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**Registration No. 333-**

# **UNITED STATES**

# **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# FORM S-3

# **REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

# **UNDER**

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# TITAN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of 94-3171940 (I.R.S. Employer

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incorporation or organization)

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Identification Number)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

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

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

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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 "

Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company x The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment that specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

Accelerated filer

## CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

		Proposed	Proposed	
	Amount	maximum	maximum	
Title of each class of	to be	offering price	aggregate	A
securities to be registered Common Stock, \$0.001 par value Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value	registered (1)(2)	per share (1)	offering price	Amount of registration fee
Equity Warrants Total			\$25,000,000	\$2,865.00(3)

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction II.D of Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ). (1)

(2)Includes an indeterminate number of securities that may be issued in primary offerings or upon exercise, conversion or exchange of any securities registered hereunder that provide for exercise, conversion or exchange.

The registration fee has been calculated in accordance with Rule 457(o) of the Securities Act. (3)

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

## PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS

### SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED DECEMBER 21, 2011

# TITAN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

## \$25,000,000

Common Stock

Preferred Stock

**Equity Warrants** 

We may issue our common stock, preferred stock and/or warrants to purchase our common stock or preferred stock, from time to time, in one or more offerings. We will provide the specific prices and other terms of these offerings in one or more supplements to this prospectus. Any supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, together with the additional information described under the heading Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference, carefully before you invest. This prospectus may not be used to consummate a sale of securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is traded on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol TTNP:OB. On December , 2011, the closing price of our common stock was \$

## Investing in our securities involves significant risks. See <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page 3 of this prospectus.

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

> The date of this prospectus ,2011

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### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may from time to time offer and sell, in one or more offerings, any or all of the securities described in this prospectus, separately or together, up to an aggregate initial offering price of \$25,000,000. This prospectus provides you with a general description of our securities being offered. Each time we sell securities under this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described under the heading Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference and Where You Can Find More Information.

### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

Unless otherwise mentioned or unless the context requires otherwise, when used in this prospectus, the terms Titan, Company, we, us, and ou refer to Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

### Overview

We are a biopharmaceutical company developing proprietary therapeutics primarily for the treatment of central nervous system ( CNS ) disorders.

Our principal asset is Probuphine , the first slow release implant formulation of buprenorphine, an FDA approved molecule for treating opioid dependence and chronic pain, designed to maintain a stable, round the clock blood level of the medicine in patients for six months following a single treatment. Probuphine is in the final stages of Phase 3 development for the treatment of opioid dependence with efficacy already demonstrated in two controlled Phase 3 clinical studies. In October 2011, we had a Pre-New Drug Application (NDA) meeting with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that provided clear guidance on the requirements for submitting an NDA. Upon completion of our ongoing re-treatment safety study by year end 2011, we will have generated all the requisite clinical data and will begin preparation of the NDA. At the request of the FDA, we are conducting additional analytical testing of the ethylene vinyl acetate (an inactive co-polymer in Probuphine) and the final product, Probupine, in order to complete full characterization and establish in-use stability. We have also commenced a program with our contract manufacturer to scale-up the manufacturing process for commercial production. We expect to complete these steps and be in a position to submit the NDA sometime in the middle of 2012. Our goal is to enter into one or more partnerships with capable pharmaceutical companies to commercialize Probuphine in the U.S. and foreign markets, as well as to potentially develop the product for the treatment of chronic pain.

Probuphine is the first product to utilize ProNeura , our novel, proprietary, long-term drug delivery technology. Our ProNeura technology has the potential to be used in developing products for the treatment of other chronic conditions, such as Parkinson s disease, where maintaining stable, round the clock blood levels of a drug can benefit the patient and improve medical outcomes.

We are entitled to a royalty revenue of 8-10% of net sales of Fanapt<sup>®</sup> (iloperidone), an atypical antipsychotic compound being marketed in the U.S. by Novartis Pharma AG for the treatment of schizophrenia. A substantial portion of this royalty stream has been sold to Deerfield Management, a healthcare investment fund, and the proceeds of the sale have been, and are continuing to be, used to advance the development of Probuphine and for general corporate purposes. We have retained a portion of the royalty revenue from net sales of Fanapt in excess of specified annual threshold levels; however, based on sales levels to date, it is unlikely that we will receive any revenue from Fanapt in the next several years, if ever. This royalty revenue is based on a licensed U.S. patent which will expire in April 2017.

We operate in only one business segment, the development of pharmaceutical products.

We were incorporated in Delaware in February 1992. Our principal executive offices are located at 400 Oyster Point Blvd., Suite 505, South San Francisco, California 94080, and our telephone number is (650) 244-4990.

### **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our common stock is speculative and involves a high degree of risk and uncertainty. You should carefully consider the risks described below, together with the other information contained in this prospectus, including the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, before deciding to invest in our common stock. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we presently consider immaterial may also adversely affect our company. If any of the following risks occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations and the value of our common stock could be materially and adversely affected.

### **Risks Related To Our Business**

#### We may be unable to obtain additional financing when needed.

At September 30, 2011, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$2.7 million, which we believe is sufficient, together with \$5.0 million cash and other consideration obtained from the recent Deerfield transaction, to fund our planned operations late into the second quarter of 2012, including the preparation of the Probuphine NDA. In the event we are unable to enter into a corporate partnership or licensing arrangement during this period that provides us with the funds required to complete the regulatory process and seek approval to commercialize Probuphine, we will need to obtain additional financing, either through the sale of debt or equity securities. Any required financing may not be available on acceptable terms.

### Probuphine may not receive FDA approval or be successfully commercialized.

Probuphine, which is in late Phase 3 clinical development, will require significant further capital expenditures, and regulatory clearances prior to commercialization. Even if we are able to obtain the requisite funding to complete the NDA submission and regulatory process, the preclinical, clinical and manufacturing control data may not be adequate to demonstrate the safety and efficacy of Probuphine to the satisfaction of the regulatory authorities in the U.S. and elsewhere. Of the large number of drugs in development, only a small percentage successfully complete the FDA regulatory approval process and are commercialized. To date, we have experienced setbacks in some of our other product development efforts. For example, the results of a study evaluating the EKG profile of patients taking iloperidone led to a significant delay in the development and commercialization of that product. We may continue to experience unanticipated problems relating to product development, testing, regulatory compliance, manufacturing, marketing and competition, and our costs and expenses could exceed current estimates. We cannot predict whether Probuphine will be successfully commercialized or whether we will successfully develop or commercialize any other product.

### We must comply with extensive government regulations.

The research, development, manufacture and marketing of pharmaceutical products are subject to an extensive regulatory approval process by the FDA and other regulatory agencies in the U.S. and other countries. The process of obtaining required regulatory approvals for drugs, including conducting preclinical and clinical testing to determine safety and efficacy, is lengthy, expensive and uncertain. Even after such time and expenditures, we may not obtain necessary regulatory approvals for clinical testing or for the manufacturing or marketing of any products. We have limited experience in obtaining FDA approval. Regulatory approval may entail limitations on the indicated usage of a drug, which may reduce the drug s market potential. Even if regulatory clearance is obtained, post-market evaluation of the products, if required, could result in restrictions on a product s marketing or withdrawal of the product from the market, as well as possible civil and criminal sanctions. Our business will be seriously harmed if our regulatory submissions are delayed or we cancel plans to make submissions for proposed products for any of the following reasons:

unanticipated preclinical testing or clinical trial reports;

failure to reach agreement with the FDA regarding study protocols or endpoints;

changes in regulations or the adoption of new regulations;

unanticipated enforcement of existing regulations;

unexpected technological developments; and

#### developments by our competitors.

# We face risks associated with third parties conducting preclinical studies and clinical trials of our products; as well as our dependence on third parties to manufacture any products that we may successfully develop.

We depend on third-party laboratories and medical institutions to conduct preclinical studies and clinical trials for our products and other third-party organizations to perform data collection and analysis, all of which must maintain both good laboratory and good clinical practices. We will also depend upon third party manufacturers for the production of any products we may successfully develop to comply with current Good Manufacturing Practices of the FDA, which are similarly outside our direct control. If third party laboratories and medical institutions conducting studies of our products fail to maintain both good laboratory and clinical practices, the studies could be delayed or have to be repeated. Similarly, if the manufacturers of any products we develop in the future fail to comply with current Good Manufacturing Practices of the FDA, we may be forced to cease manufacturing such product until we have found another third party to manufacture the product.

# We face risks associated with clinical trial liability claims in the event that the use or misuse of our product candidates results in personal injury or death.

Our clinical liability insurance coverage may not be sufficient to cover claims that may be made against us in the event that the use or misuse of our product candidates results in personal injury or death. Any claims against us, regardless of their merit, could severely harm our financial condition, strain our management and other resources or destroy the prospects for commercialization of the product which is the subject of any such claim.

#### We may be unable to protect our patents and proprietary rights.

Our future success will depend to a significant extent on our ability to:

obtain and keep patent protection for our products and technologies on an international basis;

enforce our patents to prevent others from using our inventions;

maintain and prevent others from using our trade secrets; and

operate and commercialize products without infringing on the patents or proprietary rights of others.

We cannot assure you that our patent rights will afford any competitive advantages, and these rights may be challenged or circumvented by third parties. Further, patents may not be issued on any of our pending patent applications in the U.S. or abroad. Because of the extensive time required for development, testing and regulatory review of a potential product, it is possible that before a potential product can be commercialized, any related patent may expire or remain in existence for only a short period following commercialization, reducing or eliminating any advantage of the patent. For example, the two U.S. patents licensed by Titan under the MIT license have already expired, and we must rely on the method of use patent application for Probuphine to get patent protection and market exclusivity. If we sue others for infringing our patents, a court may determine that such patents are invalid or unenforceable. Even if the validity of our patent rights is upheld by a court, a court may not prevent the alleged infringement of our patent rights on the grounds that such activity is not covered by our patent claims.

In addition, third parties may sue us for infringing their patents. In the event of a successful claim of infringement against us, we may be required to:

pay substantial damages;

stop using our technologies and methods;

stop certain research and development efforts;

develop non-infringing products or methods; and

obtain one or more licenses from third parties.

