converted on the Change of Control Conversion Date.

Within 30 days following the occurrence of a Change of Control, we (or a third party with our prior written consent) will provide to holders of Series A Preferred Units a notice of occurrence of the Change of Control that describes the resulting Change of Control Conversion Right and states the following:

- the events constituting the Change of Control;
- the date of the Change of Control;
- the Change of Control Conversion Date;
- the last date on which the holders of Series A Preferred Units may exercise their Change of Control Conversion Right;
- the method and period for calculating the Common Unit Conversion Consideration;
- that if prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, we provide (or, if applicable, a third party with our prior written consent provides) notice of our (or its) election to redeem Series A Preferred Units, holders of Series A Preferred Units will not have any right to convert the Series A Preferred Units that we have (or a third party with our prior written consent has) elected to redeem, and any Series A Preferred Units subsequently selected for redemption that have been tendered for conversion will be redeemed on the related redemption date instead of converted on the Change of Control Conversion Date;
- if applicable, the type and amount of Alternative Conversion Consideration entitled to be received per Series A Preferred Unit;
- the name and address of the Paying Agent; and
- the procedures that the holders of Series A Preferred Units must follow to exercise the Change of Control Conversion Right.

We (or a third party with our prior written consent) will issue a press release for publication through a news or press organization as is reasonably expected to broadly disseminate the relevant information to the public, or post notice on our website, in any event prior to the opening of business on the first Business Day (as defined below) following any date on which we provide (or a third party with our prior written consent provides) the notice described above to the holders of Series A Preferred Units.

Each holder of Series A Preferred Units electing to participate in the Series A Change of Control Conversion will be required prior to the close of business on the third Business Day preceding the Change of Control Conversion Date, to notify us in writing of the number of Series A Preferred Units held by such holder on the Change of Control Conversion Date that such holder elects to be converted in the Series A Change of Control Conversion and otherwise to comply with any applicable procedures of the Depositary for effecting the conversion. The failure of any holder of Series A Preferred Units to timely deliver a written notice in accordance with the immediately preceding sentence (or the delivery by a holder of Series A Preferred Units of a timely notice of exercise for only a portion, but not all, of the Series A Preferred Units held by such holder) will constitute an election by such holder to not participate in the Series A Change of Control Conversion of the Series A Preferred Units held by such holder as to which a timely notice of exercise was not delivered).

Upon conversion, the rights of such participating holder as a holder of the Series A Preferred Units will cease with respect to such converted Series A Preferred Units, and such person will continue to be a partner and have the rights of a holder of common units under our Partnership Agreement. Each Series A Preferred Unit will, upon its Change of Control Conversion Date, be deemed to be transferred to, and cancelled by, us in exchange for the issuance of the common units upon such conversion.

We will comply with all applicable securities laws regulating the offer and delivery of any common units issued upon such conversion and, if our common units are then listed or quoted on a National Securities

Exchange or other market, will list or cause to have quoted and keep listed and quoted such common units to the extent permitted or required by the rules of such exchange or market.

"Business Day" means Monday through Friday of each week, except that a legal holiday recognized as such by the government of the United States of America or the State of Texas will not be recognized as such.

"Change of Control Conversion Right" means the right of a holder of Series A Preferred Units to convert some or all of the Series A Preferred Units held by such holder on the Change of Control Conversion Date into a number of our common units per Series A Preferred Unit pursuant to the conversion provisions in our Partnership Agreement.

"Change of Control Conversion Date" means the date fixed by our general partner, in its sole discretion, as the date the Series A Preferred Units are to be converted into our common units. Such Change of Control Conversion Date will be a Business Day that is no fewer than 20 days nor more than 35 days after the date on which we provide the notice described above to holders of the Series A Preferred Units.

### **Liquidation Rights**

We will liquidate in accordance with capital accounts. A consolidation or merger of us with or into any other entity, individually or in a series of transactions, will not be deemed to be a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs. The holders of outstanding Series A Preferred Units will be specially allocated items of our gross income and gain in a manner designed to achieve, in the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, whether voluntary or involuntary, a liquidation preference of \$ per unit. If the amount of our gross income and gain available to be specially allocated to the Series A Preferred Units is not sufficient to cause the capital account of a Series A Preferred Unit to equal the liquidation preference of a Series A Preferred Unit, then the amount that a holder of Series A Preferred Units would receive upon liquidation may be less than the Series A Preferred Unit liquidation preference. Any accumulated and unpaid distributions on the Series A Preferred Units will be paid prior to any distributions in liquidation made in accordance with capital accounts. The rights of the Series A Preferred Unitholders to receive the liquidation preference will be subject to the proportional rights of holders of Parity Securities.

# **Voting Rights**

The Series A Preferred Units will have no voting, consent or approval rights except as set forth below or as otherwise provided by Delaware law.

Unless we have received the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding Series A Preferred Units, voting as a single class, no amendment to our Partnership Agreement may be adopted that would have a material adverse effect on the existing preferences, rights, powers or duties of the Series A Preferred Units.

In addition, unless we have received the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding Series A Preferred Units, voting as a class together with holders of any other Parity Securities upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, we may not:

- · create or issue any Parity Securities if the cumulative distributions payable on outstanding Series A Preferred Units are in arrears; or
- create or issue any Senior Securities.

On any matter described above in which the holders of the Series A Preferred Units are entitled to vote as a class (whether separately or together with the holders of any Parity Securities), such holders will be entitled to one vote per unit.

With respect to Series A Preferred Units that are held for a person's account by another person (such as a broker, dealer, bank, trust company or clearing corporation, or an agent of any of the foregoing), in whose name such Series A Preferred Units are registered, such other person will, in exercising the voting rights in respect of such Series A Preferred Units on any matter, and unless the arrangement between such persons provides otherwise, vote such Series A Preferred Units in favor of, and at the direction of, the person who is the beneficial owner, and we will be entitled to assume it is so acting without further inquiry.

# **Distributions**

### General

Holders of Series A Preferred Units issued in this offering will be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the board of directors of our general partner out of legally available funds for such purpose, cumulative cash monthly distributions.

### **Distribution Rate**

Distributions on the Series A Preferred Units are cumulative from the date of original issue and will be payable monthly in arrears on each Distribution Payment Date (as defined below), commencing November 15, 2015, when, as and if declared by the board of directors of our general partner out of legally available funds for such purpose. The initial distribution on the Series A Preferred Units will be paid on November 15, 2015 in an amount equal to \$ per unit.

The initial distribution rate for the Series A Preferred Units from and including the date of original issue to, but not including, , 2020 (the "Fixed Rate Period") will be % per annum of the \$ liquidation preference per unit (equal to \$ per unit per annum). On and after , 2020 (the "Floating Rate Period"), distributions on the Series A Preferred Units will accumulate at an annual floating rate equal to the one-month LIBOR plus a spread of %.

Unless otherwise determined by our general partner, distributions will be deemed to have been paid out of our available cash with respect to the month then ended immediately preceding the month in which distribution payment was made.

LIBOR for each distribution period during the Floating Rate Period will be determined by the Calculation Agent (see "— Calculation Agent" below), as of the applicable Determination Date (as defined below), in accordance with the following provisions:

- the offered quotation to leading banks in the London interbank market for one-month dollar deposits as defined by the British Bankers' Association (or its successor in such capacity, such as NYSE Euronext Rate Administration Ltd.) and calculated by the Calculation Agent and published, as such rate appears: (i) on the Reuters Monitor Money Rates Service Page LIBOR01 (as defined below) (or a successor page on such service) or (ii) if such rate is not available, on such other information system that provides such information, in each case as of 11:00 a.m., London time, on such Determination Date;
- if no such rate is so published, then the rate for such Determination Date shall be the arithmetic mean (rounded to five decimal places, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the rates for one-month dollar deposits quoted to the Calculation Agent as of 11:00 a.m., London time, on such Determination Date, it being understood that at least two such quotes must have been so provided to the Calculation Agent; or
- if LIBOR cannot be determined on such Determination Date using the foregoing methods, then the LIBOR for the relevant distribution period shall be the LIBOR as determined using the foregoing methods for the first day before such Determination Date on which LIBOR can be so determined.

All percentages resulting from any of the above calculations will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upwards

(e.g., 9.876545% (or .09876545) being rounded to 9.87655% (or .0987655)) and all dollar amounts used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one-half cent being rounded upwards).

- "Determination Date" means the second London Business Day (as defined below) immediately preceding the applicable distribution period.
- "London Business Day" means any day on which dealings in deposits in U.S. dollars are transacted in the London interbank market.

"Reuters Monitor Money Rates Service Page LIBOR01" means the display designated on page "LIBOR01" on Reuters (or such other page as may replace the LIBOR01 page on that service or any successor service for the purpose of displaying London interbank offered rates for U.S. dollar deposits of major banks).

### **Distribution Payment Dates**

The "Distribution Payment Dates" for the Series A Preferred Units will be on the 15th day of each month, commencing on November 15, 2015. Such distributions will be paid to the holders of record as of the close of business on the last business day of the month preceding the applicable Distribution Payment Date. Distributions will be cumulative and accumulate at the applicable distribution rate in each distribution period from and including the initial issue date or the first day of the following month, as the case may be, to and including the last day of that month until such time as we pay the distribution, convert all of the outstanding Series A Preferred Units as described under "— Change of Control — Change of Control Rights" or redeem all of the outstanding Series A Preferred Units as described under "— Redemption — Optional Redemption" and "— Change of Control — Redemption upon a Change of Control," whether or not such distributions have been declared. Distributions will accumulate on the amount of distributions in arrears at the applicable distribution rate. If any Distribution Payment Date during the Fixed Rate Period otherwise would fall on a day that is not a Business Day, declared distributions will be paid on the immediately succeeding Business Day without the accumulation of additional distributions. If any Distribution Payment Date during the Floating Rate Period otherwise would fall on a day that is not a Business Day, declared distributions will be paid on the immediately succeeding Business Day without the accumulation of additional distributions, unless that day falls in the next calendar month, in which case the Distribution Payment Date will be the immediately preceding Business Day. Distributions on the Series A Preferred Units for any distribution period in the Fixed Rate Period will be payable based on a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months, with the result that the amount of the distribution for each distribution period (other than the initial such period) will equal \$ per unit. Distributions on the Series A Preferred Units for any distribution period in the Floating Rate Period will be payable based on the actual number of days in a distribution period and a 360-day year.

### **Payment of Distributions**

Not later than 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on each Distribution Payment Date, we will pay those monthly distributions, if any, on the Series A Preferred Units that have been declared by the board of directors of our general partner to the holders of such units as such holders' names appear on our unit transfer books maintained by the Transfer Agent on the applicable record date. The record date will be as of the close of the national securities exchange on which the Series A Preferred Units are listed or admitted to trading on the last Business Day of each month immediately preceding the applicable Distribution Payment Date, except that in the case of payments of distributions in arrears, the record date with respect to a Distribution Payment Date will be such date as may be designated by the board of directors of our general partner in accordance with our Partnership Agreement.

So long as the Series A Preferred Units are held of record by the nominee of the Depositary, declared distributions will be paid to the Depositary in same-day funds on each Distribution Payment Date. The Depositary will credit accounts of its participants in accordance with the Depositary's normal procedures. The participants will be responsible for holding or disbursing such payments to beneficial owners of the Series A Preferred Units in accordance with the instructions of such beneficial owners.

No distribution may be declared or paid or set apart for payment on any Junior Securities (other than a distribution payable solely in Junior Securities) unless full cumulative distributions have been or contemporaneously are being paid or provided for on all outstanding Series A Preferred Units and any Parity Securities through the most recently completed respective distribution periods. Accumulated distributions in arrears for any past distribution period may be declared by the board of directors of our general partner and paid on any date fixed by the board of directors of our general partner, whether or not a Distribution Payment Date, to holders of the Series A Preferred Units on the record date for such payment, which may not be less than 10 days before such payment date. Subject to the next succeeding sentence, if all accumulated distributions in arrears on all outstanding Series A Preferred Units and any Parity Securities have not been declared and paid, or sufficient funds for the payment thereof have not been set apart, payment of accumulated distributions in arrears will be made in order of their respective distribution payment dates, commencing with the earliest. If less than all distributions payable with respect to all Series A Preferred Units and any Parity Securities are paid, any partial payment will be made pro rata with respect to the Series A Preferred Units and any Parity Securities at such time. Holders of the Series A Preferred Units will not be entitled to any distribution, whether payable in cash, property or partnership securities, in excess of full cumulative distributions. Except insofar as interest or sum of money in lieu of interest will be payable in respect of any distribution payment which may be in arrears on the Series A Preferred Units.

## Redemption

#### **Optional Redemption**

At any time on or after , 2020, we may redeem the Series A Preferred Units, in whole or in part, from any source of funds legally available for such purpose, by paying \$ per unit plus an amount equal to all accumulated and unpaid distributions thereon to the date of redemption, whether or not declared. Any such redemption by the Partnership will be subject to compliance with the provisions of our senior secured credit facility, the Existing Senior Notes Indentures and any other agreements governing our future or existing outstanding indebtedness.

We (or a third party with our prior written consent) may also redeem the Series A Preferred Units under the terms set forth under "— Change of Control — Redemption upon a Change of Control."

#### **Redemption Procedures**

We or, in the case of a redemption described under "— Change of Control — Redemption upon a Change of Control," a third party with our prior written consent (such third party or us, as applicable, the "Redeeming Party") will give written notice of its election to redeem Series A Preferred Units as set forth above under "— Optional Redemption" or "— Change of Control — Redemption upon a Change of Control" not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days before the scheduled date of redeemption, to the holders of any units to be redeemed as such holders' names appear (as of 5:00 p.m. New York City time on the Business Day next preceding the day on which notice is given) on our unit transfer books maintained by the Transfer Agent at the address of such holders shown therein. Such notice will state: (i) the redemption date, (ii) the number of Series A Preferred Units to be redeemed and, if fewer than all outstanding Series A Preferred Units are to be redeemed, the number (and, in the case of Series A Preferred Units in certificated form, the identification) of units to be redeemed from such holder, (iii) the redemption price, (iv) the place where any Series A Preferred Units in certificated form are to be redeemed and will be presented and surrendered for payment of the redemption price therefor and (v) that distributions on the units to be redeemed will cease to accumulate from and after such redemption date.

The Redeeming Party may give such notice in advance of a Change of Control if a definitive agreement is in place for the Change of Control at the time of giving such notice. The date of redemption may be on the date of the Change of Control, and any such redemption may be made simultaneously with the Change of Control.

If fewer than all of the outstanding Series A Preferred Units are to be redeemed, the number of units to be redeemed will be determined by the Redeeming Party, and such units will be redeemed by such method of selection as the Depositary (or, in the case of any certificated units, our general partner) determines, either pro rata or by lot, with adjustments to avoid redemption of fractional units. So long as all Series A Preferred Units are held of record by the nominee of the Depositary, the Redeeming Party will give notice, or cause notice to be given, to the Depositary of the number of Series A Preferred Units to be redeemed, and the Depositary will determine the number of Series A Preferred Units to be redeemed from the account of each of its participants holding such units in its participant account. Thereafter, each participant will select the number of units to be redeemed from each beneficial owner for whom it acts (including the participant, to the extent it holds Series A Preferred Units for its own account). A participant may determine to redeem Series A Preferred Units from some beneficial owners (including the participant itself) without redeeming Series A Preferred Units from the accounts of other beneficial owners. The Series A Preferred Units not redeemed will remain outstanding and entitled to all the rights and preferences of Series A Preferred Units under our Partnership Agreement.

So long as the Series A Preferred Units are held of record by the nominee of the Depositary, the redemption price will be paid by the Paying Agent to the Depositary on the redemption date. The Depositary's normal procedures provide for it to distribute the amount of the redemption price in same-day funds to its participants who, in turn, are expected to distribute such funds to the persons for whom they are acting as agent.

If the Redeeming Party gives a notice of redemption, then the Redeeming Party will deposit with the Paying Agent funds sufficient to redeem the Series A Preferred Units as to which notice has been given no later than 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the date fixed for redemption, and the Redeeming Party will give the Paying Agent irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the redemption price to the holder or holders thereof upon surrender or deemed surrender (which will occur automatically if the certificate representing such units is issued in the name of the Depositary or its nominee) of the certificates therefor. If notice of redemption has been given, then from and after the date fixed for redemption, unless the Redeeming Party defaults in providing funds sufficient for such redemption at the time and place specified for payment pursuant to the notice, all distributions on such units will cease to accumulate and all rights of holders of such Series A Preferred Units with respect to such Series A Preferred Units will cease, except the right to receive the redemption price, plus an amount equal to accumulated and unpaid distributions to the date fixed for redemption, whether or not declared, and such Series A Preferred Units may not thereafter be transferred on the books of the Transfer Agent or be deemed to be outstanding for any purpose whatsoever.

The Redeeming Party will be entitled to receive from the Paying Agent the interest income, if any, earned on such funds deposited with the Paying Agent (to the extent that such interest income is not required to pay the redemption price of the Series A Preferred Units to be redeemed), and the holders of any Series A Preferred Units so redeemed will have no claim to any such interest income. Any funds deposited with the Paying Agent by the Redeeming Party for any reason, including redemption of Series A Preferred Units, that remain unclaimed or unpaid after two years after the applicable redemption date or other payment date, will be, to the extent permitted by law, repaid to us upon the Redeeming Party's written request, after which repayment the holders of Series A Preferred Units entitled to such redemption or other payment will have recourse only to the Redeeming Party.

If only a portion of the Series A Preferred Units represented by a certificate has been called for redemption, upon surrender of the certificate to the Paying Agent (which will occur automatically if the certificate representing such units is registered in the name of the Depositary or its nominee), we will issue and the Paying Agent will deliver to the holder of such units a new certificate (or adjust the applicable book-entry account) representing the number of Series A Preferred Units represented by the surrendered certificate that have not been called for redemption.

Notwithstanding any notice of redemption, there will be no redemption of any Series A Preferred Units called for redemption until funds sufficient to pay the full redemption price of such units, plus all accumulated and unpaid distributions to the date of redemption, whether or not declared, have been deposited by the Redeeming Party with the Paying Agent.

We and our affiliates may from time to time purchase Series A Preferred Units, subject to compliance with all applicable securities and other laws. Neither we nor any of our affiliates has any obligation, or any present plan or intention, to purchase any Series A Preferred Units. Any Series A Preferred Units that are redeemed or otherwise acquired by us will be cancelled.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless full cumulative distributions have been or contemporaneously are being paid or provided for on all outstanding Series A Preferred Units and any Parity Securities through the most recently completed respective distribution periods, we may not repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire, in whole or in part, any Series A Preferred Units or Parity Securities except pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same relative terms to all holders of Series A Preferred Units and any Parity Securities. Common units and any other Junior Securities may not be redeemed, repurchased or otherwise acquired unless full cumulative distributions have been or contemporaneously are being paid or provided for on all outstanding Series A Preferred Units and any Parity Securities through the most recently completed respective distribution periods.

#### No Sinking Fund

The Series A Preferred Units will not have the benefit of any sinking fund.

#### **No Fiduciary Duty**

We and our officers and directors will not owe any fiduciary duties to holders of the Series A Preferred Units other than a contractual duty of good faith and fair dealing pursuant to our Partnership Agreement.

# **Book-Entry System**

All Series A Preferred Units offered hereby will be represented by one or more certificates issued to The Depository Trust Company (and its successors or assigns or any other securities depositary selected by us) (the "Depositary"), and registered in the name of its nominee (initially, Cede & Co.). The Series A Preferred Units offered hereby will continue to be represented by one or more certificates registered in the name of the Depositary or its nominee, and no holder of the Series A Preferred Units offered hereby will be entitled to receive a certificate evidencing such units unless otherwise required by law or the Depositary gives notice of its intention to resign or is no longer eligible to act as such and we have not selected a substitute Depositary within 60 calendar days thereafter. So long as the Depositary is appointed and serving, payments and communications made by us to holders of the Series A Preferred Units will be duly made by making payments to, and communicating with, the Depositary. Accordingly, unless certificates are available to holders of the Series A Preferred Units, each purchaser of Series A Preferred Units must rely on (i) the procedures of the Depositary and its participants to receive distributions, any redemption price, liquidation preference and notices, and to direct the exercise of any voting or nominating rights, with respect to such Series A Preferred Units and (ii) the records of the Depositary and its participants to evidence its ownership of such Series A Preferred Units.

So long as the Depositary (or its nominee) is the sole holder of the Series A Preferred Units, no beneficial holder of the Series A Preferred Units will be deemed to be a unitholder of us. The Depository Trust Company, the initial Depositary, is a New York-chartered limited purpose trust company that performs services for its participants, some of whom (and/or their representatives) own The Depository Trust Company. The Depositary maintains lists of its participants and will maintain the positions (i.e., ownership interests) held by its participants in the Series A Preferred Units, whether as a holder of the Series A Preferred Units for its own account or as a nominee for another holder of the Series A Preferred Units.

# **Calculation Agent**

U.S. Bank National Association, or any other firm appointed by us, will be the "Calculation Agent" for the Series A Preferred Units.

#### MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The tax consequences to you of an investment in our Series A Preferred Units will depend in part on your own tax circumstances. For a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations associated with our operations and the purchase, ownership and disposition of common units (including the ownership and disposition of common units following a conversion of Series A Preferred Units into common units), please read "Material Tax Consequences" in the accompanying base prospectus and "Tax Risks to Common Unitholders" in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. Although this section updates and adds information related to certain tax considerations with respect to the Series A Preferred Units, it also should be read in conjunction with the risk factors included under the caption "Tax Risks to Unitholders" in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, "Risk Factors" in our most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and with "Material Tax Consequences" in the accompanying base prospectus, which provides a discussion of the principal federal income tax considerations associated with our operations. The following discussion is limited as described under the caption "Material Tax Consequences" in the accompanying base prospectus and as discussed below. You are urged to consult with your own tax advisor about the federal, state, local and non-U.S. tax consequences particular to your circumstances.

This section summarizes the material U.S. federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to prospective holders of Series A Preferred Units who are individual citizens or residents of the United States and, unless otherwise noted in the following discussion, is the opinion of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., counsel to us, insofar as it relates to matters of United States federal income tax law and legal conclusions with respect to those matters. Other than as set forth in "Taxation of the Partnership — Partnership Status," the tax consequences and opinions set forth below are based upon the assumption that the Series A Preferred Units will be treated as partnership interests for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In addition, this section is based upon current provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), existing and proposed U.S. Treasury regulations thereunder (the "Treasury Regulations"), and current administrative rulings and court decisions, all of which are subject to change. Changes in these authorities may cause the federal income tax consequences to a prospective unitholder to vary substantially from those described below, possibly on a retroactive basis. Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this section to "we" or "us" are references to Targa Resources Partners LP and our operating subsidiaries.

This section does not address all federal income tax matters that affect us or the holders of our Series A Preferred Units and does not describe the application of the alternative minimum tax that may be applicable to certain holders. Furthermore, this section focuses on holders who are individual citizens or residents of the United States (for federal income tax purposes), who have the U.S. dollar as their functional currency, who use the calendar year as their taxable year, and who hold units as capital assets (generally, property that is held for investment). This section has limited applicability to corporations, partnerships (including entities treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes), estates, trusts, non-resident aliens or other unitholders subject to specialized tax treatment, such as tax-exempt institutions, non-U.S. persons, individual retirement accounts ("IRAs"), employee benefit plans, real estate investment trusts or mutual funds. Accordingly, we encourage each holder to consult the holder's own tax advisor in analyzing the federal, state, local and non-U.S. tax consequences particular to that holder resulting from ownership or disposition of units and potential changes in applicable tax laws.

