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FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF ý 1934

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED June 30, 2015

OR

TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Commission File Number 001-35700

Diamondback Energy, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant As Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware 45-4502447 (State or Other Jurisdiction of (IRS Employer

Incorporation or Organization) Identification Number)

500 West Texas. Suite 1200 79701

Midland, Texas

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(432) 221-7400

(Registrant Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

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

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

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer o

Non-Accelerated Filer o

Smaller Reporting Company

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

As of August 5, 2015, 63,678,945 shares of the registrant's common stock were outstanding.

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GLOSSARY OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS TERMS

The following is a description of the meanings of some of the oil and natural gas industry terms used throughout this report:

3-D seismic. Geophysical data that depict the subsurface strata in three dimensions. 3-D seismic typically provides a more detailed and accurate interpretation of the subsurface strata than 2-D, or two-dimensional, seismic.

Bbl. Stock tank barrel, or 42 U.S. gallons liquid volume, used in this report in reference to crude oil or other liquid hydrocarbons.

Bbls/d. Bbls per day.

Brent. Brent sweet light crude oil.

BOE. Barrels of oil equivalent, with six thousand cubic feet of natural gas being equivalent to one barrel of oil. BOE/d. BOE per day.

Completion. The process of treating a drilled well followed by the installation of permanent equipment for the production of natural gas or oil, or in the case of a dry hole, the reporting of abandonment to the appropriate agency. Condensate. Liquid hydrocarbons associated with the production of a primarily natural gas reserve.

Developed acreage. The number of acres that are allocated or assignable to productive wells or wells capable of production.

Development well. A well drilled within the proved area of a natural gas or oil reservoir to the depth of a stratigraphic horizon known to be productive.

Dry hole. A well found to be incapable of producing hydrocarbons in sufficient quantities such that proceeds from the sale of such production exceed production expenses and taxes.

Exploratory well. A well drilled to find and produce natural gas or oil reserves not classified as proved, to find a new reservoir in a field previously found to be productive of natural gas or oil in another reservoir or to extend a known reservoir.

Field. An area consisting of either a single reservoir or multiple reservoirs, all grouped on or related to the same individual geological structural feature and/or stratigraphic condition.

Finding and development costs. Capital costs incurred in the acquisition, exploitation and exploration of proved oil and natural gas reserves divided by proved reserve additions and revisions to proved reserves.

Fracturing. The process of creating and preserving a fracture or system of fractures in a reservoir rock typically by injecting a fluid under pressure through a wellbore and into the targeted formation.

Gross acres or gross wells. The total acres or wells, as the case may be, in which a working interest is owned.

Horizontal drilling. A drilling technique used in certain formations where a well is drilled vertically to a certain depth and then drilled at a right angle with a specified interval.

LLS. Light Louisiana sweet crude oil.

MBbls. Thousand barrels of crude oil or other liquid hydrocarbons.

MBOE. One thousand barrels of crude oil equivalent, determined using a ratio of six Mcf of natural gas to one Bbl of crude oil, condensate or natural gas liquids.

Mcf. Thousand cubic feet of natural gas.

Mcf/d. Mcf per day.

MMBtu. Million British Thermal Units.

MMcf. Million cubic feet of natural gas.

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Net acres or net wells. The sum of the fractional working interest owned in gross acres or gross wells, as the case may be.

Net revenue interest. An owner's interest in the revenues of a well after deducting proceeds allocated to royalty and overriding interests.

PDP. Proved developed producing.

Play. A set of discovered or prospective oil and/or natural gas accumulations sharing similar geologic, geographic and temporal properties, such as source rock, reservoir structure, timing, trapping mechanism and hydrocarbon type. Plugging and abandonment. Refers to the sealing off of fluids in the strata penetrated by a well so that the fluids from one stratum will not escape into another or to the surface. Regulations of all states require plugging of abandoned wells.

PUD. Proved undeveloped.

Productive well. A well that is found to be capable of producing hydrocarbons in sufficient quantities such that proceeds from the sale of the production exceed production expenses and taxes.

Prospect. A specific geographic area which, based on supporting geological, geophysical or other data and also preliminary economic analysis using reasonably anticipated prices and costs, is deemed to have potential for the discovery of commercial hydrocarbons.

Proved developed reserves. Reserves that can be expected to be recovered through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods.

Proved reserves. The estimated quantities of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids which geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be commercially recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions.

Proved undeveloped reserves. Proved reserves that are expected to be recovered from new wells on undrilled acreage or from existing wells where a relatively major expenditure is required for recompletion.

Recompletion. The process of re-entering an existing wellbore that is either producing or not producing and completing new reservoirs in an attempt to establish or increase existing production.

Reservoir. A porous and permeable underground formation containing a natural accumulation of producible natural gas and/or oil that is confined by impermeable rock or water barriers and is separate from other reservoirs.

Stratigraphic play. An oil or natural gas formation contained within an area created by permeability and porosity changes characteristic of the alternating rock layer that result from the sedimentation process.

Structural play. An oil or natural gas formation contained within an area created by earth movements that deform or rupture (such as folding or faulting) rock strata.

Undeveloped acreage. Lease acreage on which wells have not been drilled or completed to a point that would permit the production of commercial quantities of oil and natural gas regardless of whether such acreage contains proved reserves.

Working interest. The operating interest that gives the owner the right to drill, produce and conduct operating activities on the property and receive a share of production and requires the owner to pay a share of the costs of drilling and production operations.

WTI. West Texas Intermediate, also known as Texas light sweet crude oil.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Various statements contained in this report that express a belief, expectation, or intention, or that are not statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, regarding our strategy, future operations, financial position, estimated revenues and losses, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. When used in this report, the words "could," "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "expect," "may," "contin "predict," "potential," "project" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. In particular, the factors discussed in this Quarterly Report on Form 10–Q and detailed under

Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors in this report and our Annual Report on Form 10–K for the year ended December 31, 2014 could affect our actual results and cause our actual results to differ materially from expectations, estimates or assumptions expressed, forecasted or implied in such forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements may include statements about our:

business strategy;

exploration and development drilling prospects, inventories, projects and programs;

oil and natural gas reserves;

acquisitions;

identified drilling locations;

ability to obtain permits and governmental approvals;

technology;

financial strategy;

realized oil and natural gas prices;

production;

lease operating expenses, general and administrative costs and finding and development costs;

future operating results; and

plans, objectives, expectations and intentions.

All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this report. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risks emerge from time to time. It is not possible for our management to predict all risks, nor can we assess the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements we may make. Although we believe that our plans, intentions and expectations reflected in or suggested by the forward-looking statements we make in this report are reasonable, we can give no assurance that these plans, intentions or expectations will be achieved or occur, and actual results could differ materially and adversely from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements.

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Diamondback Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands, and share data	except par values
Assets		
Current assets:	.	4.20.102
Cash and cash equivalents	\$44,678 5 00	\$30,183
Restricted cash	500	500
Accounts receivable:		
Joint interest and other	28,032	50,943
Oil and natural gas sales	42,379	43,050
Related party	_	4,001
Inventories	2,658	2,827
Derivative instruments	47,910	115,607
Prepaid expenses and other	4,205	4,600
Total current assets	170,362	251,711
Property and equipment		
Oil and natural gas properties, based on the full cost method of accounting		
(\$1,071,531 and \$773,520 excluded from amortization at June 30, 2015 and	3,712,812	3,118,597
December 31, 2014, respectively)		
Pipeline and gas gathering assets	7,174	7,174
Other property and equipment	48,654	48,180
Accumulated depletion, depreciation, amortization and impairment	(822,243) (382,144
	2,946,397	2,791,807
Derivative instruments	_	1,934
Other assets	54,699	50,029
Total assets	\$3,171,458	\$3,095,481
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable-trade	\$23,309	\$26,230
Accrued capital expenditures	24,746	129,397
Other accrued liabilities	60,471	41,149
Revenues and royalties payable	19,108	30,000
Deferred income taxes	15,005	39,953
Total current liabilities	142,639	266,729
Long-term debt	718,000	673,500
Asset retirement obligations	11,851	8,447
Deferred income taxes	55,349	161,592
Total liabilities	927,839	1,110,268
Commitments and contingencies (Note 14)		
Stockholders' equity:		

Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 63,675,209 issued		
and outstanding at June 30, 2015; 57,887,583 issued and outstanding at December	637	569
31, 2014		
Additional paid-in capital	2,019,621	1,554,174
Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)	(10,170) 196,268
Total Diamondback Energy, Inc. stockholders' equity	2,010,088	1,751,011
Noncontrolling interest	233,531	234,202
Total equity	2,243,619	1,985,213
Total liabilities and equity	\$3,171,458	\$3,095,481
See accompanying notes to combined consolidated financial statements.		

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Diamondback Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

	Three Month 2015	s Ended June 30, 2014	Six Months E 2015	Ended June 30, 2014
	(In thousands	s, except per shar	e amounts)	
Revenues:				
Oil sales	\$107,627	\$115,282	200,543	205,040
Natural gas sales	4,410	1,913	6,118	3,668
Natural gas sales - related party	_	2,416	2,640	3,996
Natural gas liquid sales	7,026	3,304	8,619	5,888
Natural gas liquid sales - related party	_	4,089	2,544	6,416
Total revenues	119,063	127,004	220,464	225,008
Costs and expenses:				
Lease operating expenses	20,472	10,425	42,928	18,232
Lease operating expenses - related party	_	71	_	179
Production and ad valorem taxes	7,675	8,106	15,917	13,684
Production and ad valorem taxes - related party		448	153	712
Gathering and transportation	1,625	102	1,686	316
Gathering and transportation - related party		601	969	969
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	57,096	40,021	116,773	70,994
Impairment of oil and gas properties	323,451	_	323,451	_
General and administrative expenses (including				
non-cash stock based compensation, net of capitalized				
amounts, of \$4,333 and \$1,128 for the three months	7.160	2.610	14010	7.075
ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$9,257	7,162	3,610	14,913	7,875
and \$3,318 for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and				
2014, respectively)				
General and administrative expenses - related party	522	324	1,007	616
Asset retirement obligation accretion expense	180	104	350	176
Total costs and expenses	418,183	63,812	518,147	113,753
Income (loss) from operations) 63,192) 111,255
Other income (expense)	, ,	,		,
Interest expense	(10,274) (7,739	(20,771) (14,244
Other income	378	_	870	, <u> </u>
Other income - related party	55	30	78	60
Other expense	_	(1,408)		(1,408)
Loss on derivative instruments, net	(19,123) (11,088	(769) (15,486
Total other income (expense), net	(28,964) (20,205)	(20,592) (31,078
Income (loss) before income taxes	(328,084) 42,987	(318,275) 80,177
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes) 15,163	(113,362	28,764
Net income (loss)) 27,824	(204,913) 51,413
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	•	71	1,525	71
Net income (loss) attributable to Diamondback Energy,				
Inc.	\$(212,287) \$27,753	(206,438) 51,342

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Earnings per common share				
Basic	\$(3.45) \$0.55	\$(3.44) \$1.03
Diluted	\$(3.45) \$0.54	\$(3.44) \$1.02
Weighted average common shares outstanding				
Basic	61,469	50,777	59,936	49,622
Diluted	61,469	51,142	59,936	50,047

See accompanying notes to combined consolidated financial statements.