If required, we cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain such licenses on acceptable terms, or at all. If we are sued for infringement, we could encounter substantial delays in development, manufacture and commercialization of our product candidates. Any litigation, whether to enforce our patent rights or to defend against allegations that we infringe third party rights, will be costly, time consuming, and may distract management from other important tasks.

We also rely in our business on trade secrets, know-how and other proprietary information. We seek to protect this information, in part, through the use of confidentiality agreements with employees, consultants, advisors and others. Nonetheless, we cannot assure you that those agreements will provide adequate protection for our trade secrets, know-how or other proprietary information and prevent their unauthorized use or disclosure. To the extent that consultants, key employees or other third parties apply technological information independently developed by them or by others to our proposed products, disputes may arise as to the proprietary rights to such information, which may not be resolved in our favor.

#### We face intense competition.

Competition in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries is intense. We face, and will continue to face, competition from numerous companies that currently market, or are developing, products for the treatment of the diseases and disorders we have targeted. Many of these entities have significantly greater research and development capabilities, experience in obtaining regulatory approvals and manufacturing, marketing, financial and managerial resources than we have. We also compete with universities and other research institutions in the development of products, technologies and processes, as well as the recruitment of highly qualified personnel. Our competitors may succeed in developing technologies or products that are more effective than the ones we have under development or that render our proposed products or technologies noncompetitive or obsolete. In addition, our competitors may achieve product commercialization or patent protection earlier than we will.

#### Healthcare reform and restrictions on reimbursements may limit our financial returns.

Our ability or the ability of our collaborators to commercialize drug products, if any, may depend in part on the extent to which government health administration authorities, private health insurers and other organizations will reimburse consumers for the cost of these products. These third parties are increasingly challenging both the need for and the price of new drug products. Significant uncertainty exists as to the reimbursement status of newly approved therapeutics. Adequate third party reimbursement may not be available for our own or our collaborator s drug products to enable us or them to maintain price levels sufficient to realize an appropriate return on their and our investments in research and product development.

### We may not be able to retain our key management and scientific personnel.

As a company with a limited number of personnel, we are highly dependent on the services of our executive management and scientific staff, in particular Sunil Bhonsle and Marc Rubin, our President and Executive Chairman, respectively, and our Senior Vice President Clinical Development and Medical Affairs, all of whom are parties to employment agreements with us. The loss of one or more of such individuals could substantially impair ongoing research and development programs and could hinder our ability to obtain corporate partners. Our success depends in large part upon our ability to attract and retain highly qualified personnel. We compete in our hiring efforts with other pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, as well as universities and nonprofit research organizations, and we may not be successful in our efforts to attract and retain personnel.

### **Risks Related To Our Common Stock**

### Our stock price has been and will likely continue to be volatile.

Our stock price has experienced substantial fluctuations and could continue to fluctuate significantly due to a number of factors, including:

variations in our anticipated or actual operating results;

sales of substantial amounts of our common stock;

announcements about us or about our competitors, including introductions of new products;

litigation and other developments relating to our patents or other proprietary rights or those of our competitors;

conditions in the pharmaceutical or biotechnology industries;

governmental regulation and legislation; and

change in securities analysts estimates of our performance, or our failure to meet analysts expectations. Our common stock is deemed to be a penny stock, which may make it more difficult for investors to sell their shares due to suitability requirements.

Our common stock is subject to Rule 15g-1 through 15g-9 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), which imposes certain sales practice requirements on broker-dealers which sell our common stock to persons other than established customers and accredited investors (generally, individuals with a net worth in excess of \$1,000,000 or annual incomes exceeding \$200,000 (or \$300,000 together with their spouses)). For transactions covered by this rule, a broker-dealer must make a special suitability determination for the purchaser and have received the purchaser s written consent to the transaction prior to the sale. This rule adversely affects the ability of broker-dealers to sell our common stock and the ability of our stockholders to sell their shares of common stock.

Additionally, our common stock is subject to the SEC regulations for penny stock. Penny stock includes any equity security that is not listed on a national exchange and has a market price of less than \$5.00 per share, subject to certain exceptions. The regulations require that prior to any non-exempt buy/sell transaction in a penny stock, a disclosure schedule set forth by the SEC relating to the penny stock market must be delivered to the purchaser of such penny stock. This disclosure must include the amount of commissions payable to both the broker-dealer and the registered representative and current price quotations for the common stock. The regulations also require that monthly statements be sent to holders of penny stock that disclose recent price information for the penny stock and information of the limited market for penny stocks. These requirements adversely affect the market liquidity of our common stock.

# Our net operating losses and research and development tax credits may not be available to reduce future federal and state income tax payments.

At December 31, 2010, we had federal net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards of \$226.4 million and \$7.0 million, respectively, and state net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards of \$138.8 million and \$6.6 million, respectively. Current federal and state tax laws include substantial restrictions on the utilization of net operating loss and tax credits in the event of an ownership change. We have not performed a change of ownership analysis since 1999 and, accordingly, some or all of our net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards may not be available to offset future taxable income, if any. Even if the carryforwards are available, they may be subject to annual limitations, lack of future taxable income, or future ownership changes that could result in the expiration of the carryforwards before they are utilized.

### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement or in the documents incorporated by reference herein or therein that are not descriptions of historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Reference is made in particular to the description of our plans and objectives for future operations, assumptions underlying such plans and objectives and other forward-looking terminology such as may, expects, believes, anticipates, intends, expects, projects, or similar terms, variations of such terms or the negative of such terms. Forward-looking statements are based on management s current expectations. Actual results could differ materially from those currently anticipated due to a number of factors, including those set forth under Risk Factors including, in particular, risks relating to:

the results of ongoing research and development activities;

uncertainties relating to preclinical and clinical testing, financing and strategic agreements and relationships;

the early stage of products under development;

government regulation;

patent matters; and

competition.

We expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in our expectations or any changes in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Except as otherwise described in the accompanying supplement to this prospectus, the net proceeds from any sale of our securities will be used for general corporate purposes, including research and product development activities. We may also use a portion of the net proceeds from the sale of the securities by us under this prospectus to acquire or invest in complementary businesses, technologies, product candidates or other intellectual property, although we have no present commitments or agreements to do so. Pending application of the proceeds of a sale of our securities, we intend to invest the net proceeds in short-term, investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, discounted or interest-bearing instruments.

### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities from time to time pursuant to underwritten public offerings, negotiated transactions, block trades or a combination of these methods. We may sell the securities separately or together:

through one or more underwriters or dealers in a public offering;

through agents; and/or

directly to one or more purchasers. We may distribute the securities from time to time in one or more transactions:

at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;

at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

We may solicit directly offers to purchase the securities being offered by this prospectus. We may also designate agents to solicit offers to purchase the securities from time to time. We may sell the securities being offered by this prospectus by any method permitted by law, including sales deemed to be an at the market offering as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, including without limitation sales made directly on the OTC Bulletin Board, on any other existing trading market for our securities or to or through a market maker. We will name in a prospectus supplement any agent involved in the offer or sale of our securities.

If we utilize a dealer in the sale of the securities being offered by this prospectus, we will sell the securities to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell the securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by the dealer at the time of resale.

If we utilize an underwriter in the sale of the securities being offered by this prospectus, we will execute an underwriting agreement with the underwriter at the time of sale and we will provide the name of any underwriter in the prospectus supplement that the underwriter will use to make resales of the securities to the public. In connection with the sale of the securities, we or the purchasers of securities for whom the underwriter may act as agent, may compensate the underwriter in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions. The underwriter may sell the securities to or through dealers, and the underwriter may compensate those dealers in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions.

We will provide in the applicable prospectus supplement any compensation we will pay to underwriters, dealers or agents in connection with the offering of the securities, and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed by underwriters to participating dealers. In compliance with guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA, the maximum consideration or discount to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker dealer may not exceed 8% of the aggregate amount of the securities offered pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement. Underwriters, dealers and agents participating in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act, and any discounts and commissions. We may enter into agreements to indemnify underwriters, dealers and agents gainst civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments they may be required to make in respect thereof. In the event that an offering made pursuant to this prospectus is subject to FINRA Rule 5121, the prospectus supplement will comply with the prominent disclosure provisions of that rule.

The securities may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange. To facilitate the offering of securities, certain persons participating in the offering may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the securities. This may include over-allotments or short sales of the securities, which involves the sale by persons participating in the offering of more securities than we sold to them. In these circumstances, these persons would cover such over-allotments or short positions by making purchases in the open market or by exercising their over-allotment option. In addition, these persons may stabilize or maintain the price of the securities by bidding for or purchasing securities in the open market or by imposing penalty bids, whereby

selling concessions allowed to dealers participating in the offering may be reclaimed if securities sold by them are repurchased in connection with stabilization transactions. The effect of these transactions may be to stabilize or maintain the market price of the securities at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. These transactions may be discontinued at any time.

We may authorize underwriters, dealers or agents to solicit offers by certain purchasers to purchase the securities from us at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. The contracts will be subject only to those conditions set forth in the prospectus supplement, and the prospectus supplement will set forth any commissions we pay for solicitation of these contracts.

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### **DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES**

#### **Common Stock**

We have authorized 125,000,000 shares of common stock, of which 59,386,542 shares were outstanding at December 20, 2011.

Holders of common stock have the right to cast one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of holders of common stock, including the election of directors. There is no right to cumulate votes for the election of directors. Stockholders holding a majority of the voting power of the capital stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, are necessary to constitute a quorum at any meeting of our stockholders, and the vote by the holders of a majority of such outstanding shares is required to effect certain fundamental corporate changes such as liquidation, merger or amendment of our Certificate of Incorporation.

Holders of common stock are entitled to receive dividends pro rata based on the number of shares held, when, as and if declared by our board of directors, from funds legally available therefor, subject to the rights of holders of any outstanding preferred stock. In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or the winding up of our affairs, all of our assets and funds remaining after the payment of all debts and other liabilities, subject to the rights of the holders of any outstanding preferred stock.

Holders of common stock are not entitled to preemptive or subscription or conversion rights, and there are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock.