We are relying on the opinions and advice of Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P. with respect to the matters described herein. An opinion of counsel represents only that counsel's best legal judgment and does not bind the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") or a court. The statements made herein may not be sustained by a court if contested by the IRS. Any such contest of the matters described herein may materially and adversely impact the market for our units and the prices at which such units trade. In addition, our costs of any contest with the IRS will be borne indirectly by our unitholders because the costs will reduce our cash available for distribution. Furthermore, the tax consequences of an investment in us may be significantly modified by future legislative or administrative changes or court decisions, which may be retroactively applied.

All statements of law and legal conclusions, but no statement of fact, contained in this section, except as described below or otherwise noted, are the opinion of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. and are based on the accuracy of representations made by us to them for this purpose. For the reasons described below, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has not rendered an opinion with respect to the following federal income tax issues: (1) whether holders of Series A Preferred Units will be treated as partners that receive guaranteed payments for the use of capital on their units (please read "Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership — Limited Partner Status"); (2) the treatment of a holder whose units are the subject of a securities loan (*e.g.*, a loan to a short seller to cover a short sale of units) (please read "— Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership — Treatment of Securities Loans"); and (3) whether distributions with respect to the Series A Preferred Units will be treated as unrelated business taxable income (please read "Tax-Exempt Organizations and Other Investors.")

# Taxation of the Partnership

## Partnership Status

We expect to be treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes and, therefore, generally will not be liable for entity-level federal income taxes. Instead, as described below, each of our common unitholders will take into account its respective share of our items of income, gain, loss and deduction in computing its federal income tax liability as if such unitholder had earned such income directly, even if we make no cash distributions to that unitholder. However, holders of Series A Preferred Units generally will not share in allocations of income, gain, loss or deduction. Please read "— Allocation of Income, Gain, Loss and Deduction." Instead, we will treat distributions on preferred units as a guaranteed payment for the use of capital. Please read "— Treatment of Distributions on Series A Preferred Units."

Section 7704 of the Code generally provides that publicly traded partnerships will be treated as corporations for federal income tax purposes. However, if 90% or more of a partnership's gross income for every taxable year it is publicly traded consists of "qualifying income," the partnership may continue to be treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes (the "Qualifying Income Exception"). Qualifying income includes income and gains derived from the transportation, storage, processing and marketing of certain natural resources, including crude oil, natural gas and products thereof, as well as other types of qualifying income such as interest (other than from a financial business) and dividends. We estimate that less than 5% of our current gross income is not qualifying income; however, this estimate could change from time to time.

Based upon the factual representations made by us and our general partner, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. is of the opinion that we will be treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. The representations made by us and our general partner upon which Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has relied in rendering its opinion include, without limitation:

- (a) Except for Targa Resources Operating GP LLC, neither we nor any of our operating subsidiaries that are partnerships or limited liability companies has elected to be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes;
- (b) For each taxable year, since and including the year of our initial public offering, more than 90% of our gross income has been and will be income of a character that Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has opined is "qualifying income" within the meaning of Section 7704(d) of the Code;
- (c) No material portion (i.e., less than 1 percent) of the Partnership's gross income from the sales of natural gas, natural gas liquids, condensate or other refinery products that is treated as qualifying income is derived from sales that could be construed as sales to an end-user (i.e. sales to a purchaser whose use of the product cannot be identified as refining, processing, reselling or marketing); and
- (d) Each hedging transaction that we treat as resulting in qualifying income has been and will be appropriately identified as a hedging transaction pursuant to applicable Treasury Regulations, and has been and will be associated with oil, natural gas, or products thereof that are held or to be held by us in activities that Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has opined generate qualifying income.

We believe that these representations are true and will be true in the future.

If we fail to meet the Qualifying Income Exception, other than a failure that is determined by the IRS to be inadvertent and that is cured within a reasonable time after discovery (in which case the IRS may also require us to make adjustments with respect to our unitholders or pay other amounts), we will be treated as transferring all of our assets, subject to liabilities, to a newly formed corporation, on the first day of the year in which we fail to meet the Qualifying Income Exception, in return for stock in that corporation and then as distributing that stock to our unitholders in liquidation. This deemed contribution and liquidation should not result in the recognition of taxable income by our unitholders or us so long as our liabilities do not exceed the tax basis of our assets. Thereafter, we would be treated as an association taxable as a corporation for federal income tax purposes.

The present federal income tax treatment of publicly traded partnerships, including us, or an investment in our units may be modified by administrative or legislative action or judicial interpretation at any time. For example, from time to time, members of the U.S. Congress and the President propose and consider substantive changes to the existing federal income tax laws that affect publicly traded partnerships, including the elimination of the Qualifying Income Exception upon which we rely for our treatment as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. We are unable to predict whether any such changes will ultimately be enacted. However, it is possible that a change in law could affect us and may be applied retroactively. Any such changes could negatively impact the value of an investment in our units.

If for any reason we are taxable as a corporation in any taxable year, our items of income, gain, loss and deduction would be taken into account by us in determining the amount of our liability for federal income tax, rather than being passed through to our unitholders. Our taxation as a corporation would materially reduce the cash available for distribution and thus would likely substantially reduce the value of our units. Any distribution made to a partner at a time we are treated as a corporation would be (i) a taxable dividend to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, then (ii) a nontaxable return of capital to the extent of the unitholder's tax basis in its units, and thereafter (iii) taxable capital gain.

The remainder of this discussion is based on the opinion of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. that we will be treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes.

#### Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership

#### Limited Partner Status

The tax treatment of our Series A Preferred Units is uncertain because there is no direct controlling authority with respect to interests such as the Series A Preferred Units. As such, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. is unable to opine as to the tax treatment of our Series A Preferred Units. Although the IRS may disagree with this treatment, we will treat our Series A Preferred Units as partnership interests and the holders of our Series A Preferred Units as partners entitled to a guaranteed payment for the use of capital on their units. If the Series A Preferred Units are not partnership interests, they would likely constitute indebtedness for federal income tax purposes and distributions on the Series A Preferred Units would constitute ordinary interest income to the holders of Series A Preferred Units. The remainder of this discussion assumes that our Series A Preferred Units are partnership interests for federal income tax purposes.

For a discussion related to the risks of losing partner status as a result of securities loans, please read "— Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership — Treatment of Securities Loans." Holders who are not treated as partners of the partnership as described above are urged to consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences applicable to them under their particular circumstances.

# Flow-Through of Taxable Income

Subject to the discussion below under "— Entity-Level Collections of Partner Taxes" with respect to payments we may be required to make on behalf of our partners, we do not pay any federal income tax.

We will treat distributions to holders of Series A Preferred Units as guaranteed payments for the use of capital. Guaranteed payments paid or accrued within the partnership's taxable year will be included as income to holders of the Series A Preferred Units whether or not a distribution of such payment has actually been made.

# **Basis of Units**

A partner's tax basis in its units (including Series A Preferred Units) initially will be the amount paid for those units. A common unitholder's basis will be increased by the unitholder's initial allocable share of our liabilities. A common unitholder's basis generally will be (i) increased by the unitholder's share of our income and any increases in such unitholder's share of our liabilities, and (ii) decreased, but not below zero, by the amount of all distributions to the unitholder, the unitholder's share of our losses, any decreases in the unitholder's share of our liabilities, and certain other items.

However, a holder's basis in its Series A Preferred Units will not be affected by distributions on such units. We do not anticipate that a holder of Series A Preferred Units will be allocated any share of our liabilities. The IRS has ruled that a partner who acquires interests in a partnership in separate transactions must combine those interests and maintain a single adjusted tax basis for all of those interests. If you own common units and Series A Preferred Units, please consult your tax advisor with respect to determining the consequences of a guaranteed payment on your basis in your units.

#### Treatment of Distributions on Series A Preferred Units

We will treat distributions on the Series A Preferred Units as guaranteed payments for the use of capital that will generally be taxable to the holders of Series A Preferred Units as ordinary income and will be deductible by us. Although a holder of Series A Preferred Units could recognize taxable income from the accrual of such a guaranteed payment even in the absence of a contemporaneous distribution, the partnership anticipates accruing and making the guaranteed payment distributions monthly. Otherwise, the holders of Series A Preferred Units are generally not anticipated to share in the partnership's items of income, gain, loss or deduction, nor will the partnership allocate any share of its nonrecourse liabilities to the holders of Series A Preferred Units.

#### Limitations on Deductibility of Losses

A holder of Series A Preferred Units will only be allocated loss to the extent the capital accounts of the common unitholders have been reduced to zero. Although it is not anticipated that a holder of Series A Preferred Units would be allocated loss, the deductibility of any such allocation may be limited for various reasons. In the event that you are allocated loss as a holder of a Series A Preferred Unit, please consult your tax advisor as to the application of any limitation to the deductibility of that loss.

#### **Entity-level Collections of Partner Taxes**

If we are required or elect under applicable law to pay any federal, state, local or non-U.S. tax on behalf of any current or former partner, we are authorized to treat the payment as a distribution of cash to the relevant partner. Where the tax is payable on behalf of all partners or we cannot determine the specific partner on whose behalf the tax is payable, we are authorized to treat the payment as a distribution to all current partners. We are authorized to amend our Partnership Agreement in the manner necessary to maintain uniformity of intrinsic tax characteristics of units and to adjust later distributions, so that after giving effect to these distributions, the priority and characterization of distributions otherwise applicable under our Partnership Agreement is maintained as nearly as is practicable. Payments by us as described above could give rise to an overpayment of tax on behalf of a partner, in which event the partner may be entitled to claim a refund of the overpayment amount. Partners are urged to consult their tax advisors to determine the consequences to them of any tax payment we make on their behalf.

# Allocation of Income, Gain, Loss and Deduction

If we have a net profit, our items of income, gain, loss and deduction will be allocated among our holders of units other than Series A Preferred Units in accordance with their percentage interests in us. If we have a net loss, our items of income, gain, loss and deduction will be allocated among all of our common unitholders in accordance with their percentage interests in us to the extent of their positive capital accounts. Holders of our Series A Preferred Units will only be allocated net loss in the event that the capital accounts of the common unitholders have been reduced to zero.

Generally, holders of Series A Preferred Units will have a capital account equal to the liquidation preference of each Series A Preferred Unit, or \$ , without regard to the price paid for such units, but will have an initial tax basis with respect to the Series A Preferred Units equal to the price paid for such units. To the extent the purchase price paid for a Series A Preferred Unit exceeds the liquidation preference of such unit, we will have income that will be allocated to our general partner and the holders of units other than Series A Preferred Units in accordance with their percentage interest.

#### **Treatment of Securities Loans**

A partner whose units are loaned (for example, a loan to "short seller" to cover a short sale of units) may be treated as having disposed of those units. If so, such partner would no longer be treated for tax purposes as a partner with respect to those units during the period of the loan and may recognize gain or loss from the disposition. As a result, during this period (i) any of our income, gain, loss or deduction allocated to those units would not be reportable by the lending partner, and (ii) any cash distributions received by the partner as to those units may be treated as ordinary taxable income.

Due to a lack of controlling authority, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has not rendered an opinion regarding the tax treatment of a partner that enters into a securities loan with respect to its units. Partners desiring to assure their status as partners and avoid the risk of income recognition from a loan of their units are urged to modify any applicable brokerage account agreements to prohibit their brokers from borrowing and lending their units. The IRS has announced that it is studying issues relating to the tax treatment of short sales of partnership interests. Please read "— Disposition of Units — Recognition of Gain or Loss."

#### Tax Rates

Under current law, the highest marginal federal income tax rates for individuals applicable to ordinary income and long-term capital gains (generally, gains from the sale or exchange of certain investment assets held for more than one year) are 39.6% and 20%, respectively. These rates are subject to change by new legislation at any time.

In addition, a 3.8% net investment income tax applies to certain net investment income earned by individuals, estates, and trusts. For these purposes, net investment income generally includes guaranteed payments, a unitholder's allocable share of our income and gain realized by a unitholder from a sale of units. In the case of an individual, the tax will be imposed on the lesser of (i) the unitholder's net investment income from all investments, or (ii) the amount by which the unitholder's modified adjusted gross income exceeds \$250,000 (if the unitholder is married and filing jointly or a surviving spouse), \$125,000 (if married filing separately) or \$200,000 (if the unitholder is unmarried or in any other case). In the case of an estate or trust, the tax will be imposed on the lesser of (i) undistributed net investment income, or (ii) the excess adjusted gross income over the dollar amount at which the highest income tax bracket applicable to an estate or trust begins.

# **Tax Treatment of Operations**

# Accounting Method and Taxable Year

We use the year ending December 31 as our taxable year and the accrual method of accounting for federal income tax purposes. Each holder of Series A Preferred Units will be required to include in its tax return its income from our guaranteed payments for each taxable year ending within or with its taxable year. A holder of Series A Preferred Units that has a taxable year ending on a date other than December 31 and that disposes of all its units following the close of our taxable year but before the close of its taxable year will be required to include in income for its taxable year its income from more than one year of guaranteed payments.

# **Disposition of Units**

#### Recognition of Gain or Loss

A holder of Series A Preferred Units will be required to recognize gain or loss on a sale of such units equal to the difference between the holder's amount realized and tax basis in the units sold. A holder's amount realized generally will equal the sum of the cash and the fair market value of other property it receives for the unit. Gain or loss recognized by a holder on the sale or exchange of a unit held for more than one year generally will be taxable as long-term capital gain or loss. Net capital loss may offset capital gains and, in the case of individuals, up to \$3,000 of ordinary income per year.

Furthermore, as described above, the IRS has ruled that a partner who acquires interests in a partnership in separate transactions must combine those interests and maintain a single adjusted tax basis for all of those interests (presumably including both common units and Series A Preferred Units). Upon a sale or other disposition of less than all of those interests, a portion of that tax basis must be allocated to the interests sold using an "equitable apportionment" method, which generally means that the tax basis allocated to the interest sold equals an amount that bears the same relation to the partner's tax basis in its entire interest in the partnership as the value of the interest sold bears to the value of the partner's entire interest in the partnership.

Treasury Regulations under Section 1223 of the Code allow a selling partner who can identify units transferred with an ascertainable holding period to elect to use the actual holding period of the units transferred. Thus, according to the ruling discussed in the paragraph above, a partner will be unable to select high or low basis units to sell as would be the case with corporate stock, but, according to the Treasury Regulations, it may designate specific units sold for purposes of determining the holding period of the units transferred. A partner electing to use the actual holding period of units transferred must consistently use that identification method for all subsequent sales or exchanges of our units. A partner considering the purchase of additional units or a sale of units purchased in separate transactions is urged to consult its tax advisor as to the possible consequences of this ruling and application of the Treasury Regulations.

Specific provisions of the Code affect the taxation of some financial products and securities, including partnership interests, by treating a taxpayer as having sold an "appreciated" financial position, including a partnership interest with respect to which gain would be recognized if it were sold, assigned or terminated at its fair market value, in the event the taxpayer or a related person enters into:

- a short sale;
- an offsetting notional principal contract; or
- · a futures or forward contract with respect to the partnership interest or substantially identical property.

Moreover, if a taxpayer has previously entered into a short sale, an offsetting notional principal contract or a futures or forward contract with respect to the partnership interest, the taxpayer will be treated as having sold that position if the taxpayer or a related person then acquires the partnership interest or substantially identical property. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to issue Treasury Regulations that treat a taxpayer that enters into transactions or positions that have substantially the same effect as the preceding transactions as having constructively sold the financial position.

#### Allocations between Transferors and Transferees

Holders of Series A Preferred Units owning Series A Preferred Units as of the close of the applicable exchange on the last business day of a month (the "Allocation Date") will be entitled to receive the distribution of the guaranteed payment payable with respect to their units for that month on the next distribution payment date. Purchasers of Series A Preferred Units after the Allocation Date will therefore not be entitled to a cash distribution on their Series A Preferred Units until the next Allocation Date.

## **Notification Requirements**

A partner who sells or purchases any of its units is generally required to notify us in writing of that transaction within 30 days after the transaction (or, if earlier, January 15 of the year following the transaction in the case of a seller). Upon receiving such notifications, we are required to notify the IRS of that transaction and to furnish specified information to the transferor and transferee. Failure to notify us of a transfer of units may, in some cases, lead to the imposition of penalties. However, these reporting requirements do not apply to a sale by an individual who is a citizen of the United States and who effects the sale through a broker who will satisfy such requirements.

#### Constructive Termination

We will be considered to have "constructively" terminated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes upon the sale or exchange of 50% or more of the total interests in our capital and profits within a twelve-month period. For such purposes, multiple sales of the same unit are counted only once. A constructive termination results in the closing of our taxable year for all partners. In the case of a partner reporting on a taxable year other than the calendar year, the closing of our taxable year may result in more than twelve months of our taxable income or loss being includable in such partner's taxable income for the year of termination.

A constructive termination occurring on a date other than December 31 generally would require that we file two tax returns for one fiscal year thereby increasing our administration and tax preparation costs. However, pursuant to an IRS relief procedure the IRS may allow a constructively terminated partnership to provide a single Schedule K-1 for the calendar year in which a termination occurs. Following a constructive termination, we would be required to make new tax elections, including a new election under Section 754 of the Code, and the termination would result in a deferral of our deductions for depreciation. A termination could also result in penalties if we were unable to determine that the termination had occurred. Moreover, a termination may either accelerate the application of, or subject us to, any tax legislation enacted before the termination that would not otherwise have been applied to us as a continuing as opposed to a terminating partnership.

#### **Conversion of Units**

We will adopt the principles of Treasury Regulations § 1.721-2 with respect to the conversion of Series A Preferred Units into common units. Except to the extent that the exercise price satisfies our obligation for any accumulated but unpaid distribution, we expect that the conversion will be nontaxable to holders of Series A Preferred Units. At the time of conversion, we will revalue our assets and allocate book items of unrealized income, gain, loss and deduction to the extent necessary to reflect that partner's right to share in partnership capital under our Partnership Agreement. If available book items of income, gain, loss and deduction are unable to be allocated in a manner that reflects the converting partner's right to share in partnership capital under our Partnership Agreement, then we must reallocate partnership capital between the existing partners and the converting partner. Corrective allocations will be made until such capital reallocations are eliminated. Corrective allocations may result in the allocation of a greater amount of income, gain, loss or deduction to a particular unitholder for tax purposes, as compared to book purposes.

Upon the conversion of Series A Preferred Units, a holder will receive a basis in the resulting common units equal to its existing basis in its Series A Preferred Units plus such unitholder's initial allocable share of our liabilities in its capacity as a common unitholder. As a common unitholder, that basis will be (i) increased

by the unitholder's share of our income and any increases in such unitholder's share of our liabilities, and (ii) decreased, but not below zero, by the amount of all distributions to the common unitholder, the common unitholder's share of our losses, any decreases in the common unitholder's share of our liabilities, and certain other items. The holding period of such common units will also include the period that holder held the converted Series A Preferred Units.

For a discussion of the tax treatment of the ownership and disposition of common units, including common units resulting from the conversion of Series A Preferred Units, not otherwise set forth in this Prospectus Supplement, please read "Material Tax Consequences" in the accompanying base prospectus.

# **Tax-exempt Organizations and Other Investors**

Ownership of units by employee benefit plans and other tax-exempt organizations as well as by non-resident alien individuals, non-U.S. corporations and other non-U.S. persons (collectively, "Non-U.S. Holders") raises issues unique to those investors and, as described below, may have substantially adverse tax consequences to them. Prospective holders that are tax-exempt entities or Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors before investing in our units. Employee benefit plans and most other tax-exempt organizations, including IRAs and other retirement plans, are subject to federal income tax on unrelated business taxable income, or UBTI. Virtually all of our income will be unrelated business taxable income and will be taxable to a tax-exempt holder.

We will treat distributions on the Series A Preferred Units as guaranteed payments for the use of capital. The treatment of guaranteed payments for the use of capital to tax exempt investors is not certain because there is no direct controlling authority on such treatment. Such payments may be treated as UBTI for federal income tax purposes and Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. is unable to opine with respect to whether such payments constitute UBTI for federal income tax purposes. If you are a tax-exempt entity, you should consult your tax advisor with respect to the consequences of owning our Series A Preferred Units.

Non-U.S. Holders are taxed by the United States on income effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business ("effectively connected income") and on certain types of U.S.-source non-effectively connected income (such as dividends and guaranteed payments), unless exempted or further limited by an income tax treaty, and may be considered to be engaged in business in the United States because of their ownership of our units. Furthermore, they may also be deemed to conduct such activities through permanent establishments in the United States within the meaning of applicable tax treaties. Consequently, they may be required to file federal tax returns to report their share of our income, gain, loss or deduction (in the case of holders of common units) or their share of income from guaranteed payments (in the case of holders of Series A Preferred Units) and pay federal income tax on their share of our net income or gain in a manner similar to a taxable U.S. holder. Although the issue is not free from doubt, we will treat distributions to Non-U.S. Holders as effectively connected income. As such, under rules applicable to publicly traded partnerships, distributions to Non-U.S. Holders are subject to withholding at the highest applicable effective tax rate. Each Non-U.S. Holder must obtain a taxpayer identification number from the IRS and submit that number to our transfer agent on a Form W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E or applicable substitute form in order to obtain credit for these withholding taxes.

In addition, because a Non-U.S. Holder classified as a corporation will be treated as engaged in a United States trade or business, that corporation may be subject to the U.S. branch profits tax at a rate of 30%, in addition to regular federal income tax, on its share of our income and gain as adjusted for changes in the foreign corporation's "U.S. net equity" to the extent reflected in the corporation's effectively connected earnings and profits. That tax may be reduced or eliminated by an income tax treaty between the United States and the country in which the foreign corporate unitholder is a "qualified resident." In addition, this type of holder is subject to special information reporting requirements under Section 6038C of the Code.

A Non-U.S. Holder who sells or otherwise disposes of a unit will be subject to federal income tax on gain realized from the sale or disposition of that unit to the extent the gain is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-U.S. Holder. Under a ruling published by the IRS interpreting the scope of "effectively"

connected income," gain recognized by a non-U.S. person from the sale of its interest in a partnership that is engaged in a trade or business in the United States will be considered to be effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. Thus, part or all of a Non-U.S. Holder's gain from the sale or other disposition of its units may be treated as effectively connected with a unitholder's indirect U.S. trade or business constituted by its investment in us. Moreover, under the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act, a Non-U.S. Holder generally will be subject to federal income tax upon the sale or disposition of a unit if (i) it owned (directly or indirectly constructively applying certain attribution rules) more than 5% of our units at any time during the five-year period ending on the date of such disposition and (ii) 50% or more of the fair market value of our worldwide real property interests and our other assets used or held for use in a trade or business consisted of U.S. real property interests (which include U.S. real estate (including land, improvements, and certain associated personal property) and interests in certain entities holding U.S. real estate) at any time during the shorter of the period during which such holder held the units or the 5-year period ending on the date of disposition. More than 50% of our assets may consist of U.S. real property interests. Therefore, Non-U.S. Holders may be subject to federal income tax on gain from the sale or disposition of their units.

#### **Administrative Matters**

# Information Returns and Audit Procedures

We intend to furnish to each holder of Series A Preferred Units, within 90 days after the close of each taxable year, specific tax information, including a Schedule K-1, which describes its preferred return for the preceding taxable year. Notwithstanding the rules described above under "— Basis of Units" requiring aggregation of partnership interests purchased in separate transactions, you may receive two Schedules K-1 if you hold common units and Series A Preferred Units due to administrative reporting limitations.

In preparing this information, which will not be reviewed by counsel, we will take various accounting and reporting positions. We cannot assure our holders that those positions will yield a result that conforms to all of the requirements of the Code, Treasury Regulations or administrative interpretations of the IRS.