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Diamondback Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity (Unaudited)

	Commo Shares	n Stock Amount	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings/ (Accumulated Deficit)	l Non-controlling Interest	g Total
Balance December 31, 2013	47,106	\$471	\$842,557	\$2,513	\$ —	\$845,541
Net proceeds from issuance of common units - Viper Energy Partners LP	_	_	_	_	137,365	137,365
Unit-based compensation	_	_			_	_
Stock-based compensation		_	5,906	_	_	5,906
Common shares issued in public offering, net of offering costs	3,450	35	208,394	_	_	208,429
Exercise of stock options and vesting of restricted stock units	251	3	3,680	_	_	3,683
Net income		_	_	51,342	71	51,413
Balance June 30, 2014	50,807	\$509	\$1,060,537	\$53,855	\$ 137,436	\$1,252,337
Balance December 31, 2014	56,888	\$569	\$1,554,174	\$196,268	\$ 234,202	\$1,985,213
Unit-based compensation			_	_	1,878	1,878
Stock-based compensation			10,970	_	<u></u>	10,970
Distribution to noncontrolling interest		_			(4,074)	(4,074)
Common shares issued in public offering, net of offering costs	6,613	66	452,689	_	_	452,755
Exercise of stock options and vesting of restricted stock units	174	2	1,788		_	1,790
Net income					1,525	(204,913)
Balance June 30, 2015	63,675	\$637	\$2,019,621	\$(10,170)	\$ 233,531	\$2,243,619

See accompanying notes to combined consolidated financial statements.

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Diamondback Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

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	Six Months Ended June 30, 2015 2014		
	(In thousands)		
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income (loss)	\$(204,913) \$51,413	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating			
activities:			
Provision for (benefit from) deferred income taxes	(131,191) 28,764	
Impairment of oil and gas properties	323,451	_	
Asset retirement obligation accretion expense	350	176	
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	116,773	70,994	
Amortization of debt issuance costs	1,279	946	
Change in fair value of derivative instruments	69,631	10,810	
Stock-based compensation expense	9,257	3,318	
(Gain) loss on sale of assets, net	_	1,397	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	9,055	(18,584)
Accounts receivable-related party	_	(2,007)
Inventories	169	977	
Prepaid expenses and other	395	(219)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	16,626	2,076	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities-related party	_	_	
Accrued interest	(204) 3,415	
Revenues and royalties payable	(10,892) 6,230	
Net cash provided by operating activities	199,786	159,706	
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Additions to oil and natural gas properties	(242,281) (206,779)
Additions to oil and natural gas properties-related party	(7) (2,571)
Acquisition of leasehold interests	(435,398) (312,207)
Pipeline and gas gathering assets	_	(1,165)
Purchase of other property and equipment	(604) (934)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	_	11	
Equity investments	(1,675) —	
Net cash used in investing activities	(679,965) (523,645)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from borrowings on credit facility	363,501	166,000	
Repayment on credit facility	(319,001) (130,000)
Debt issuance costs	(317) (1,039)
Public offering costs	(285) (946)
Proceeds from public offerings	453,060	347,679	
Exercise of stock options	1,790	3,683	
Distribution to non-controlling interest	(4,074) —	
Net cash provided by financing activities	494,674	385,377	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	14,495	21,438	

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	30,183	15,555
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$44,678	\$36,993

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Diamondback Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Continued (Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2015 2014	
	(In thousands)	
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Interest paid, net of capitalized interest	\$19,693	\$11,409
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash transactions:		
Asset retirement obligation incurred	\$215	\$382
Asset retirement obligation revisions in estimated liability	\$78	\$588
Asset retirement obligation acquired	\$2,765	\$1,312
Change in accrued capital expenditures	\$(104,651)	\$6,901
Capitalized stock-based compensation	\$3,591	\$2,715

See accompanying notes to combined consolidated financial statements.

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Diamondback Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Organization and Description of the Business

Diamondback Energy, Inc. ("Diamondback" or the "Company") together with its subsidiaries, is an independent oil and gas company currently focused on the acquisition, development, exploration and exploitation of unconventional, onshore oil and natural gas reserves in the Permian Basin in West Texas. Diamondback was incorporated in Delaware on December 30, 2011.

On June 17, 2014, Diamondback entered into a contribution agreement (the "Contribution Agreement") with Viper Energy Partners LP (the "Partnership"), Viper Energy Partners GP LLC (the "General Partner") and Viper Energy Partners LLC to transfer Diamondback's ownership interest in Viper Energy Partners LLC to the Partnership in exchange for 70,450,000 common units. Diamondback also owns and controls the General Partner, which holds a non-economic general partner interest in the Partnership. On June 23, 2014, the Partnership completed its initial public offering (the "Viper Offering") of 5,750,000 common units, and the Company's common units represented an approximate 92% limited partner interest in the Partnership. On September 19, 2014, the Partnership completed an underwritten public offering of 3,500,000 common units. At the completion of this offering, the Company owned approximately 88% of the common units of the Partnership. See Note 4—Viper Energy Partners LP for additional information regarding the Partnership.

The wholly-owned subsidiaries of Diamondback, as of June 30, 2015, include Diamondback E&P LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Diamondback O&G LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Viper Energy Partners GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and White Fang Energy LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. The consolidated subsidiaries include the wholly-owned subsidiaries as well as Viper Energy Partners LP, a Delaware limited partnership, and Viper Energy Partners LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries after all significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated upon consolidation.

The Partnership is consolidated in the financial statements of the Company. As of June 30, 2015, the Company owned approximately 88% of the common units of the Partnership and the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Viper Energy Partners GP LLC, is the General Partner of the Partnership.

These financial statements have been prepared by the Company without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). They reflect all adjustments that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair statement of the results for interim periods, on a basis consistent with the annual audited financial statements. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. Certain information, accounting policies and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States have been omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although the Company believes the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. This Quarterly Report on Form 10–Q should be read in conjunction with the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10–K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, which contains a summary of the Company's significant accounting policies and other disclosures.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Use of Estimates

Certain amounts included in or affecting the Company's consolidated financial statements and related disclosures must be estimated by management, requiring certain assumptions to be made with respect to values or conditions that cannot be known with certainty at the time the consolidated financial statements are prepared. These estimates and assumptions affect the amounts the Company reports for assets and liabilities and the Company's disclosure of

contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Company evaluates these estimates on an ongoing basis, using historical experience, consultation with experts and other methods the Company considers reasonable in the particular circumstances. Nevertheless, actual results

may differ significantly from the Company's estimates. Any effects on the Company's business, financial position or results of operations resulting from revisions to these estimates are recorded in the period in which the facts that give rise to the revision become known. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include estimates of proved oil and natural gas reserves and related present value estimates of future net cash flows therefrom, the carrying value of oil and natural gas properties, asset retirement obligations, the fair value determination of acquired assets and liabilities, stock-based compensation, fair value estimates of commodity derivatives and estimates of income taxes. New Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers". ASU 2014-09 supersedes most of the existing revenue recognition requirements in GAAP and requires (i) an entity to recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services and (ii) requires expanded disclosures regarding the nature, amount, timing, and certainty of revenue and cash flows from contracts with customers. The standard will be effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, with early application not permitted. The standard allows for either full retrospective adoption, meaning the standard is applied to all periods presented in the financial statements, or modified retrospective adoption, meaning the standard is applied only to the most current period presented. The Company is currently evaluating the impact, if any, that the adoption of ASU 2014-09 will have on the Company's financial position, results of operations, and liquidity.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, "Interest—Imputation of Interest". ASU 2015-03 requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from that debt liability, consistent with the presentation of a debt discount to simplify the presentation of debt issuance costs. The standard will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016. Early application will be permitted for financial statements that have not previously been issued. Adoption of the new guidance will only affect the presentation of the Company's consolidated balance sheets and will not have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

3. ACQUISITIONS 2015 Activity

Since January 1, 2015, the Company has completed acquisitions from unrelated third party sellers of an aggregate of approximately 15,940 gross (11,864 net) acres in the Midland Basin, primarily in northwest Howard County, in the Permian Basin, for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$435.4 million, subject to certain adjustments. The acquisitions were accounted for according to the acquisition method, which requires the recording of net assets acquired and consideration transferred at fair value. These acquisitions were funded with the net proceeds of the May 2015 equity offering discussed in Note 9 below and borrowings under the Company's revolving credit facility discussed in Note 8 below.

2014 Activity

On September 9, 2014, the Company completed the acquisition of oil and natural gas interests in the Permian Basin from unrelated third party sellers. The Company acquired approximately 17,617 gross (12,967 net) acres with an approximate 74% working interest (approximately 75% net revenue interest). The acquisition was accounted for

according to the acquisition method, which requires the recording of net assets acquired and consideration transferred at fair value. This acquisition was funded with the net proceeds of the July 2014 equity offering discussed in Note 9 below and borrowings under the Company's revolving credit facility discussed in Note 8 below.

There were no material changes from the purchase price allocation disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

The Company has included in its consolidated statements of operations revenues of \$5.8 million and direct operating expenses of \$3.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 due to the acquisition and revenues of \$11.0 million and direct operating expenses of \$7.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 due to the acquisition. The disclosure of net earnings is impracticable to calculate due to the full cost method of depletion.

On February 27 and 28, 2014, the Company completed acquisitions of oil and natural gas interests in the Permian Basin from unrelated third party sellers. The Company acquired approximately 6,450 gross (4,785 net) acres with a 74% working interest (56% net revenue interest). The acquisitions were accounted for according to the acquisition method, which requires the recording of net assets acquired and consideration transferred at fair value. These acquisitions were funded with the net proceeds of the February 2014 equity offering discussed in Note 9 below and borrowings under the Company's revolving credit facility discussed in Note 8 below.