#### **Preferred Stock**

We have authorized 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, none of which were outstanding at December 20, 2011 and 500,000 of which are reserved for issuance pursuant to the terms of our Rights Agreement. Our board of directors can issue shares of preferred stock in one or more series and can specify the following terms for each series:

the number of shares;

the designation, powers, preferences and rights of the shares; and

the qualifications, limitations or restrictions, except as otherwise stated in our certificate of incorporation.

The rights of holders of the preferred stock offered may be adversely affected by the rights of holders of any shares of preferred stock that may be issued in the future. Our board of directors may cause shares of preferred stock to be issued in public or private transactions for any proper corporate purpose. Examples include issuances to obtain additional financing in connection with acquisitions or otherwise, and issuances to our officers, directors and employees and our subsidiaries pursuant to benefit plans or otherwise. The preferred stock could have the effect of acting as an anti-takeover device to prevent a change in control of us.

Whenever preferred stock is to be sold pursuant to this prospectus, we will file a prospectus supplement relating to that sale which will specify:

the number of shares in the series of preferred stock;

the designation for the series of preferred stock by number, letter or title that shall distinguish the series from any other series of preferred stock;

the purchase price;

the dividend rate, if any, and whether dividends on that series of preferred stock will be cumulative, noncumulative or partially cumulative;

the voting rights of that series of preferred stock, if any;

any conversion provisions applicable to that series of preferred stock;

any redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to that series of preferred stock;

preemptive rights, if any;

any listing of that series of preferred stock on any securities exchange or market;

the relative ranking and preferences of that series of preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights if we liquidate, dissolve or wind up our affairs;

the liquidation preference per share of that series of preferred stock, if any; and

the terms of any other preferences or rights, if any, applicable to that series of preferred stock. The General Corporation Law of Delaware provides that the holders of preferred stock will have the right to vote separately as a class on any proposal involving fundamental changes in the rights of holders of that preferred stock. This right is in addition to any voting rights that may be provided for in the applicable certificate of designation.

The issuance of preferred stock could adversely affect the voting power, conversion or other rights of holders of common stock. Preferred stock could be issued quickly with terms calculated to delay or prevent a change in control of our company or make removal of management more difficult. Additionally, the issuance of preferred stock may have the effect of decreasing the market price of common stock.

The transfer agent and registrar for any series or class of preferred stock will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### **Equity Warrants**

We may issue warrants to purchase preferred stock or common stock. The warrants may be issued independently or together with any securities and may be attached to or separate from the securities. The warrants are to be issued under warrant agreements to be entered into between us and a bank or trust company, as warrant agent, all as shall be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to warrants being offered pursuant to such prospectus supplement. The following description of warrants will apply to the warrants offered by this prospectus unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement. The applicable prospectus supplement for a particular series of warrants may specify different or additional terms.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the following terms of equity warrants offered:

the title of the equity warrants;

the securities (i.e., preferred stock or common stock) for which the warrants are exercisable;

the price or prices at which the equity warrants will be issued;

if applicable, the designation and terms of the preferred stock or common stock with which the warrants are issued and the number of warrants issued with each share of preferred stock or common stock;

if applicable, the date on and after which the warrants and the related preferred stock or common stock will be separately transferable;

if applicable, a discussion of any material Federal income tax considerations; and

any other terms of the warrants, including procedures and restrictions relating to the exchange and exercise of the warrants.

Prior to exercise of the equity warrants, holders of equity warrants will not be entitled, by virtue of being such holders, to vote, consent, receive dividends, receive notice as stockholders with respect to any meeting of stockholders for the election of our directors or any other matter, or to exercise any rights whatsoever as our stockholders.

The exercise price payable and the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock purchasable upon the exercise of each equity warrant will be subject to adjustment in certain events, including the issuance of a stock dividend to holders of common stock or preferred stock or a stock split, reverse stock split, combination, subdivision or reclassification of common stock or preferred stock. In lieu of adjusting the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock purchasable upon exercise of each equity warrant, we may elect to adjust the number of equity warrants. No adjustments in the number of shares purchasable upon exercise of the equity warrants will be required until cumulative adjustments require an adjustment of at least 1% thereof. We may, at our option, reduce the exercise price at any time. No fractional shares will be issued upon exercise of equity warrants, but we will pay the

cash value of any fractional shares otherwise issuable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in case of any consolidation, merger, or sale or conveyance of our property in its entirety or substantially in its entirety, the holder of each outstanding equity warrant shall have the right to the kind and amount of shares of stock and other securities and property, including cash, receivable by a holder of the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock into which the equity warrant was exercisable immediately prior to such transaction.

Each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase for cash such principal amount of securities or shares of stock at such exercise price as shall in each case be set forth in, or be determinable as set forth in, the prospectus supplement relating to the warrants offered thereby. Warrants may be exercised at any time up to the close of business on the expiration date set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the warrants offered thereby. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void.

The warrants may be exercised as set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the warrants offered. Upon receipt of payment and the warrant certificate properly completed and duly executed at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the prospectus supplement, we will, as soon as practicable, forward the securities purchasable upon such exercise. If less than all of the warrants represented by such warrant certificate are exercised, a new warrant certificate will be issued for the remaining warrants.

### LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters governed by the laws of the State of Delaware with respect to the validity of the offered securities will be passed upon for us by Loeb & Loeb LLP, New York, New York.

#### EXPERTS

The audited financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus in reliance upon the report of Odenberg, Ullakko, Muranishi & Co. LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm and their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The following documents filed by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission are incorporated by reference in this prospectus:

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, filed on March 25, 2011;

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2011, filed on May 16, 2011;

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2011, filed on August 15, 2011;

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A for the period ended June 30, 2011, filed on August 17, 2011;

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2011, filed on November 14, 2011;

Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on February 4, 2011;

Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on March 18, 2011;

Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on June 21, 2011;

Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on July 12, 2011;

Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on August 17, 2011;

Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on October 31, 2011;

Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 17, 2011;

Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on December 21, 2011;

The description of our common stock set forth in our Registration Statement on Form 10 (Registration No. 000-27436) filed with the SEC on January 14, 2010, including any amendments thereto or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description;

The description of our Rights Plan set forth in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed on December 21, 2011. We also incorporate by reference all documents we file under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (a) after the initial filing date of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and before the effectiveness of the registration statement and (b) after the effectiveness of the registration statement and

before the filing of a post-effective amendment that indicates that the securities offered by this prospectus have been sold or that deregisters the securities covered by this prospectus then remaining unsold. Any statement contained herein or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes hereof to the extent that a statement in any other subsequently filed document which is also incorporated or deemed to be incorporated herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT US

We have filed a registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC for the securities we are offering by this prospectus. This prospectus does not include all of the information contained in the registration statement. You should refer to the registration statement and its exhibits for additional information. We will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a prospectus is delivered, a copy of any or all of the information that has been incorporated by reference in the prospectus but not delivered with the prospectus. We will provide this information upon oral or written request, free of charge. Any requests for this information should be made by calling or sending a letter to the Secretary of the Company, c/o Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc., at our office located at 400 Oyster Point Blvd., Suite 505, South San Francisco, California 94080.

We are required to file annual and quarterly reports, current reports, proxy statements, and other information with the SEC. We make these documents publicly available, free of charge, on our website at www.titanpharm.com as soonfont-size:10pt;">

Common units-publicly and privately held

18,223,168

18,115,036

Common units-Westlake

14,122,230

14,122,230

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## WESTLAKE CHEMICAL PARTNERS LP CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (Unaudited)

		rs <del>Co</del> mmon Unitholder Westlake	General <del>P</del> artner— Westlake	Accumulated Other Comprehens Income (Loss)	Noncontrolli	ng Total
	(in thousand	ds of dollars	)			
Balances at December 31, 2017 Net income Net effect of cash flow hedge Units issued for vested phantom units Quarterly distributions to unitholders Quarterly distribution to noncontrolling interest retained in OpCo by Westlake Balances at March 31, 2018	\$411,228 6,498  60	\$ 50,265 5,064 	\$(241,958) 733  (614)  \$(241,839)	 	\$ 778,935 68,419  (91,148 \$ 756,206	\$998,749 80,714 19 60 (13,071) ) (91,148) \$975,323
Balances at December 31, 2018 Net income	\$409,608 8,422	\$ 48,774 6,533	\$(242,572) —	\$	\$ 718,271 63,441	\$934,081 78,396
Proceeds from private placement of common units	62,934					62,934
Quarterly distributions to unitholders	(7,845)	(6,112 )			_	(13,957)
Quarterly distribution to noncontrolling interest retained in OpCo by Westlake	_				(81,507	(81,507)
Balances at March 31, 2019 The accompanying notes are an integral p	\$473,119 part of these		\$(242,572) I financial sta		\$ 700,205	\$979,947

## WESTLAKE CHEMICAL PARTNERS LP CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

(Chaudheu)	Three Mo Ended Ma 2019	
	(in thousa dollars)	nds of
Cash flows from operating activities	<b>••</b> ••••	+ <b>-</b>
Net income	\$78,396	\$80,714
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	26,844	27,698
Loss from disposition of property, plant and equipment	458	567
Other losses (gains), net	(180)	357
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Accounts receivable—third parties		(1,239)
Net accounts receivable—Westlake	1,479	737
Inventories	(587)	419
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	119	153
Accounts payable	2,497	(2,835)
Accrued and other liabilities	3,472	(487)
Other, net	(101)	138
Net cash provided by operating activities	113,499	106,222
Cash flows from investing activities		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(12,144)	(9,679)
Maturities of investments with Westlake under the Investment Management Agreement	80,000	112,000
Investments with Westlake under the Investment Management Agreement	(207,512)	(110,000)
Other	46	_
Net cash used for investing activities	(139,610)	(7,679)
Cash flows from financing activities	,	
Proceeds from private placement of common units	62,934	_
Proceeds from debt payable to Westlake	123,512	3,648
Quarterly distributions to noncontrolling interest retained in OpCo by Westlake	(81,507)	
Quarterly distributions to unitholders	(13,957)	,
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities		(100,571)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	-	(2,028)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	-	27,008
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		\$24,980
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.	, - ,	. ,

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1. Description of Business and Basis of Presentation

Description of Business

Westlake Chemical Partners LP (the "Partnership") is a Delaware limited partnership formed in March 2014 to operate, acquire and develop ethylene production facilities and related assets. On August 4, 2014, the Partnership completed its initial public offering (the "IPO") of 12,937,500 common units representing limited partner interests. On September 29, 2017, the Partnership completed a secondary offering of 5,175,000 common units at a price of \$22.00 per unit. On March 29, 2019, the Partnership completed the issuance and sale of 2,940,818 common units at a price of \$21.40 per unit through a private placement. Proceeds to Westlake Partners from the sale of the units were approximately \$62,934.