The IRS may audit our federal income tax information returns. Neither we nor Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. can assure prospective holders that the IRS will not successfully challenge the positions we adopt, and such a challenge could adversely affect the value of the units. Adjustments resulting from an IRS audit may require each holder to adjust a prior year's tax liability and may result in an audit of the holder's own return. Any audit of a holder's return could result in adjustments unrelated to our returns.

Publicly traded partnerships generally are treated as entities separate from their owners for purposes of federal income tax audits, judicial review of administrative adjustments by the IRS and tax settlement proceedings. The tax treatment of partnership items of income, gain, loss and deduction are determined in a partnership proceeding rather than in separate proceedings of the partners. The Code requires that one partner be designated as the "Tax Matters Partner" for these purposes, and our Partnership Agreement designates our general partner. The Tax Matters Partner has made and will make some elections on our behalf and on behalf of unitholders.

The Tax Matters Partner can extend the statute of limitations for assessment of tax deficiencies against partners for items in our returns. The Tax Matters Partner may bind a partner with less than a 1% profits interest in us to a settlement with the IRS unless that partner elects, by filing a statement with the IRS, not to give that authority to the Tax Matters Partner. The Tax Matters Partner may seek judicial review, by which all the partners are bound, of a final partnership administrative adjustment and, if the Tax Matters Partner fails to seek judicial review, judicial review may be sought by any partner having at least a 1% interest in profits or by any group of partners having in the aggregate at least a 5% interest in profits. However, only one action for judicial review may go forward, and each partner with an interest in the outcome may participate in that action.

A partner must file a statement with the IRS identifying the treatment of any item on its federal income tax return that is not consistent with the treatment of the item on our return. Intentional or negligent disregard of this consistency requirement may subject a partner to substantial penalties.

# Nominee Reporting

Persons who hold an interest in us as a nominee for another person are required to furnish to us:

- (1) the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the beneficial owner and the nominee;
- (2) a statement regarding whether the beneficial owner is:
  - (a) a non-U.S. person;
  - (b) a non-U.S. government, an international organization or any wholly-owned agency or instrumentality of either of the foregoing; or
  - (c) a tax-exempt entity;
- (3) the amount and description of units held, acquired or transferred for the beneficial owner; and
- (4) specific information including the dates of acquisitions and transfers, means of acquisitions and transfers, and acquisition cost for purchases, as well as the amount of net proceeds from sales.

Brokers and financial institutions are required to furnish additional information, including whether they are U.S. persons and specific information on units they acquire, hold or transfer for their own account. A penalty of \$100 per failure, up to a maximum of \$1.5 million per calendar year, is imposed by the Code for failure to report that information to us. The nominee is required to supply the beneficial owner of the units with the information furnished to us.

#### **Accuracy-Related Penalties**

Certain penalties may be imposed on taxpayers as a result of an underpayment of tax that is attributable to one or more specified causes, including negligence or disregard of rules or regulations, substantial understatements of income tax and substantial valuation misstatements. No penalty will be imposed, however, for any portion of any such underpayment if it is shown that there was a reasonable cause for the underpayment of that portion and that the taxpayer acted in good faith regarding the underpayment of that portion. Penalties may also be imposed for engaging in transactions without economic substance. We do not anticipate engaging in transactions without economic substance or otherwise participating in transactions that would subject our partners to accuracy related penalties.

### Withholding on Payments to Certain Foreign Entities

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code and the U.S. Treasury Regulations and administrative guidance issued thereunder (referred to as "FATCA") impose a 30% U.S. federal withholding tax on payments of interest, dividends and other fixed or determinable annual or periodical gains, profits and income from sources within the United States and on the gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of property of a type which can produce interest or dividends from sources within the United States (if such sale or other disposition occurs after December 31, 2018), if paid to a "foreign financial institution" or a "non-financial foreign entity" (each as defined in the Code) (including, in some cases, when such foreign financial institution or non-financial foreign entity is acting as an intermediary), unless: (i) in the case of a foreign financial institution, such institution enters into an agreement with the U.S. government to withhold on certain payments, and to collect and provide to the U.S. tax authorities substantial information regarding U.S. account holders of such institution (which includes certain equity and debt holders of such institution, as well as certain account holders that are foreign entities with U.S. owners); (ii) in the case of a non-financial foreign entity, such entity certifies that it does not have any "substantial United States owners" (as defined in the Code) or provides the withholding agent with a certification

identifying its direct and indirect substantial United States owners (generally by providing an IRS Form W-8BEN-E); or (iii) the foreign financial institution or non-financial foreign entity otherwise qualifies for an exemption from these rules and provides appropriate documentation (such as an IRS Form W-8BEN-E). Foreign financial institutions located in jurisdictions that have an intergovernmental agreement with the United States with respect to these rules may be subject to different rules.

Under the applicable Treasury Regulations, FATCA withholding generally will apply to all U.S.-source "withholdable payments" without regard to whether the beneficial owner of the payment would otherwise be entitled to an exemption from imposition of withholding tax pursuant to an applicable income tax treaty with the United States or U.S. domestic law.

#### State, Local, Non-U.S. and Other Tax Considerations

In addition to federal income taxes, holders may be subject to other taxes, including state and local and non-U.S. income taxes, unincorporated business taxes, and estate, inheritance or intangibles taxes that may be imposed by the various jurisdictions in which we conduct business or own property now or in the future or in which the unitholder is a resident. We currently own assets and conduct business in various states, most of which imposes a personal income tax on individuals and an income tax on corporations and other entities such as us. We may also own property or do business in other states in the future that impose income or similar taxes on nonresident individuals. Although an analysis of those various taxes is not presented here, each prospective holder should consider their potential impact on its investment in us.

Although you may not be required to file a return and pay taxes in some jurisdictions because your income from that jurisdiction falls below the filing and payment requirement, you will be required to file income tax returns and to pay income taxes in many of these jurisdictions in which we do business or own property and may be subject to penalties for failure to comply with those requirements. Some of the jurisdictions may require us, or we may elect, to withhold a percentage of income from amounts to be distributed to a holder who is not a resident of the jurisdiction. Withholding, the amount of which may be greater or less than a particular holder's income tax liability to the jurisdiction, generally does not relieve a nonresident unitholder from the obligation to file an income tax return.

It is the responsibility of each holder to investigate the legal and tax consequences, under the laws of pertinent jurisdictions, of his investment in us. Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has not rendered an opinion on the state, local or non-U.S. tax consequences of an investment in us. We strongly recommend that each prospective holder consult, and depend upon, its own tax counsel or other advisor with regard to those matters. Further, it is the responsibility of each holder to file all state, local and non-U.S., as well as U.S. federal tax returns that may be required of it. We have not received an opinion on the state, local, alternative minimum tax or non-U.S. tax consequences of an investment in us.

#### UNDERWRITING

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, UBS Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities LLC are acting as joint book-running managers of the underwritten offering and representatives of the underwriters named below. Subject to the terms and conditions stated in the underwriting agreement, each underwriter named below has agreed to purchase severally and not jointly, and we have agreed to sell to that underwriter, the number of Series A Preferred Units set forth opposite the underwriter's name.

Underwriter	Number of Series A Preferred Units
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith	
Incorporated	
UBS Securities LLC	
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	
RBC Capital Markets, LLC	
FBR Capital Markets & Co.	
Total	

The underwriting agreement will provide that the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the Series A Preferred Units included in this offering are subject to approval of legal matters by counsel and to other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to purchase all of the Series A Preferred Units (other than those covered by the option to purchase additional Series A Preferred Units described below) if they purchase any of the Series A Preferred Units.

#### **Option to Purchase Additional Series A Preferred Units**

We have granted to the underwriters an option, exercisable for 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement, to purchase up to additional Series A Preferred Units at the public offering price less the underwriting discount. To the extent the option is exercised, each underwriter must purchase a number of additional Series A Preferred Units approximately proportionate to that underwriter's initial purchase commitment.

# **Underwriting Discounts and Expenses**

The underwriters propose to offer some of the Series A Preferred Units directly to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and some of the Series A Preferred Units to dealers at the public offering price less a concession not to exceed \$ per unit. If all of the Series A Preferred Units are not sold at the initial offering price, the underwriters may change the public offering price and the other selling terms. All compensation received by the underwriters in connection with this offering will not exceed 3.15% of the gross offering proceeds.

The following table shows the underwriting discounts that we are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering. These amounts are shown assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional Series A Preferred Units.

	No Exercise	Full Exercise
Per Series A Preferred Unit	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$

We estimate that our total expenses of this offering, excluding the underwriting discounts, will be

approximately \$0.5 million.

#### Lock-up Agreement

We have agreed that we will not, directly or indirectly, offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of any Series A Preferred Units or securities that are substantially similar to the Series A Preferred Units or enter into any derivative transaction with similar effect as a sale of Series A Preferred Units or securities that are substantially similar to the Series A Preferred Units for a period of 45 days after the date of this prospectus supplement without the prior written consent of Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC. The restrictions described in this paragraph do not apply to, among other things, the issuance and sale of Series A Preferred Units by us to the underwriters pursuant to the underwriting agreement.

#### Listing

The Series A Preferred Units are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We intend to apply to list the Series A Preferred Units on the NYSE under the symbol "NGLS PRA." If the application is approved, trading of the Series A Preferred Units on the NYSE is expected to begin within 30 days after the date of initial delivery of the Series A Preferred Units. The underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in the Series A Preferred Units before commencement of trading on the NYSE. They will have no obligation to make a market in the Series A Preferred Units, however, and may cease market-making activities, if commenced, at any time. Accordingly, an active trading market on the NYSE for the Series A Preferred Units may not develop or, even if one develops, may not last, in which case the liquidity and market price of the Series A Preferred Units could be adversely affected, the difference between bid and asked prices could be substantial and your ability to transfer Series A Preferred Units at the time and price desired will be limited.

# **Passive Market Making**

In connection with this offering, the underwriters may engage in passive market making transactions in the Series A Preferred Units on the NYSE in accordance with Rule 103 of Regulation M under the Exchange Act during the period before the commencement of offers or sales of Series A Preferred Units and extending through the completion of distribution. A passive market maker must display its bids at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid of the security. However, if all independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker's bid that bid must be lowered when specified purchase limits are exceeded.

#### Price Stabilization, Short Positions and Penalty Bids

In connection with this offering, the representatives, on behalf of the underwriters, may purchase and sell Series A Preferred Units in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, syndicate covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Short sales involve syndicate sales of Series A Preferred Units in excess of the number of Series A Preferred Units to be purchased by the underwriters in this offering, which creates a syndicate short position. "Covered" short sales are sales of Series A Preferred Units made in an amount up to the number of Series A Preferred Units represented by the underwriters' option to purchase additional Series A Preferred Units. In determining the source of Series A Preferred Units to close out the covered syndicate short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of Series A Preferred Units available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase units through the option to purchase additional Series A Preferred Units in the open market after the distribution has been completed or the exercise of the option to purchase additional Series A Preferred Units. The underwriters may also make "naked" short sales of Series A Preferred Units in excess of the option to purchase additional Series A Preferred Units. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing Series A Preferred Units in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the Series A Preferred Units in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in this offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of bids for or purchases of Series A Preferred Units in the open market while this offering is in progress.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the representatives repurchase Series A Preferred Units originally sold by that syndicate member in order to cover syndicate short positions or make stabilizing purchases.

Any of these activities may have the effect of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the Series A Preferred Units. They may also cause the price of the Series A Preferred Units to be higher than the price that would otherwise exist in the open market in the absence of these transactions. The underwriters may conduct these transactions on the NYSE or in the over-the-counter market or otherwise. If the underwriters commence any of these transactions, they may discontinue them at any time.

#### **FINRA Conduct Rules**

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. Some of the underwriters and their affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with us or our affiliates. Such underwriters have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions. Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates are lenders under our senior secured credit facility that we expect to reduce using the net proceeds from this offering and, accordingly, such underwriters and affiliates will receive a portion of the net proceeds from this offering. Moreover, we have entered into swap transactions with affiliates of certain of the underwriters. For a description of these transactions, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk — Commodity Price Risk" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. We have agreed to pay these counter parties a fee in an amount we believe to be customary in connection with these transactions.

Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates routinely hedge, and certain other of the underwriters or their affiliates may hedge, their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, these underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the Series A Preferred Units offered hereby. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the Series A Preferred Units offered hereby.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

Because the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA, views our Series A Preferred Units as interests in a direct participation program, this offering is being made in compliance with Rule 2310 of the FINRA Rules. Investor suitability with respect to the Series A Preferred Units will be judged similarly to the suitability with respect to other securities that are listed for trading on a national securities exchange.

#### **Electronic Distribution**

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in electronic format may be made available on the websites maintained by one or more of the underwriters. The underwriters may agree to allocate a number of Series A Preferred Units for sale to their online brokerage account holders. The Series A Preferred Units will

be allocated to underwriters that may make internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations. In addition, Series A Preferred Units may be sold by the underwriters to securities dealers who resell Series A Preferred Units to online brokerage account holders.

Other than this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in electronic format, information contained in any website maintained by an underwriter is not part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus or registration statement of which the accompanying prospectus forms a part, has not been endorsed by us and should not be relied on by investors in deciding whether to purchase Series A Preferred Units. The underwriters are not responsible for information contained in websites that they do not maintain.

#### Settlement

We expect delivery of the Series A Preferred Units will be made against payment therefor on or about , 2015, which will be the fifth business day following the date of pricing of the Series A Preferred Units (such settlement being referred to as "T+5"). Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the Series A Preferred Units on the date of this prospectus supplement or the next succeeding business day will be required, by virtue of the fact that the Series A Preferred Units initially will settle in T+5, to specify an alternate settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent failed settlement and should consult their own advisers.

#### Indemnification

We and certain of our affiliates have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make because of any of these liabilities.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the Series A Preferred Units offered by this prospectus supplement will be passed on by Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Certain legal matters in connection with the Series A Preferred Units offered hereby will be passed upon for the underwriters by Baker Botts L.L.P., Dallas, Texas.

#### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) of Targa Resources Partners LP and subsidiaries incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The consolidated financial statements of Atlas Pipeline Partners, L.P. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014, incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement have been so incorporated by reference in reliance upon the report of Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accountants, upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

#### AVAILABLE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and other reports and other information with the Commission under the Exchange Act. You may read and copy any reports, statements or other information filed by us at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Our filings with the SEC are also available to the public from commercial document retrieval services and at the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.

We make available free of charge on our internet website at www.targaresources.com our annual reports on Form 10-K, our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, our current reports on Form 8-K and any amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and you should not consider such information as part of this prospectus supplement.

# INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information we have filed with the SEC. This means that we can disclose important information to you without actually including the specific information in this prospectus supplement by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus supplement. Information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and may replace information in this prospectus supplement and information previously filed with the SEC. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (excluding any information furnished under Items 2.02 or 7.01 on any current report on Form 8-K), including all such documents we may file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus supplement and until the termination of this offering:

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 filed on February 17, 2015;
- Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31 and June 30, 2015; and

• Our Current Reports on Forms 8-K or 8-K/A filed on January 20, 2015, January 30, 2015, February 26, 2015, March 4, 2015, March 11, 2015, May 7, 2015, May 12, 2015, May 19, 2015 and September 15, 2015 (in each case, to the extent filed and not furnished).

You may obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement from the SEC through the SEC's website at the address provided above. You also may request a copy of any document incorporated by reference in this prospectus (including exhibits to those documents specifically incorporated by reference in this document), at no cost, by visiting our internet website at www.targaresources.com, or by writing or calling us at the following address:

Targa Resources Partners LP 1000 Louisiana St, Suite 4300 Houston, Texas 77002 Attention: Investor Relations Telephone: (713) 584-1000

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# APPENDIX A — GLOSSARY OF TERMS

As generally used in the energy industry and in this prospectus supplement, the identified terms have the following meanings:

Abbreviation Bbl BBtu Term
Barrels (equal to 42 U.S. gallons) Billion British thermal units

/d Per day

GAAP Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America

MBbl Thousand barrels MMBbl Million barrels MMcf Million cubic feet

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**PROSPECTUS** 



# TARGA RESOURCES PARTNERS LP TARGA RESOURCES PARTNERS FINANCE CORPORATION

Common Units
Preferred Units
Debt Securities

Targa Resources Partners LP or selling unitholders may, in one or more offerings, offer and sell common units representing limited partner interests in Targa Resources Partners LP. Targa Resources Partners LP may, in one or more offerings, offer and sell, preferred units representing limited partner interests in Targa Resources Partners LP and, together with Targa Resources Partners Finance Corporation, debt securities described in this prospectus from time to time in one or more classes or series. We or selling unitholders, as applicable, may offer and sell these securities from time to time in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions and other factors at the time of our offerings.

This prospectus describes the general terms of these common units, preferred units and debt securities and the general manner in which we or selling unitholders, as applicable, will offer the common units, preferred units and debt securities. The specific terms of any common units, preferred units and debt securities that we or selling unitholders, as applicable, offer will be included in a supplement to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement will also describe the specific manner in which we or selling unitholders, as applicable, will offer the common units, preferred units and debt securities, and also may add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. We or selling unitholders, as applicable, will sell these securities through underwriters on a firm commitment basis. The names of any underwriters and the specific terms of a plan of distribution will be stated in the prospectus supplement. Selling unitholders that are affiliates of Targa Resources Partners LP may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and, as a result, may be deemed to be offering securities, indirectly, on our behalf. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of common units by selling unitholders.

Investing in our common units, preferred units and debt securities involves risks. Limited partnerships are inherently different from corporations. You should carefully consider each of the risk factors described under "Risk Factors" beginning on page 4 of this prospectus and in the applicable prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein before you make an investment in our securities.

Our common units are traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") under the symbol "NGLS." The last reported sales price of our common units on the NYSE on October 5, 2015 was \$32.48 per common unit. We will provide information in the prospectus supplement for the trading market, if any, for any preferred securities or debt securities we may offer.

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

The date of this prospectus is October 7, 2015.

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In making your investment decision, you should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with any other information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it.

You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front cover of those documents. You should not assume that the information contained in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the respective dates of those documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, using a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may, from time to time, offer and sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings and selling unitholders may, from time to time, offer and sell common units of Targa Resources Partners LP in one or more offerings. This prospectus generally describes Targa Resources Partners LP and the securities. Each time we or selling unitholders offer securities with this prospectus, we will provide you with this prospectus and a prospectus supplement that will describe, among other things, the specific amounts and prices of the securities being offered and the terms of the offering, including, in the case of preferred units or debt securities, the specific terms of the securities. The prospectus supplement may also add to, update or change information in this prospectus. Before you invest in our securities, you should carefully read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement and the additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information." To the extent information in this prospectus is inconsistent with information contained in a prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, together with additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information," and any additional information you may need to make your investment decision. All references in this prospectus to "we," "us," the "Partnership" and "our" refer to Targa Resources Partners LP, together with its subsidiaries.

#### TARGA RESOURCES PARTNERS LP

Targa Resources Partners LP (NYSE:NGLS) is a publicly traded Delaware limited partnership formed in October 2006 by our parent, Targa Resources Corp. ("Targa", "TRC" or the "Company"), to own, operate, acquire and develop a diversified portfolio of complementary midstream energy assets. We are a leading provider of midstream natural gas and natural gas liquids ("NGLs") services in the United States, with a growing presence in crude oil gathering and petroleum terminaling. In connection with these business activities, we buy and sell natural gas, NGLs and NGL products, crude oil, condensate and refined products.

We are engaged in the business of:

- gathering, compressing, treating, processing and selling natural gas;
- · storing, fractionating, treating, transporting, terminaling and selling NGLs and NGL products;
- gathering, storing and terminaling crude oil; and
- storing, terminaling and selling refined petroleum products.

To provide these services, we operate in two primary divisions: (i) Gathering and Processing, consisting of two reportable segments — (a) Field Gathering and Processing and (b) Coastal Gathering and Processing; and (ii) Logistics and Marketing (also referred to as our Downstream Business), consisting of two reportable segments — (a) Logistics Assets and (b) Marketing and Distribution.

Targa Resources Partners Finance Corporation was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware on May 23, 2008, is our wholly-owned subsidiary, and has no material assets or liabilities, other those than liabilities arising from its co-issuance of debt securities. Its activities have been and will continue to be limited to co-issuing debt securities and engaging in other activities incidental thereto.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1000 Louisiana St., Suite 4300, Houston, Texas 77002, and our telephone number at that location is (713) 584-1000.

For additional information as to our business, properties and financial condition, please refer to the documents cited in "Where You Can Find More Information."

#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Our reports, filings and other public announcements may from time to time contain statements that do not directly or exclusively relate to historical facts. Such statements are "forward-looking statements." You can typically identify forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking words, such as "may," "could," "project," "believe," "anticipate," "expect," "estimate," "potential," "plan," "forecast" and other similar words.

All statements that are not statements of historical facts, including statements regarding our future financial position, business strategy, budgets, projected costs and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements reflect our intentions, plans, expectations, assumptions and beliefs about future events and are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside our control. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements include known and unknown risks. Known risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the risks set forth in "Risk Factors" as well as the following risks and uncertainties:

- our ability to access the debt and equity markets, which will depend on general market conditions and the credit ratings for our debt obligations;
- the amount of collateral required to be posted from time to time in our transactions;
- our success in risk management activities, including the use of derivative instruments to hedge commodity risks;
- the level of creditworthiness of counterparties to transactions;
- changes in laws and regulations, particularly with regard to taxes, safety and protection of the environment;
- the timing and extent of changes in natural gas, NGLs, crude oil and other commodity prices, interest rates and demand for our services;
- weather and other natural phenomena;
- industry changes, including the impact of consolidations and changes in competition;
- our ability to obtain necessary licenses, permits and other approvals;
- the level and success of crude oil and natural gas drilling around our assets, our success in connecting natural gas supplies to our gathering and processing systems, oil supplies to our gathering systems and NGL supplies to our logistics and marketing facilities and our success in connecting our facilities to transportation and markets;
- our ability to grow through acquisitions or internal growth projects and the successful integration and future performance of such assets; including with respect to the mergers which were completed on February 27, 2015 between Targa Resources Corp. and Atlas Energy, L.P. and between Atlas Pipeline Partners L.P. and us;
- · general economic, market and business conditions; and
- the risks described elsewhere in this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference herein.

Although we believe that the assumptions underlying our forward-looking statements are reasonable, any of the assumptions could be inaccurate, and, therefore, we cannot assure you that the forward-looking statements included in this prospectus will prove to be accurate. Some of these and other risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from such forward-looking statements are more fully described under the heading "Risk Factors" in this prospectus. Except as may be required by applicable law, we undertake no

obligation to publicly update or advise of any change in any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus and all subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement.

# RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risk factors and all of the other information included in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus or any prospectus supplement in evaluating an investment in our securities. 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, preferred 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.

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Except as otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will use the net proceeds we receive from the sale of the securities for general partnership purposes, which may include repayment of indebtedness, the acquisition of businesses, other capital expenditures and additions to working capital.

Any specific allocation of the net proceeds of an offering of securities to a specific purpose will be determined at the time of the offering and will be described in a prospectus supplement.

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

# RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth our historical consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated. To date, we have not issued any preferred units. Therefore, the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred unit dividends is the same as the ratio of earnings to fixed charges presented below.

	Six Months Ended		Years E	nded Decen	ıber 31,	
	June 30, 2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	2.1x	4.0x	2.4x	2.4x	3.1x	2.2x

For purposes of computing the ratios of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of pre-tax income from continuing operations before equity in (earnings) loss from unconsolidated affiliates plus fixed charges, amortization of capitalized interest and distributions from equity investees less capitalized interest. Fixed charges consist of interest expensed and capitalized and the estimated interest component of rent expense.