There were no material changes from the purchase price allocation disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

The Company has included in its consolidated statements of operations revenues of \$10.4 million and direct operating expenses of \$2.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and revenues of \$14.3 million and direct operating expenses of \$3.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014, due to the acquisitions. The Company has included in its consolidated statements of operations revenues of \$17.2 million and direct operating expenses of \$5.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and revenues of \$19.2 million and direct operating expenses of \$4.6 million for the period from February 28, 2014 to June 30, 2014, due to the acquisitions. The disclosure of net earnings is impracticable to calculate due to the full cost method of depletion.

Pro Forma Financial Information

The following unaudited summary pro forma combined consolidated statement of operations data of Diamondback for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2014 have been prepared to give effect to the February 27 and 28, 2014 acquisitions and the September 9, 2014 acquisition as if they had occurred on January 1, 2013. The pro forma data are not necessarily indicative of financial results that would have been attained had the acquisitions occurred on January 1, 2013. The pro forma data also necessarily exclude various operation expenses related to the properties and the financial statements should not be viewed as indicative of operations in future periods.

	Pro Forma (Unaudited)	
	Three Months Ended	Six Months Ended
	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2014
	(in thousands)	
Revenues	\$141,527	\$261,471
Income from operations	68,761	123,459
Net income	31,229	59,026

4. VIPER ENERGY PARTNERS LP

The Partnership is a publicly traded Delaware limited partnership, the common units of which are listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "VNOM". The Partnership was formed by Diamondback on February 27, 2014, to, among other things, own, acquire and exploit oil and natural gas properties in North America. The Partnership is currently focused on oil and natural gas properties in the Permian Basin. Viper Energy Partners GP LLC, a fully- consolidated subsidiary of Diamondback, serves as the general partner of, and holds a non-economic general partner interest in, the Partnership. As of June 30, 2015, the Company owned approximately 88% of the common units of the Partnership. Prior to the completion on June 23, 2014 of the Viper Offering, Diamondback owned all of the general and limited partner interests in the Partnership.

Prior to the completion on June 23, 2014 of the Viper Offering, Diamondback owned all of the general and limited partner interests in the Partnership. The Viper Offering consisted of 5,750,000 common units representing approximately 8% of the limited partner interests in the Partnership at a price to the public of \$26.00 per common unit, which included 750,000 common units issued pursuant to an option to purchase additional common units granted to the underwriters on the same terms. The Partnership received net proceeds of approximately \$137.2 million from the sale of these common units, net of offering expenses and underwriting discounts and commissions.

In connection with the Viper Offering, Diamondback contributed all of the membership interests in Viper Energy Partners LLC to the Partnership in exchange for 70,450,000 common units. In addition, in connection with the

closing of the Viper Offering, the Partnership agreed to distribute to Diamondback all cash and cash equivalents and the royalty income receivable on hand in the aggregate amount of approximately \$11.3 million and the net proceeds from the Viper Offering. As of June 30, 2014, the Partnership had distributed \$137.5 million to Diamondback and the Partnership recorded a payable balance of approximately \$11.3 million. The contribution of Viper Energy Partners LLC to the Partnership was accounted for as a combination of entities under common control with assets and liabilities transferred at their carrying amounts in a manner similar to a pooling of interests. During the three months and six months ended June 30, 2015, the Partnership distributed \$13.4 million and \$31.0 million, respectively, to Diamondback in respect of its common units.

Partnership Agreement

In connection with the closing of the Viper Offering, the General Partner and Diamondback entered into the first amended and restated agreement of limited partnership (the "Partnership Agreement"), dated June 23, 2014. The Partnership Agreement requires the Partnership to reimburse the General Partner for all direct and indirect expenses incurred or paid on the Partnership's behalf and all other expenses allocable to the Partnership or otherwise incurred by the General Partner in connection with operating the Partnership's business. The Partnership Agreement does not set a limit on the amount of expenses for which the General Partner and its affiliates may be reimbursed. These expenses include salary, bonus, incentive compensation and other amounts paid to persons who perform services for the Partnership or on its behalf and expenses allocated to the General Partner by its affiliates. The General Partner is entitled to determine the expenses that are allocable to the Partnership.

Tax Sharing

In connection with the closing of the Viper Offering, the Partnership entered into a tax sharing agreement (the "Tax Sharing Agreement") with Diamondback pursuant to which the Partnership will reimburse Diamondback for its share of state and local income and other taxes for which the Partnership's results are included in a combined or consolidated tax return filed by Diamondback with respect to taxable periods including or beginning on June 23, 2014. The amount of any such reimbursement is limited to the tax the Partnership would have paid had it not been included in a combined group with Diamondback. Diamondback may use its tax attributes to cause its combined or consolidated group, of which the Partnership may be a member for this purpose, to owe less or no tax. In such a situation, the Partnership would reimburse Diamondback for the tax the Partnership would have owed had the tax attributes not been available or used for the Partnership's benefit, even though Diamondback had no cash tax expense for that period. Other Agreements

See Note 11—Related Party Transactions for details of the advisory services agreement the Partnership and General Partner entered into with Wexford Capital LP ("Wexford").

The Partnership has entered into a secured revolving credit facility with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, ("Wells Fargo") as administrative agent sole book runner and lead arranger. See Note 8—Debt for a description of this credit facility.

5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment includes the following:

	June 30,	December 31,	
	2015	2014	
	(in thousands)		
Oil and natural gas properties:			
Subject to depletion	\$2,641,281	\$2,345,077	
Not subject to depletion-acquisition costs			
Incurred in 2015	384,799	_	
Incurred in 2014	549,326	576,802	
Incurred in 2013	74,109	130,474	
Incurred in 2012	63,297	65,480	
Incurred in 2011	_	764	
Total not subject to depletion	1,071,531	773,520	
Gross oil and natural gas properties	3,712,812	3,118,597	
Accumulated depletion	(818,848	(379,481)
Oil and natural gas properties, net	2,893,964	2,739,116	
Pipeline and gas gathering assets	7,174	7,174	
Other property and equipment	48,654	48,180	
Accumulated depreciation	(3,395	(2,663)
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, depletion, amortization and impairment	\$2,946,397	\$2,791,807	

Accumulated depletion includes an impairment of oil and gas properties of \$323.5 million due to the significant decline in prices from over \$105.00 per Bbl in June 2014 to a range of prices between \$45.00 per Bbl and \$60.00 per Bbl during the six months ended June 30, 2015.

Internal costs capitalized to the full cost pool represent management's estimate of costs incurred directly related to exploration and development activities such as geological and other administrative costs associated with overseeing the exploration and development activities. All internal costs not directly associated with exploration and development activities were charged to expense as they were incurred. Capitalized internal costs were approximately \$1.5 million and \$2.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$3.6 million and \$4.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Costs associated with unevaluated properties are excluded from the full cost pool until the Company has made a determination as to the existence of proved reserves. The inclusion of the Company's unevaluated costs into the amortization base is expected to be completed within three to five years.

6. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

The following table describes the changes to the Company's asset retirement obligation liability for the following periods:

•	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
	(in thousands)	
Asset retirement obligation, beginning of period	\$8,486	\$3,029
Additional liability incurred	215	382
Liabilities acquired	2,765	1,312
Liabilities settled	(4)	(10)
Accretion expense	350	176
Revisions in estimated liabilities	78	588
Asset retirement obligation, end of period	11,890	5,477
Less current portion	39	40
Asset retirement obligations - long-term	\$11,851	\$5,437

The Company's asset retirement obligations primarily relate to the future plugging and abandonment of wells and related facilities. The Company estimates the future plugging and abandonment costs of wells, the ultimate productive life of the properties, a risk-adjusted discount rate and an inflation factor in order to determine the current present value of this obligation. To the extent future revisions to these assumptions impact the present value of the existing asset retirement obligation liability, a corresponding adjustment is made to the oil and natural gas property balance.

7. EQUITY METHOD INVESTMENTS

In October 2014, the Company paid \$0.6 million for a minority interest in an entity that was formed to develop, own and operate an integrated water management system to gather, store, process, treat, distribute and dispose of water to exploration and production companies operating in Midland, Martin and Andrews Counties, Texas. The board of this entity may also authorize the entity to offer these services to other counties in the Permian Basin and to pursue other business opportunities. The Company has committed to invest an aggregate amount of \$5.0 million in this entity, and several other third parties have committed to invest an aggregate of \$15.0 million. For both the three months and six months ended June 30, 2015, the Company invested an additional \$1.7 million in this entity. The Company will retain a minority interest after all commitments are received. The entity was formed as a limited liability company and maintains a specific ownership account for each investor, similar to a partnership capital account structure. Therefore the Company accounts for this investment under the equity method of accounting.

8. DEBT

Long-term debt consisted of the following as of the dates indicated:

	June 30,	December 31,
	2015	2014
	(in thousands)	
Revolving credit facility	\$268,000	\$223,500
7.625 % Senior Notes due 2021	450,000	450,000
Partnership revolving credit facility	_	
Total long-term debt	\$718,000	\$673,500

Senior Notes

On September 18, 2013, the Company completed an offering of \$450.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 7.625% senior unsecured notes due 2021 (the "Senior Notes"). The Senior Notes bear interest at the rate of 7.625% per annum, payable semi-annually, in arrears on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing on April 1, 2014 and will mature on October 1, 2021. On June 23, 2014, in connection with the Viper Offering, the Company

designated the Partnership, the General Partner and Viper Energy LLC as unrestricted subsidiaries and, upon such designation, Viper Energy LLC, which was a guarantor under the indenture governing of the Senior Notes, was released as a guarantor under the indenture. As of June 30, 2015, the Senior Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Diamondback O&G LLC, Diamondback E&P LLC and White Fang Energy LLC and will also be guaranteed by any future restricted subsidiaries of Diamondback. The net proceeds from the Senior Notes were used to fund the acquisition of mineral interests underlying approximately 14,804 gross (12,687 net) acres in Midland County, Texas in the Permian Basin.

The Senior Notes were issued under, and are governed by, an indenture among the Company, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as the trustee, as supplemented (the "Indenture"). The Indenture contains certain covenants that, subject to certain exceptions and qualifications, among other things, limit the Company's ability and the ability of the restricted subsidiaries to incur or guarantee additional indebtedness, make certain investments, declare or pay dividends or make other distributions on, or redeem or repurchase, capital stock, prepay subordinated indebtedness, sell assets including capital stock of subsidiaries, agree to payment restrictions affecting the Company's restricted subsidiaries, consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets, enter into transactions with affiliates, incur liens, engage in business other than the oil and gas business and designate certain of the Company's subsidiaries as unrestricted subsidiaries. If the Company experiences certain kinds of changes of control or if it sells certain of its assets, holders of the Senior Notes may have the right to require the Company to repurchase their Senior Notes.