In connection with the IPO, the Partnership acquired a 10.6% interest in Westlake Chemical OpCo LP ("OpCo") and a 100% interest in Westlake Chemical OpCo GP LLC ("OpCo GP"), which is the general partner of OpCo. On April 29, 2015, the Partnership purchased an additional 2.7% newly-issued limited partner interest in OpCo for approximately \$135,341, resulting in an aggregate 13.3% limited partner interest in OpCo, effective April 1, 2015. On September 29, 2017, the Partnership purchased an additional 5.0% newly-issued limited partner interest in OpCo for approximately \$229,207, resulting in an aggregate 18.3% limited partner interest in OpCo, effective as of July 1, 2017. On March 29, 2019, the Partnership purchased an additional 4.5% newly-issued limited partner interest in OpCo for approximately \$201,445, resulting in an aggregate 22.8% limited partner interest in OpCo, effective January 1, 2019. The remaining 77.2% limited partner interest in OpCo is owned by Westlake Chemical Corporation.

OpCo owns three ethylene production facilities and a common carrier ethylene pipeline.

## Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated interim financial statements were prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") for interim periods. Accordingly, certain information and footnotes required for complete financial statements under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("U.S. GAAP") have not been included. These interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of the Partnership included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 (the "2018 Form 10-K"), filed with the SEC on March 1, 2019. These financial statements have been prepared in conformity with the accounting principles and practices as disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements of the Partnership for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 with the exceptions of those accounting standards adopted in 2019 as discussed in Note 1. References to "Westlake" refer collectively to Westlake Chemical Corporation and its subsidiaries, other than the Partnership, OpCo and OpCo GP.

The Partnership holds a 22.8% limited partner interest and the entire non-economic general partner interest in OpCo. The remaining 77.2% limited partner interest in OpCo is owned by Westlake, which has no rights to direct the activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of OpCo. As a result of the fact that substantially all of OpCo's activities are conducted on behalf of Westlake, and the fact that OpCo exhibits disproportionality of voting rights to economic interest, OpCo was deemed to be a variable interest entity. The Partnership, through its ownership of OpCo's general partner, has the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of OpCo, and it also has the obligation or right to absorb losses or receive benefits from OpCo that could potentially be significant to OpCo. As such, the Partnership was determined to be OpCo's primary beneficiary and therefore consolidates OpCo's results of operations and financial position. Westlake's retained interest of 77.2% is recorded as noncontrolling interest in the Partnership's consolidated financial statements.

In the opinion of the Partnership's management, the accompanying unaudited consolidated interim financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) that are necessary for a fair statement of the Partnership's financial position as of March 31, 2019, its results of operations for the three months

ended March 31, 2019 and 2018 and the changes in its cash position for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018.

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Results of operations and changes in cash position for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results that will be realized for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 or any other interim period. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements Credit Losses (ASU No. 2016-13)

In June 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standards update providing new guidance for the accounting for credit losses on loans and other financial instruments. The new guidance introduces an approach based on expected losses to estimate credit losses on certain types of financial instruments. The standard also modifies the impairment model for available-for-sale debt securities and provides for a simplified accounting model for purchased financial assets with credit deterioration since their origination. The accounting standard will be effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019 and is not expected to have a material impact on the Partnership's consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Fair Value Measurement (ASU No. 2018-13)

In August 2018, the FASB issued an accounting standards update to modify the disclosure requirements on fair value measurements. The amendments are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. An entity is permitted to early adopt any removed or modified disclosures and delay adoption of the additional disclosures until the effective date. Most amendments should be applied retrospectively but certain amendments should be applied prospectively. The Partnership is in the process of evaluating the impact that the new accounting guidance will have on the Partnership's consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Recently Adopted Accounting Standards

Leases (ASU No. 2016-02)

In February 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standards update on lease accounting that supersedes the previously issued lease guidance. The new standard requires lessees to recognize assets and liabilities for all long-term operating leases. An asset is recognized for the right to use an underlying leased asset and a liability is recognized for the obligation to make payments over the lease term. The standard also requires expanded lease disclosures. The standard requires a modified retrospective adoption approach and allows for the election of certain transition expedients. The Partnership adopted the standard effective January 1, 2019 using the optional transition method which allows entities to recognize a cumulative adjustment to the opening balance sheet in the period of adoption. The Partnership elected the package of optional transition expedients and was not required to reassess (1) whether any existing contracts are or contain leases, (2) classification of existing leases as operating or capital or (3) whether initial direct costs for existing leases qualify for capitalization under the new accounting standard. The Partnership did not elect the use of hindsight to determine the lease term when considering lease renewal or termination options. Adoption of the new standard did not have a material impact on the Partnership's consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

2. Accounts Receivable—Third Parties

Accounts receivable—third parties consist of the following:

*	March 31,	December (	31,
	2019	2018	
Trade customers	\$14,455	\$ 17,325	
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(728)	(921	)
	13,727	16,404	
Other	1,768		
Accounts receivable, net-third parti	e\$ 15,495	\$ 16,404	

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3. Inventories

Inventories consist of the following:

March 31, Decen	mber 31
2019 2018	
Finished products \$ 3,741 \$ 3,8	376
Feedstock, additives and chemicals 430 512	
Inventories \$ 4,171 \$ 4,3	388

4. Property, Plant and Equipment

Depreciation expense on property, plant and equipment of \$22,214 and \$22,157 is included in cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

5. Deferred Charges and Other Assets

Amortization expense on other assets of \$4,630 and \$5,541 is included in costs of sales in the consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

6. Distributions and Net Income Per Limited Partner Unit

On April 30, 2019, the board of directors of Westlake Chemical Partners GP LLC ("Westlake GP"), the Partnership's general partner, declared a quarterly cash distribution for the three months ended March 31, 2019 of \$0.4452 per unit. This distribution is payable on May 28, 2019 to the unitholders of record as of May 13, 2019.

The distributions are declared subsequent to quarter end; therefore, the table below represents total distributions declared from earnings of the related periods pertaining to such distributions.

	Three Mo	onths
	Ended M	arch 31,
	2019	2018
Net income attributable to the Partnership	\$14,955	\$12,295
Less:		
Limited partners' distributions declared on common units	15,666	12,814
Distributions declared with respect to the incentive distribution rights	—	733
Net income in excess of distribution (distribution in excess of net income)	\$(711)	\$(1,252)

Net income per unit applicable to common limited partner units is computed by dividing the respective limited partners' interest in net income by the weighted-average number of common units outstanding for the period. Because the Partnership has more than one class of participating securities, it uses the two-class method when calculating the net income per unit applicable to limited partners. The classes of participating securities include common units and incentive distribution rights. Net income attributable to the Partnership is allocated to the unitholders in accordance with their respective ownership percentages in preparation of the consolidated statement of equity. However, when distributions related to the incentive distribution rights are made, net income equal to the amount of those distributions is first allocated to the general partner before the remaining net income is allocated to the unitholders based on their respective ownership percentages. Basic and diluted net income per unit is the same because the Partnership does not have any potentially dilutive units outstanding for the periods presented.

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(in thousands of dollars, except unit amounts and per unit data)

	Three Mo 2019 Limited Partners' Common Units	nths Ended M Incentive Distribution Rights	
Net income attributable to the Partnership:	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	
Distribution declared	\$15,666	\$ –	-\$ 15,666
Distribution in excess of net income	(711)		(711)
Net income	\$14,955	\$ -	-\$ 14,955
Weighted average units outstanding:	22 245 20	NO.	22 245 200
Basic and diluted	32,345,39	8	32,345,398
Net income per limited partner unit: Basic and diluted	¢0.46		
Basic and diluted	\$0.46 Three Ma	ath a Da da d N	Touch 21
	2018	onths Ended N	larch 31,
	Limited		
	Partners' Common Units	Incentive Distribution Rights	Total
Net income attributable to the Partnership:			
Distribution declared	\$12,814	\$ 733	\$ 13,547
Distribution in excess of net income	(1,252)		(1,252)
Net income	\$11,562	\$ 733	\$ 12,295
Weighted average units outstanding:			
Basic and diluted	32,236,44	.9	32,236,449
NT-4	, ,		
Net income per limited partner unit: Basic and diluted	\$0.36		

The amended Partnership Agreement provides that the Partnership will distribute cash each quarter to all the unitholders, pro rata, until each unit has received a distribution of \$1.2938. If cash distributions to the Partnership's unitholders exceed \$1.2938 per unit in any quarter, the Partnership's unitholders and Westlake, as the holder of the Partnership's incentive distribution rights, will receive distributions according to the following percentage allocations:

	Marginal
	Percentage
	Interest in
	Distributions
Total Quarterly Distribution Per Unit	Unitholders Holders
Above \$1.2938 up to \$1.4063	85.0% 15.0 %
Above \$1.4063 up to \$1.6875	75.0% 25.0 %
Above \$1.6875	50.0% 50.0 %

The Partnership's distribution for the three months ended March 31, 2019 did not exceed the \$1.2938 per unit threshold, and, as a result, no distribution was made with respect to the Partnership's incentive distribution rights to

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Westlake, as the holder of the Partnership's incentive distribution rights. Distribution Per Common Unit Distributions per common unit for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018 were as follows: Three Months Ended March 31, 2019 2018 Distributions per common unit \$0.4328 \$0.3864

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7. Partners' Equity

On October 4, 2018, the Partnership and Westlake GP, the general partner of the Partnership, entered into an Equity Distribution Agreement with UBS Securities LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., RBC Capital Markets, LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC to offer and sell the Partnership's common units, from time to time, up to an aggregate offering amount of \$50,000. No common units had been issued under this program as of March 31, 2019.