#### DESCRIPTION OF OUR COMMON UNITS

#### The Common Units

The holders of our common units are entitled to participate in partnership distributions and exercise the rights and privileges available to limited partners under our partnership agreement. For a description of the rights of holders of our common units to partnership distributions, please see this section and "Cash Distribution Policy." For a description of the rights and privileges of limited partners under our partnership agreement, including voting rights, please see "The Partnership Agreement."

#### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

*Duties*. Computershare Trust Company, N.A. serves as registrar and transfer agent for our common units. We pay all fees charged by the transfer agent for transfers of common units except the following that must be paid by unitholders:

- surety bond premiums to replace lost or stolen certificates, taxes and other governmental charges;
- special charges for services requested by a common unitholder; and
- other similar fees or charges.

There is no charge to unitholders for disbursements of our cash distributions. We have indemnified the transfer agent, its agents and each of their stockholders, directors, officers and employees against all claims and losses that may arise out of acts performed or omitted for its activities in that capacity, except for any liability due to any gross negligence or intentional misconduct of the indemnified person or entity.

Resignation or Removal. The transfer agent may resign, by notice to us, or be removed by us. The resignation or removal of the transfer agent will become effective upon our appointment of a successor transfer agent and registrar and its acceptance of the appointment. If no successor has been appointed and has accepted the appointment within 30 days after notice of the resignation or removal, our general partner may act as the transfer agent and registrar until a successor is appointed.

#### **Transfer of Common Units**

By transfer of common units in accordance with our partnership agreement, each transferee of common units shall be admitted as a limited partner with respect to the common units transferred when such transfer and admission is reflected in our books and records. Each transferee:

- represents that the transferee has the capacity, power and authority to become bound by our partnership agreement;
- · automatically agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of, and is deemed to have executed, our partnership agreement; and
- gives the consents and approvals contained in our partnership agreement, such as the approval of all transactions and agreements that we are entering into in connection with this offering.

A transferee will become a substituted limited partner of our partnership for the transferred common units automatically upon the recording of the transfer on our books and records.

We may, at our discretion, treat the nominee holder of a common unit as the absolute owner. In that case, the beneficial holder's rights are limited solely to those that it has against the nominee holder as a result of any agreement between the beneficial owner and the nominee holder.

Common units are securities and are transferable according to the laws governing transfers of securities. In addition to other rights acquired upon transfer, the transferor gives the transferee the right to become a substituted limited partner in our partnership for the transferred common units.

Until a common unit has been transferred on our books, we and the transfer agent may treat the record holder of the unit as the absolute owner for all purposes, except as otherwise required by law or stock exchange regulations.

#### THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The following is a summary of the material provisions of our partnership agreement.

We summarize the following provisions of our partnership agreement elsewhere in this prospectus:

- with regard to distributions of available cash, please see "Cash Distribution Policy";
- · with regard to the transfer of our common units, please see "Description of our Common Units Transfer of Common Units"; and
- with regard to allocations of taxable income and taxable loss, please see "Material Tax Consequences."

#### **Organization and Duration**

Our partnership was organized on October 23, 2006 and will have a perpetual existence unless terminated pursuant to the terms of our partnership agreement.

# **Purpose**

Our purpose under the partnership agreement is limited to any business activity that is approved by our general partner and that lawfully may be conducted by a limited partnership organized under Delaware law; provided, that our general partner shall not cause us to engage, directly or indirectly, in any business activity that the general partner determines would cause us to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes.

#### **Power of Attorney**

Each limited partner, and each person who acquires a unit from a unitholder, by accepting the common unit, automatically grants to our general partner and, if appointed, a liquidator, a power of attorney to, among other things, execute and file documents required for our qualification, continuance or dissolution. The power of attorney also grants our general partner the authority to amend, and to make consents and waivers under, our partnership agreement.

#### **Cash Distributions**

Our partnership agreement specifies the manner in which we make cash distributions to holders of our common units and other partnership securities as well as to our general partner in respect of its general partner interest and its incentive distribution rights. For a description of these cash distribution provisions, please see "Cash Distribution Policy."

#### **Capital Contributions**

Unitholders are not obligated to make additional capital contributions, except as described below under "— Limited Liability."

Our general partner has the right, but not the obligation, to contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us to maintain its 2% general partner interest if we issue additional units. Our general partner's 2% interest, and the percentage of our cash distributions to which it is entitled, will be proportionately reduced if we issue additional units in the future and our general partner does not contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us to maintain its 2% general partner interest. Our general partner will be entitled to make a capital contribution in order to maintain its 2% general partner interest in the form of the contribution to us of common units based on the current market value of the contributed common units.

# **Voting Rights**

The following is a summary of the unitholder vote required for the matters specified below. Matters requiring the approval of a "unit majority" require the approval of a majority of our common units and Class B units, if any, voting as a class.

In voting their common units and Class B units, our general partner and its affiliates will have no fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to us or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interests of us or the limited partners.

Issuance of additional units

No approval right

Amendment of the partnership agreement Certain amendments may be made by the general partner without the approval of the unitholders.

Other amendments generally require the approval of a unit majority. Please see "— Amendment

of the Partnership Agreement."

Merger of our partnership or the sale of all or substantially

all of our assets

Unit majority in certain circumstances. Please see "— Merger, Consolidation, Conversion, Sale or

Other Disposition of Assets."

Dissolution of our partnership Unit majority. Please see "— Termination and Dissolution."

Withdrawal of the general partner

Under most circumstances, the approval of a majority of our common units, excluding common

units held by our general partner and its affiliates, is required for the withdrawal of our general partner prior to December 31, 2016 in a manner that would cause a dissolution of our partnership.

Please see "— Withdrawal or Removal of the General Partner."

Removal of the general partner Not less than  $66\frac{2}{3}\%$  of the outstanding units, voting as a single class, including units held by our

general partner and its affiliates. Please see "— Withdrawal or Removal of the General Partner."

Transfer of the general partner interest Our general partner may transfer all, but not less than all, of its general partner interest in us

without a vote of our unitholders to an affiliate or another person in connection with its merger or consolidation with or into, or sale of all or substantially all of its assets, to such person. The approval of a majority of our common units, excluding common units held by the general partner and its affiliates, is required in other circumstances for a transfer of the general partner interest to

a third party prior to December 31, 2016. See "— Transfer of General Partner Units."

Transfer of incentive distribution rights Except for transfers to an affiliate or another person as part of our general partner's merger or

consolidation, sale of all or substantially all of its assets or the sale of all of the ownership interests in such holder, the approval of a majority of our common units, excluding common units held by the general partner and its affiliates, is required in most circumstances for a transfer of the incentive distribution rights to a third party prior to December 31, 2016. Please see "—Transfer of

Incentive Distribution Rights."

Transfer of ownership interests in our general partner

No approval required at any time. Please see "— Transfer of Ownership Interests in the General Partner."

# **Limited Liability**

Assuming that a limited partner does not participate in the control of our business within the meaning of the Delaware Act and that he otherwise acts in conformity with the provisions of the partnership agreement, his liability under the Delaware Act will be limited, subject to possible exceptions, to the amount of capital he is obligated to contribute to us for his common units plus his share of any undistributed profits and assets. If it were determined, however, that the right, or exercise of the right, by the limited partners as a group:

- to remove or replace the general partner;
- to approve some amendments to the partnership agreement; or
- to take other action under the partnership agreement,

constituted "participation in the control" of our business for the purposes of the Delaware Act, then the limited partners could be held personally liable for our obligations under the laws of Delaware, to the same extent as the general partner. This liability would extend to persons who transact business with us who reasonably believe that the limited partner is a general partner. Neither the partnership agreement nor the Delaware Act specifically provides for legal recourse against the general partner if a limited partner were to lose limited liability through any fault of the general partner. While this does not mean that a limited partner could not seek legal recourse, we know of no precedent for this type of a claim in Delaware case law.

Under the Delaware Act, a limited partnership may not make a distribution to a partner if, after the distribution, all liabilities of the limited partnership, other than liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interests and liabilities for which the recourse of creditors is limited to specific property of the partnership, would exceed the fair value of the assets of the limited partnership. For the purpose of determining the fair value of the assets of a limited partnership, the Delaware Act provides that the fair value of property subject to liability for which recourse of creditors is limited shall be included in the assets of the limited partnership only to the extent that the fair value of that property exceeds the nonrecourse liability. The Delaware Act provides that a limited partner who receives a distribution and knew at the time of the distribution that the distribution was in violation of the Delaware Act shall be liable to the limited partnership for the amount of the distribution for three years. Under the Delaware Act, a substituted limited partner of a limited partnership is liable for the obligations of his assignor to make contributions to the partnership, except that such person is not obligated for liabilities unknown to him at the time he became a limited partner and that could not be ascertained from the partnership agreement.

Our subsidiaries conduct business in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, North Dakota and Washington, as well as other states. Maintenance of our limited liability as an owner of our operating subsidiary may require compliance with legal requirements in the jurisdictions in which our operating subsidiary conducts business, including qualifying our subsidiaries to do business there.

#### **Issuance of Additional Securities**

Our partnership agreement authorizes us to issue an unlimited number of additional partnership securities for the consideration and on the terms and conditions determined by our general partner without the approval of the unitholders.

It is possible that we will fund acquisitions and other expenditures through the issuance of additional common units or other partnership securities. Holders of any additional common units we issue will be entitled to share equally with the then-existing holders of common units in our distributions of available cash. In addition, the issuance of additional common units or other partnership securities may dilute the value of the interests of the then-existing holders of common units in our net assets.

In accordance with Delaware law and the provisions of our partnership agreement, we may also issue additional partnership securities that, as determined by our general partner, may have special voting rights to which our common units are not entitled. In addition, our partnership agreement does not prohibit the issuance by our subsidiaries of equity securities, which may effectively rank senior to our common units.

Upon the issuance of additional partnership securities, our general partner will be entitled, but not required, to make additional capital contributions to the extent necessary to maintain its 2% general partner interest in us. Our general partner's 2% interest in us will be reduced if we issue additional units in the future (other than the issuance of units issued in connection with a reset of the incentive distribution target levels relating to our general partner's incentive distribution rights or the issuance of units upon conversion of outstanding partnership securities) and our general partner does not contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us to maintain its 2% general partner interest. Moreover, our general partner will have the right, which it may from time to time assign in whole or in part to any of its affiliates, to purchase common units or other partnership securities whenever, and on the same terms that, we issue those securities to persons other than our general partner and its affiliates, to the extent necessary to maintain the percentage interest of the general partner and its affiliates, including such interest represented by common units that existed immediately prior to each issuance. The holders of common units will not have preemptive rights to acquire additional common units or other partnership securities.

# Amendment of the Partnership Agreement

General. Amendments to our partnership agreement may be proposed only by or with the consent of our general partner. However, our general partner will have no duty or obligation to propose any amendment and may decline to do so free of any fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to us or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interests of us or the limited partners. In order to adopt a proposed amendment, other than the amendments discussed below, our general partner is required to seek written approval of the holders of the number of units required to approve the amendment or call a meeting of the limited partners to consider and vote upon the proposed amendment. Except as described below, an amendment must be approved by a unit majority.

Prohibited Amendments. No amendment may be made that would:

- enlarge the obligations of any limited partner without its consent, unless approved by at least a majority of the type or class of limited partner
  interests so affected; or
- enlarge the obligations of, restrict in any way any action by or rights of, or reduce in any way the amounts distributable, reimbursable or otherwise payable by us to our general partner or any of its affiliates without the consent of our general partner, which consent may be given or withheld at its option.

The provision of our partnership agreement preventing the amendments having the effects described in any of the clauses above can be amended upon the approval of the holders of at least 90% of the outstanding units voting together as a single class (including units owned by our general partner and its affiliates).

*No Unitholder Approval.* Our general partner may generally make amendments to our partnership agreement without the approval of any limited partner or assignee to reflect:

- a change in our name, the location of our principal place of our business, our registered agent or our registered office;
- the admission, substitution, withdrawal or removal of partners in accordance with our partnership agreement;
- a change that our general partner determines to be necessary or appropriate to qualify or continue our qualification as a limited partnership or a partnership in which the limited partners have limited liability under the laws of any state or to ensure that neither we nor our operating subsidiary nor any of its subsidiaries will be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes;

- a change in our fiscal year and related changes;
- an amendment that is necessary, in the opinion of our counsel, to prevent us or our general partner or the directors, officers, agents or trustees of our general partner from in any manner being subjected to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Investment Advisors Act of 1940, or "plan asset" regulations adopted under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, or ERISA, whether or not substantially similar to plan asset regulations currently applied or proposed;
- an amendment that our general partner determines to be necessary or appropriate for the authorization of additional partnership securities or
  rights to acquire partnership securities, including any amendment that our general partner determines is necessary or appropriate in connection
  with:
  - the adjustments of the minimum quarterly distribution, first target distribution, second target distribution and third target distribution in connection with the reset of our general partner's incentive distribution rights as described under "Cash Distribution Policy General Partner's Right to Reset Incentive Distribution Levels";
  - the implementation of the provisions relating to our general partner's right to reset its incentive distribution rights in exchange for Class B units; or
  - any modification of the incentive distribution rights made in connection with the issuance of additional partnership securities or rights to acquire partnership securities, provided that, any such modifications and related issuance of partnership securities have received approval by a majority of the members of the conflicts committee of our general partner;
- any amendment expressly permitted in our partnership agreement to be made by our general partner acting alone;
- an amendment effected, necessitated or contemplated by a merger agreement that has been approved under the terms of our partnership agreement;
- any amendment that our general partner determines to be necessary or appropriate for the formation by us of, or our investment in, any
  corporation, partnership or other entity, as otherwise permitted by our partnership agreement;
- conversions into, mergers with or conveyances to another limited liability entity that is newly formed and has no assets, liabilities or operations at the time of the conversion, merger or conveyance other than those it receives by way of the conversion, merger or conveyance; or
- any other amendments substantially similar to any of the matters described in the clauses above.

In addition, our general partner may make amendments to our partnership agreement without the approval of any limited partner if our general partner determines that those amendments:

- do not adversely affect the limited partners (or any particular class of limited partners) in any material respect;
- are necessary or appropriate to satisfy any requirements, conditions or guidelines contained in any opinion, directive, order, ruling or regulation of any federal or state agency or judicial authority or contained in any federal or state statute;
- are necessary or appropriate to facilitate the trading of limited partner interests or to comply with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any securities exchange on which the limited partner interests are or will be listed for trading;
- are necessary or appropriate for any action taken by our general partner relating to splits or combinations of units under the provisions of our partnership agreement; or
- are required to effect the intent expressed in this prospectus or the intent of the provisions of our partnership agreement or are otherwise contemplated by our partnership agreement.

Opinion of Counsel and Unitholder Approval. For amendments of the type not requiring unitholder approval, our general partner will not be required to obtain an opinion of counsel that an amendment will not result in a loss of limited liability to the limited partners or result in our being treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes in connection with any of the amendments. No amendments to our partnership agreement other than those described above under "— No Unitholder Approval" will become effective without the approval of holders of at least 90% of the outstanding units voting as a single class unless we first obtain an opinion of counsel to the effect that the amendment will not affect the limited liability under applicable law of any of our limited partners.

In addition to the above restrictions, any amendment that would have a material adverse effect on the rights or preferences of any type or class of outstanding units in relation to other classes of units will require the approval of at least a majority of the type or class of units so affected. Any amendment that reduces the voting percentage required to take any action is required to be approved by the affirmative vote of limited partners whose aggregate outstanding units constitute not less than the voting requirement sought to be reduced.

#### Merger, Consolidation, Conversion, Sale or Other Disposition of Assets

A merger, consolidation or conversion of us requires the prior consent of our general partner. However, our general partner will have no duty or obligation to consent to any merger, consolidation or conversion and may decline to do so free of any fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to us or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interest of us or the limited partners.

In addition, the partnership agreement generally prohibits our general partner without the prior approval of the holders of a unit majority, from causing us to, among other things, sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, including by way of merger, consolidation or other combination, or approving on our behalf the sale, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of our subsidiaries. Our general partner may, however, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest in all or substantially all of our assets without that approval. Our general partner may also sell all or substantially all of our assets under a foreclosure or other realization upon those encumbrances without that approval. Finally, our general partner may consummate any merger without the prior approval of our unitholders if we are the surviving entity in the transaction, our general partner has received an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters, the transaction would not result in a material amendment to the partnership agreement, each of our units will be an identical unit of our partnership following the transaction, and the partnership securities to be issued do not exceed 20% of our outstanding partnership securities immediately prior to the transaction.

If the conditions specified in the partnership agreement are satisfied, our general partner may convert us or any of our subsidiaries into a new limited liability entity or merge us or any of our subsidiaries into, or convey all of our assets to, a newly formed entity if the sole purpose of that conversion, merger or conveyance is to effect a mere change in our legal form into another limited liability entity, our general partner has received an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters, and the governing instruments of the new entity provide the limited partners and the general partner with the same rights and obligations as contained in the partnership agreement. The unitholders are not entitled to dissenters' rights of appraisal under the partnership agreement or applicable Delaware law in the event of a conversion, merger or consolidation, a sale of substantially all of our assets or any other similar transaction or event.

## **Termination and Dissolution**

We will continue as a limited partnership until terminated under our partnership agreement. We will dissolve upon:

• the election of our general partner to dissolve us, if approved by the holders of units representing a unit majority;

- there being no limited partners, unless we are continued without dissolution in accordance with applicable Delaware law;
- the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of our partnership; or
- the withdrawal or removal of our general partner or any other event that results in its ceasing to be our general partner other than by reason of a transfer of its general partner interest in accordance with our partnership agreement or withdrawal or removal following approval and admission of a successor.

Upon a dissolution under the last clause above, the holders of a unit majority may also elect, within specific time limitations, to continue our business on the same terms and conditions described in our partnership agreement by appointing as a successor general partner an entity approved by the holders of units representing a unit majority, subject to our receipt of an opinion of counsel to the effect that:

- the action would not result in the loss of limited liability of any limited partner; and
- neither our partnership, our operating subsidiary nor any of our other subsidiaries would be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or
  otherwise be taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes upon the exercise of that right to continue.

## **Liquidation and Distribution of Proceeds**

Upon our dissolution, unless we are continued as a new limited partnership, the liquidator authorized to wind up our affairs will, acting with all of the powers of our general partner that are necessary or appropriate, liquidate our assets and apply the proceeds of the liquidation as described in "Cash Distribution Policy — Distributions of Cash Upon Liquidation." The liquidator may defer liquidation or distribution of our assets for a reasonable period of time or distribute assets to partners in kind if it determines that a sale would be impractical or would cause undue loss to our partners.

#### Withdrawal or Removal of the General Partner

Except as described below, our general partner has agreed not to withdraw voluntarily as our general partner prior to December 31, 2016 without obtaining the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding common units, excluding common units held by the general partner and its affiliates, and furnishing an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters. On or after December 31, 2016, our general partner may withdraw as general partner without first obtaining approval of any unitholder by giving 90 days' written notice, and that withdrawal will not constitute a violation of our partnership agreement. Notwithstanding the information above, our general partner may withdraw without unitholder approval upon 90 days' notice to the limited partners if at least 50% of the outstanding common units are held or controlled by one person and its affiliates other than the general partner and its affiliates. In addition, the partnership agreement permits our general partner in some instances to sell or otherwise transfer all of its general partner interest in us without the approval of the unitholders. Please see "— Transfer of General Partner Units" and "— Transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights."

Upon withdrawal of our general partner under any circumstances, other than as a result of a transfer by our general partner of all or a part of its general partner interest in us, the holders of a unit majority, voting as separate classes, may select a successor to that withdrawing general partner. If a successor is not elected, or is elected but an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters cannot be obtained, we will be dissolved, wound up and liquidated, unless within a specified period after that withdrawal, the holders of a unit majority agree in writing to continue our business and to appoint a successor general partner. Please see "— Termination and Dissolution."

Our general partner may not be removed unless that removal is approved by the vote of the holders of not less than 66  $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the outstanding units, voting together as a single class, including units held by our general

partner and its affiliates, and we receive an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters. Any removal of our general partner is also subject to the approval of a successor general partner by the vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding common units and Class B units, if any, voting as separate classes. The ownership of more than 33  $\sqrt{3}$ % of the outstanding units by our general partner and its affiliates would give them the practical ability to prevent our general partner's removal.

Our partnership agreement also provides that if our general partner is removed as our general partner under circumstances where cause does not exist and units held by the general partner and its affiliates are not voted in favor of that removal our general partner will have the right to convert its general partner interest and its incentive distribution rights into common units or to receive cash in exchange for those interests based on the fair market value of those interests at that time.

In the event of removal of a general partner under circumstances where cause exists or withdrawal of a general partner where that withdrawal violates our partnership agreement, a successor general partner will have the option to purchase the general partner interest and incentive distribution rights of the departing general partner for a cash payment equal to the fair market value of those interests. Under all other circumstances where a general partner withdraws or is removed by the limited partners, the departing general partner will have the option to require the successor general partner to purchase the general partner interest of the departing general partner and its incentive distribution rights for fair market value. In each case, this fair market value will be determined by agreement between the departing general partner and the successor general partner. If no agreement is reached, an independent investment banking firm or other independent expert selected by the departing general partner and the successor general partner will determine the fair market value. Or, if the departing general partner and the successor general partner where the successor general partner of the experts selected by each of them will determine the fair market value.

If the option described above is not exercised by either the departing general partner or the successor general partner, the departing general partner interest and its incentive distribution rights will automatically convert into common units equal to the fair market value of those interests as determined by an investment banking firm or other independent expert selected in the manner described in the preceding paragraph.

In addition, we are required to reimburse the departing general partner for all amounts due the departing general partner, including, without limitation, all employee-related liabilities, including severance liabilities, incurred for the termination of any employees employed by the departing general partner or its affiliates for our benefit.

#### **Transfer of General Partner Units**

Except for transfer by our general partner of all, but not less than all, of its general partner units to:

- an affiliate of our general partner (other than an individual); or
- another entity as part of the merger or consolidation of our general partner with or into another entity or the transfer by our general partner of all or substantially all of its assets to another entity,

our general partner may not transfer all or any of its general partner units to another person prior to December 31, 2016 without the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding common units, excluding common units held by our general partner and its affiliates. As a condition of this transfer, the transferee must assume, among other things, the rights and duties of our general partner, agree to be bound by the provisions of our partnership agreement, and furnish an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters.

Our general partner and its affiliates may at any time, transfer units to one or more persons, without unitholder approval.

#### **Transfer of Ownership Interests in the General Partner**

At any time, Targa may sell or transfer all or part of their membership interests in our general partner to an affiliate or third party without the approval of our unitholders.

#### **Transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights**

Our general partner or its affiliates or a subsequent holder may transfer its incentive distribution rights to an affiliate of the holder (other than an individual) or another entity as part of the merger or consolidation of such holder with or into another entity, the sale of all of the ownership interest in the holder or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets to, that entity without the prior approval of the unitholders. Prior to December 31, 2016, other transfers of incentive distribution rights will require the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the outstanding common units, excluding common units held by our general partner and its affiliates. On or after December 31, 2016, the incentive distribution rights will be freely transferable.

## **Change of Management Provisions**

Our partnership agreement contains specific provisions that are intended to discourage a person or group from attempting to remove our general partner or otherwise change the management of our general partner. If any person or group other than our general partner and its affiliates acquires beneficial ownership of 20% or more of any class of units, that person or group loses voting rights on all of its units. This loss of voting rights does not apply to any person or group that acquires the units from our general partner or its affiliates and any transferees of that person or group approved by our general partner or to any person or group who acquires the units with the prior approval of the board of directors of our general partner.