The Company will have the option to redeem the Senior Notes, in whole or in part, at any time on or after October 1, 2016 at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) of 105.719% for the 12-month period beginning on October 1, 2016, 103.813% for the 12-month period beginning on October 1, 2017, 101.906% for the 12-month period beginning on October 1, 2018 and 100.000% beginning on October 1, 2019 and at any time thereafter with any accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of redemption. In addition, prior to October 1, 2016, the Company may redeem all or a part of the Senior Notes at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, plus a "make-whole" premium at the redemption date. Furthermore, before October 1, 2016, the Company may, at any time or from time to time, redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings at a redemption price of 107.625% of the principal amount of the Senior Notes being redeemed plus any accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption, if at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes originally issued under the Indenture remains outstanding immediately after such redemption and the redemption occurs within 120 days of the closing date of such equity offering.

In connection with the issuance of the Senior Notes, the Company and the subsidiary guarantors entered into a Registration Rights Agreement (the "Registration Rights Agreement") with the initial purchasers on September 18, 2013, pursuant to which the Company and the subsidiary guarantors agreed to file a registration statement with respect to an offer to exchange the Senior Notes for a new issue of substantially identical debt securities registered under the Securities Act, which registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on September 15, 2014 and the exchange offer completed on October 23, 2014.

Credit Facility-Wells Fargo Bank

On June 9, 2014, Diamondback entered into a first amendment (the "first amendment") and on November 13, 2014, Diamondback entered into a second amendment (the "second amendment") to the second amended and restated credit agreement, dated November 1, 2013 (together, the "credit agreement"). The first amendment modified certain provisions of the credit agreement to, among other things, allow the Company to designate one or more of its subsidiaries as "Unrestricted Subsidiaries" that are not subject to certain restrictions contained in the credit agreement. In connection

with the Viper Offering, the Company designated the Partnership, the General Partner and Viper Energy LLC as unrestricted subsidiaries under the credit agreement. As of June 30, 2015, the loan is guaranteed by Diamondback, Diamondback E&P LLC and White Fang Energy LLC and will also be guaranteed by any future restricted subsidiaries of Diamondback. The credit agreement is also secured by substantially all of the assets of the Company, Diamondback O&G LLC and the guarantors.

The second amendment increased the maximum amount of the credit facility to \$2.0 billion, modified the dates and deadlines of the credit agreement relating to the scheduled borrowing base redeterminations based on the Company's oil and natural gas reserves and other factors (the "borrowing base") and added new provisions that allow the Company to elect a commitment amount that is less than its borrowing base as determined by the lenders. The borrowing base is scheduled to be re-determined semi-annually with effective dates of May 1st and November 1st. In addition, the Company may request up to three additional redeterminations of the borrowing base during any 12-

month period. As of June 30, 2015, the borrowing base was set at \$725.0 million, of which the Company had elected a commitment amount of \$500.0 million, and the Company had outstanding borrowings of \$268.0 million.

The outstanding borrowings under the credit agreement bear interest at a rate elected by the Company that is equal to an alternative base rate (which is equal to the greatest of the prime rate, the Federal Funds effective rate plus 0.5% and 3-month LIBOR plus 1.0%) or LIBOR, in each case plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin ranges from 0.5% to 1.50% in the case of the alternative base rate and from 1.50% to 2.50% in the case of LIBOR, in each case depending on the amount of the loan outstanding in relation to the borrowing base. The Company is obligated to pay a quarterly commitment fee ranging from 0.375% to 0.500% per year on the unused portion of the borrowing base, which fee is also dependent on the amount of the loan outstanding in relation to the borrowing base. Loan principal may be optionally repaid from time to time without premium or penalty (other than customary LIBOR breakage), and is required to be paid (a) if the loan amount exceeds the borrowing base, whether due to a borrowing base redetermination or otherwise (in some cases subject to a cure period) and (b) at the maturity date of November 1, 2018.

The credit agreement contains various affirmative, negative and financial maintenance covenants. These covenants, among other things, limit additional indebtedness, additional liens, sales of assets, mergers and consolidations, dividends and distributions, transactions with affiliates and entering into certain swap agreements and require the maintenance of the financial ratios described below.

Financial Covenant Required Ratio
Ratio of total debt to EBITDAX Not greater than 4.0 to 1.0
Ratio of current assets to liabilities, as defined in the credit agreement Not less than 1.0 to 1.0

The covenant prohibiting additional indebtedness allows for the issuance of unsecured debt of up to \$750.0 million in the form of senior or senior subordinated notes and, in connection with any such issuance, the reduction of the borrowing base by 25% of the stated principal amount of each such issuance. A borrowing base reduction in connection with such issuance may require a portion of the outstanding principal of the loan to be repaid. As of June 30, 2015, the Company had \$450.0 million of senior unsecured notes outstanding.

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company was in compliance with all financial covenants under its revolving credit facility, as then in effect. The lenders may accelerate all of the indebtedness under the Company's revolving credit facility upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any event of default. The credit agreement contains customary events of default, including non-payment, breach of covenants, materially incorrect representations, cross-default, bankruptcy and change of control. There are no cure periods for events of default due to non-payment of principal and breaches of negative and financial covenants, but non-payment of interest and breaches of certain affirmative covenants are subject to customary cure periods.

Partnership Credit Facility-Wells Fargo Bank

On July 8, 2014, the Partnership entered into a secured revolving credit agreement with Wells Fargo, as the administrative agent, sole book runner and lead arranger. The credit agreement, which was amended August 15, 2014 to add additional lenders to the lending group, provides for a revolving credit facility in the maximum amount of \$500.0 million, subject to scheduled semi-annual and other elective collateral borrowing base redeterminations based on the Partnership's oil and natural gas reserves and other factors (the "borrowing base"). The borrowing base is scheduled to be re-determined semi-annually with effective dates of April 1st and October 1st. In addition, the

Partnership may request up to three additional redeterminations of the borrowing base during any 12-month period. The credit agreement was further amended on May 22, 2015 to, among other things, increase the borrowing base from \$110.0 million to \$175.0 million and to provide for certain restrictions on purchasing margin stock. As of June 30, 2015, the borrowing base remained at \$175.0 million. The Partnership had no outstanding borrowings as of June 30, 2015.

The outstanding borrowings under the credit agreement bear interest at a rate elected by the Partnership that is equal to an alternative base rate (which is equal to the greatest of the prime rate, the Federal Funds effective rate plus 0.5% and 3-month LIBOR plus 1.0%) or LIBOR, in each case plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin ranges from 0.5% to 1.50% in the case of the alternative base rate and from 1.50% to 2.50% in the case of LIBOR, in each case depending on the amount of the loan outstanding in relation to the borrowing base. The Partnership is obligated to pay a quarterly commitment fee ranging from 0.375% to 0.500% per year on the unused portion of the borrowing

base, which fee is also dependent on the amount of the loan outstanding in relation to the borrowing base. Loan principal may be optionally repaid from time to time without premium or penalty (other than customary LIBOR breakage), and is required to be paid (a) if the loan amount exceeds the borrowing base, whether due to a borrowing base redetermination or otherwise (in some cases subject to a cure period) and (b) at the maturity date of July 8, 2019. The loan is secured by substantially all of the assets of the Partnership and its subsidiaries.

The credit agreement contains various affirmative, negative and financial maintenance covenants. These covenants, among other things, limit additional indebtedness, purchases of margin stock, additional liens, sales of assets, mergers and consolidations, dividends and distributions, transactions with affiliates and entering into certain swap agreements and require the maintenance of the financial ratios described below.

Financial Covenant

Ratio of total debt to EBITDAX

Ratio of current assets to liabilities, as defined in the credit agreement

Required Ratio

Not greater than 4.0 to 1.0

Not less than 1.0 to 1.0

EBITDAX is annualized for the four fiscal quarters ending on the last day of the fiscal quarter for which financial statements are available, beginning with the quarter ended September 30, 2014.

The covenant prohibiting additional indebtedness allows for the issuance of unsecured debt of up to \$250.0 million in the form of senior unsecured notes and, in connection with any such issuance, the reduction of the borrowing base by 25% of the stated principal amount of each such issuance. A borrowing base reduction in connection with such issuance may require a portion of the outstanding principal of the loan to be repaid.

The lenders may accelerate all of the indebtedness under the Partnership's revolving credit facility upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any event of default. The credit agreement contains customary events of default, including non-payment, breach of covenants, materially incorrect representations, cross-default, bankruptcy and change of control. There are no cure periods for events of default due to non-payment of principal and breaches of negative and financial covenants, but non-payment of interest and breaches of certain affirmative covenants are subject to customary cure periods.

9. CAPITAL STOCK AND EARNINGS PER SHARE

As of June 30, 2015, Diamondback had completed the following equity offerings since January 1, 2014: In February 2014, the Company completed an underwritten public offering of 3,450,000 shares of common stock, which included 450,000 shares of common stock issued pursuant to an option to purchase additional shares granted to the underwriters. The stock was sold to the public at \$62.67 per share and the Company received net proceeds of approximately \$208.4 million from the sale of these shares of common stock, net of offering expenses and underwriting discounts and commissions.

In July 2014, the Company completed an underwritten public offering of 5,750,000 shares of common stock, which included 750,000 shares of common stock issued pursuant to an option to purchase additional shares granted to the underwriters. The stock was sold to the public at \$87.00 per share and the Company received net proceeds of approximately \$485.0 million from the sale of these shares of common stock, net of offering expenses and underwriting discounts and commissions.

In January 2015, the Company completed an underwritten public offering of 2,012,500 shares of common stock, which included 262,500 shares of common stock issued pursuant to an option to purchase additional shares granted to the underwriters. The stock was sold to the underwriters at \$59.34 per share and the Company received net proceeds of approximately \$119.4 million from the sale of these shares of common stock, net of offering expenses and underwriting discounts and commissions.

In May 2015, the Company completed an underwritten public offering of 4,600,000 shares of common stock, which included 600,000 shares of common stock issued pursuant to an option to purchase additional shares granted to the underwriters. The stock was sold to the underwriters at \$72.53 per share and the Company received net proceeds of approximately \$333.6 million from the sale of these shares of common stock, net of offering expenses and underwriting discounts and commissions.