On March 29, 2019, the Partnership completed the issuance and sale of 2,940,818 common units at a price of \$21.40 per unit through a private placement. Proceeds to the Partnership from the sale of the units were approximately \$62,934. TTWF LP, Westlake's principal stockholder and a related party, acquired 1,401,869 common units out of 2,940,818 common units issued in the private placement.

8. Related Party Transactions

The Partnership and OpCo regularly enter into related party transactions with Westlake. See below for a description of transactions with related parties.

Sales to Related Parties

OpCo sells ethylene to Westlake under the Ethylene Sales Agreement. Additionally, the Partnership and OpCo from time to time provide other services or products for which each charges Westlake a fee.

Sales to related parties were as follows:

Three Months Ended March 31, 2019 2018

Net sales—Westlak\$257,040 \$235,031

Cost of Sales from Related Parties

Charges for goods and services purchased by the Partnership and OpCo from Westlake and included in cost of sales relate primarily to feedstock purchased under the Feedstock Supply Agreement and services provided under the Services and Secondment Agreement.

Charges from related parties in cost of sales were as follows:

	Three Mo	onths
	Ended Ma	arch 31,
	2019	2018
Feedstock purchased from Westlake and included in cost of sales	\$122,155	\$105,415
Other charges from Westlake and included in cost of sales	27,572	28,406
Total	\$149,727	\$133,821

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Services from Related Parties Included in Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Charges for services purchased by the Partnership from Westlake and included in selling, general and administrative expenses primarily relate to services Westlake performs on behalf of the Partnership under the Omnibus Agreement, including the Partnership's finance, legal, information technology, human resources, communication, ethics and compliance and other administrative functions.

Charges from related parties included within selling, general and administrative expenses were as follows:

	Three Months		
	Ended	March	
	31,		
	2019	2018	
Services received from Westlake and included in selling, general and administrative expenses	\$6,603	\$6,251	

Goods and Services from Related Parties Capitalized as Assets

Charges for goods and services purchased by the Partnership and OpCo from Westlake which were capitalized as assets relate primarily to the services of Westlake employees under the Services and Secondment Agreement. Charges from related parties for goods and services capitalized as assets were as follows:

	Three
	Months
	Ended
	March 31,
	2019 2018
Goods and services purchased from Westlake and capitalized as assets	\$643 \$351
Receivable under the Investment Management Agreement	

On August 1, 2017, the Partnership, OpCo and Westlake executed an investment management agreement (the "Investment Management Agreement") that authorized Westlake to invest the Partnership's and OpCo's excess cash with Westlake for a term of up to a maximum of nine months. Per the terms of the Investment Management Agreement, the Partnership earns a market return plus five basis points and Westlake provides daily availability of the invested cash to meet any liquidity needs of the Partnership or OpCo. Accrued interest of \$34 and \$496 was included in the receivable under the Investment Management Agreement balance at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively. Total interest earned related to the Investment Management Agreement was \$818 and \$540 for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

The Partnership's receivable under the Investment Management Agreement was as follows:

March 31, December 31,<br/>2019March 31, December 31,<br/>2019Receivable under the Investment Management Agreement\$276,501\$148,956

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(Unaudited)

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Accounts Receivables

The Partnership's accounts receivable from Westlake result primarily from ethylene sales to Westlake under the Ethylene Sales Agreement.

The Partnership's accounts receivable from Westlake were as follows:

March 31, December 31, 2019 2018

Accounts receivable—Westlak\$ 47,626 \$ 57,280

Accounts Payable to Related Parties

The Partnership's accounts payable to Westlake result primarily from feedstock purchases under the Feedstock Supply Agreement and services provided under the Services and Secondment Agreement and the Omnibus Agreement. The related party accounts payable balances were as follows:

March 31, December 31, 2019 2018

Accounts payable—Westlal \$ 27,477

Related Party Leases

OpCo is obligated to Westlake under various rail cars leases. Operating lease rentals paid to Westlake for such leases were \$514 and \$318 for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, and reflected in other charges from Westlake that are included in cost of sales.

OpCo has two site lease agreements with Westlake, each of which has a term of 50 years. Pursuant to the site lease agreements, OpCo pays Westlake one dollar per site per year.

Debt Payable to Related Parties

See Note 9 for a description of related party debt payable balances. Interest on related party debt payable balances for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018 was \$5,900 and \$4,866, respectively. Interest on related party debt payable is presented as interest expense—Westlake in the consolidated statements of operations. Interest capitalized as a component of property, plant and equipment on related party debt was zero and \$15 for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018 and December 31, 2018, accrued interest on related party debt was \$5,852 and \$5,448, respectively, and is reflected as a component of accrued liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets.

Debt payable to related parties was as follows:

March 31, December 31, 2019 2018

Long-term debt payable to Westlake \$601,119 \$477,608

Major Customer and Concentration of Credit Risk

During the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, Westlake accounted for approximately 85.9% and 82.7%, respectively, of the Partnership's net sales.

Other

See Note 7 above for an additional related party transaction.

Table of Contents WESTLAKE CHEMICAL PARTNERS LP NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—Continued (Unaudited) (in thousands of dollars, except unit amounts and per unit data) 9. Long-term Debt Payable to Westlake Long-term debt payable to Westlake consists of the following: March 31, December 31, 2019 2018 OpCo Revolver (variable interest rate of LIBOR plus 2.0%, scheduled maturity of \$224,064 \$ 224,064 September 25, 2023) MLP Revolver (variable interest rate of LIBOR plus 2.0%, scheduled maturity of 377,055 253,544 April 29, 2021) \$601,119 \$477,608 On March 29, 2019, the Partnership borrowed \$123,512 under the MLP Revolver to partially fund the purchase of the additional 4.5% interest in OpCo. The weighted average interest rate on all long-term debt was 4.8% and 4.4%, respectively, at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018. As of March 31, 2019, the Partnership was in compliance with all of the covenants under the OpCo Revolver and the MLP Revolver. 10. Fair Value Measurements The Partnership reports certain assets and liabilities at fair value, which 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 (exit price). Under the accounting guidance for fair value measurements, inputs used to measure fair value are classified in one of three levels: Level 1: Ouoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2: Observable market-based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data. Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data. The Partnership has financial assets and liabilities subject to fair value measures. These financial assets and liabilities include accounts receivable, net, accounts payable and long-term debt payable to Westlake, all of which are recorded at carrying value. The amounts reported in the consolidated balance sheets for accounts receivable, net and accounts payable approximate their fair value due to the short maturities of these instruments. The carrying and fair values of the Partnership's long-term debt at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 are summarized in the table below. The Partnership's long-term debt includes the OpCo Revolver and the MLP Revolver at March 31, 2019. The fair value of debt is determined based on the present value of expected future cash flows using a discounted cash flow methodology. Because the Partnership's valuation methodology used for long-term debt requires the use of significant unobservable inputs, the inputs used to measure the fair value of the Partnership's long-term debt are classified as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy. Inputs used to estimate the fair values of the Partnership's long-term debt include the selection of an appropriate discount rate. March 31, 2019 December 31, 2018 Carrying Fair Carrying Fair Value Value Value Value OpCo Revolver \$224,064 \$225,253 \$224,064 \$221,002 MLP Revolver 377.055 375.365 253.544 249.747 11. Supplemental Information

Accrued Liabilities

Accrued liabilities were \$20,433 and \$16,250 at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively. Accrued interest, accrued maintenance, capital expenditures and accrued taxes, which are components of accrued liabilities, were \$5,852, \$3,850, \$2,827 and \$2,931, respectively, at March 31, 2019, and \$5,448, \$2,688, \$2,818 and \$1,564, respectively, at December 31, 2018. No other component of accrued liabilities was more than five percent of total

current liabilities.

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#### Non-cash Investing Activity

The change in capital expenditure accrual resulted in an increase in additions to property, plant and equipment by \$52 for the three months ended March 31, 2019. The change in capital expenditure accrual resulted in a decrease in additions to property, plant and equipment by \$117 for the three months ended March 31, 2018. 12. Commitments and Contingencies

The Partnership is subject to environmental laws and regulations that can impose civil and criminal sanctions and that may require the Partnership to mitigate the effects of contamination caused by the release or disposal of hazardous substances into the environment. These laws include the federal Clean Air Act, the federal Water Pollution Control Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), the Toxic Substances Control Act and various other federal, state and local laws and regulations. Under CERCLA, an owner or operator of property may be held strictly liable for remediating contamination without regard to whether that person caused the contamination, and without regard to whether the practices that resulted in the contamination were legal at the time they occurred. Because the Partnership's production sites have a history of industrial use, it is impossible to predict precisely what effect these legal requirements will have on the Partnership. Westlake will indemnify the Partnership for liabilities that occurred or existed prior to August 4, 2014.

The Partnership is involved in various legal proceedings incidental to the conduct of its business. The Partnership does not believe that any of these legal proceedings will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

#### 13. Subsequent Events

In April 2019, the Partnership repaid \$201,445 of borrowings under the OpCo Revolver.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section should be read in conjunction with the accompanying consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto and the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in Westlake Chemical Partners LP's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 (the "2018 Form 10-K"), as filed with the SEC on March 1, 2019. Unless otherwise indicated, references in this report to "we," "our," "us" or like terms, refer to Westlake Chemical Partners LP (the "Partnership"), Westlake Chemical OpCo LP ("OpCo") and Westlake Chemical OpCo GP LLC ("OpCo GP"). References to "Westlake" refer to Westlake Chemical Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries other than the Partnership, OpCo GP and OpCo. The following discussion contains forward-looking statements. Please read "Forward-Looking Statements" for a discussion of limitations inherent in such statements. Partnership Overview

We are a Delaware limited partnership formed by Westlake to operate, acquire and develop ethylene production facilities and related assets. On August 4, 2014, we closed our initial public offering (the "IPO") of 12,937,500 common units. In connection with the IPO, we acquired a 10.6% interest in OpCo and a 100% interest in OpCo GP, which is the general partner of OpCo. On April 29, 2015, we purchased an additional 2.7% newly-issued limited partner interest in OpCo, resulting in an aggregate 13.3% limited partner interest in OpCo, effective April 1, 2015. The 12,686,115 subordinated units of the Partnership, all of which were previously owned by Westlake, were converted into common units of the Partnership on August 30, 2017. On September 29, 2017, we completed a secondary public offering of 5,175,000 common units and purchased an additional 5.0% newly-issued limited partner interest in OpCo, resulting in an aggregate 18.3% limited partner interest in OpCo, effective July 1, 2017. On March 29, 2019, we completed a private placement of 2,940,818 common units and used the proceeds to purchase an additional 4.5% interest in OpCo, effective January 1, 2019, resulting in us owning an aggregate 22.8% limited partner interest in OpCo.