Our partnership agreement also provides that if our general partner is removed as our general partner under circumstances where cause does not exist and units held by our general partner and its affiliates are not voted in favor of that removal our general partner will have the right to convert its general partner units and its incentive distribution rights into common units or to receive cash in exchange for those interests based on the fair market value of those interests at that time.

#### **Limited Call Right**

If at any time our general partner and its affiliates own more than 80% of the then-issued and outstanding limited partner interests of any class, our general partner will have the right, which it may assign in whole or in part to any of its affiliates or to us, to acquire all, but not less than all, of the limited partner interests of the class held by unaffiliated persons as of a record date to be selected by our general partner, on at least 10 but not more than 60 days notice. The purchase price in the event of this purchase is the greater of:

- the highest price paid by either of our general partner or any of its affiliates for any limited partner interests of the class purchased within the 90 days preceding the date on which our general partner first mails notice of its election to purchase those limited partner interests; and
- the current market price as of the date three days before the date the notice is mailed.

As a result of our general partner's right to purchase outstanding limited partner interests, a holder of limited partner interests may have his limited partner interests purchased at a price that may be lower than market prices at various times prior to such purchase or lower than a unitholder may anticipate the market price to be in the future. The tax consequences to a unitholder of the exercise of this call right are the same as a sale by that unitholder of his common units in the market. Please see "Material Tax Consequences — Disposition of Common Units."

#### Meetings; Voting

Except as described below regarding a person or group owning 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, record holders of units on the record date will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, meetings of our limited partners and to act upon matters for which approvals may be solicited.

Our general partner does not anticipate that any meeting of unitholders will be called in the foreseeable future. Any action that is required or permitted to be taken by the unitholders may be taken either at a meeting of the unitholders or without a meeting if consents in writing describing the action so taken are signed by holders of the number of units necessary to authorize or take that action at a meeting. Meetings of the unitholders may be called by our general partner or by unitholders owning at least 20% of the outstanding units of the class for which a meeting is proposed. Unitholders may vote either in person or by proxy at meetings. The holders of a majority of the outstanding units of the class or classes for which a meeting has been called represented in person or by proxy will constitute a quorum unless any action by the unitholders requires approval by holders of a greater percentage of the units, in which case the quorum will be the greater percentage.

Each record holder of a unit has a vote according to his percentage interest in us, although additional limited partner interests having special voting rights could be issued. Please see "— Issuance of Additional Securities." However, if at any time any person or group, other than our general partner and its affiliates, or a direct or subsequently approved transferee of our general partner or its affiliates, acquires, in the aggregate, beneficial ownership of 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, that person or group will lose voting rights on all of its units and the units may not be voted on any matter and will not be considered to be outstanding when sending notices of a meeting of unitholders, calculating required votes, determining the presence of a quorum or for other similar purposes. Common units held in nominee or street name account will be voted by the broker or other nominee in accordance with the instruction of the beneficial owner unless the arrangement between the beneficial owner and his nominee provides otherwise.

Any notice, demand, request, report or proxy material required or permitted to be given or made to record holders of common units under our partnership agreement will be delivered to the record holder by us or by the transfer agent.

#### **Status as Limited Partner**

By transfer of common units in accordance with our partnership agreement, each transferee of common units shall be admitted as a limited partner with respect to the common units transferred when such transfer and admission is reflected in our books and records. Except as described under "— Limited Liability," the common units will be fully paid, and unitholders will not be required to make additional contributions.

#### Non-Citizen Assignees; Redemption

If we are or become subject to federal, state or local laws or regulations that, in the reasonable determination of our general partner, create a substantial risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any property that we have an interest in because of the nationality, citizenship or other related status of any limited partner, we may redeem the units held by the limited partner at their current market price. In order to avoid any cancellation or forfeiture, our general partner may require each limited partner to furnish information about his nationality, citizenship or other related status within 30 days after a request for the information or our general partner determines after receipt of the information that the limited partner is not an eligible citizen, the limited partner may be treated as a non-citizen assignee. A non-citizen assignee is entitled to an interest equivalent to that of a limited partner for the right to share in allocations and distributions from us, including liquidating distributions. A non-citizen assignee does not have the right to direct the voting of his units and may not receive distributions in-kind upon our liquidation.

#### Indemnification

Under our partnership agreement, in most circumstances, we will indemnify the following persons, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from and against all losses, claims, damages or similar events:

- our general partner;
- · any departing general partner;
- any person who is or was an affiliate of a general partner or any departing general partner;
- any person who is or was a director, officer, member, partner, fiduciary or trustee of any entity set forth in the preceding three bullet points;
- any person who is or was serving as director, officer, member, partner, fiduciary or trustee of another person at the request of our general partner, any departing general partner, an affiliate of our general partner or an affiliate of any departing general partner; and
- any person designated by our general partner.

Any indemnification under these provisions will only be out of our assets. Unless it otherwise agrees, our general partner will not be personally liable for, or have any obligation to contribute or lend funds or assets to us to enable us to effectuate, indemnification. We may purchase insurance against liabilities asserted against and expenses incurred by persons for our activities, regardless of whether we would have the power to indemnify the person against liabilities under our partnership agreement.

#### **Reimbursement of Expenses**

Our partnership agreement requires us to reimburse our general partner for all direct and indirect expenses it incurs or payments it makes on our behalf and all other expenses allocable to us or otherwise incurred by our general partner in connection with operating our business. These expenses include salary, bonus, incentive compensation and other amounts paid to persons who perform services for us or on our behalf and expenses allocated to our general partner by its affiliates. The general partner is entitled to determine in good faith the expenses that are allocable to us.

#### **Books and Reports**

Our general partner is required to keep appropriate books of our business at our principal offices. The books are maintained for both tax and financial reporting purposes on an accrual basis. For tax and fiscal reporting purposes, our fiscal year is the calendar year.

We will furnish or make available to record holders of common units, within 120 days after the close of each fiscal year, an annual report containing audited financial statements and a report on those financial statements by our independent public accountants. Except for our fourth quarter, we will also furnish or make available summary financial information within 90 days after the close of each quarter.

We will furnish each record holder of a unit with information reasonably required for tax reporting purposes within 90 days after the close of each calendar year. This information will be furnished in summary form so that some complex calculations normally required of partners can be avoided. Our ability to furnish this summary information to unitholders will depend on the cooperation of unitholders in supplying us with specific information. Every unitholder will receive information to assist him in determining his federal and state tax liability and filing his federal and state income tax returns, regardless of whether he supplies us with information.

#### **Right to Inspect Our Books and Records**

Our partnership agreement provides that a limited partner can, for a purpose reasonably related to his interest as a limited partner, upon reasonable written demand stating the purpose of such demand and at his own expense, have furnished to him:

- a current list of the name and last known address of each partner;
- a copy of our tax returns;
- information as to the amount of cash, and a description and statement of the agreed value of any other property or services, contributed or to be contributed by each partner and the date on which each partner became a partner;
- copies of our partnership agreement, our certificate of limited partnership, related amendments and powers of attorney under which they have been executed;
- information regarding the status of our business and financial condition; and
- any other information regarding our affairs as is just and reasonable.

Our general partner may, and intends to, keep confidential from the limited partners trade secrets or other information the disclosure of which our general partner believes in good faith is not in our best interests or that we are required by law or by agreements with third parties to keep confidential.

## **Registration Rights**

Under our partnership agreement, we have agreed to register for resale under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws any common units or other partnership securities proposed to be sold by our general partner or any of its affiliates or their assignees if an exemption from the registration requirements is not otherwise available. These registration rights continue for two years following any withdrawal or removal of our general partner. We are obligated to pay all expenses incidental to the registration, excluding underwriting discounts and a structuring fee.

#### CASH DISTRIBUTION POLICY

#### **Distributions of Available Cash**

*General*. Our partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, we distribute all of our available cash from operating surplus for any quarter to unitholders of record on the applicable record date in the following manner:

- first, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until we distribute for each outstanding unit an amount equal to the minimum quarterly distribution for that quarter; and
- thereafter, in the manner described in "— General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights" below.

The preceding discussion is based on the assumptions that our general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and that we do not issue additional classes of equity securities.

Definition of Available Cash. The term "available cash," as defined by the partnership agreement, for any quarter, means the sum of (i) all cash and cash equivalents on hand at the end of that quarter, and (ii) all additional cash and cash equivalents on hand immediately prior to the date of the distribution of available cash resulting from borrowings for working capital purposes subsequent to the end of that quarter less the amount of cash reserves established by our general partner to:

- provide for the proper conduct of our business (including reserves for future capital expenditures and for anticipated future credit needs);
- · comply with applicable law or any loan agreements, security agreements, mortgages, debt instruments or other agreements; or
- · provide funds for distributions to our unitholders and to our general partner for any one or more of the upcoming four quarters.

Minimum Quarterly Distribution. We will distribute to the holders of common units on a quarterly basis at least the minimum quarterly distribution to the extent we have sufficient cash from our operations after establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses, including payments to our general partner. However, there is no guarantee that we will pay the minimum quarterly distribution on the units in any quarter. Even if our cash distribution policy is not modified or revoked, the amount of distributions paid under our policy and the decision to make any distribution is determined by our general partner, taking into consideration the terms of our partnership agreement. We will be prohibited from making any distributions to unitholders if it would cause an event of default, or an event of default is existing, under our credit agreement.

General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights. Our general partner is currently entitled to 2% of all quarterly distributions that we make prior to our liquidation. Our general partner has the right, but not the obligation, to contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us to maintain its current general partner interest. The general partner's 2% interest in these distributions may be reduced if we issue additional units in the future and our general partner does not contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us to maintain its 2% general partner interest.

Our general partner also currently holds incentive distribution rights that entitle it to receive increasing percentages, up to a maximum of 50%, of the cash we distribute from operating surplus (as defined below) in excess of \$0.3881 per unit per quarter. The maximum distribution of 50% includes distributions paid to our general partner on its general partner interest and assumes that our general partner maintains its general partner interest at 2%. Please see "— General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights" for additional information.

#### **Operating Surplus and Capital Surplus**

*General*. All cash distributed to unitholders will be characterized as either "operating surplus" or "capital surplus." Our partnership agreement requires that we distribute available cash from operating surplus differently than available cash from capital surplus.

Operating Surplus. Operating surplus consists of:

- an amount equal to four times the amount needed for any one quarter for us to pay a distribution on all of our units (including the general partner
  units) and the incentive distribution rights at the same per-unit amount as was distributed in the immediately preceding quarter; plus
- all of our cash receipts, excluding cash from borrowings, sales of equity and debt securities, sales or other dispositions of assets outside the ordinary course of business, capital contributions or corporate reorganizations or restructurings (provided that cash receipts from the termination of a commodity hedge or interest rate swap prior to its specified termination date shall be included in operating surplus in equal quarterly installments over the scheduled life of such commodity hedge or interest rate swap); less
- all of our operating expenditures, but excluding the repayment of borrowings, and including maintenance capital expenditures; less
- the amount of cash reserves established by our general partner to provide funds for future operating expenditures.

Maintenance capital expenditures represent capital expenditures made to replace partially or fully depreciated assets, to maintain the existing operating capacity of our assets and to extend their useful lives, or other capital expenditures that are incurred in maintaining existing system volumes and related cash flows. Expansion capital expenditures represent capital expenditures made to expand or to increase the efficiency of the existing operating capacity of our assets or to expand the operating capacity or revenues of existing or new assets, whether through construction or acquisition. Costs for repairs and minor renewals to maintain facilities in operating condition and that do not extend the useful life of existing assets will be treated as operating expenses as we incur them. Our partnership agreement provides that our general partner determines how to allocate a capital expenditure for the acquisition or expansion of our assets between maintenance capital expenditures and expansion capital expenditures.

Capital Surplus. Capital surplus generally consists of:

- borrowings;
- sales of our equity and debt securities;
- sales or other dispositions of assets for cash, other than inventory, accounts receivable and other current assets sold in the ordinary course of business or as part of normal retirement or replacement of assets;
- · capital contributions received; and
- corporate restructurings.

Characterization of Cash Distributions. Our partnership agreement requires that we treat all available cash distributed as coming from operating surplus until the sum of all available cash distributed since we began operations equals the operating surplus as of the most recent date of determination of available cash. Our partnership agreement requires that we treat any amount distributed in excess of operating surplus, regardless of its source, as capital surplus. As reflected above, operating surplus includes an amount equal to four times the amount needed for any one quarter for us to pay a distribution on all of our units (including the general partner units) and the incentive distribution rights at the same per-unit amount as was distributed in the immediately preceding quarter. This amount does not reflect actual cash on hand that is available for distribution to our unitholders. Rather, it is a provision that will enable us, if we choose, to distribute as operating surplus up to this

amount of cash we receive in the future from non-operating sources, such as asset sales, issuances of securities, and borrowings, that would otherwise be distributed as capital surplus. We do not anticipate that we will make any distributions from capital surplus.

#### **General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights**

Our partnership agreement provides that our general partner is entitled to 2% of all distributions that we make prior to our liquidation as long as our general partner maintains its current 2% interest in us. Our general partner has the right, but not the obligation, to contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us to maintain its 2% general partner interest if we issue additional units. Our general partner's 2% interest, and the percentage of our cash distributions to which it is entitled, will be proportionately reduced if we issue additional units in the future and our general partner does not contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us in order to maintain its 2% general partner interest. Our general partner will be entitled to make a capital contribution in order to maintain its 2% general partner interest in the form of the contribution to us of common units that it may hold based on the current market value of the contributed common units.

Incentive distribution rights represent the right to receive an increasing percentage (13%, 23% and 48%) of quarterly distributions of available cash from operating surplus after the minimum quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels have been achieved. Our general partner currently holds the incentive distribution rights, but may transfer these rights separately from its general partner interest, subject to restrictions in the partnership agreement.

The following discussion assumes that the general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and continues to own the incentive distribution rights.

If for any quarter we have distributed available cash from operating surplus to the common unitholders in an amount equal to the minimum quarterly distribution, then, our partnership agreement requires that we distribute any additional available cash from operating surplus for that quarter among the unitholders and the general partner in the following manner:

- *first*, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until each unitholder receives a total of \$0.3881 per unit for that quarter (the "first target distribution");
- second, 85% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 15% to the general partner, until each unitholder receives a total of \$0.4219 per unit for that quarter (the "second target distribution");
- *third*, 75% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 25% to the general partner, until each unitholder receives a total of \$0.50625 per unit for that quarter (the "third target distribution"); and
- *thereafter*, 50% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 50% to the general partner.

On February 27, 2015, our general partner executed Amendment No. 3 ("Amendment No. 3") and Amendment No. 4 ("Amendment No. 4") to our partnership agreement. Amendment No. 3 amends our partnership agreement to reduce aggregate incentive distributions to Targa, as the holder of our incentive distribution rights, by (a) \$9,375,000 per quarter during the first four quarters following February 27, 2015 (commencing with the quarterly distribution declaration for the quarter ended March 31, 2015), (b) \$6,250,000 per quarter for the next four quarters, (c) \$2,500,000 per quarter for the next four quarters and (d) \$1,250,000 per quarter for the next four quarters, with such amounts to be instead distributed pro rata to the holders of our outstanding common units. Amendment No. 4 amends our partnership agreement to provide for the issuance of a special general partner interest in the Partnership representing capital account credit equal to the fair market value of Targa Pipeline Partners GP LLC (formerly known as Atlas Pipeline Partners GP, LLC) ("APL GP"), which, through a series of transactions, was contributed by Targa to us immediately following the effective time of Targa's merger with Targa Energy LP (formerly known as Atlas Energy, L.P.) and prior to the effective time of our merger with Targa Pipeline Partners LP (formerly known as Atlas Pipeline Partners, L.P.). This new

partnership interest is not entitled to current distributions or allocations of net income or loss, and has no voting rights or other rights except for the limited right to receive deductions attributable to the contribution of APL GP.

#### Percentage Allocations of Available Cash from Operating Surplus

The following table illustrates the percentage allocations of available cash from operating surplus between the unitholders and our general partner based on the specified target distribution levels. The amounts set forth under "Marginal Percentage Interest in Distributions" are the percentage interests of our general partner and the unitholders in any available cash from operating surplus we distribute up to and including the corresponding amount in the column "Total Quarterly Distribution Per Unit," until available cash from operating surplus we distribute reaches the next target distribution level, if any. The percentage interests shown for the unitholders and the general partner for the minimum quarterly distribution are also applicable to quarterly distribution amounts that are less than the minimum quarterly distribution. The percentage interests set forth below for our general partner include its 2% general partner interest and assume our general partner has contributed any additional capital to maintain its 2% general partner interest and has not transferred its incentive distribution rights.

	Total Quarterly Distribution per Unit	Marginal Percentage Interest in Distributions	
	Target Amount	Unitholders	General Partner
Minimum Quarterly Distribution	\$0.3375	98%	2%
First Target Distribution	up to \$0.3881	98%	2%
Second Target Distribution	above \$0.3881 up to \$0.4219	85%	15%
Third Target Distribution	above \$0.4219 up to \$0.50625	75%	25%
Thereafter	above \$0.50625	50%	50%

### General Partner's Right to Reset Incentive Distribution Levels

Our general partner, as the holder of our incentive distribution rights, has the right under our partnership agreement to elect to relinquish the right to receive incentive distribution payments based on the initial cash target distribution levels and to reset, at higher levels, the minimum quarterly distribution amount and cash target distribution levels upon which the incentive distribution payments to our general partner would be set. Our general partner's right to reset the minimum quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution levels upon which the incentive distributions payable to our general partner are based may be exercised, without approval of our unitholders or the conflicts committee of our general partner, at any time when we have made cash distributions to the holders of the incentive distribution rights at the highest level of incentive distribution for each of the prior four consecutive fiscal quarters. The reset minimum quarterly distribution amount and target distribution levels will be higher than the minimum quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution levels prior to the reset such that our general partner will not receive any incentive distributions under the reset target distribution levels until cash distributions per unit following this event increase as described below. We anticipate that our general partner would exercise this reset right in order to facilitate acquisitions or internal growth projects that would otherwise not be sufficiently accretive to cash distributions per common unit, taking into account the existing levels of incentive distribution payments being made to our general partner.

In connection with the resetting of the minimum quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution levels and the corresponding relinquishment by our general partner of incentive distribution payments based on the target cash distributions prior to the reset, our general partner will be entitled to receive a number of newly issued Class B units based on a predetermined formula described below that takes into account the "cash parity" value of the average cash distributions related to the incentive distribution rights received by our general partner for the two quarters prior to the reset event as compared to the average cash distributions per common unit during this period.

The number of Class B units that our general partner would be entitled to receive from us in connection with a resetting of the minimum quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution levels then in effect would be

equal to (x) the average amount of cash distributions received by our general partner in respect of its incentive distribution rights during the two consecutive fiscal quarters ended immediately prior to the date of such reset election divided by (y) the average of the amount of cash distributed per common unit during each of these two quarters. Each Class B unit will be convertible into one common unit at the election of the holder of the Class B unit at any time following the first anniversary of the issuance of these Class B units. We will also issue an additional amount of general partner units in order to maintain the general partner's ownership interest in us relative to the issuance of the Class B units.

Following a reset election by our general partner, the minimum quarterly distribution amount will be reset to an amount equal to the average cash distribution amount per common unit for the two fiscal quarters immediately preceding the reset election (such amount is referred to as the "reset minimum quarterly distribution") and the target distribution levels will be reset to be correspondingly higher such that we would distribute all of our available cash from operating surplus for each quarter thereafter as follows:

- *first*, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until each unitholder receives an amount equal to 115% of the reset minimum quarterly distribution for that quarter;
- *second*, 85% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 15% to the general partner, until each unitholder receives an amount per unit equal to 125% of the reset minimum quarterly distribution for that quarter;
- *third*, 75% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 25% to the general partner, until each unitholder receives an amount per unit equal to 150% of the reset minimum quarterly distribution for that quarter; and
- *thereafter*, 50% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 50% to the general partner.

# **Distributions from Capital Surplus**

How Distributions from Capital Surplus Will Be Made. Our partnership agreement requires that we make distributions of available cash from capital surplus, if any, in the following manner:

- *first*, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until we distribute for each common unit an amount of available cash from capital surplus equal to the initial public offering price; and
- thereafter, we will make all distributions of available cash from capital surplus as if they were from operating surplus.

Effect of a Distribution from Capital Surplus. Our partnership agreement treats a distribution of capital surplus as the repayment of the initial unit price from the initial public offering, which is a return of capital. The initial public offering price less any distributions of capital surplus per unit is referred to as the "unrecovered initial unit price." Each time a distribution of capital surplus is made, the minimum quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels will be reduced in the same proportion as the corresponding reduction in the unrecovered initial unit price. Because distributions of capital surplus will reduce the minimum quarterly distribution, after any of these distributions are made, it may be easier for the general partner to receive incentive distributions. However, any distribution of capital surplus before the unrecovered initial unit price is reduced to zero cannot be applied to the payment of the minimum quarterly distribution or any arrearages.

Once we distribute capital surplus on a unit in an amount equal to the initial unit price, our partnership agreement specifies that the minimum quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels will be reduced to zero. Our partnership agreement specifies that we then make all future distributions from operating surplus, with 50% being paid to the holders of units and 50% to the general partner. The percentage interests shown for our general partner include its 2% general partner interest and assume the general partner has not transferred the incentive distribution rights.

#### Adjustment to the Minimum Quarterly Distribution and Target Distribution Levels

In addition to adjusting the minimum quarterly distribution and target distribution levels to reflect a distribution of capital surplus, if we combine our units into fewer units or subdivide our units into a greater number of units, our partnership agreement specifies that the following items will be proportionately adjusted:

- the minimum quarterly distribution;
- · target distribution levels; and
- the unrecovered initial unit price.

For example, if a two-for-one split of our common units should occur, the minimum quarterly distribution, the target distribution levels and the unrecovered initial unit price would each be reduced to 50% of its initial level. Our partnership agreement provides that we not make any adjustment by reason of the issuance of additional units for cash or property.

In addition, if legislation is enacted or if existing law is modified or interpreted by a governmental taxing authority, so that we become taxable as a corporation or otherwise subject to taxation as an entity for federal, state or local income tax purposes, our partnership agreement specifies that the general partner may reduce the minimum quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels for each quarter by multiplying each distribution level by a fraction, the numerator of which is available cash for that quarter and the denominator of which is the sum of available cash for that quarter plus the general partner's estimate of our aggregate liability for the quarter for such income taxes payable by reason of such legislation or interpretation. To the extent that the actual tax liability differs from the estimated tax liability for any quarter, the difference will be accounted for in subsequent quarters.

## **Distributions of Cash Upon Liquidation**

*General*. If we dissolve in accordance with the partnership agreement, we will sell or otherwise dispose of our assets in a process called liquidation. We will first apply the proceeds of liquidation to the payment of our creditors. We will distribute any remaining proceeds to the unitholders and the general partner, in accordance with their capital account balances, as adjusted to reflect any gain or loss upon the sale or other disposition of our assets in liquidation.

The allocations of gain and loss upon liquidation are intended, to the extent required, to permit common unitholders to receive their unrecovered initial unit price plus the minimum quarterly distribution for the quarter during which liquidation occurs. However, there may not be sufficient gain upon our liquidation to enable the holders of common units to fully recover all of these amounts. Any further net gain recognized upon liquidation will be allocated in a manner that takes into account the incentive distribution rights of the general partner.