Earnings Per Share

The Company's basic earnings per share amounts have been computed based on the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share include the effect of potentially dilutive shares outstanding for the period. Additionally, for the diluted earnings per share computation, the per share earnings of the Partnership are included in the consolidated earnings per share computation based on the consolidated group's holdings of the subsidiary. A reconciliation of the components of basic and diluted earnings per common share is presented in the table below:

	Three Month	s Ended June .	30,			
	2015			2014		
			Per			Per
	Income	Shares	Share	Income	Shares	Share
	(in thousands	s, except per sl	nare amounts))		
Basic: Net income attributable to common stock Effect of Dilutive Securities:	\$(212,287)	61,469	\$(3.45) 27,753	50,777	\$0.55
Dilutive effect of potential common shares issuable	\$ —	_		(74) 365	
Diluted: Net income attributable to common stock	\$(212,287)	61,469	\$(3.45) 27,679	51,142	\$0.54
	Six Months I 2015	Ended June 30	,	2014		
	Income	Shares	Per Share	Income	Shares	Per Share
	(in thousands	avaant naral	,			
	(III tilo asalias	s, except per si	nare amounts))		
Basic: Net income attributable to common stock	\$(206,438)) 51,342	49,622	\$1.03
Net income attributable to	·				49,622) 425	\$1.03

For the three months and six months ended June 30, 2015, there were 283,000 shares and 306,000 shares, respectively, that were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because their inclusion would

have been anti-dilutive for the periods presented but could potentially dilute basic earnings per share in future periods.

10. STOCK AND UNIT BASED COMPENSATION

The following table presents the effects of the equity and stock based compensation plans and related costs:

The following table presents the effects of	the equity and	stock based compens	sauon pians and	related costs.
	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
General and administrative expenses	\$4,333	\$1,128	9,257	3,318
Stock based compensation capitalized				
pursuant to full cost method of accounting	1,452	1,649	3,591	2,715
for oil and natural gas properties				

Stock Options

The following table presents the Company's stock option activity under the Company's 2012 Equity Incentive Plan ("2012 Plan") for the six months ended June 30, 2015.

		Weighted Average		
		Exercise	Remaining	Intrinsic
	Options	Price	Term (in years)	Value (in thousands)
Outstanding at December 31, 2014	313,105	\$18.29		
Granted	_	\$—		
Exercised	(97,605)	\$18.34		
Expired/Forfeited	_	\$—		
Outstanding at June 30, 2015	215,500	\$18.26	1.48	\$11,097
Vested and Expected to vest at June 30, 2015	215,500	\$18.26	1.48	\$11,097
Exercisable at June 30, 2015	59,000	\$17.50	1.37	\$1,474

The aggregate intrinsic value of stock options that were exercised during the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$5,737,000 and \$10,659,000, respectively. As of June 30, 2015, the unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested stock options was \$279,000. Such cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.0 years.

Restricted Stock Units

The following table presents the Company's restricted stock units activity under the 2012 Plan during the six months ended June 30, 2015.

		Weighted Average
	Restricted Stock	Grant-Date
	Units	Fair Value
Unvested at December 31, 2014	167,291	\$49.99
Granted	92,252	\$68.67
Vested	(77,421)	\$48.73
Forfeited	(1,754)	\$74.97
Unvested at June 30, 2015	180,368	\$52.72

The aggregate fair value of restricted stock units that vested during the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$5,253,000 and \$3,051,000, respectively. As of June 30, 2015, the Company's unrecognized compensation cost

related to unvested restricted stock awards and units was \$6,396,000. Such cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.3 years.

Performance Based Restricted Stock Units

To provide long-term incentives for the executive officers to deliver competitive returns to the Company's stockholders, the Company has granted performance based restricted stock units to eligible employees. The ultimate number of shares awarded from these conditional restricted stock units is based upon measurement of total stockholder return of the Company's common stock ("TSR") as compared to a designated peer group during a three-year performance period. In February 2014, eligible employees received initial performance restricted stock unit awards totaling 79,150 units from which a minimum of 0% and a maximum of 200% units could be awarded. The awards have a performance period of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015 and cliff vest at December 31, 2015. In February 2015, eligible employees received additional performance restricted stock unit awards totaling 90,249 units from which a minimum of 0% and a maximum of 200% units could be awarded. The awards have a performance period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016 and cliff vest at December 31, 2016.

The fair value of each performance restricted stock unit is estimated at the date of grant using a Monte Carlo simulation, which results in an expected percentage of units to be earned during the performance period. The following table presents a summary of the grant-date fair values of performance restricted stock units granted and the related assumptions for the February 2014 award.

	2014	
Grant-date fair value	\$125.63	
Risk-free rate	0.30	%
Company volatility	39.60	%

The following table presents a summary of the grant-date fair values of performance restricted stock units granted and the related assumptions for the February 2015 award.

2015

	2015	
Grant-date fair value	\$137.14	
Risk-free rate	0.49	%
Company volatility	43.36	%

The following table presents the Company's performance restricted stock units activity under the 2012 Plan for the six months ended June 30, 2015.

	Performance	Weighted Average
	Restricted Stock	Grant-Date
	Units	Fair Value
Unvested at December 31, 2014	79,150	\$125.63
Granted	90,249	\$137.14
Vested	_	\$ —
Forfeited	_	\$ —
Unvested at June 30, 2015 ⁽¹⁾	169,399	\$131.76

(1) A maximum of 338,798 units could be awarded based upon the Company's final TSR ranking.

As of June 30, 2015, the Company's unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested performance based restricted stock awards and units was \$12,495,000. Such cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.3 years.

Partnership Unit Options

In accordance with the Viper Energy Partners LP Long Term Incentive Plan ("Viper LTIP"), the exercise price of unit options granted may not be less than the market value of the common units at the date of grant. The units issued under the Viper LTIP will consist of new common units of the Partnership. On June 17, 2014, the Board of Directors of the General Partner granted 2,500,000 unit options to our executive officers of the General Partner. The unit options vest approximately 33% ratably on each of the next three anniversaries of the date of grant. In the event the fair market value per unit as of the exercise date is less than the exercise price per option unit then the vested options will automatically terminate and become null and void as of the exercise date.

The fair value of the unit options on the date of grant is expensed over the applicable vesting period. The Partnership estimates the fair values of unit options granted using a Black-Scholes option valuation model, which requires the Partnership to make several assumptions. At the time of grant the Partnership did not have a history of market prices, thus the expected volatility was determined using the historical volatility for a peer group of companies. The expected term of options granted was determined based on the contractual term of the awards. The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. treasury yield curve rate for the expected term of the unit option at the date of grant. The expected dividend yield was based upon projected performance of the Partnership.

	2014	
Grant-date fair value	\$4.24	
Expected volatility	36.0	%
Expected dividend yield	5.9	%
Expected term (in years)	3.0	
Risk-free rate	0.99	%

The following table presents the unit option activity under the Viper LTIP for the six months ended June 30, 2015.

		Weighted Average		
	Unit	Exercise	Remaining	Intrinsic
	Options	Price	Term	Value
			(in years)	(in thousands)
Outstanding at December 31, 2014	2,500,000	\$26.00		
Granted		\$ —		
Outstanding at June 30, 2015	2,500,000	\$26.00	1.97	\$
Vested and Expected to vest at June	2,500,000	\$26.00	1.97	\$—
30, 2015	2,300,000	\$20.00	1.97	y —
Exercisable at June 30, 2015		\$—		\$ —

As of June 30, 2015, the unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested unit options was \$6.9 million. Such cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.0 years.

Phantom Units

Under the Viper LTIP, the Board of Directors of the General Partner is authorized to issue phantom units to eligible employees. The Partnership estimates the fair value of phantom units as the closing price of the Partnership's common units on the grant date of the award, which is expensed over the applicable vesting period. Upon vesting the phantom

unit entitles the recipient one common unit of the Partnership for each phantom unit.

The following table presents the phantom unit activity under the Viper LTIP for the six months ended June 30, 2015.

			Weighted Average
	Phantom		Grant-Date
	Units		Fair Value
Unvested at December 31, 2014	17,776		\$19.51
Granted			\$ —
Vested	(8,888)	\$19.51
Forfeited			\$ —
Unvested at June 30, 2015	8,888		\$19.51

The aggregate fair value of restricted stock units that vested during the six months ended June 30, 2015 was \$0.2 million. As of June 30, 2015, the unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested phantom units was \$0.2 million. Such cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.0 years.

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Administrative Services

An entity under common management provided technical, administrative and payroll services to the Company under a shared services agreement that began March 1, 2008. The initial term of this shared service agreement was two years. Since the expiration of such two-year period on March 1, 2010, the agreement, by its terms continued on a month-to-month basis. Effective August 31, 2014, this agreement was mutually terminated.

Effective January 1, 2012, the Company entered into an additional shared services agreement with this entity. Under this agreement, the Company provided this entity and, at its request, certain affiliates, with consulting, technical and administrative services. The initial term of the additional shared services agreement was two years. Thereafter, the agreement continued on a month-to-month basis subject to the right of either party to terminate the agreement upon thirty days prior written notice. Effective August 31, 2014, this agreement was mutually terminated. Costs that are attributable to and billed to other affiliates are reported as other income-related party.

Drilling Services

Bison Drilling and Field Services LLC ("Bison"), an entity controlled by Wexford, has performed drilling and field services for the Company under master drilling and field service agreements. Under the Company's most recent master drilling agreement with Bison, effective as of January 1, 2013, Bison committed to accept orders from the Company for the use of at least two of its rigs. At June 30, 2015, the Company was not utilizing any Bison rigs. This master drilling agreement is terminable by either party on 30 days' prior written notice, although neither party will be relieved of its respective obligations arising from a drilling contract being performed prior to the termination of the master drilling agreement. For the three months and six months ended June 30, 2014, the Company incurred total costs for services performed by Bison of \$0.9 million and \$2.5 million, respectively.

Effective September 9, 2013, the Company entered into a master service agreement with Panther Drilling Systems LLC ("Panther Drilling"), an entity controlled by Wexford, under which Panther Drilling provides directional drilling and other services. This master service agreement is terminable by either party on 30 days' prior written notice, although neither party will be relieved of its respective obligations arising from work performed prior to the termination of the master service agreement. In the third quarter 2013, the Company began using Panther Drilling's directional drilling services. For the three months and six months ended June 30, 2014, the Company incurred \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million, respectively for services performed by Panther Drilling.