Currently, our sole revenue generating asset is our 22.8% limited partner interest in OpCo, a limited partnership formed by Westlake and us in anticipation of the IPO to own and operate an ethylene production business. We control OpCo through our ownership of its general partner. Westlake retains the remaining 77.2% limited partner interest in OpCo as well as a significant interest in us through its ownership of our general partner, 40.1% of our limited partner units (consisting of 14,122,230 common units) and our incentive distribution rights. OpCo's assets include (1) two ethylene production facilities ("Petro 1" and "Petro 2" and, collectively, "Lake Charles Olefins") at Westlake's Lake Charles, Louisiana site; (2) one ethylene production facility ("Calvert City Olefins") at Westlake's Calvert City, Kentucky site; and (3) a 200-mile common carrier ethylene pipeline (the "Longview Pipeline") that runs from Mont Belvieu, Texas to Westlake's Longview, Texas facility.

#### How We Generate Revenue

We generate revenue primarily by selling ethylene and the resulting co-products we produce. OpCo and Westlake have entered into an ethylene sales agreement (the "Ethylene Sales Agreement") pursuant to which we generate a substantial majority of our revenue. The Ethylene Sales Agreement is a long-term, fee-based agreement with a minimum purchase commitment and includes variable pricing based on OpCo's actual feedstock and natural gas costs and estimated other costs of producing ethylene (including OpCo's estimated operating costs and a five-year average of OpCo's expected future maintenance capital expenditures and other turnaround expenditures based on OpCo's planned ethylene production capacity for the year), plus a fixed margin per pound of \$0.10 less revenue from co-products sales. Pursuant to the Ethylene Sales Agreement, Westlake's obligation to pay for the annual minimum commitment (95% of OpCo's budgeted ethylene production), which is measured at the end of the year, is generally not reduced for the first 45 days of a force majeure event, but is reduced for the portion of a force majeure event extending beyond the 45th day.

Westlake has an option to take 95% of volumes in excess of the minimum commitment on an annual basis under the Ethylene Sales Agreement if we produce more than our planned production. Under the Ethylene Sales Agreement, the price for the sale of such excess ethylene to Westlake is based on a formula similar to that used for the minimum purchase commitment, with the exception of certain fixed costs. In addition, under the Ethylene Sales Agreement, if production costs billed to Westlake on an annual basis are less than 95% of the actual production costs incurred by OpCo during the contract year, OpCo is entitled to recover the shortfall in such production costs (proportionate to the volume sold to Westlake) in the subsequent year ("Shortfall"). The Shortfall is recognized during the period in which the related operating, maintenance or turnaround activities occur.

#### Operating Expenses, Maintenance Capital Expenditures and Turnaround Costs

Our management seeks to maximize the profitability of our operations by effectively managing operating expenses, maintenance capital expenditures and turnaround costs. Our operating expenses are comprised primarily of feedstock costs and natural gas, labor expenses (including contractor services), utility costs (other than natural gas) and turnaround and maintenance expenses. With the exception of feedstock, including natural gas, and utilities-related expenses, operating expenses generally remain relatively stable across broad ranges of production volumes but can fluctuate from period to period depending on the circumstances, particularly maintenance and turnaround activities. Our maintenance capital expenditures and turnaround costs are comprised primarily of maintenance of our ethylene production facilities and the amortization of capitalized turnaround costs. These capital expenditures relate to the maintenance and integrity of our facilities. We capitalize the costs of major maintenance activities, or turnarounds, and amortize the costs over the period until the next planned turnaround of the affected facility.

Operating expenses, maintenance capital expenditures and turnaround costs are built into the price per pound of ethylene charged to Westlake under the Ethylene Sales Agreement. Because the expenses other than feedstock costs and natural gas are based on forecasted amounts and remain a fixed component of the price per pound of ethylene sold under the Ethylene Sales Agreement for any given 12-month period, our ability to manage operating expenses, maintenance expenditures and turnaround cost may directly affect our profitability and cash flows. The impact on profitability is partially mitigated by the fact that we recognize any Shortfall as revenue in the period such costs and expenses are incurred. We seek to manage our operating and maintenance expenses on our ethylene production facilities by scheduling maintenance and turnarounds over time to avoid significant variability in our operating

margins and minimize the impact on our cash flows, without compromising our commitment to safety and environmental stewardship. In addition, we reserve cash on an annual basis from what we would otherwise distribute to minimize the impact of turnaround costs in the year of incurrence. The purchase price under the Ethylene Sales Agreement is not designed to cover capital expenditures for expansions.

## MLP Distributable Cash Flow and EBITDA

The body of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States is commonly referred to as "GAAP." For this purpose, a non-GAAP financial measure is generally defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as a numerical measure of a registrant's historical or future financial performance, financial position or cash flows that (1) excludes amounts, or is subject to adjustments that have the effect of excluding amounts, that are included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP in the statement of income, balance sheet or statement of cash flows (or equivalent statements) of the registrant; or (2) includes amounts, or is subject to adjustments that have the effect of including amounts, that are excluded from the most directly comparable measure so calculated and presented. The non-GAAP financial measures described in this Form 10-Q are not substitutes for the GAAP measures of earnings and cash flows. We use each of MLP distributable cash flow and EBITDA to analyze our performance. We define distributable cash flow as net income plus depreciation, amortization and disposition of property, plant and equipment, less contributions for turnaround reserves, maintenance capital expenditures and mark-to-market adjustment on derivative contracts. We define MLP distributable cash flow as distributable cash flow less distributable cash flow attributable to Westlake's noncontrolling interest in OpCo and distributions attributable to the incentive distribution rights holder. MLP distributable cash flow does not reflect changes in working capital balances. We define EBITDA as net income before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. MLP distributable cash flow and EBITDA are non-GAAP supplemental financial measures that management and external users of our consolidated financial statements, such as industry analysts, investors, lenders and rating agencies, may use to assess:

our operating performance as compared to other publicly traded partnerships;

our ability to incur and service debt and fund capital expenditures; and

the viability of acquisitions and other capital expenditure projects and the returns on investment of various investment opportunities.

We believe that the presentation of MLP distributable cash flow and EBITDA provides useful information to investors in assessing our financial condition and results of operations. The GAAP measures most directly comparable to MLP distributable cash flow are net income and net cash provided by operating activities. MLP distributable cash flow should not be considered as an alternative to GAAP net income or net cash provided by operating activities. MLP distributable cash flow has important limitations as an analytical tool because it excludes some but not all items that affect net income and net cash provided by operating activities. The GAAP measures most directly comparable to EBITDA are net income, income from operations and net cash provided by operating activities, but EBITDA should not be considered an alternative to such GAAP measures. EBITDA has important limitations as an analytical tool because it excludes (1) interest expense, which is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenues because we use capital assets and (3) income taxes, which is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenues because we use capital assets and (3) income taxes, which is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenues because we use capital assets and (3) income taxes, which is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenues because we use capital assets and (3) income taxes, which is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenues because we use capital assets and (3) income taxes, which is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenues because we use capital assets and (3) income taxes, which is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenues because we use capital assets and (3) income taxes, which is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenues because we use capital assets and (3) income taxes, which is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenues beca

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In March 29, 2019, we completed a private placement of 2,940,818 common units at a price of \$21.40 per unit, resulting in aggregate proceeds to the Partnership of approximately \$62.9 million. We used these net proceeds, along with borrowings under the MLP Revolver, to purchase an additional 4.5% limited partner interest in OpCo for approximately \$201.4 million, effective January 1, 2019, resulting in us owning an aggregate 22.8% limited partner interest in OpCo.

## **Results of Operations**

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(1) See "Reconciliation of MLP Distributable Cash Flow to Net Income and Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities" below.

(2) See "Reconciliation of EBITDA to Net Income, Income from Operations and Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities" below.

	Three	Months
	Ended	March
	31, 20	19
	Averag	ge Volume
	Sales I	rice
Product sales prices and volume percentage change from prior-year period	+4.6%	+0.6 %
	Three	Months
	Ended	March
	31,	
	2019	2018
Average industry prices <sup>(1)</sup>		
Ethane (cents/lb)	10.0	8.5
Propane (cents/lb)	15.7	20.2
Ethylene (cents/lb) <sup>(2)</sup>	17.0	23.6

<sup>(1)</sup>Industry pricing data was obtained through IHS Markit ("IHS"). We have not independently verified the data. (2)Represents average North American spot prices of ethylene over the period as reported by IHS.

Reconciliation of MLP Distributable Cash Flow to Net Income and Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities The following table presents reconciliations of MLP distributable cash flow to net income and net cash provided by operating activities, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures, for each of the periods indicated.

	Three Months Ended
	March 31,
	2019 2018
	(dollars in thousands)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$113,499 \$106,222
Loss from disposition of fixed assets	(458) (567)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities and other	(34,645) (24,941)
Net Income	78,396 80,714
Add:	
Depreciation, amortization and disposition of property, plant and equipment	27,302 28,265
Mark-to-market adjustment gain on derivative contracts	(715) —
Less:	
Contribution to turnaround reserves	(3,848 ) (4,148 )
Maintenance capital expenditures	(11,320) (7,979)
Incentive distribution rights	— (733 )
Distributable cash flow attributable to noncontrolling interest in OpCo	(72,260) (81,609)
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Net Income	78,396 80,714	
Less:		
Other income, net	815 491	
Interest expense	(5,900) (4,866)	
Provision for income taxes	(200) (283)	
Income from operations	83,681 85,372	
Add:		
Depreciation and amortization	26,844 27,698	
Other income, net	815 491	
EBITDA	\$111,340 \$113,561	

## Summary

For the quarter ended March 31, 2019, net income was \$78.4 million on net sales of \$299.1 million. This represents a decrease in net income of \$2.3 million as compared to the quarter ended March 31, 2018 net income of \$80.7 million on net sales of \$284.3 million. Net income for the first quarter of 2019 as compared to the first quarter of 2018 was lower primarily as a result of lower margins on third party ethylene sales resulting from lower ethylene sales prices and higher feedstock costs. Net income attributable to Westlake Chemical Partners LP for the quarter ended March 31, 2019 was \$15.0 million as compared to \$12.3 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, an increase of \$2.7 million, which was primarily due to a 4.5% increase in the Partnership's interest in OpCo, effective as of January 1, 2019, partially offset by lower margins on third party sales. Net sales for the first quarter of 2019 increased by \$14.8 million as compared to net sales for the first quarter of 2018 mainly due to increased sales prices for ethylene to Westlake per the terms of the Ethylene Sales Agreement and higher third party sales volume, partially offset by lower sales price to third parties. Income from operations was \$83.7 million for the first quarter of 2019 as compared to \$85.4 million for the first quarter of 2018. Income from operations for the first quarter of 2019 decreased mainly as a result of lower third party ethylene sales margins as compared to the first quarter of 2018.