*Manner of Adjustments for Gain.* The manner of the adjustment for gain is set forth in the partnership agreement. We will allocate any gain to the partners in the following manner:

- *first*, to the general partner and the holders of units who have negative balances in their capital accounts to the extent of and in proportion to those negative balances;
- *second*, 98% to the common unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until the capital account for each common unit is equal to the sum of: (1) the unrecovered initial unit price; and (2) the amount of the minimum quarterly distribution for the quarter during which our liquidation occurs;
- third, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until we allocate under this paragraph an amount per unit equal to: (1) the sum of the excess of the first target distribution per unit over the minimum quarterly distribution per unit for each quarter of our existence; less (2) the cumulative amount per unit of any distributions of available cash from operating surplus in excess of the minimum quarterly distribution per unit that we distributed 98% to the unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, for each quarter of our existence;

- *fourth*, 85% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 15% to the general partner, until we allocate under this paragraph an amount per unit equal to: (1) the sum of the excess of the second target distribution per unit over the first target distribution per unit for each quarter of our existence; less (2) the cumulative amount per unit of any distributions of available cash from operating surplus in excess of the first target distribution per unit that we distributed 85% to the unitholders, pro rata, and 15% to the general partner for each quarter of our existence;
- *fifth*, 75% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 25% to the general partner, until we allocate under this paragraph an amount per unit equal to: (1) the sum of the excess of the third target distribution per unit over the second target distribution per unit for each quarter of our existence; less (2) the cumulative amount per unit of any distributions of available cash from operating surplus in excess of the second target distribution per unit that we distributed 75% to the unitholders, pro rata, and 25% to the general partner for each quarter of our existence; and
- *thereafter*, 50% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 50% to the general partner.

The percentage interests set forth above for our general partner include its 2% general partner interest and assume the general partner has not transferred the incentive distribution rights.

*Manner of Adjustments for Losses.* After making allocations of loss to the general partner and the unitholders in a manner intended to offset in reverse order the allocations of gains that have previously been allocated, we will generally allocate any loss to the general partner and the unitholders in the following manner:

- *first*, 98% to the holders of common units in proportion to the positive balances in their capital accounts and 2% to the general partner, until the capital accounts of the common unitholders have been reduced to zero; and
- *thereafter*, 100% to the general partner.

Adjustments to Capital Accounts. Our partnership agreement requires that we make adjustments to capital accounts upon the issuance of additional units. In this regard, our partnership agreement specifies that we allocate any unrealized and, for tax purposes, unrecognized gain or loss resulting from the adjustments to the unitholders and the general partner in the same manner as we allocate gain or loss upon liquidation. In the event that we make positive adjustments to the capital accounts upon the issuance of additional units, our partnership agreement requires that we allocate any later negative adjustments to the capital accounts resulting from the issuance of additional units or upon our liquidation in a manner which results, to the extent possible, in the general partner's capital account balances equaling the amount which they would have been if no earlier positive adjustments to the capital accounts had been made.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED UNITS

Our partnership agreement authorizes us to issue an unlimited number of additional limited partner interests and other equity securities on the terms and conditions established by our general partner without the approval of any of our limited partners. In accordance with Delaware law and the provisions of our partnership agreement, we may issue additional partnership interests that have special voting rights to which our common units are not entitled. As of the date of this prospectus, we have no preferred units outstanding.

Should we offer preferred units under this prospectus, a prospectus supplement relating to the particular series of preferred units offered will include the specific terms of those preferred units, including, among other things, the following:

- the designation, stated value, and liquidation preference of the preferred units and the number of preferred units offered;
- the initial public offering price at which the preferred units will be issued;
- any conversion or exchange provisions of the preferred units;
- any redemption or sinking fund provisions of the preferred units;
- the distribution rights of the preferred units, if any;
- · a discussion of any additional material federal income tax considerations regarding the preferred units; and
- any additional rights, preferences, privileges, limitations, and restrictions of the preferred units.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE DEBT SECURITIES

#### General

The debt securities will be:

- our direct general obligations;
- either senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities; and
- issued under separate indentures among us and a trustee.

Targa Resources Partners LP may issue debt securities in one or more series, and Targa Resources Partners Finance Corporation may be a co-issuer of one or more series of debt securities. Targa Resources Partners Finance Corporation was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware on May 23, 2008, is wholly-owned by Targa Resources Partners LP, and has no material assets or liabilities other than as a co-issuer of debt securities. Its activities will be limited to co-issuing debt securities and engaging in other activities incidental thereto. When used in this section, "Description of the Debt Securities," the terms "we," "us," "our" and "issuers" refer jointly to Targa Resources Partners LP and Targa Resources Partners Finance Corporation, and the terms "Targa Resources Partners LP" and "Targa Resources Partners Finance" refer strictly to Targa Resources Partners LP and Targa Resources Partners Finance Corporation, respectively.

If we offer senior debt securities, we will issue them under a senior indenture. If we issue subordinated debt securities, we will issue them under a subordinated indenture. The trustee under each indenture (the "Trustee") will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. A form of each indenture is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. We have not restated either indenture in its entirety in this description. You should read the relevant indenture because it, and not this description, controls your rights as holders of the debt securities. Capitalized terms used in the summary have the meanings specified in the indentures.

#### Specific Terms of Each Series of Debt Securities in the Prospectus Supplement

A prospectus supplement and a supplemental indenture or authorizing resolutions relating to any series of debt securities being offered will include specific terms relating to the offering. These terms will include some or all of the following:

- whether Targa Resources Partners Finance will be a co-issuer of the debt securities;
- whether the debt securities are senior or subordinated debt securities;
- the title of the debt securities:
- the total principal amount of the debt securities;
- the assets, if any, that are pledged as security for the payment of the debt securities;
- whether we will issue the debt securities in individual certificates to each holder in registered form, or in the form of temporary or permanent global securities held by a depository on behalf of holders;
- the prices at which we will issue the debt securities;
- the portion of the principal amount that will be payable if the maturity of the debt securities is accelerated;
- the currency or currency unit in which the debt securities will be payable, if not U.S. dollars;
- the dates on which the principal of the debt securities will be payable;
- the interest rate that the debt securities will bear and the interest payment dates for the debt securities;
- any conversion or exchange provisions;

- any optional redemption provisions;
- any sinking fund or other provisions that would obligate us to repurchase or otherwise redeem the debt securities;
- any changes to or additional events of default or covenants; and
- · any other terms of the debt securities.

We may offer and sell debt securities, including original issue discount debt securities, at a substantial discount below their principal amount. The prospectus supplement will describe special U.S. federal income tax and any other considerations applicable to those securities. In addition, the prospectus supplement may describe certain special U.S. federal income tax or other considerations applicable to any debt securities that are denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars.

#### Guarantees

If specified in the prospectus supplement respecting a series of debt securities, the subsidiaries of Targa Resources Partners LP specified in the prospectus supplement will unconditionally guarantee to each holder and the Trustee, on a joint and several basis, the full and prompt payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the debt securities of that series when and as the same become due and payable, whether at stated maturity, upon redemption or repurchase, by declaration of acceleration or otherwise. If a series of debt securities is guaranteed, such series will be guaranteed by all wholly-owned subsidiaries other than "minor" subsidiaries as such term is interpreted in securities regulations governing financial reporting for guarantors. The prospectus supplement will describe any limitation on the maximum amount of any particular guarantee and the conditions under which guarantees may be released.

The guarantees will be general obligations of the guarantors. Guarantees of subordinated debt securities will be subordinated to the Senior Indebtedness of the guarantors on the same basis as the subordinated debt securities are subordinated to the Senior Indebtedness of Targa Resources Partners LP.

#### Consolidation, Merger or Asset Sale

Each indenture will, in general, allow us to consolidate or merge with or into another domestic entity. It will also allow each issuer to sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets to another domestic entity. If this happens, the remaining or acquiring entity must assume all of the issuer's responsibilities and liabilities under the indenture including the payment of all amounts due on the debt securities and performance of the issuer's covenants in the indenture.

However, each indenture will impose certain requirements with respect to any consolidation or merger with or into an entity, or any sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of an issuer's assets, including:

- the remaining or acquiring entity must be organized under the laws of the United States, any state or the District of Columbia; provided that Targa Resources Partners Finance may not merge, amalgamate or consolidate with or into another entity other than a corporation satisfying such requirement for so long as Targa Resources Partners LP is not a corporation;
- the remaining or acquiring entity must assume the issuer's obligations under the indenture; and
- immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no Default or Event of Default (as defined under "— Events of Default and Remedies" below) may exist.

The remaining or acquiring entity will be substituted for the issuer in the indenture with the same effect as if it had been an original party to the indenture, and, except in the case of a lease of all or substantially all of its assets, the issuer will be relieved from any further obligations under the indenture.

#### No Protection in the Event of a Change of Control

Unless otherwise set forth in the prospectus supplement, the debt securities will not contain any provisions that protect the holders of the debt securities in the event of a change of control of us or in the event of a highly leveraged transaction, whether or not such transaction results in a change of control of us.

#### **Modification of Indentures**

We may supplement or amend an indenture if the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all series issued under the indenture affected by the supplement or amendment consent to it. Further, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive past defaults under the indenture and compliance by us with our covenants with respect to the debt securities of that series only. Those holders may not, however, waive any default in any payment on any debt security of that series or compliance with a provision that cannot be supplemented or amended without the consent of each holder affected. Without the consent of each outstanding debt security affected, no modification of the indenture or waiver may:

- reduce the principal amount of debt securities whose holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- reduce the principal of or change the fixed maturity of any debt security;
- reduce or waive the premium payable upon redemption or alter or waive the provisions with respect to the redemption of the debt securities (except as may be permitted in the case of a particular series of debt securities);
- reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of interest on any debt security;
- waive a Default or an Event of Default in the payment of principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities (except a rescission of acceleration of the debt securities by the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);
- except as otherwise permitted under the indenture, release any security that may have been granted with respect to the debt securities;
- make any debt security payable in currency other than that stated in the debt securities;
- in the case of any subordinated debt security, make any change in the subordination provisions that adversely affects the rights of any holder under those provisions;
- make any change in the provisions of the indenture relating to waivers of past Defaults or the rights of holders of debt securities to receive payments of principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities;
- waive a redemption payment with respect to any debt security (except as may be permitted in the case of a particular series of debt securities); or
- make any change in the preceding amendment, supplement and waiver provisions (except to increase any percentage set forth therein).

We may supplement or amend an indenture without the consent of any holders of the debt securities in certain circumstances, including:

- to establish the form of terms of any series of debt securities;
- to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;
- to provide for uncertificated notes in addition to or in place of certified notes;
- to provide for the assumption of an issuer's obligations to holders of debt securities in the case of a merger or consolidation or disposition of all or substantially all of such issuer's assets;

- in the case of any subordinated debt security, to make any change in the subordination provisions that limits or terminates the benefits applicable to any holder of Senior Indebtedness of Targa Resources Partners LP;
- to make any changes that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the holders of debt securities or that do not, taken as a whole, adversely affect the rights under the indenture of any holder of debt securities;
- to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act;
- to evidence or provide for the acceptance of appointment under the indenture of a successor Trustee;
- to add any additional Events of Default; or
- to secure the debt securities.

#### **Events of Default and Remedies**

"Event of Default," when used in an indenture, will mean any of the following with respect to the debt securities of any series:

- failure to pay when due the principal of or any premium on any debt security of that series;
- failure to pay, within 30 days of the due date, interest on any debt security of that series;
- failure to pay when due any sinking fund payment with respect to any debt securities of that series;
- failure on the part of the issuers to comply with the covenant described under "— Consolidation, Merger or Asset Sale";
- failure to perform any other covenant in the indenture that continues for 60 days after written notice is given to the issuers;
- certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of an issuer; or
- any other Event of Default provided under the terms of the debt securities of that series.

An Event of Default for a particular series of debt securities will not necessarily constitute an Event of Default for any other series of debt securities issued under an indenture. The Trustee may withhold notice to the holders of debt securities of any default (except in the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest) if it considers such withholding of notice to be in the best interests of the holders.

If an Event of Default described in the sixth bullet point above occurs, the entire principal of, premium, if any, and accrued interest on, all debt securities then outstanding will be due and payable immediately, without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any holders. If any other Event of Default for any series of debt securities occurs and continues, the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of the series may declare the entire principal of, and accrued interest on, all the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately. If this happens, subject to certain conditions, the holders of a majority in the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of that series can rescind the declaration.

Other than its duties in case of a default, a Trustee is not obligated to exercise any of its rights or powers under either indenture at the request, order or direction of any holders, unless the holders offer the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity. If they provide this reasonable security or indemnification, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of any series of debt securities may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding or any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any power conferred upon the Trustee, for that series of debt securities.

#### No Limit on Amount of Debt Securities

Neither indenture will limit the amount of debt securities that we may issue, unless we indicate otherwise in a prospectus supplement. Each indenture will allow us to issue debt securities of any series up to the aggregate principal amount that we authorize.

#### **Registration of Notes**

We will issue debt securities of a series only in registered form, without coupons, unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement.

#### **Minimum Denominations**

Unless the prospectus supplement states otherwise, the debt securities will be issued only in principal amounts of \$1,000 each or integral multiples of \$1,000.

#### No Personal Liability

None of the past, present or future partners, incorporators, managers, members, directors, officers, employees, unitholders or stockholders of either issuer or the general partner of Targa Resources Partners LP will have any liability for the obligations of the issuers under either indenture or the debt securities or for any claim based on such obligations or their creation. Each holder of debt securities by accepting a debt security waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issuance of the debt securities. The waiver may not be effective under federal securities laws, however, and it is the view of the SEC that such a waiver is against public policy.

#### **Payment and Transfer**

The Trustee will initially act as paying agent and registrar under each indenture. The issuers may change the paying agent or registrar without prior notice to the holders of debt securities, and the issuers or any of their subsidiaries may act as paying agent or registrar.

If a holder of debt securities has given wire transfer instructions to the issuers, the issuers will make all payments on the debt securities in accordance with those instructions. All other payments on the debt securities will be made at the corporate trust office of the Trustee, unless the issuers elect to make interest payments by check mailed to the holders at their addresses set forth in the debt security register.

The Trustee and any paying agent will repay to us upon request any funds held by them for payments on the debt securities that remain unclaimed for two years after the date upon which that payment has become due. After payment to us, holders entitled to the money must look to us for payment as general creditors.

# **Exchange, Registration and Transfer**

Debt securities of any series will be exchangeable for other debt securities of the same series, the same total principal amount and the same terms but in different authorized denominations in accordance with the indenture. Holders may present debt securities for exchange or registration of transfer at the office of the registrar. The registrar will effect the transfer or exchange when it is satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. We will not charge a service charge for any registration of transfer or exchange of the debt securities. We may, however, require the payment of any tax or other governmental charge payable for that registration.

We will not be required:

- to issue, register the transfer of, or exchange debt securities of a series either during a period beginning 15 business days prior to the selection of debt securities of that series for redemption and ending on the close of business on the day of mailing of the relevant notice of redemption or repurchase, or between a record date and the next succeeding interest payment date; or
- to register the transfer of or exchange any debt security called for redemption or repurchase, except the unredeemed portion of any debt security
  we are redeeming or repurchasing in part.

#### **Provisions Relating only to the Senior Debt Securities**

The senior debt securities will rank equally in right of payment with all of our other unsubordinated debt. The senior debt securities will be effectively subordinated, however, to all of our secured debt to the extent of the value of the collateral for that debt. We will disclose the amount of our secured debt in the prospectus supplement.

## **Provisions Relating only to the Subordinated Debt Securities**

#### Subordinated Debt Securities Subordinated to Senior Indebtedness

The subordinated debt securities will rank junior in right of payment to all of the Senior Indebtedness of Targa Resources Partners LP. "Senior Indebtedness" will be defined in a supplemental indenture or authorizing resolutions respecting any issuance of a series of subordinated debt securities, and the definition will be set forth in the prospectus supplement.

### Payment Blockages

The subordinated indenture will provide that no payment of principal, interest and any premium on the subordinated debt securities may be made in the event:

- we or our property is involved in any voluntary or involuntary liquidation or bankruptcy;
- we fail to pay the principal, interest, any premium or any other amounts on any Senior Indebtedness of Targa Resources Partners LP within any applicable grace period or the maturity of such Senior Indebtedness is accelerated following any other default, subject to certain limited exceptions set forth in the subordinated indenture; or
- any other default on any Senior Indebtedness of Targa Resources Partners LP occurs that permits immediate acceleration of its maturity, in which case a payment blockage on the subordinated debt securities will be imposed for a maximum of 179 days at any one time.

# No Limitation on Amount of Senior Debt

The subordinated indenture will not limit the amount of Senior Indebtedness that Targa Resources Partners LP may incur, unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement.

## **Book Entry, Delivery and Form**

The debt securities of a particular series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global certificates that will be deposited with the Trustee as custodian for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") This means that we will not issue certificates to each holder. Instead, one or more global debt securities will be issued to DTC, who will keep a computerized record of its participants (for example, your broker) whose clients have purchased the debt securities. The participant will then keep a record of its clients who purchased the debt securities. Unless it is exchanged in whole or in part for a certificated debt security, a global debt security may not be transferred, except that DTC, its nominees and their successors may transfer a global debt security as a whole to one another.

Beneficial interests in global debt securities will be shown on, and transfers of global debt securities will be made only through, records maintained by DTC and its participants.

DTC has provided us the following information: DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the United States Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a "clearing agency" registered under the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). DTC holds securities that its participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also records the settlement among Direct Participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through computerized records for Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need to exchange certificates. Direct Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations.

DTC's book-entry system is also used by other organizations such as securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that work through a Direct Participant. The rules that apply to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC.

DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries.

We will wire all payments on the global debt securities to DTC's nominee. We and the Trustee will treat DTC's nominee as the owner of the global debt securities for all purposes. Accordingly, we, the Trustee and any paying agent will have no direct responsibility or liability to pay amounts due on the global debt securities to owners of beneficial interests in the global debt securities.

It is DTC's current practice, upon receipt of any payment on the global debt securities, to credit Direct Participants' accounts on the payment date according to their respective holdings of beneficial interests in the global debt securities as shown on DTC's records. In addition, it is DTC's current practice to assign any consenting or voting rights to Direct Participants whose accounts are credited with debt securities on a record date, by using an omnibus proxy. Payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in the global debt securities, and voting by participants, will be governed by the customary practices between the participants and owners of beneficial interests, as is the case with debt securities held for the account of customers registered in "street name." However, payments will be the responsibility of the participants and not of DTC, the Trustee or us.

Debt securities represented by a global debt security will be exchangeable for certificated debt securities with the same terms in authorized denominations only if:

- DTC notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary or if DTC ceases to be a clearing agency registered under applicable law and in either event a successor depositary is not appointed by us within 90 days; or
- an Event of Default occurs and DTC notifies the Trustee of its decision to exchange the global debt security for certificated debt securities.

# **Satisfaction and Discharge; Defeasance**

Each indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect as to all outstanding debt securities of any series issued thereunder, when:

#### (a) either

- (1) all outstanding debt securities of that series that have been authenticated (except lost, stolen or destroyed debt securities that have been replaced or paid and debt securities for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust and thereafter repaid to us) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or
- (2) all outstanding debt securities of that series that have not been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable by reason of the giving of a notice of redemption or otherwise or will become due and payable at their stated maturity within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee and in any case we have irrevocably deposited or caused to be irrevocably deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable U.S. Government Obligations or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness of such debt securities not delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal, premium, if any, and accrued interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of debt securities that have been due and payable) or the stated maturity or redemption date;
- (b) we have paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable by us under the indenture; and
- (c) we have delivered an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel to the Trustee stating that all conditions precedent to satisfaction and discharge have been satisfied.

The debt securities of a particular series will be subject to legal or covenant defeasance to the extent, and upon the terms and conditions, set forth in the prospectus supplement.

#### **Governing Law**

Each indenture and all of the debt securities will be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

#### The Trustee

We will enter into the indentures with a Trustee that is qualified to act under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, and with any other trustees chosen by us and appointed in a supplemental indenture for a particular series of debt securities. We may maintain a banking relationship in the ordinary course of business with our trustee and one or more of its affiliates.

#### Resignation or Removal of Trustee

If the Trustee has or acquires a conflicting interest within the meaning of the Trust Indenture Act, the Trustee must either eliminate its conflicting interest or resign, to the extent and in the manner provided by, and subject to the provisions of, the Trust Indenture Act and the applicable indenture. Any resignation will require the appointment of a successor trustee under the applicable indenture in accordance with the terms and conditions of such indenture.

The Trustee may resign or be removed by us with respect to one or more series of debt securities and a successor Trustee may be appointed to act with respect to any such series. The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of any series may remove the Trustee with respect to the debt securities of such series.

#### Limitations on Trustee if it is Our Creditor

Each indenture will contain certain limitations on the right of the Trustee, in the event that it becomes a creditor of an issuer, to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, or to realize on certain property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise.

## Annual Trustee Report to Holders of Debt Securities

The Trustee is required to submit an annual report to the holders of the debt securities regarding, among other things, the Trustee's eligibility to serve as such, the priority of the Trustee's claims regarding certain advances made by it, and any action taken by the Trustee materially affecting the debt securities.

## Certificates and Opinions to be Furnished to Trustee

Each indenture will provide that, in addition to other certificates or opinions that may be specifically required by other provisions of the indenture, every application by us for action by the Trustee shall be accompanied by a certificate of certain of our officers and an opinion of counsel (who may be our counsel) stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent to such action have been complied with by us.

#### MATERIAL TAX CONSEQUENCES

This section summarizes the material U.S. federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to prospective unitholders and is based upon current provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), existing and proposed U.S. Treasury regulations thereunder (the "Treasury Regulations"), and current administrative rulings and court decisions, all of which are subject to change. Changes in these authorities may cause the federal income tax consequences to a prospective unitholder to vary substantially from those described below. Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this section to "we" or "us" are references to Targa Resources Partners, L.P. and our subsidiaries.

Legal conclusions contained in this section, unless otherwise noted, are the opinion of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. and are based on the accuracy of representations made by us to them for this purpose. However, this section does not address all federal income tax matters that affect us or our unitholders and does not describe the application of the alternative minimum tax that may be applicable to certain unitholders. Furthermore, this section focuses on unitholders who are individual citizens or residents of the United States (for federal income tax purposes), who have the U.S. dollar as their functional currency and who hold units as capital assets (generally, property that is held for investment). This section has limited applicability to corporations, partnerships (including entities treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes), estates, trusts, non-resident aliens or other unitholders subject to specialized tax treatment, such as tax-exempt institutions, non-U.S. persons, individual retirement accounts ("IRAs"), employee benefit plans, real estate investment trusts or mutual funds. Accordingly, we encourage each unitholder to consult the unitholder's own tax advisor in analyzing the federal, state, local and non-U.S. tax consequences particular to that unitholder resulting from ownership or disposition of units and potential changes in applicable tax laws.

We are relying on opinions and advice of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. with respect to the matters described herein. An opinion of counsel represents only that counsel's best legal judgment and does not bind the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") or a court. Accordingly, the opinions and statements made herein may not be sustained by a court if contested by the IRS. Any such contest of the matters described herein may materially and adversely impact the market for our units and the prices at which our units trade. In addition, our costs of any contest with the IRS will be borne indirectly by our unitholders and our general partner because the costs will reduce our cash available for distribution. Furthermore, the tax consequences of an investment in us may be significantly modified by future legislative or administrative changes or court decisions, which may be retroactively applied.