Coronado Midstream

The Company is party to a gas purchase agreement, dated May 1, 2009, as amended, with Coronado Midstream LLC ("Coronado Midstream"), formerly known as MidMar Gas LLC, an entity, that owns a gas gathering system and processing plant in the Permian Basin. Under this agreement, Coronado Midstream is obligated to purchase from the Company, and the Company is obligated to sell to Coronado Midstream, all of the gas conforming to certain quality specifications produced from certain of the Company's Permian Basin acreage. Following the expiration of the initial ten year term, the agreement will continue on a year-to-year basis until terminated by either party on 30 days' written notice. Under the gas purchase agreement, Coronado Midstream is obligated to pay the

Company 87% of the net revenue received by Coronado Midstream for all components of the Company's dedicated gas, including the liquid hydrocarbons, and the sale of residue gas, in each case extracted, recovered or otherwise processed at Coronado Midstream's gas processing plant, and 94.56% of the net revenue received by Coronado Midstream from the sale of such gas components and residue gas, extracted, recovered or otherwise processed at Chevron's Headlee plant. An entity controlled by Wexford had owned an approximately 28% equity interest in Coronado Midstream until Coronado Midstream was sold in March 2015. Coronado Midstream is no longer a related party and any revenues, production and ad valorem taxes and gathering and transportation expense after March 2015 are not classified as those attributable to a related party. The Company recognized related party revenues from Coronado Midstream of \$5.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The Company recognized revenues from Coronado Midstream of \$6.5 million and \$10.4 million for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively. The Company recognized production and ad valorem taxes and gathering and transportation expenses from Coronado Midstream of \$1.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The Company recognized production and ad valorem taxes and gathering and transportation expenses from Coronado Midstream of \$1.0 million and \$1.7 million for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively. As of December 31, 2014, Coronado Midstream owed the Company \$4.0 million for the Company's portion of the net proceeds from the sale of gas, gas products and residue gas.

Sand Supply

Muskie Proppant LLC ("Muskie"), an entity controlled by Wexford, processes and sells fracing grade sand for oil and natural gas operations. The Company began purchasing sand from Muskie in March 2013. On May 16, 2013, the Company entered into a master services agreement with Muskie, pursuant to which Muskie agreed to sell custom natural sand proppant to the Company based on the Company's requirements. The Company is not obligated to place any orders with, or accept any offers from, Muskie for sand proppant. The agreement may be terminated at the option of either party on 30 days' notice. The Company did not purchase sand from Muskie during the three months and six months ended June 30, 2015 or 2014.

Midland Corporate Lease

Effective May 15, 2011, the Company occupied corporate office space in Midland, Texas under a lease with a five-year term. The office space is owned by an entity controlled by an affiliate of Wexford. The Company paid \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, under this lease. The Company paid \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively, under this lease. In the second and fourth quarters of 2014, the Company amended this agreement to further increase the size of the leased premises. The monthly rent increased from \$25,000 to \$27,000 in the second quarter of 2014 and from \$27,000 to \$53,000 in the fourth quarter of 2014. The monthly rent will continue to increase approximately 4% annually on June 1 of each year during the remainder of the lease term. In November 2014, the Company further amended the lease, including extending the term of the lease for an additional ten-year period. In April 2015, the Company again amended this lease to increase the size of the leased premises. The monthly rent for the additional space is \$23,000. Upon commencement of the extension in June 2016, the monthly base rent will increase to \$94,000, with an increase of approximately 2% annually.

Field Office Lease

The Company leased field office space in Midland, Texas from an unrelated third party from March 1, 2011 to March 1, 2014. Effective March 1, 2014, the building was purchased by an entity controlled by an affiliate of Wexford. The term of the lease expires on February 28, 2018. The Company paid rent of less than \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million to the related party for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively. The Company paid rent of less than \$0.1 million to the related party for both the three months and six months ended June 30, 2014. The monthly

base rent is \$11,000 which will increase 3% annually on March 1 of each year during the remainder of the lease term. During the third quarter of 2014, the Company negotiated a sublease with Bison, in which Bison will lease the field office space for the same term as the initial lease and will pay the monthly rent of \$11,000 which will increase 3% annually on March 1 of each year during the remainder of the lease term.

Oklahoma City Lease

Effective January 1, 2012, the Company occupied corporate office space in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma under a lease with a 67 month term. The office space is owned by an entity controlled by an affiliate of Wexford. The Company paid \$0.1 million for both the three months and six months ended June 30, 2014 under this lease. Effective April 1,

2013, the Company amended this lease to increase the size of the leased premises, at which time the monthly base rent increased to \$19,000 for the remainder of the lease term. The Company was also responsible for paying a portion of specified costs, fees and expenses associated with the operation of the premises. Effective September 23, 2014, this lease agreement was mutually terminated.

Advisory Services Agreement & Professional Services from Wexford

The Company entered into an advisory services agreement (the "Advisory Services Agreement") with Wexford, dated as of October 11, 2012, under which Wexford provides the Company with general financial and strategic advisory services related to the business in return for an annual fee of \$0.5 million, plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. The Advisory Services Agreement had an initial term of two years commencing on October 18, 2012, and continues for additional one-year periods unless terminated in writing by either party at least ten days prior to the expiration of the then current term. It may be terminated at any time by either party upon 30 days prior written notice. In the event the Company terminates such agreement, it is obligated to pay all amounts due through the remaining term. In addition, the Company agreed to pay Wexford to-be-negotiated market-based fees approved by the Company's independent directors for such services as may be provided by Wexford at the Company's request in connection with acquisitions and divestitures, financings or other transactions in which the Company may be involved. The services provided by Wexford under the Advisory Services Agreement do not extend to the Company's day-to-day business or operations. The Company has agreed to indemnify Wexford and its affiliates from any and all losses arising out of or in connection with the Advisory Services Agreement except for losses resulting from Wexford's or its affiliates' gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Company incurred total costs of \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, under the Advisory Services Agreement. The Company incurred total costs of \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively, under the Advisory Services Agreement.

Advisory Services Agreement- Viper Energy Partners LP

In connection with the closing of the Viper Offering, the Partnership and General Partner entered into an advisory services agreement (the "Viper Advisory Services Agreement") with Wexford, dated as of June 23, 2014, under which Wexford provides the Partnership and our General Partner with general financial and strategic advisory services related to the business in return for an annual fee of \$0.5 million, plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. The Viper Advisory Services Agreement has an initial term of two years commencing on June 23, 2014, and will continue for additional one-year periods unless terminated in writing by either party at least ten days prior to the expiration of the then current term. It may be terminated at any time by either party upon 30 days prior written notice. In the event the Partnership or General Partner terminates such agreement, the Partnership is obligated to pay all amounts due through the remaining term. In addition, the Partnership and General Partner have agreed to pay Wexford to-be-negotiated market-based fees approved by the conflict committee of the board of directors of our General Partner for such services as may be provided by Wexford at our request in connection with acquisitions and divestitures, financings or other transactions in which we may be involved. The services provided by Wexford under the Viper Advisory Services Agreement do not extend to the Partnership or General Partners day-to-day business or operations. The Partnership and General Partner have agreed to indemnify Wexford and its affiliates from any and all losses arising out of or in connection with the Viper Advisory Services Agreement except for losses resulting from Wexford's or its affiliates' gross negligence or willful misconduct. For the three months and six months ended June 30, 2015, the Partnership incurred costs of \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, under the Viper Advisory Services Agreement.

12. DERIVATIVES

All derivative financial instruments are recorded at fair value. The Company has not designated its derivative instruments as hedges for accounting purposes and, as a result, marks its derivative instruments to fair value and recognizes the cash and non-cash changes in fair value in the combined consolidated statements of operations under the caption "Gain (loss) on derivative instruments, net."

The Company has used price swap contracts to reduce price volatility associated with certain of its oil sales. With respect to the Company's fixed price swap contracts, the counterparty is required to make a payment to the Company if the settlement price for any settlement price for any settlement price, and the Company is required to make a payment to the counterparty if the settlement price for any settlement period is greater than the swap price. The Company's derivative contracts are based upon reported settlement prices on commodity exchanges, with crude

oil derivative settlements based on Argus Louisiana light sweet pricing, New York Mercantile Exchange West Texas Intermediate pricing or Inter-Continental Exchange ("ICE") pricing for Brent crude oil.

By using derivative instruments to hedge exposure to changes in commodity prices, the Company exposes itself to credit risk and market risk. Credit risk is the failure of the counterparty to perform under the terms of the derivative contract. When the fair value of a derivative contract is positive, the counterparty owes the Company, which creates credit risk. The Company's counterparties are participants in the secured second amended and restated credit agreement, which is secured by substantially all of the assets of the guarantor subsidiaries; therefore, the Company is not required to post any collateral. The Company does not require collateral from its counterparties. The Company has entered into derivative instruments only with counterparties that are also lenders in our credit facility and have been deemed an acceptable credit risk.

As of June 30, 2015, the Company had open crude oil derivative positions with respect to future production as set forth in the table below. When aggregating multiple contracts, the weighted average contract price is disclosed. Crude Oil—Argus Louisiana Light Sweet Fixed Price Swap

Production Period	Volume (Bbls)	Fixed Swap Price
July- December 2015	552,000	90.99

Crude Oil—NYMEX West Texas Intermediate Fixed Price Swap

Production Period	Volume (Bbls)	Fixed Swap Price
July - December 2015	920,000	84.10

Crude Oil—ICE Brent Fixed Price Swap

Production Period	Volume (Bbls)	Fixed Swap Price
July - December 2015	368,000	88.78
January - February 2016	91,000	88.72

Balance sheet offsetting of derivative assets and liabilities

The fair value of swaps is generally determined using established index prices and other sources which are based upon, among other things, futures prices and time to maturity. These fair values are recorded by netting asset and liability positions that are with the same counterparty and are subject to contractual terms which provide for net settlement.

The following tables present the gross amounts of recognized derivative assets and liabilities, the amounts offset under master netting arrangements with counterparties and the resulting net amounts presented in the Company's consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	June 30, 2015		
	(in thousands)		
	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	Gross Amounts Offset in the Consolidated Balance Sheet	Net Amounts of Assets Presented in the Consolidated Balance Sheet
Derivative assets	\$47,910	\$ —	\$47,910
	December 31, 2014		
	(in thousands)		
	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	Gross Amounts Offset in the Consolidated Balance Sheet	Net Amounts of Assets Presented in the Consolidated Balance Sheet
Derivative assets	\$117,541	\$	\$117,541

The net amounts are classified as current or noncurrent based on their anticipated settlement dates. The net fair value of the Company's derivative assets and liabilities and their locations on the consolidated balance sheet are as follows:

• •	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(in thousands)	
Current Assets: Derivative instruments	\$47,910	\$115,607
Noncurrent Assets: Derivative instruments		1,934
Total Assets	\$47,910	\$117,541

None of the Company's derivatives have been designated as hedges. As such, all changes in fair value are immediately recognized in earnings. The following table summarizes the gains and losses on derivative instruments included in the combined consolidated statements of operations:

1	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2015	2014	2015	2014		
Change in fair value of open non-hedge derivative instruments	\$(44,425) \$(7,468) \$(69,631) \$(10,810)	
Gain (loss) on settlement of non-hedge derivative instruments	25,302	(3,620) 68,862	(4,676)	
Gain (loss) on derivative instruments	\$(19,123	\$(11,088)) \$(769) \$(15,486)	

13. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Valuation techniques used to measure fair value must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The fair value hierarchy is based on three levels of inputs, of which the first two are considered observable and the last unobservable, that may be used to measure fair value. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurements requires judgment and may affect the valuation of the assets and liabilities being measured and their placement within the fair value hierarchy. The Company uses appropriate valuation techniques based on available inputs to measure the fair values of its assets and liabilities.