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

First Quarter 2019 Compared with First Quarter 2018

Net Sales. Total net sales increased by \$14.8 million, or 5.2%, to \$299.1 million in the first quarter of 2019 from \$284.3 million in the first quarter of 2018. The overall average sales price in the first quarter of 2019 contributed to a 4.6% increase in net sales, due to increased ethylene sales prices to Westlake per the terms of the Ethylene Sales Agreement, partially offset by lower third party sales prices, compared to the first quarter of 2018. The overall increase in sales volumes was a result of higher sales to third parties for the first quarter of 2019, as compared to the first quarter of 2018.

Gross Profit. Gross profit decreased to \$90.7 million for the first quarter of 2019 from \$92.5 million for the first quarter of 2018. The gross profit margin in the first quarter of 2019 was 30.3%, as compared to 32.5% for the first quarter of 2018. The first quarter of 2019 gross profit margin was lower mainly due to lower third party sales prices and higher feedstock costs, as compared to the first quarter of 2018.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased by \$0.1 million, or 1.4%, to \$7.0 million in the first quarter of 2019 as compared to \$7.1 million in the first quarter of 2018. The decrease in the first quarter of 2019 was mainly attributable to a decrease in allowance for doubtful accounts as compared to the first quarter of 2018.

Interest Expense. Interest expense increased by \$1.0 million to \$5.9 million in the first quarter of 2019 from \$4.9 million in the first quarter of 2018, largely due to a higher interest rate on debt due to an increase in the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"), partially offset by a decrease in the applicable margin on the OpCo Revolver from 3% to 2% effective September 25, 2018.

Other Income. The increase in other income in the first quarter of 2019 as compared to the first quarter of 2018 was primarily due to an increase in interest income.

MLP Distributable Cash Flow. MLP distributable cash flow increased by \$3.1 million to \$17.6 million in the first quarter of 2019 from \$14.5 million in the first quarter of 2018. The increase in MLP distributable cash flow in the first quarter of 2019, as compared to the prior-year period, was primarily a result of the 4.5% increase in the Partnership's interest in OpCo, effective as of January 1, 2019 and the elimination of the Partnership's distributions to Westlake as the holder of the Partnership's incentive distribution rights per the July 2018 amendment to the Partnership's target distribution tiers. These increases were partially offset by lower margins on third party sales and higher maintenance capital expenditures at OpCo.

EBITDA. EBITDA decreased by \$2.3 million to \$111.3 million in the first quarter of 2019 from \$113.6 million in the first quarter of 2018. The decrease in EBITDA as compared to the prior-year period was primarily due to lower third party ethylene sales prices.

# CASH FLOW DISCUSSION FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2019 AND 2018 Operating Activities

Operating activities provided cash of \$113.5 million in the first three months of 2019 compared to cash provided by operating activities of \$106.2 million in the first three months of 2018. The \$7.3 million increase in cash flows from operating activities was mainly due to an increase in cash provided by working capital during the three months ended March 31, 2019 as compared to the prior-year period. Changes in components of working capital, which we define for the purposes of this cash flow discussion as accounts receivable—Westlake, accounts receivable, net—third parties, inventories, prepaid expenses and other current assets less accounts payable—Westlake, accounts payable—third parties and accrued liabilities, provided cash of \$8.1 million in the first three months of 2019 as compared to \$3.2 million of cash used in the first three months of 2018, resulting in an overall favorable change of \$11.3 million. The favorable change in working capital was mainly attributable to favorable changes in the accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities balances. The favorable change in accounts receivable was due to a decline in third party sales prices, and the favorable changes in accounts payable and accrued liabilities were due to the timing of payments to suppliers.

## Investing Activities

Net cash used for investing activities during the first three months of 2019 was \$139.6 million as compared to net cash used for investing activities of \$7.7 million in the first three months of 2018, mainly due to increased net cash investments under our investment management agreement with Westlake and higher capital expenditures at our facilities in the first three months of 2019, as compared to the prior-year period. Capital expenditures during the first three months of 2019 and 2018 were primarily related to projects to improve production capacity or reduce costs, maintenance and safety and environmental projects at our facilities.

#### **Financing Activities**

Net cash provided from financing activities during the first three months of 2019 was \$91.0 million as compared to net cash used for financing activities of \$100.6 million in the first three months of 2018. The cash inflows during the first three months of 2019 were a result of borrowings under the MLP Revolver of \$123.5 million and proceeds from the private placement of common units of approximately \$62.9 million. The outflows during the first three months of 2019 were related to the distribution of \$81.5 million to Westlake and of \$14.0 million to other unitholders by the Partnership. The cash outflows during the first three months of 2018 were related to the distribution of \$91.1 million to Westlake and of \$13.1 million to other unitholders by the Partnership. The distributions in the first three months of 2018 were partially offset by borrowings under the OpCo Revolver of \$3.6 million.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Liquidity and Financing Arrangements

On March 29, 2019, we completed the private placement of 2,940,818 common units at a price of \$21.40 per unit. Proceeds from the issuance of these common units were approximately \$62.9 million. The Partnership believes that, with the proceeds from this private placement, there will be no further need for the Partnership to access the equity capital markets during the remainder of 2019.

Pursuant to the terms of the ATM Agreement, the Partnership may offer and sell the Partnership's common units from time to time to or through the Managers, as the Partnership's sales agents or as principals, having an aggregate offering amount of up to \$50.0 million. The Partnership intends to use the net proceeds of sales of the common units, if any, for general partnership purposes, including the funding of potential drop-downs and other acquisitions. No common units had been issued under this program as of March 31, 2019.

Based on the terms of our cash distribution policy, we expect that we will distribute to our partners most of the excess cash generated by our operations. To the extent we do not generate sufficient cash flow to fund capital expenditures, we expect to fund them primarily from external sources, including borrowing directly from Westlake, as well as future issuances of equity and debt interests.

The Partnership maintains separate bank accounts, but Westlake continues to provide treasury services on our behalf under the Services and Secondment Agreement. Our sources of liquidity include cash generated from operations, the OpCo Revolver, the MLP Revolver and, if necessary and possible under then current market conditions, the issuance of additional common units representing limited partner interests of the Partnership, other classes of units representing limited partners interests of the Partnership or debt securities. We believe that cash generated from these sources will be sufficient to meet our short-term working capital requirements and long-term capital expenditure requirements and to make quarterly cash distributions. Westlake may also provide other direct and indirect financing to us from time to time, although it is not required to do so.

In order to fund non-annual turnaround expenditures, we cause OpCo to reserve approximately \$30.0 million during each twelve-month period for turnaround activities. Each of OpCo's ethylene production facilities requires turnaround maintenance approximately every five years. By reserving additional cash annually, we intend to reduce the variability in OpCo's cash flow. Westlake's purchase price for ethylene purchased under the Ethylene Sales Agreement includes a component (adjusted annually) designed to cover, over the long term, substantially all of OpCo's turnaround expenditures.

Our cash is generated from cash distributions from OpCo. OpCo is a restricted subsidiary under certain indentures governing Westlake's senior notes. The indentures governing Westlake's senior notes prevent OpCo from making distributions to us if any default or event of default (as defined in the indentures) exists. Westlake's credit facility does not prevent OpCo from making distributions to us.

On April 30, 2019, the board of directors of Westlake Chemical Partners GP LLC, our general partner, approved a quarterly distribution of \$0.4452 per unit payable on May 28, 2019 to unitholders of record as of May 13, 2019, which equates to a total amount of approximately \$15.7 million per quarter, or approximately \$62.7 million per year in aggregate, based on the number of common units outstanding on March 31, 2019. We do not have a legal or contractual obligation to pay distributions on a quarterly basis or any other basis at our minimum quarterly distribution rate or any other rate.

#### **Capital Expenditures**

Westlake has historically funded expansion capital expenditures related to Lake Charles Olefins and Calvert City Olefins. During the three months ended March 2018, Westlake loaned OpCo \$3.6 million to fund capital expenditures. Total capital expenditures for the three months ended March 31, 2019 were \$12.1 million. No funding was required by OpCo to fund capital expenditures during the three months ended March 31, 2019. We expect that Westlake will loan additional cash to OpCo to fund its expansion capital expenditures in the future, but Westlake is under no obligation to do so.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

As of March 31, 2019, our cash and cash equivalents totaled \$84.6 million. In addition, we have cash invested under the Investment Management Agreement (as described below) and a revolving credit facility with Westlake available to supplement cash if needed, as described under "Indebtedness" below.

In August 2017, the Partnership, OpCo and Westlake executed the Investment Management Agreement that authorized Westlake to invest the Partnership and OpCo's excess cash with Westlake for a term of up to a maximum of nine months. Per the terms of the Investment Management Agreement, the Partnership earns a market return plus five basis points and Westlake provides daily availability of the invested cash to meet any liquidity needs of the Partnership or OpCo. The Partnership had \$276.5 million of cash invested under the Investment Management Agreement at March 31, 2019.