For the reasons described below, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has not rendered an opinion with respect to the following federal income tax issues: (1) the treatment of a unitholder whose units are the subject of a securities loan (e.g., a loan to a short seller to cover a short sale of units) (please read "— Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership — Treatment of Securities Loans"); (2) whether our monthly convention for allocating taxable income and losses is permitted by existing Treasury Regulations (please read "— Disposition of Common Units — Allocations Between Transferors and Transferees"); and (3) whether our method for taking into account Section 743 adjustments is sustainable in certain cases (please read "— Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership — Section 754 Election" and "— Uniformity of Units").

# **Taxation of the Partnership**

# Partnership Status

We expect to be treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes and, therefore, generally will not be liable for entity-level federal income taxes. Instead, as described below, each of our unitholders will take into account its respective share of our items of income, gain, loss and deduction in computing its federal income tax liability as if the unitholder had earned such income directly, even if we make no cash distributions to the unitholder. Distributions we make to a unitholder generally will not give rise to income or gain taxable to such unitholder unless the amount of cash distributed exceeds the unitholder's adjusted tax basis in its units.

Section 7704 of the Code generally provides that publicly traded partnerships will be treated as corporations for federal income tax purposes. However, if 90% or more of a partnership's gross income for every taxable year it is publicly traded consists of "qualifying income," the partnership may continue to be treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes (the "Qualifying Income Exception"). Qualifying income includes income and gains derived from the transportation, storage, processing and marketing of certain natural resources, including crude oil, natural gas and products thereof, as well as other types of qualifying income such as interest (other than from a financial business) and dividends. We estimate that less than 5% of our current gross income is not qualifying income; however, this estimate could change from time to time.

Based upon factual representations made by us and our general partner regarding the composition of our income and the other representations set forth below, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. is of the opinion that we will be treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. In rendering its opinion, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has relied on factual representations made by us and our general partner. The representations made by us and our general partner upon which Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has relied include, without limitation:

- (a) Except for Targa Resources Operating GP LLC, neither we nor any of our operating subsidiaries that are partnerships or limited liability companies has elected to be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes;
- (b) For each taxable year, since and including the year of our initial public offering, more than 90% of our gross income has been and will be income of a character that Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has opined is "qualifying income" within the meaning of Section 7704(d) of the Code;
- (c) No material portion (i.e., less than 1 percent) of the Partnership's gross income from the sales of natural gas, natural gas liquids, condensate or other refinery products that is treated as qualifying income is derived from sales that could be construed as sales to an end-user (i.e. sales to a purchaser whose use of the product cannot be identified as refining, processing, reselling or marketing); and
- (d) Each hedging transaction that we treat as resulting in qualifying income has been and will be appropriately identified as a hedging transaction pursuant to applicable Treasury Regulations, and has been and will be associated with oil, natural gas, or products thereof that are held or to be held by us in activities that Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has opined or will opine result in qualifying income.

We believe that these representations are true and will be true in the future.

If we fail to meet the Qualifying Income Exception, other than a failure that is determined by the IRS to be inadvertent and that is cured within a reasonable time after discovery (in which case the IRS may also require us to make adjustments with respect to our unitholders or pay other amounts), we will be treated as transferring all of our assets, subject to liabilities, to a newly formed corporation, on the first day of the year in which we fail to meet the Qualifying Income Exception, in return for stock in that corporation and then as distributing that stock to our unitholders in liquidation. This deemed contribution and liquidation should not result in the recognition of taxable income by our unitholders or us so long as our liabilities do not exceed the tax basis of our assets. Thereafter, we would be treated as an association taxable as a corporation for federal income tax purposes.

The present federal income tax treatment of publicly traded partnerships, including us, or an investment in our common units may be modified by administrative, legislative or judicial interpretation at any time. For example, from time to time, members of the U.S. Congress and the President propose and consider substantive changes to the existing federal income tax laws that affect publicly traded partnerships, including the elimination of the qualifying income exception upon which we rely for our treatment as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. We are unable to predict whether any such changes will ultimately be enacted. However, it is possible that a change in law could affect us and may be applied retroactively. Any such changes could negatively impact the value of an investment in our units.

If for any reason we are taxable as a corporation in any taxable year, our items of income, gain, loss and deduction would be taken into account by us in determining the amount of our liability for federal income tax, rather than being passed through to our unitholders. Our taxation as a corporation could materially reduce the cash available for distribution to unitholders and thus could substantially reduce the value of our units. Any distribution made to a unitholder at a time we are treated as a corporation would be (i) a taxable dividend to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, then (ii) a nontaxable return of capital to the extent of the unitholder's tax basis in its units, and thereafter (iii) taxable capital gain.

The remainder of this discussion is based on the opinion of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. that we will be treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes.

#### **Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership**

#### Limited Partner Status

Unitholders who are admitted as limited partners of the partnership, as well as unitholders whose units are held in street name or by a nominee and who have the right to direct the nominee in the exercise of all substantive rights attendant to the ownership of units, will be treated as partners of the partnership for federal income tax purposes. For a discussion related to the risks of losing partner status as a result of securities loans, please read "— Treatment of Securities Loans." Unitholders who are not treated as partners of the partnership as described above are urged to consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences applicable to them under the circumstances.

#### Flow-Through of Taxable Income

Subject to the discussion below under "— Entity-Level Collections of Unitholder Taxes" with respect to payments we may be required to make on behalf of our unitholders, we will not pay any federal income tax. Rather, each unitholder will be required to report on its federal income tax return each year its share of our income, gains, losses and deductions for our taxable year or years ending with or within its taxable year. Consequently, we may allocate income to a unitholder even if that unitholder has not received a cash distribution.

#### **Basis of Common Units**

A unitholder's tax basis in its common units initially will be the amount paid for those common units plus the unitholder's share of our liabilities. That basis generally will be (i) increased by the unitholder's share of our income and any increases in such unitholder's share of our liabilities, and (ii) decreased, but not below zero, by the amount of all distributions, the unitholder's share of our losses, and any decreases in its share of our liabilities.

## **Treatment of Distributions**

Distributions made by us to a unitholder generally will not be taxable to the unitholder, unless such distributions exceed the unitholder's tax basis in its common units, in which case the unitholder generally will recognize gain taxable in the manner described below under "— Disposition of Common Units."

Any reduction in a unitholder's share of our "liabilities" will be treated as a distribution by us of cash to that unitholder. A decrease in a unitholder's percentage interest in us because of our issuance of additional common units may decrease the unitholder's share of our liabilities. For purposes of the foregoing, a unitholder's share of our nonrecourse liabilities (liabilities for which no partner bears the economic risk of loss) generally will be based upon that unitholder's share of the unrealized appreciation (or depreciation) in our assets, to the extent thereof, with any excess liabilities allocated based on the unitholder's share of our profits. Please read "— Disposition of Common Units."

A non-pro rata distribution of money or property (including a deemed distribution as a result of the reduction in a unitholder's share of our liabilities as described above) may cause a unitholder to recognize ordinary income, if the distribution reduces the unitholder's share of our "unrealized receivables," including depreciation recapture and substantially appreciated "inventory items," both as defined in Section 751 of the Code ("Section 751 Assets"). To the extent of such reduction, the unitholder would be deemed to receive its proportionate share of the Section 751 Assets and exchange such assets with us in return for a portion of the non-pro rata distribution. This deemed exchange generally will result in the unitholder's recognition of ordinary income in an amount equal to the excess of (1) the non-pro rata portion of that distribution over (2) the unitholder's tax basis (generally zero) in the Section 751 Assets deemed to be relinquished in the exchange.

## Limitations on Deductibility of Losses

A unitholder may not be entitled to deduct the full amount of loss we allocate to it because its share of our losses will be limited to the lesser of (i) the unitholder's tax basis in its units, and (ii) in the case of a unitholder that is an individual, estate, trust or certain types of closely-held corporations, the amount for which the unitholder is considered to be "at risk" with respect to our activities. In general, a unitholder will be at risk to the extent of its tax basis in its units, reduced by (1) any portion of that basis attributable to the unitholder's share of our liabilities, (2) any portion of that basis representing amounts otherwise protected against loss because of a guarantee, stop loss agreement or similar arrangement and (3) any amount of money the unitholder borrows to acquire or hold its units, if the lender of those borrowed funds owns an interest in us, is related to another unitholder or can look only to the units for repayment. A unitholder subject to the at risk limitation must recapture losses deducted in previous years to the extent that distributions (including distributions deemed to result from a reduction in a unitholder's share of nonrecourse liabilities) cause the unitholder's at risk amount to be less than zero at the end of any taxable year.

Losses disallowed to a unitholder or recaptured as a result of the basis or at risk limitations will carry forward and will be allowable as a deduction in a later year to the extent that the unitholder's tax basis or at risk amount, whichever is the limiting factor, is subsequently increased. Upon a taxable disposition of units, any gain recognized by a unitholder can be offset by losses that were previously suspended by the at risk limitation but not losses suspended by the basis limitation. Any loss previously suspended by the at risk limitation in excess of that gain can no longer be used, and will not be available to offset a unitholder's salary or active business income.

In addition to the basis and at risk limitations, a passive activity loss limitation generally limits the deductibility of losses incurred by individuals, estates, trusts, some closely held corporations and personal service corporations from "passive activities" (generally, trade or business activities in which the taxpayer does not materially participate). The passive loss limitations are applied separately with respect to each publicly-traded partnership. Consequently, any passive losses we generate will be available to offset only passive income generated by us. Passive losses that exceed a unitholder's share of passive income we generate may be deducted in full when the unitholder disposes of all of its units in a fully taxable transaction with an unrelated party. The passive loss rules generally are applied after other applicable limitations on deductions, including the at risk and basis limitations.

#### **Limitations on Interest Deductions**

The deductibility of a non-corporate taxpayer's "investment interest expense" generally is limited to the amount of that taxpayer's "net investment income." Investment interest expense includes:

- interest on indebtedness properly allocable to property held for investment;
- interest expense allocated against portfolio income; and
- the portion of interest expense incurred to purchase or carry an interest in a passive activity to the extent allocable against portfolio income.

The computation of a unitholder's investment interest expense will take into account interest on any margin account borrowing or other loan incurred to purchase or carry a unit. Net investment income includes gross income from property held for investment and amounts treated as portfolio income under the passive loss rules, less deductible expenses, other than interest, directly connected with the production of investment income. Net investment income generally does not include qualified dividend income (if applicable) or gains attributable to the disposition of property held for investment. A unitholder's share of a publicly traded partnership's portfolio income and, according to the IRS, net passive income will be treated as investment income for purposes of the investment interest expense limitation.

#### **Entity-Level Collections of Unitholder Taxes**

If we are required or elect under applicable law to pay any federal, state, local or non-U.S. tax on behalf of any current or former unitholder or our general partner, we are authorized to treat the payment as a distribution of cash to the relevant unitholder or general partner. Where the tax is payable on behalf of all the unitholders or we cannot determine the specific unitholder on whose behalf the tax is payable, we are authorized to treat the payment as a distribution to all current unitholders. We are authorized to amend our partnership agreement in the manner necessary to maintain uniformity of intrinsic tax characteristics of units and to adjust later distributions, so that after giving effect to these distributions, the priority and characterization of distributions otherwise applicable under our partnership agreement is maintained as nearly as is practicable. Payments by us as described above could give rise to an overpayment of tax on behalf of a unitholder, in which event the unitholder may be entitled to claim a refund of the overpayment amount. Unitholders are urged to consult their tax advisors to determine the consequences to them of any tax payment we make on their behalf.

#### Allocation of Income, Gain, Loss and Deduction

In general, if we have a net profit, our items of income, gain, loss and deduction will be allocated among our general partner and the unitholders in accordance with their percentage interests in us. At any time that incentive distributions are made to our general partner, gross income will be allocated to the recipients to the extent of these distributions. If we have a net loss, that loss will be allocated first to our general partner and the unitholders in accordance with their percentage interests in us to the extent of their positive capital accounts and, second, to our general partner.

Specified items of our income, gain, loss and deduction will be allocated under Section 704(c) of the Code (or the principles of Section 704(c) of the Code) to account for any difference between the tax basis and fair market value of our assets at the time such assets are contributed to us and at the time of any subsequent offering of our units (a "Book-Tax Disparity"). As a result, the federal income tax burden associated with any Book-Tax Disparity immediately prior to an offering generally will be borne by our partners holding interests in us prior to such offering. In addition, items of recapture income will be specially allocated to the extent possible to the unitholder who was allocated the deduction giving rise to that recapture income in order to minimize the recognition of ordinary income by other unitholders.

An allocation of items of our income, gain, loss or deduction, other than an allocation required by the Code to eliminate a Book-Tax Disparity, will generally be given effect for federal income tax purposes in determining a partner's share of an item of income, gain, loss or deduction only if the allocation has "substantial economic effect." In any other case, a partner's share of an item will be determined on the basis of the partner's interest in us, which will be determined by taking into account all the facts and circumstances, including (i) the partner's relative contributions to us, (ii) the interests of all the partners in profits and losses, (iii) the interest of all the partners in cash flow and (iv) the rights of all the partners to distributions of capital upon liquidation. Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. is of the opinion that, with the exception of the issues described in "— Section 754 Election" and "— Disposition of Common Units — Allocations Between Transferors and Transferees," allocations under our partnership agreement will be given effect for federal income tax purposes in determining a partner's share of an item of income, gain, loss or deduction.

#### **Treatment of Securities Loans**

A unitholder whose units are loaned (for example, a loan to a "short seller" to cover a short sale of units) may be treated as having disposed of those units. If so, such unitholder would no longer be treated for tax purposes as a partner with respect to those units during the period of the loan and may recognize gain or loss from the disposition. As a result, during this period (i) any of our income, gain, loss or deduction allocated to those units would not be reportable by the lending unitholder and (ii) any cash distributions received by the unitholder as to those units may be treated as ordinary taxable income.

Due to a lack of controlling authority, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has not rendered an opinion regarding the tax treatment of a unitholder that enters into a securities loan with respect to its units. Unitholders desiring to assure their status as partners and avoid the risk of income recognition from a loan of their units are urged to modify any applicable brokerage account agreements to prohibit their brokers from borrowing and lending their units. The IRS has announced that it is studying issues relating to the tax treatment of short sales of partnership interests. Please read "— Disposition of Common Units — Recognition of Gain or Loss."

#### Tax Rates

Beginning January 1, 2013, the highest marginal federal income tax rates for individuals applicable to ordinary income and long-term capital gains (generally, gains from the sale or exchange of certain investment assets held for more than one year) are 39.6% and 20%, respectively. These rates are subject to change by new legislation at any time.

In addition, a 3.8% Medicare tax on certain net investment income earned by individuals, estates, and trusts applies for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012. For these purposes, net investment income generally includes a unitholder's allocable share of our income and gain realized by a unitholder from a sale of units. In the case of an individual, the tax will be imposed on the lesser of (i) the unitholder's net investment income from all investments, or (ii) the amount by which the unitholder's modified adjusted gross income exceeds \$250,000 (if the unitholder is married and filing jointly or a surviving spouse), \$125,000 (if married filing separately) or \$200,000 (if the unitholder is unmarried or in any other case). In the case of an estate or trust, the tax will be imposed on the lesser of (i) undistributed net investment income, or (ii) the excess adjusted gross income over the dollar amount at which the highest income tax bracket applicable to an estate or trust begins.

#### Section 754 Election

We have made the election permitted by Section 754 of the Code that permits us to adjust the tax bases in our assets as to specific purchasers of our common units under Section 743(b) of the Code. The Section 743(b) adjustment separately applies to each purchaser of units based upon the values and bases of our assets at the time of the relevant purchase, and the adjustment will reflect the purchase price paid. The Section 743(b) adjustment does not apply to a person who purchases common units directly from us.

Under our partnership agreement, we are authorized to take a position to preserve the uniformity of units even if that position is not consistent with applicable Treasury Regulations. A literal application of Treasury Regulations governing a 743(b) adjustment attributable to properties depreciable under Section 167 of the Code may give rise to differences in the taxation of unitholders purchasing units from us and unitholders purchasing from other unitholders. If we have any such properties, we intend to adopt methods employed by other publicly traded partnerships to preserve the uniformity of units, even if inconsistent with existing Treasury Regulations, and Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has not opined on the validity of this approach. Please read "— Uniformity of Units."

The IRS may challenge the positions we adopt with respect to depreciating or amortizing the Section 743(b) adjustment we take to preserve the uniformity of units due to lack of controlling authority. Because a unitholder's

tax basis for its units is reduced by its share of our items of deduction or loss, any position we take that understates deductions will overstate a unitholder's basis in its units, and may cause the unitholder to understate gain or overstate loss on any sale of such units. Please read "— Disposition of Common Units — Recognition of Gain or Loss." If a challenge to such treatment were sustained, the gain from the sale of units may be increased without the benefit of additional deductions.

The calculations involved in the Section 754 election are complex and will be made on the basis of assumptions as to the value of our assets and other matters. The IRS could seek to reallocate some or all of any Section 743(b) adjustment we allocated to our assets subject to depreciation to goodwill or nondepreciable assets. Goodwill, as an intangible asset, is generally nonamortizable or amortizable over a longer period of time or under a less accelerated method than our tangible assets. We cannot assure any unitholder that the determinations we make will not be successfully challenged by the IRS or that the resulting deductions will not be reduced or disallowed altogether. Should the IRS require a different tax basis adjustment to be made, and should, in our opinion, the expense of compliance exceed the benefit of the election, we may seek permission from the IRS to revoke our Section 754 election. If permission is granted, a subsequent purchaser of units may be allocated more income than it would have been allocated had the election not been revoked.

## **Tax Treatment of Operations**

#### Accounting Method and Taxable Year

We will use the year ending December 31 as our taxable year and the accrual method of accounting for federal income tax purposes. Each unitholder will be required to include in income its share of our income, gain, loss and deduction for each taxable year ending within or with its taxable year. In addition, a unitholder who has a taxable year ending on a date other than December 31 and who disposes of all of its units following the close of our taxable year but before the close of its taxable year must include its share of our income, gain, loss and deduction in income for its taxable year, with the result that it will be required to include in income for its taxable year its share of more than one year of our income, gain, loss and deduction. Please read "— Disposition of Common Units — Allocations Between Transferors and Transferees."

#### Tax Basis, Depreciation and Amortization

The tax basis of our assets will be used for purposes of computing depreciation and cost recovery deductions and, ultimately, gain or loss on the disposition of these assets. If we dispose of depreciable property by sale, foreclosure or otherwise, all or a portion of any gain, determined by reference to the amount of depreciation deductions previously taken, may be subject to the recapture rules and taxed as ordinary income rather than capital gain. Similarly, a unitholder who has taken cost recovery or depreciation deductions with respect to property we own will likely be required to recapture some or all of those deductions as ordinary income upon a sale of its interest in us. Please read "— Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership — Allocation of Income, Gain, Loss and Deduction" and "— Disposition of Common Units — Recognition of Gain or Loss."

The costs we incur in offering and selling our units (called "syndication expenses") must be capitalized and cannot be deducted currently, ratably or upon our termination. While there are uncertainties regarding the classification of costs as organization expenses, which may be amortized by us, and as syndication expenses, which may not be amortized by us, the underwriting discounts and commissions we incur will be treated as syndication expenses.

#### Valuation and Tax Basis of Our Properties

The federal income tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of units will depend in part on our estimates of the relative fair market values and the initial tax bases of our assets. Although we may from time to time consult with professional appraisers regarding valuation matters, we will make many of the relative fair

market value estimates ourselves. These estimates and determinations of tax basis are subject to challenge and will not be binding on the IRS or the courts. If the estimates of fair market value or basis are later found to be incorrect, the character and amount of items of income, gain, loss or deduction previously reported by unitholders could change, and unitholders could be required to adjust their tax liability for prior years and incur interest and penalties with respect to those adjustments.

#### **Disposition of Common Units**

#### Recognition of Gain or Loss

A unitholder will be required to recognize gain or loss on a sale of units equal to the difference between the unitholder's amount realized and tax basis in the units sold. A unitholder's amount realized generally will equal the sum of the cash or the fair market value of other property it receives plus its share of our liabilities with respect to such units. Because the amount realized includes a unitholder's share of our liabilities, the gain recognized on the sale of units could result in a tax liability in excess of any cash received from the sale.

Except as noted below, gain or loss recognized by a unitholder on the sale or exchange of a unit held for more than one year generally will be taxable as long-term capital gain or loss. However, gain or loss recognized on the disposition of units will be separately computed and taxed as ordinary income or loss under Section 751 of the Code to the extent attributable to Section 751 Assets, such as depreciation recapture. Ordinary income attributable to Section 751 Assets may exceed net taxable gain realized on the sale of a unit and may be recognized even if there is a net taxable loss realized on the sale of a unit. Thus, a unitholder may recognize both ordinary income and capital gain or loss upon a sale of units. Net capital loss may offset capital gains and, in the case of individuals, up to \$3,000 of ordinary income per year.

The IRS has ruled that a partner who acquires interests in a partnership in separate transactions must combine those interests and maintain a single adjusted tax basis for all those interests. Upon a sale or other disposition of less than all of those interests, a portion of that tax basis must be allocated to the interests sold using an "equitable apportionment" method, which generally means that the tax basis allocated to the interest sold equals an amount that bears the same relation to the partner's tax basis in its entire interest in the partnership as the value of the interest sold bears to the value of the partner's entire interest in the partnership.

Treasury Regulations under Section 1223 of the Code allow a selling unitholder who can identify common units transferred with an ascertainable holding period to elect to use the actual holding period of the common units transferred. Thus, according to the ruling discussed above, a common unitholder will be unable to select high or low basis common units to sell as would be the case with corporate stock, but, according to the Treasury Regulations, it may designate specific common units sold for purposes of determining the holding period of units transferred. A unitholder electing to use the actual holding period of common units transferred must consistently use that identification method for all subsequent sales or exchanges of common units. A unitholder considering the purchase of additional units or a sale of common units purchased in separate transactions is urged to consult its tax advisor as to the possible consequences of this ruling and application of the Treasury Regulations.

Specific provisions of the Code affect the taxation of some financial products and securities, including partnership interests, by treating a taxpayer as having sold an "appreciated" financial position, including a partnership interest with respect to which gain would be recognized if it were sold, assigned or terminated at its fair market value, in the event the taxpayer or a related person enters into:

- a short sale;
- an offsetting notional principal contract; or
- · a futures or forward contract with respect to the partnership interest or substantially identical property.

Moreover, if a taxpayer has previously entered into a short sale, an offsetting notional principal contract or a futures or forward contract with respect to the partnership interest, the taxpayer will be treated as having sold that

position if the taxpayer or a related person then acquires the partnership interest or substantially identical property. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to issue regulations that treat a taxpayer that enters into transactions or positions that have substantially the same effect as the preceding transactions as having constructively sold the financial position.

#### Allocations Between Transferors and Transferees

In general, our taxable income or loss will be determined annually, will be prorated on a monthly basis and will be subsequently apportioned among the unitholders in proportion to the number of units owned by each of them as of the opening of the applicable exchange on the first business day of the month (the "Allocation Date"). However, gain or loss realized on a sale or other disposition of our assets or, in the discretion of the general partner, any other extraordinary item of income, gain, loss or deduction will be allocated among the unitholders on the Allocation Date in the month in which such income, gain, loss or deduction is recognized. As a result, a unitholder transferring units may be allocated income, gain, loss and deduction realized after the date of transfer.