Level 1 - Observable inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets as of the reporting date.

Level 2 - Observable market-based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data. These are inputs other than quoted prices in active markets included in Level 1, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data and may be used with internally developed methodologies that result in management's best estimate of fair value.

Financial assets and liabilities are classified based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

Certain assets and liabilities are reported at fair value on a recurring basis, including the Company's derivative instruments. The fair values of the Company's fixed price crude oil swaps are measured internally using established commodity futures price strips for the underlying commodity provided by a reputable third party, the contracted notional volumes, and time to maturity. These valuations are Level 2 inputs.

The following table provides fair value measurement information for financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

Fair value measurements at June 30, 2015 using:

	(in thousands) Quoted Prices in	Significant Other	Significant					
	Active Markets Level 1	Observable Inputs Level 2	Unobservable Inputs Level 3	Total				
Assets:								
Fixed price swaps	\$ —	\$47,910	\$ —	\$47,910				
Fair value measurements at December 31, 2014 using: (in thousands)								
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3	Total				
Assets:								
Fixed price swaps	\$ —	\$117,541	\$—	\$117,541				

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis

The following table provides the fair value of financial instruments that are not recorded at fair value in the consolidated balance sheets.

	June 30, 2015		December 31,	: 31, 2014			
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value			
	(in thousands)						
Debt:	, ,						
Revolving credit facility	\$268,000	\$268,000	\$223,500	\$223,500			
7.625% Senior Notes due 2021	450,000	482,715	450,000	440,438			
Partnership revolving credit facility							

The fair value of the revolving credit facility approximates its carrying value based on borrowing rates available to the Company for bank loans with similar terms and maturities and is classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value of the Senior Notes was determined using the June 30, 2015 quoted market price, a Level 1 classification in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value of the Partnership's revolving credit facility approximates its carrying value based on borrowing rates available to us for bank loans with similar terms and maturities and is classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The Partnership had no outstanding borrowings as of June 30, 2015.

14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Lease Commitments

The following is a schedule of minimum future lease payments with commitments that have initial or remaining noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year as of June 30, 2015:

Year Ending December 31,	Drilling Rig Commitments	Office and Equipment Leases
2016	\$27,317	\$1,743
2017	19,892	2,012
2018	13,031	1,932
2019		1,797
2020		1,618
Thereafter		9,337
Total	\$60,240	\$18,439

The Company could be subject to various possible loss contingencies which arise primarily from interpretation of federal and state laws and regulations affecting the natural gas and crude oil industry. Such contingencies include differing interpretations as to the prices at which natural gas and crude oil sales may be made, the prices at which royalty owners may be paid for production from their leases, environmental issues and other matters. Management believes it has complied with the various laws and regulations, administrative rulings and interpretations.

15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On July 9, 2015, the Company completed the sale of an approximate average 1.5% overriding royalty interest in certain of its acreage primarily located in Howard County, Texas to Viper for \$31.1 million. Viper partially funded this acquisition with borrowings under its revolving credit facility discussed in Note 8 above. As of July 9, 2015 Viper had \$24.0 million outstanding under its revolving credit facility.

16. GUARANTOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Diamondback E&P, Diamondback O&G and White Fang Energy LLC (the "Guarantor Subsidiaries") are guarantors under the Indenture relating to the Senior Notes. On June 23, 2014, in connection with the initial public offering of

Viper Energy Partners LP, the Company designated the Partnership, its general partner, Viper Energy Partners GP, and the Partnership's subsidiary Viper Energy Partners LLC (the "Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries") as unrestricted subsidiaries under the Indenture and, upon such designation, Viper Energy Partners LLC, which was a guarantor under the Indenture prior to such designation, was released as a guarantor under the Indenture. Viper Energy Partners LLC is a limited liability company formed on September 18, 2013 to own and acquire mineral and other oil and natural gas interests in properties in the Permian Basin in West Texas. The following presents condensed combined consolidated financial information for the Company ("Parent"), the Guarantor Subsidiaries, the Non–Guarantor Subsidiaries and on a consolidated basis. Elimination entries presented are necessary to combine the entities. The information is presented in accordance with the requirements of Rule 3-10 under the SEC's Regulation S-X. The financial information may not necessarily be indicative of results of operations, cash flows or financial position had the Guarantor Subsidiaries operated as independent entities. The Company has not presented separate financial and narrative information for each of the Guarantor Subsidiaries because it believes such financial and narrative information would not provide any additional information that would be material in evaluating the sufficiency of the Guarantor Subsidiaries.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30, 2015 (In thousands)

(In thousands)					
		Commenter	Non-		
	Domant	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Assets	Parent	Subsidiaries	Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$339	\$34,351	\$9,988	\$ —	\$44,678
Restricted cash	Ψ <i>337</i> —	ψ5 4 ,551	500	ψ——	500
Accounts receivable		60,507	9,902	2	70,411
Intercompany receivable	2,422,526	2,999,702		(5,422,228)	—
Inventories		2,658	_	(5,122,225) —	2,658
Other current assets	274	51,374	467	_	52,115
Total current assets	2,423,139	3,148,592	20,857	(5,422,226)	170,362
Property and equipment	, ,	, ,	,	, , , ,	,
Oil and natural gas properties, at cost,					
based on the full cost method of		3,201,804	511,008		3,712,812
accounting					
Pipeline and gas gathering assets	_	7,174			7,174
Other property and equipment		48,654	_		48,654
Accumulated depletion, depreciation,		(772,793)	(50,650)	1,200	(822,243)
amortization and impairment		(112,193)	(30,030)	1,200	(822,243)
		2,484,839	460,358	1,200	2,946,397
Investment in subsidiaries	514,991	_	_	(514,991)	_
Other assets	8,479	11,045	35,175	_	54,699
Total assets	\$2,946,609	\$5,644,476	\$516,390	\$(5,936,017)	\$3,171,458
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable-trade	\$—	\$23,309	\$ —	\$—	\$23,309
Intercompany payable	389,619	5,032,607		(5,422,226)	
Other current liabilities	41,553	76,672	1,105	_	119,330
Total current liabilities	431,172	5,132,588	1,105	(5,422,226)	142,639
Long-term debt	450,000	268,000	_	_	718,000
Asset retirement obligations		11,851			11,851
Deferred income taxes	55,349				55,349
Total liabilities	936,521	5,412,439	1,105	(5,422,226)	927,839
Commitments and contingencies	2 010 000	222 027	515 205	(7.47.222	2.010.000
Stockholders' equity:	2,010,088	232,037	515,285		2,010,088
Noncontrolling interest			— 515 005	233,531	233,531
Total equity	2,010,088	232,037	515,285		2,243,619
Total liabilities and equity	\$2,946,609	\$5,644,476	\$516,390	\$(5,936,017)	\$5,1/1,458

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31, 2014 (In thousands)

(Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non– Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$6	\$15,067	\$15,110	\$ —	\$30,183
Restricted cash			500		500
Accounts receivable		85,752	8,239	2	93,993
Accounts receivable - related party		4,001			4,001
Intercompany receivable	1,658,215	2,167,434		(3,825,649)	_
Inventories		2,827			2,827
Other current assets	562	119,392	253	_	120,207
Total current assets	1,658,783	2,394,473	24,102	(3,825,647)	251,711
Property and equipment					
Oil and natural gas properties, at cost,					
based on the full cost method of		2,607,513	511,084		3,118,597
accounting					
Pipeline and gas gathering assets		7,174			7,174
Other property and equipment		48,180			48,180
Accumulated depletion, depreciation,		(351,200)	(32,799)	1,855	(382,144)
amortization and impairment				1,055	(362,144)
		2,311,667	478,285	1,855	2,791,807
Investment in subsidiaries	839,217	_	_	(839,217)	_
Other assets	9,155	7,793	35,015	_	51,963
Total assets	\$2,507,155	\$4,713,933	\$537,402	\$(4,663,009)	\$3,095,481
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable-trade	\$ —	\$26,224	\$6	\$ —	\$26,230
Intercompany payable	95,362	3,730,287	_	(3,825,649)	
Other current liabilities	49,190	189,264	2,045		240,499
Total current liabilities	144,552	3,945,775	2,051	(3,825,649)	*
Long-term debt	450,000	223,500			673,500
Asset retirement obligations		8,447	_	_	8,447
Deferred income taxes	161,592	_			161,592
Total liabilities	756,144	4,177,722	2,051	(3,825,649)	1,110,268
Commitments and contingencies					
Stockholders' equity:	1,751,011	536,211	535,351		1,751,011
Noncontrolling interest				234,202	234,202
Total equity	1,751,011	536,211	535,351		1,985,213
Total liabilities and equity	\$2,507,155	\$4,713,933	\$537,402	\$(4,663,009)	\$3,095,481

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations Three Months Ended June 30, 2015 (In thousands)

					Non-				
			Guarantor		Guarantor				
	Parent		Subsidiaries	S	Subsidiaries	Eliminations		Consolidate	d
Revenues:									
Oil sales	\$		\$89,318		\$—	\$18,309		\$107,627	
Natural gas sales			3,896			514		4,410	
Natural gas liquid sales			6,230			796		7,026	
Royalty income	_		_		19,619	(19,619)	_	
Total revenues	_		99,444		19,619	_		119,063	
Costs and expenses:									
Lease operating expenses			20,472					20,472	
Production and ad valorem taxes			6,258		1,417			7,675	
Gathering and transportation	_		1,625		_	_		1,625	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization			47,961		8,949	186		57,096	
Impairment expense			323,451					323,451	
General and administrative expenses	4,235		2,142		1,307			7,684	
Asset retirement obligation accretion			180					180	
expense			100					100	
Total costs and expenses	4,235		402,089		11,673	186		418,183	
Income (loss) from operations	(4,235)	(302,645)	7,946	(186)	(299,120)
Other income (expense)									
Interest expense	(8,911)	(1,156)	(207)			(10,274)
Other income	1		71		306			378	
Other income - related party			55					55	
Loss on derivative instruments, net			(19,123)				(19,123)
Total other income (expense), net	(8,910)	(20,153)	99			(28,964)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(13,145)	(322,798)	8,045	(186)	(328,084)
Benefit from income taxes	(116,732)				—		(116,732)
Net income (loss)	103,587		(322,798)	8,045	(186)	(211,352)
Less: Net income attributable to						935		935	
noncontrolling interest			<u> </u>			933		933	
Net income (loss) attributable to	\$103,587		\$(322,798)	\$8,045	\$(1,121)	\$(212,287)
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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations Three Months Ended June 30, 2014 (In thousands)