Indebtedness

OpCo Revolver

In connection with the IPO, OpCo entered into a \$600.0 million revolving credit facility with Westlake (the "OpCo Revolver") that may be used to fund growth projects and working capital needs. As of March 31, 2019, outstanding borrowings under the OpCo Revolver totaled \$224.1 million and bore interest at the LIBOR rate plus 2.0%, which is accrued in arrears quarterly. On September 25, 2018, the OpCo Revolver was amended to extend the scheduled maturity date from August 4, 2019 to September 25, 2023 and revise the applicable margin from 3% to 2%. In April

2019, the Partnership repaid \$201.4 million of borrowings under the OpCo Revolver.

## MLP Revolver

In 2015, we entered into a senior, unsecured revolving credit agreement with Westlake Chemical Finance Corporation, an affiliate of Westlake (the "MLP Revolver"). The MLP Revolver has a borrowing capacity of \$600 million and is scheduled to mature in 2021. On March 29, 2019, the Partnership borrowed \$123.5 million under the MLP Revolver to partially fund the purchase of an additional 4.5% interest in OpCo. Borrowings under the MLP Revolver bear interest at LIBOR plus a spread ranging from 2.0% to 3.0% (depending on our consolidated leverage ratio), payable quarterly. The MLP Revolver provides that we may pay all or a portion of the interest on any borrowings in kind, in which case any such amounts would be added to the principal amount of the loan. The MLP Revolver requires that we maintain a consolidated leverage ratio of either (1) during any one-year period following certain types of acquisitions (including acquisitions of additional interests in OpCo), 5.50:1.0 or less, or (2) during any other period, 4.50:1.0 or less. The MLP Revolver also contains certain other customary covenants. The repayment of borrowings under the MLP Revolver is subject to acceleration upon the occurrence of an event of default. As of March 31, 2019, outstanding borrowings under the MLP Revolver totaled \$377.1 million. We intend to use the MLP Revolver to purchase additional limited partnership interests in OpCo in the future, in the event OpCo desires to sell such additional interests to us, for other acquisitions and for general corporate purposes.

## None.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain of the statements contained in this report are forward-looking statements. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this report that address activities, events or developments that we expect, project, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "believes," "intends," "may," "should," "could," "anticipates," "expects," "will" or comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategies or trends. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot give any assurances that these expectations will prove to be correct. Forward-looking statements relate to matters such as:

the amount of ethane that we are able to process, which could be adversely affected by, among other things, operating difficulties;

the volume of ethylene that we are able to sell;

the price at which we are able to sell ethylene;

industry market outlook, including prices and margins in third-party ethylene and co-products sales;

the parties to whom we will sell ethylene and on what basis;

volumes of ethylene that Westlake may purchase, in addition to the minimum commitment under the Ethylene Sales Agreement;

timing, funding and results of capital projects;

our intended minimum quarterly distributions and the manner of making such distributions;

our ability to meet our liquidity

needs;

timing of and amount of capital expenditures;

the Partnership's At-the-Market program and the use of any net proceeds from any sales under that program; potential loans from Westlake to OpCo to fund OpCo's expansion capital expenditures in the future;

expected mitigation of exposure to commodity price fluctuations;

turnaround activities and the variability of OpCo's cash flow;

compliance with present and future environmental regulations and costs associated with environmentally related penalties, capital expenditures, remedial actions and proceedings, including any new laws, regulations or treaties that may come into force to limit or control carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions or to address other issues of climate change; and

effects of pending legal proceedings.

We have based these statements on assumptions and analysis in light of our experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors we believe were appropriate in the circumstances when the statements were made. Forward-looking statements by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties that could significantly impact expected results, and actual future results could differ materially from those described in such statements. These statements are subject to a number of assumptions, risks and uncertainties, including those described under "Risk Factors" in the 2018 Form 10-K and the following:

general economic and business conditions;

the cyclical nature of the chemical industry;

the availability, cost and volatility of raw materials and energy;

uncertainties associated with the United States and worldwide economies, including those due to political tensions and unrest in the Middle East and elsewhere;

current and potential governmental regulatory actions in the United States and regulatory actions and political unrest in other countries, including environmental regulations;

industry production capacity and operating rates;

the supply/demand balance for our product;

competitive products and pricing pressures;

instability in the credit and financial markets;

access to capital markets;

terrorist acts;

operating interruptions (including leaks, explosions, fires, weather-related incidents, mechanical failure, unscheduled downtime, labor difficulties, transportation interruptions, spills and releases and other environmental risks);

changes in laws or regulations;

technological developments;

our ability to integrate acquired businesses;

foreign currency exchange risks;

our ability to implement our business strategies; and

creditworthiness of our customers.

Many of these factors are beyond our ability to control or predict. Any of the factors, or a combination of these factors, could materially affect our future results of operations and the ultimate accuracy of the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of our future performance, and our actual results and future developments may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Management cautions against putting undue reliance on forward-looking statements or projecting any future results based on such statements or present or prior earnings levels. Every forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of the particular statement, and we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Commodity Price Risk

A substantial portion of the Partnership's products and raw materials are commodities whose prices fluctuate as market supply and demand fundamentals change. However, our direct exposure to commodity price risk is limited to approximately 5% of our total ethylene production, which is the portion sold to third parties. We believe we have substantially mitigated our indirect exposure to commodity price fluctuations during the term of the Ethylene Sales Agreement through the minimum commitment and the cost-plus based pricing. Additionally, we may use short-term derivative instruments to reduce price volatility risk on feedstocks and ethylene associated with the production and sales to third parties. We entered into some of these agreements in December 2018. Based on our open derivative positions as of March 31, 2019, a hypothetical \$0.10 increase in the price of a gallon of ethane would have increased our income before taxes by \$1.3 million and a hypothetical \$0.10 decrease in the price of a pound of ethylene would have increased our income before taxes by \$3.2 million.

## Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to interest rate risk with respect to our outstanding debt, all of which is variable rate debt. At March 31, 2019, we had total variable rate debt of \$601.1 million outstanding, all of which was owed to wholly-owned subsidiaries of Westlake, and currently accrues interest at a variable rate of LIBOR plus 200 basis points. The weighted average variable interest rate of our debt as of March 31, 2019 was 4.8%. We will continue to be subject to interest rate risk with respect to our variable rate debt as well as the risk of higher interest cost if and when this debt is refinanced. A hypothetical increase in our average interest rate on variable rate debt by 100 basis points would increase our annual interest expense by approximately \$6.0 million, based on the March 31, 2019 debt balance. Item 4. Controls and Procedures

We carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15 or 15d-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective with respect to (i) the accumulation and communication to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, of information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we submit under the Exchange Act, and (ii) the recording, processing, summarizing and reporting of such information within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the three months ended March 31, 2019 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The 2018 Form 10-K, filed on March 1, 2019, contained a description of various legal proceedings in which we are involved, including environmental proceedings. See below and Note 12 to the unaudited consolidated financial statements within this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a discussion on legal proceedings, which information is incorporated by reference herein.

Under the Omnibus Agreement, Westlake Chemical Corporation ("Westlake") has agreed to indemnify the Partnership for certain environmental and other liabilities relating to OpCo's processing facilities and related assets. Potential Flare Modifications. For several years, the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has been conducting an enforcement initiative against petroleum refineries and petrochemical plants with respect to emissions from flares. On April 21, 2014, Westlake received a Clean Air Act Section 114 Information Request from the EPA which sought information regarding flares at the Calvert City and Lake Charles facilities. The EPA has informed Westlake that the information provided leads the EPA to believe that some of the flares are out of compliance with applicable standards. The EPA has indicated that it is seeking a consent decree that would obligate Westlake to take corrective

actions relating to the alleged noncompliance. The Partnership believes the resolution of these matters may require the payment of a monetary sanction in excess of \$100,000.

Risk Management Program Investigation. The EPA has conducted inspections and information requests to assess compliance with Risk Management Program requirements under the Clean Air Act at the Calvert City facility. The EPA has identified concerns with the facility's compliance under the Risk Management Program and Release Prevention regulations in connection with certain emissions release events between 2011 and 2015. Westlake has engaged in communications with EPA to resolve these concerns. Westlake has reached an agreement in principle with the EPA to resolve all concerns for a penalty of \$49,000 and an \$184,000 supplemental environmental project involving the purchase of emergency response equipment for Marshall and Livingston Counties. The EPA and Westlake are currently finalizing the settlement documents.

In addition to the matters described above, the Partnership is involved in various legal proceedings incidental to the conduct of its business. The Partnership does not believe that any of these legal proceedings will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

For a discussion of risk factors, please read Item IA, "Risk Factors" in the 2018 Form 10-K. There have been no material changes from those risk factors.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

On March 29, 2019, the Partnership completed the private placement of 2,940,818 common units pursuant to an exemption from registration under Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Proceeds to the Partnership from the sale of the units were approximately \$62,934 and were used, along with borrowings under the MLP Revolver, to purchase an additional 4.5% limited partner interest in OpCo for approximately \$201.4 million. Item 5. Other Information None

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## Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit No. Exhibit

2.1	Equity Purchase Agreement by and among Westlake Chemical Partners LP, Westlake Chemical OpCo LP and WPT LLC, dated as of March 26, 2019 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Westlake Chemical Partners LP's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on March 27, 2019, File No. 001-36567).	
4.1	Registration Rights Agreement by and among Westlake Chemical Partners LP and the persons named therein, dated as of March 29, 2019 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Westlake Chemical Partners LP's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on March 29, 2019, File No. 001-36567).	
31.1†	Rule 13a – 14(a) / 15d – 14(a) Certification (Principal Executive Officer)	
31.2†	Rule 13a – 14(a) / 15d – 14(a) Certification (Principal Financial Officer)	
32.1#	Section 1350 Certification (Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer)	
101.INS†	XBRL Instance Document	
101.SCH†	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document	
101.CAL†	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document	
101.DEF†	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document	
101.LAB†	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document	
101.PRE†	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document	
Filed herewith.		

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized. WESTLAKE CHEMICAL PARTNERS LP

- Date: May 2, 2019 By: /S/ ALBERT CHAO Albert Chao President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Westlake Chemical Partners GP LLC (Principal Executive Officer)
- Date: May 2, 2019 By: /S/ M. STEVEN BENDER M. Steven Bender Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Westlake Chemical Partners GP LLC (Principal Financial Officer)