Although simplifying conventions are contemplated by the Code and most publicly traded partnerships use similar simplifying conventions, the use of this method may not be specifically authorized or permitted under existing Treasury Regulations. Recently, however, the Department of the Treasury and the IRS issued final Treasury Regulations pursuant to which a publicly traded partnership may use a similar monthly simplifying convention to allocate tax items among transferor and transferee unitholders. The Partnership is currently evaluating these regulations which will apply beginning with our taxable year that begins on January 1, 2016. Nonetheless, the regulations do not specifically authorize the use of the proration method we have adopted for our 2015 taxable year and may not specifically authorize all aspects of our proration method thereafter. Accordingly, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. is unable to opine on the validity of this method of allocating income and deductions between transferee and transferor unitholders. If our method is not allowed under the final Treasury Regulations, our taxable income or losses could be reallocated among our unitholders. We are authorized to revise our method of allocation between transferee and transferor unitholders, as well as among unitholders whose interests vary during a taxable year, to conform to a method permitted under the Treasury Regulations.

A unitholder who disposes of units prior to the record date set for a cash distribution for that quarter will be allocated items of our income, gain, loss and deduction attributable to the month of disposition but will not be entitled to receive a cash distribution for that period.

#### **Notification Requirements**

A unitholder who sells or purchases any of its units is generally required to notify us in writing of that transaction within 30 days after the transaction (or, if earlier, January 15 of the year following the transaction in the case of a seller). Upon receiving such notifications, we are required to notify the IRS of that transaction and to furnish specified information to the transferor and transferee. Failure to notify us of a transfer of units may, in some cases, lead to the imposition of penalties. However, these reporting requirements do not apply to a sale by an individual who is a citizen of the United States and who effects the sale through a broker who will satisfy such requirements.

#### **Constructive Termination**

We will be considered to have "constructively" terminated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes upon the sale or exchange of 50% or more of the total interests in our capital and profits within a twelve-month period. For such purposes, multiple sales of the same unit are counted only once. A constructive termination results in the closing of our taxable year for all unitholders. In the case of a unitholder reporting on a taxable year other than the calendar year, the closing of our taxable year may result in more than twelve months of our taxable income or loss being includable in such unitholder's taxable income for the year of termination.

A constructive termination occurring on a date other than December 31 generally would require that we file two tax returns for one fiscal year, and the cost of the preparation of these returns will be borne by all

unitholders. However, pursuant to an IRS relief procedure, the IRS may allow a constructively terminated partnership to provide a single Schedule K-1 for the calendar year in which a termination occurs. Following a constructive termination, we would be required to make new tax elections, including a new election under Section 754 of the Code, and the termination would result in a deferral of our deductions for depreciation. A termination could also result in penalties if we were unable to determine that the termination had occurred. Moreover, a termination may either accelerate the application of, or subject us to, any tax legislation enacted before the termination that would not otherwise have been applied to us as a continuing as opposed to a terminating partnership.

# **Uniformity of Units**

Because we cannot match transferors and transferees of units and for other reasons, we must maintain uniformity of the economic and tax characteristics of the units to a purchaser of these units. In the absence of uniformity, we may be unable to completely comply with a number of federal income tax requirements. Any non-uniformity could have a negative impact on the value of the units. Please read "— Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership — Section 754 Election."

Our partnership agreement permits our general partner to take positions in filing our tax returns that preserve the uniformity of our units. These positions may include reducing the depreciation, amortization or loss deductions to which a unitholder would otherwise be entitled or reporting a slower amortization of Section 743(b) adjustments for some unitholders than that to which they would otherwise be entitled. Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. is unable to opine as to validity of such filing positions.

A unitholder's basis in units is reduced by its share of our deductions (whether or not such deductions were claimed on an individual income tax return) so that any position that we take that understates deductions will overstate the unitholder's basis in its units, and may cause the unitholder to understate gain or overstate loss on any sale of such units. Please read "— Disposition of Common Units — Recognition of Gain or Loss" above and "— Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership — Section 754 Election" above. The IRS may challenge one or more of any positions we take to preserve the uniformity of units. If such a challenge were sustained, the uniformity of units might be affected, and, under some circumstances, the gain from the sale of units might be increased without the benefit of additional deductions.

#### **Tax-Exempt Organizations and Other Investors**

Ownership of units by employee benefit plans, other tax-exempt organizations, non-resident aliens, non-U.S. corporations and other non-U.S. persons raises issues unique to those investors and, as described below, may have substantially adverse tax consequences to them. Prospective unitholders that are tax-exempt entities or non-U.S. persons should consult their tax advisors before investing in our common units. Employee benefit plans and most other tax-exempt organizations, including IRAs and other retirement plans, are subject to federal income tax on unrelated business taxable income. Virtually all of our income will be unrelated business taxable income and will be taxable to a tax-exempt unitholder.

Non-resident aliens and foreign corporations, trusts or estates that own units will be considered to be engaged in business in the United States because of their ownership of our units. Consequently, they will be required to file federal tax returns to report their share of our income, gain, loss or deduction and pay federal income tax at regular rates on their share of our net income or gain. Moreover, under rules applicable to publicly traded partnerships, distributions to non-U.S. unitholders are subject to withholding at the highest applicable effective tax rate. Each non-U.S. unitholder must obtain a taxpayer identification number from the IRS and submit that number to our transfer agent on a Form W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E or applicable substitute form in order to obtain credit for these withholding taxes.

In addition, because a foreign corporation that owns units will be treated as engaged in a United States trade or business, that corporation may be subject to the U.S. branch profits tax at a rate of 30%, in addition to regular federal income tax, on its share of our income and gain to the extent reflected in earnings and profits, and as adjusted for changes in the foreign corporation's "U.S. net equity." That tax may be reduced or eliminated by an income tax treaty between the United States and the country in which the foreign corporate unitholder is a "qualified resident." In addition, this type of unitholder is subject to special information reporting requirements under Section 6038C of the Code.

A non-U.S. unitholder who sells or otherwise disposes of a common unit will be subject to federal income tax on gain realized from the sale or disposition of that unit to the extent the gain is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the non-U.S. unitholder. Under a ruling published by the IRS interpreting the scope of "effectively connected income," part or all of a non-U.S. unitholder's gain may be treated as effectively connected with that unitholder's indirect U.S. trade or business constituted by its investment in us. Moreover, under the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act, a non-U.S. unitholder generally will be subject to federal income tax upon the sale or disposition of a common unit if (i) it owned (directly or constructively applying certain attribution rules) more than 5% of our common units at any time during the five-year period ending on the date of such disposition and (ii) 50% or more of the fair market value of all of our assets consisted of U.S. real property interests at any time during the shorter of the period during which such unitholder held the common units or the 5-year period ending on the date of disposition. More than 50% of our assets may consist of U.S. real property interests. Therefore, non-U.S. unitholders may be subject to federal income tax on gain from the sale or disposition of their units.

#### **Administrative Matters**

#### Information Returns and Audit Procedures

We intend to furnish to each unitholder, within 90 days after the close of each taxable year, specific tax information, including a Schedule K-1, which describes its share of our income, gain, loss and deduction for our preceding taxable year. In preparing this information, which will not be reviewed by counsel, we will take various accounting and reporting positions, some of which have been mentioned earlier, to determine each unitholder's share of income, gain, loss and deduction. We cannot assure our unitholders that those positions will yield a result that conforms to all of the requirements of the Code, Treasury Regulations or administrative interpretations of the IRS.

The IRS may audit our federal income tax information returns. Neither we nor Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. can assure prospective unitholders that the IRS will not successfully challenge the positions we adopt, and such a challenge could adversely affect the value of the units. Adjustments resulting from an IRS audit may require each unitholder to adjust a prior year's tax liability, and may result in an audit of the unitholder's own return. Any audit of a unitholder's return could result in adjustments unrelated to our returns.

Publicly traded partnerships generally are treated as entities separate from their owners for purposes of federal income tax audits, judicial review of administrative adjustments by the IRS, and tax settlement proceedings. The tax treatment of partnership items of income, gain, loss and deduction are determined in a partnership proceeding rather than in separate proceedings of the partners. The Code requires that one partner be designated as the "Tax Matters Partner" for these purposes, and our partnership agreement designates our general partner.

The Tax Matters Partner has made and will make some elections on our behalf and on behalf of unitholders. The Tax Matters Partner can extend the statute of limitations for assessment of tax deficiencies against unitholders for items in our returns. The Tax Matters Partner may bind a unitholder with less than a 1% profits interest in us to a settlement with the IRS unless that unitholder elects, by filing a statement with the IRS, not to give that authority to the Tax Matters Partner. The Tax Matters Partner may seek judicial review, by which all the unitholders are bound, of a final partnership administrative adjustment and, if the Tax Matters Partner fails to

seek judicial review, judicial review may be sought by any unitholder having at least a 1% interest in profits or by any group of unitholders having in the aggregate at least a 5% interest in profits. However, only one action for judicial review may go forward, and each unitholder with an interest in the outcome may participate in that action.

A unitholder must file a statement with the IRS identifying the treatment of any item on its federal income tax return that is not consistent with the treatment of the item on our return. Intentional or negligent disregard of this consistency requirement may subject a unitholder to substantial penalties.

#### Nominee Reporting

Persons who hold an interest in us as a nominee for another person are required to furnish to us:

- (1) the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the beneficial owner and the nominee;
- (2) a statement regarding whether the beneficial owner is:
  - (a) a non-U.S. person;
  - (b) a non-U.S. government, an international organization or any wholly owned agency or instrumentality of either of the foregoing; or
  - (c) a tax-exempt entity;
- (3) the amount and description of units held, acquired or transferred for the beneficial owner; and
- (4) specific information including the dates of acquisitions and transfers, means of acquisitions and transfers, and acquisition cost for purchases, as well as the amount of net proceeds from sales.

Brokers and financial institutions are required to furnish additional information, including whether they are U.S. persons and specific information on units they acquire, hold or transfer for their own account. With respect to returns required to be filed before January 1, 2016, a penalty of \$100 per failure, up to a maximum of \$1.5 million per calendar year, is imposed by the Code for failure to report that information to us. Thereafter, these penalties will increase to \$250 per failure, up to a maximum of \$3 million. The nominee is required to supply the beneficial owner of the units with the information furnished to us.

#### **Accuracy-Related Penalties**

An additional tax equal to 20% of the amount of any portion of an underpayment of tax that is attributable to one or more specified causes, including negligence or disregard of rules or regulations, substantial understatements of income tax and substantial valuation misstatements, is imposed by the Code. No penalty will be imposed, however, for any portion of an underpayment if it is shown that there was a reasonable cause for the underpayment of that portion and that the taxpayer acted in good faith regarding the underpayment of that portion.

# State, Local, Non-U.S. and Other Tax Considerations

In addition to federal income taxes, unitholders may be subject to other taxes, including state and local and non-U.S. income taxes, unincorporated business taxes, and estate, inheritance or intangibles taxes that may be imposed by the various jurisdictions in which we conduct business or own property now or in the future or in which the unitholder is a resident. We currently conduct business or own property in several states. Some or all of these states may impose an income tax on nonresident partners of partnerships doing business within the state, and we may also own property or do business in other states in the future that impose income or similar taxes on nonresident persons owning an interest in us. Although an analysis of those various taxes is not presented here, each prospective unitholder should consider their potential impact on its investment in us.

It is the responsibility of each unitholder to investigate the legal and tax consequences, under the laws of pertinent jurisdictions, of his investment in us. We strongly recommend that each prospective unitholder consult, and depend upon, its own tax counsel or other advisor with regard to those matters. Further, it is the responsibility of each unitholder to file all state, local and non-U.S., as well as U.S. federal tax returns that may be required of it. Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has not rendered an opinion on the state, local, alternative minimum tax or non-U.S. tax consequences of an investment in us.

## Tax Consequences of Ownership of Debt Securities

A description of the material federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of debt securities will be set forth on the prospectus supplement relating to the offering of debt securities.

#### Tax Consequences of Ownership of Preferred Units

A description of the material federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of preferred units will be set forth on the prospectus supplement relating to the offering of preferred units.

## **SELLING UNITHOLDERS**

We are registering for resale an indeterminate number of our common units held by certain of our unitholders to be named in a prospectus supplement.

The prospectus supplement for any offering of our common units by a selling unitholder hereunder will include, among other things, the following information:

- the name of the each selling unitholder;
- the nature of any position, office or other material relationship which each selling unitholder has had within the last three years with us or any of our predecessors or affiliates;
- the number of common units held by each selling unitholder prior to the offering;
- the number of common units to be offered for each selling unitholder's account; and
- the number and (if one percent or more) the percentage of common units held by each of the selling unitholders after the offering.

#### INVESTMENT IN TARGA RESOURCES PARTNERS LP BY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

#### INVESTMENT IN OUR UNITS OR DEBT SECURITIES BY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

An investment in our units or debt securities by an employee benefit plan is subject to additional considerations because the investments of these plans are subject to the fiduciary responsibility provisions of ERISA, and the prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code, and provisions under any applicable federal, state, local, non-U.S., or other laws or regulations that are similar to such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA (collectively, "Similar Laws"). For these purposes, the term "employee benefit plan" includes, but is not limited to, qualified pension, profit-sharing, and stock bonus plans, certain Keogh plans, certain simplified employee pension plans, and tax deferred annuities or IRAs and other arrangements established or maintained by an employer or employee organization, and entities whose underlying assets are considered to include "plan assets" of such plans, accounts, and arrangements.

#### **General Fiduciary Matters**

ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code impose certain duties on persons who are fiduciaries of an employee benefit plan that is subject to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code (an "ERISA Plan") and prohibit certain transactions involving the assets of an ERISA Plan and its fiduciaries or other interested parties. Under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code, any person who exercises any discretionary authority or control over the administration of an ERISA Plan or the management or disposition of the assets of an ERISA Plan, or who renders investment advice for a fee or other compensation to an ERISA Plan, is generally considered to be a fiduciary of the ERISA Plan. In considering an investment in our units or debt securities, among other things, consideration should be given to:

- whether the investment is prudent under Section 404(a)(1)(B) of ERISA and any other applicable Similar Laws;
- whether in making the investment, that plan will satisfy the diversification requirements of Section 404(a)(1)(C) of ERISA and any other applicable Similar Laws;
- whether the investment will comply with the delegation of control and "prohibited transaction" provisions of ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code, and any other applicable Similar Laws (see below);
- whether in making the investment, that plan will be considered to hold as plan assets (1) only the investment in our partnership units or debt securities or (2) an undivided interest in our underlying assets (see below); and
- whether the investment will result in recognition of unrelated business taxable income by the plan and, if so, the potential after-tax investment return. Please see "Material Tax Consequences Tax-Exempt Organizations and Other Investors."

The person with investment discretion with respect to the assets of an employee benefit plan, often called a fiduciary, should determine whether an investment in our units or debt securities is authorized by the appropriate governing instrument and is a proper investment for the plan.

## **Prohibited Transaction Issues**

Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code prohibit employee benefit plans, and also IRAs and certain other types of accounts that are not considered part of an ERISA employee benefit plan, from engaging in specified "prohibited transactions" involving "plan assets" with parties that are "parties in interest" under ERISA or "disqualified persons" under the Internal Revenue Code with respect to the plan or account. Accordingly, a fiduciary should consider whether a purchase of our units is a prohibited transaction unless an exemption is available. A party in interest or disqualified person who engages in a non-exempt prohibited transaction may be subject to excise taxes and other penalties and liabilities under ERISA and the

Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the fiduciary of the ERISA Plan that engaged in such a non-exempt prohibited transaction may be subject to excise taxes, penalties, and liabilities under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code. The acquisition and/or holding of debt securities by an ERISA Plan with respect to which we or the initial purchasers are considered a party in interest or a disgualified person may constitute or result in a direct or indirect prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA and/or Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code unless the debt securities are acquired and held in accordance with an applicable statutory, class, or individual prohibited transaction exemption. In this regard, the U.S. Department of Labor has issued prohibited transaction class exemptions, or PTCEs, that may apply to the acquisition, holding and, if applicable, conversion of debt securities. These class exemptions include, without limitation, PTCE 84-14 respecting transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers, PTCE 90-1 respecting insurance company pooled separate accounts, PTCE 91-38 respecting bank collective investment funds, PTCE 95-60 respecting life insurance company general accounts and PTCE 96-23 respecting transactions determined by in-house asset managers. In addition, Section 408(b)(17) of ERISA and Section 4975(d)(20) of the Internal Revenue Code provide limited relief from the prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code for certain transactions, provided that (i) neither the issuer of the securities nor any of its affiliates (directly or indirectly) have or exercise any discretionary authority or control or render any investment advice with respect to the assets of any ERISA Plan involved in the transaction and (ii) the ERISA Plan pays no more than adequate consideration in connection with the transaction. Each of these exceptions contains conditions and limitations on its application. Thus, the fiduciaries of an employee benefit plan that is considering acquiring and/or holding our units or debt securities in reliance on any of these exemptions or exceptions, or any other PTCEs, should carefully review the PTCE and/or applicable statutory provisions and consult with their counsel to confirm that it is applicable. There can be no, and we do not provide any, assurance that all of the conditions of any such exemptions will be satisfied.

Because of the foregoing, our units or debt securities may not be purchased or held (or converted to equity securities, in the case of any convertible debt) by any person investing "plan assets" of any employee benefit plan, unless such purchase and holding (or conversion, if any) will not constitute a non-exempt prohibited transaction under ERISA or the Internal Revenue Code or similar violation of any applicable Similar Laws.

#### **Plan Asset Issues**

In addition to considering whether the purchase of our units, preferred units or debt securities is a prohibited transaction, a fiduciary of an employee benefit plan should consider whether the plan will, by investing in our units or debt securities, be deemed to own an undivided interest in our assets, with the result that our general partner would become an ERISA fiduciary of the investing plan and that our operations would be subject to the regulatory restrictions of ERISA, including its prohibited transaction rules, as well as the prohibited transaction rules of the Internal Revenue Code and any other applicable Similar Laws.

The Department of Labor regulations provide guidance with respect to whether the assets of an entity in which employee benefit plans acquire equity interests would be deemed "plan assets" under some circumstances. Under these regulations, an entity's assets generally would not be considered to be "plan assets" if, among other things:

- (a) the equity interests acquired by employee benefit plans are publicly offered securities i.e., the equity interests are part of a class of securities that is widely held by 100 or more investors independent of the issuer and each other, are "freely transferable" (as defined in the Department of Labor regulations), and are either registered under certain provisions of the federal securities laws or sold to the plan as part of a public offering under certain conditions:
- (b) the entity is an "operating company," i.e., it is primarily engaged in the production or sale of a product or service, other than the investment of capital, either directly or through a majority-owned subsidiary or subsidiaries; or

(c) there is no significant investment by benefit plan investors, which is defined to mean that immediately after the most recent acquisition by a plan of any equity interest in the entity, less than 25% of the value of each class of equity interest (disregarding certain interests held by our general partner, its affiliates, and some other persons) is held by employee benefit plans that are subject to part 4 of Title I of ERISA and/or Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code, IRAs, Keogh plans, and certain other plans and accounts not subject to ERISA (including governmental plans, church pans, and foreign plans), and entities whose underlying assets include plan assets by reason of a plan's investment in the entity.

With respect to an investment in our units, we believe that our assets should not be considered "plan assets" under these regulations because it is expected that any such investment by an employee benefit plan will satisfy the requirements in (a) above. With respect to an investment in our debt securities, our assets should not be considered "plan assets" under these regulations because such securities are not equity securities or, even if they are considered equity securities under the Department of Labor regulations, it is expected that the investment will satisfy the requirements in (a) above. However, although we do not intend for our assets to be deemed as "plan assets" under these regulations, we cannot provide assurances regarding this issue to any investor. The foregoing discussion of issues arising for employee benefit plan investments under ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code, and Similar Laws is general in nature and is not intended to be all-inclusive, nor should it be construed as legal advice. Plan fiduciaries contemplating a purchase of our units, preferred units or debt securities should consult with their own counsel regarding the consequences under ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code, and Similar Laws in light of the complexity of these rules and the serious penalties, taxes, and liabilities that may be imposed on persons who engage in non-exempt prohibited transactions or other violations.

## Representation

Accordingly, by acceptance of our units or debt securities, each purchaser and subsequent transferee of the securities will be deemed to have represented and warranted that either (i) no portion of the assets used by such purchaser or transferee to acquire and hold the securities constitutes assets of any employee benefit plan, or (ii) the purchase and holding (and any conversion, if applicable) of the securities by such purchaser or transferee will not constitute a non-exempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code or similar violation under any applicable Similar Laws.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We or selling unitholders, as applicable, will sell the securities being offered hereby through underwriters on a firm commitment basis.

The prospectus supplement with respect to any offering of securities will set forth the terms of the offering, including: (i) the name or names of any underwriters; (ii) the purchase price of the securities and the proceeds to us and, if applicable, any selling unitholder from the sale; (iii) any underwriting discounts and commissions and other items constituting underwriters' compensation; and (iv) any delayed delivery arrangements.

We and, if applicable, the selling unitholders will enter into an underwriting agreement with the underwriters at the time of sale to them. We will set forth the names of these underwriters and the terms of the transaction in the prospectus supplement, which will be used by the underwriters to make resales of the securities in respect of which this prospectus is delivered to the public. We and, if applicable, the selling unitholders may indemnify the underwriters under the relevant underwriting agreement against specific liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. The underwriters may also be our customers or may engage in transactions with or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities offered in this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., Houston, Texas. Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. will also render an opinion on the material federal income tax consequences regarding the securities. If certain legal matters in connection with an offering of the securities made by this prospectus and a related prospectus supplement are passed on by counsel for the underwriters of such offering, that counsel will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement related to that offering.

#### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) of Targa Resources Partners LP and subsidiaries incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The consolidated financial statements of Atlas Pipeline Partners, L.P. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014, incorporated by reference in this prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement, have been so incorporated by reference in reliance upon the report of Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accountants, upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed a registration statement with the SEC under the Securities Act that registers the offer and sale of the securities covered by this prospectus. The registration statement, including the attached exhibits, contains additional relevant information about us. The rules and regulations of the SEC allow us to omit some information included in the registration statement from this prospectus.

In addition, Targa Resources Partners LP files annual, quarterly and other reports and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-732-0330 for further information on the operation of the SEC's public reference room. Our SEC filings are available on the SEC's web site at http://www.sec.gov. We also make available free of charge on our website, at http://www.targaresources.com, all materials that we file electronically with the SEC, including our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, Section 16 reports and amendments to these reports as soon as reasonably practicable after such materials are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. You also can obtain information about us at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

We "incorporate by reference" information into this prospectus, which means that we disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus, except for any information superseded by information contained expressly in this prospectus, and the information we file later with the SEC will automatically supersede this information. You should not assume that (i) the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the respective date of the documents incorporated by reference or (ii) the information contained in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other that the date on the front page of this prospectus.

We incorporate by reference in this prospectus the documents listed below and any future filings made by Targa Resources Partners LP with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (excluding any information furnished and not filed pursuant to 2.02 or 7.01 on any current report on Form 8-K), until the termination of each offering under this prospectus:

- our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014;
- our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2015;
- our current reports on Forms 8-K or 8-K/A filed on January 20, 2015, January 30, 2015, February 26, 2015, March 4, 2015, March 11, 2015, May 7, 2015, May 12, 2015, May 19, 2015 and September 15, 2015 (in each case, to the extent filed and not furnished); and
- the description of our common units in our registration statement on Form 8-A (File No. 001-33303) filed pursuant to the Exchange Act on January 21, 2010.

You may obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus from the SEC through the SEC's website at the address provided above. You also may request a copy of any document incorporated by reference in this prospectus (including exhibits to those documents specifically incorporated by reference in this document), at no cost, by visiting our internet website at www.targaresources.com, or by writing or calling us at the following address:

Targa Resources Partners LP 1000 Louisiana St., Suite 4300 Houston, Texas 77002 Attention: Investor Relations Telephone: (713) 584-1000



# Targa Resources Partners LP

# **Units**

% Series A Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units (Liquidation Preference \$ per unit)

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