				Non-				
			Guarantor	Guarantor				
	Parent		Subsidiaries	Subsidiaries	Eliminations		Consolidated	
Revenues:								
Oil sales	\$ —		\$99,573	\$—	\$15,709		\$115,282	
Natural gas sales			3,738		591		4,329	
Natural gas liquid sales			6,444		949		7,393	
Royalty income				17,249	(17,249)		
Total revenues			109,755	17,249			127,004	
Costs and expenses:								
Lease operating expenses			10,496				10,496	
Production and ad valorem taxes			7,162	1,392			8,554	
Gathering and transportation			703				703	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization			34,616	5,405			40,021	
General and administrative expenses	3,428		287	297	(78)	3,934	
Asset retirement obligation accretion			104				104	
expense			104				104	
Intercompany charges								
Total costs and expenses	3,428		53,368	7,094	(78)	63,812	
Income (loss) from operations	(3,428)	56,387	10,155	78		63,192	
Other income (expense)								
Interest income - intercompany	5,387		_		(5,387)	_	
Interest expense	(6,657)	(1,082)				(7,739)	
Interest expense - intercompany				(5,387)	5,387			
Other income - intercompany	_		108		(78)	30	
Loss on derivative instruments, net			(11,088)				(11,088)	
Total other income (expense), net	(1,270)	(13,470)	(5,387)	(78)	(20,205)	
Income (loss) before income taxes	(4,698)	42,917	4,768			42,987	
Provision for income taxes	15,163						15,163	
Net income (loss)	(19,861)	42,917	4,768			27,824	
Less: Net income attributable to					71		71	
noncontrolling interest					/ 1		/ 1	
Net income (loss) attributable to	\$(19,861	`	\$42,917	\$4,768	\$(71	,	\$27,753	
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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations Six Months Ended June 30, 2015 (In thousands)

					Non-				
			Guarantor		Guarantor				
	Parent		Subsidiaries	•	Subsidiaries	Eliminations		Consolidate	d
Revenues:									
Oil sales	\$ —		\$166,702		\$ —	\$33,841		\$200,543	
Natural gas sales			7,675			1,083		8,758	
Natural gas liquid sales			9,923			1,240		11,163	
Royalty income			_		36,164	(36,164)	_	
Total revenues			184,300		36,164			220,464	
Costs and expenses:									
Lease operating expenses			42,928					42,928	
Production and ad valorem taxes	_		13,325		2,745	_		16,070	
Gathering and transportation			2,655					2,655	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization			98,268		17,850	655		116,773	
Impairment expense			323,451					323,451	
General and administrative expenses	8,753		4,308		2,859			15,920	
Asset retirement obligation accretion			350					350	
expense									
Total costs and expenses	8,753		485,285		23,454	655		518,147	
Income (loss) from operations	(8,753)	(300,985)	12,710	(655)	(297,683)
Other income (expense)									
Interest income - intercompany								_	
Interest expense	(17,821)	(2,575)	(3,2)			(20,771)
Other income	1		77		792			870	
Other income - related party			78					78	
Loss on derivative instruments, net			(769)	_			(769)
Total other income (expense), net	(17,820)	(3,189)	417			(20,592)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(26,573)	(304,174)	13,127	(655)	(318,275)
Benefit from income taxes	(113,362)	_					(113,362)
Net income (loss)	86,789		(304,174)	13,127	(655)	(204,913)
Less: Net income attributable to					_	1,525		1,525	
noncontrolling interest						1,525		1,525	
Net income (loss) attributable to	\$86,789		\$(304,174)	\$13,127	\$(2,180)	\$(206,438)
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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations Six Months Ended June 30, 2014 (In thousands)

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D	Parent		Subsidiaries	Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Revenues:	φ		¢ 174 922	ф	¢20.210	¢205.040
Oil sales	\$ —		\$174,822	\$ —	\$30,218	\$205,040
Natural gas sales			6,570		1,094	7,664
Natural gas liquid sales			10,514	_	1,790	12,304
Royalty income	_			33,102	(33,102) —
Total revenues			191,906	33,102		225,008
Costs and expenses:						
Lease operating expenses			18,411			18,411
Production and ad valorem taxes			12,065	2,331		14,396
Gathering and transportation			1,285		_	1,285
Depreciation, depletion and amortization			60,417	10,577	_	70,994
General and administrative expenses	7,413		793	285	_	8,491
Asset retirement obligation accretion			176			176
expense			170			170
Intercompany charges				156	(156) —
Total costs and expenses	7,413		93,147	13,349	(156) 113,753
Income (loss) from operations	(7,413)	98,759	19,753	156	111,255
Other income (expense)						
Interest income			_			
Interest income - intercompany	10,755		_		(10,755) —
Interest expense	(12,544)	(1,700) —	_	(14,244)
Interest expense - intercompany			_	(10,755)	10,755	
Other income			_		_	
Other income - related party			216		(156) 60
Other expense			(1,408	—	_	(1,408)
Loss on derivative instruments, net			(15,486)	_	(15,486)
Total other income (expense), net	(1,789)	(18,378	(10,755)	(156	(31,078)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(9,202)	80,381	8,998	_	80,177
Provision for income taxes	28,764		_	_		28,764
Net income (loss)	(37,966)	80,381	8,998		51,413
Less: Net income attributable to					71	71
noncontrolling interest					71	71
Net income (loss) attributable to	Φ (27 ΔCC	`	¢00.201	¢ 0 000	¢ (71	Φ 5 1 2 4 2
Diamondback Energy, Inc.	\$(37,966)	\$80,381	\$8,998	\$(71	\$51,342

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows Six Months Ended June 30, 2015 (In thousands)

(III tilousalius)			Guarantor		Non– Guarantor				
	Parent		Subsidiaries	s	Subsidiaries	;	Eliminations	Consolidate	ed
Net cash provided (used in) by operating activities	\$(19,006)	\$188,619		\$30,173		\$—	\$199,786	
Cash flows from investing activities:									
Additions to oil and natural gas properties	_		(242,365)	77		_	(242,288)
Acquisition of leasehold interests	_		(435,398)	_		_	(435,398)
Purchase of other property and equipment	_		(604)				(604)
Equity investments			(1,675)			_	(1,675)
Intercompany transfers	(147,214)	147,214				_	_	
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(147,214)	(532,828)	77		_	(679,965)
Cash flows from financing activities:									
Proceeds from borrowing on credit facility	_		363,501		_			363,501	
Repayment on credit facility	_		(319,001)	_		_	(319,001)
Proceeds from public offerings	453,060				_		_	453,060	
Distribution from subsidiary	30,997						(30,997)		
Distribution to non-controlling interest	_				(35,071)	30,997	(4,074)
Intercompany transfers	(319,001)	319,001						
Other financing activities	1,497		(8)	(301)		1,188	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	166,553		363,493		(35,372)	_	494,674	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	333		19,284		(5,122)	_	14,495	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	6		15,067		15,110		_	30,183	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$339		\$34,351		\$9,988		\$—	\$44,678	

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows Six Months Ended June 30, 2014 (In thousands)

Net cash provided by operating activities	Parent \$(2,145)	Guarantor Subsidiarie \$138,172	es	Non– Guarantor Subsidiaries \$14,064		Eliminations \$9,615		Consolidated \$159,706	1
Cash flows from investing activities:										
Additions to oil and natural gas properties			(204,075)	(5,275)			(209,350)
Acquisition of leasehold interests	_		(312,207)					(312,207)
Acquisition of mineral interests			_				_			
Purchase of other property and equipment	_		(1,165)	_		_		(1,165)
Intercompany transfers	(203,169)	223,169				(20,000))		
Other investing activities			(923)			_		(923)
Net cash used in investing activities	(203,169)	(295,201)	(5,275)	(20,000))	(523,645)
Cash flows from financing activities:			166000						166000	
Proceeds from borrowing on credit facility	<u> </u>		166,000				_		166,000	
Proceeds from public offerings	208,644		— (770	`	139,035	`			347,679	
Other financing activities	3,648		(778)	(4,057)	2,885		1,698	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	212,292		165,222		(2,522)	10,385		385,377	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	6,978		8,193		6,267		_		21,438	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	526		14,267		762		_		15,555	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$7,504		\$22,460		\$7,029		\$		\$36,993	

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

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto presented in this Quarterly Report on Form 10–Q as well as our audited combined consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. The following discussion contains "forward-looking statements" that reflect our future plans, estimates, beliefs, and expected performance. Actual results and the timing of events may differ materially from those contained in these forward-looking statements due to a number of factors. See "Part II. Item 1A. Risk Factors" and "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements."

Overview

We are an independent oil and natural gas company focused on the acquisition, development, exploration and exploitation of unconventional, onshore oil and natural gas reserves in the Permian Basin in West Texas. Our activities are primarily directed at the Clearfork, Spraberry, Wolfcamp, Cline, Strawn and Atoka formations which we refer to as the Wolfberry play. We intend to grow our reserves and production through development drilling, exploitation and exploration activities on our multi-year inventory of identified potential drilling locations and through acquisitions that meet our strategic and financial objectives, targeting oil-weighted reserves. Substantially all of our revenues are generated through the sale of oil, natural gas liquids and natural gas production. Our production was approximately 74% oil, 15% natural gas liquids and 11% natural gas for the three months ended June 30, 2015, and was approximately 75% oil, 15% natural gas liquids and 10% natural gas for the six months ended June 30, 2015, and was approximately 76% oil, 14% natural gas liquids and 10% natural gas for the six months ended June 30, 2015, and was approximately 76% oil, 14% natural gas liquids and 10% natural gas for the six months ended June 30, 2014. On June 30, 2015, our net acreage position in the Permian Basin was approximately 85,229 net acres. Recent Developments

Common stock transactions

In January 2015, we completed an underwritten public offering of 2,012,500 shares of common stock, which included 262,500 shares of common stock issued pursuant to an option to purchase additional shares granted to the underwriters. The stock was sold to the underwriters at