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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## **FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2013

or

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from

Commission File Number: 001-34547

to

Commission File Number: 333-168639

# Cloud Peak Energy Inc.

## **Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 26-3088162

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**505 S. Gillette Ave., Gillette, Wyoming** (Address of principal executive offices)

26-4073917 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**82716** (Zip Code)

(307) 687-6000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Cloud Peak Energy Inc.

Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC

Yes x oNo

Yes x oNo

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Cloud Peak Energy Inc.

Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC

Yes x oNo
Yes x oNo

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):

	Non-accelerated filer					
	Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer	(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company		
Cloud Peak Energy Inc.	X	0	o	0		
Cloud Peak Energy Resources						
LLC	0	0	X	0		

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Cloud Peak Energy Inc.

Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC

o Yes No x

o Yes No x

Number of shares outstanding of Cloud Peak Energy Inc. s common stock, as of the latest practicable date: Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, 60,827,144 shares outstanding as of April 23, 2013. 100% of the common membership units of Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC outstanding as of April 23, 2013 are held by Cloud Peak Energy Inc.

This combined Form 10-Q is separately filed by Cloud Peak Energy Inc. and Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC. Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC meets the conditions set forth in General Instruction H(1)(a) and (b) of Form 10-Q and is therefore filing this form with the reduced disclosure format allowed under that General Instruction.

## CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC. AND

## CLOUD PEAK ENERGY RESOURCES LLC

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**Explanatory Note** 

This combined Form 10-Q is filed by Cloud Peak Energy Inc. and Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC. Each Registrant hereto is filing on its own behalf all of the information contained in this report that relates to such Registrant. Each Registrant hereto is not filing any information that relates to such other Registrant, and therefore makes no representation as to any such information. Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC is the sole direct subsidiary of Cloud Peak Energy Inc., providing 100% of Cloud Peak Energy Inc. s total consolidated revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and constituting nearly 100% of Cloud Peak Energy Inc. s total consolidated assets as of March 31, 2013.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, the terms Cloud Peak Energy, the Company, we, us, and our refer to both Cloud Peak Energy Inc. and Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC and their subsidiaries. Discussions or areas of this report that either apply only to Cloud Peak Energy Inc. or Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC are clearly noted in such sections.

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## PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Item 1. Financial Statements.

### CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		led
	2013		2012
Revenue	\$ 338,052	\$	372,903
Costs and expenses			
Cost of product sold (exclusive of depreciation, depletion, and accretion, shown			
separately)	276,029		282,945
Depreciation and depletion	23,212		23,391
Accretion	4,127		2,649
Derivative mark-to-market (gains) losses	(13,652)		2,056
Selling, general and administrative expenses	13,607		14,742
Other operating costs	110		93
Total costs and expenses	303,433		325,876
Operating income	34,619		47,027
Other income (expense)			
Interest income	125		446
Interest expense	(10,483)		(5,850)
Other, net	(241)		58
Total other expense	(10,599)		(5,346)
Income before income tax provision and earnings from unconsolidated affiliates	24,020		41,681
Income tax expense	(8,836)		(15,101)
Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates, net of tax	211		38
Net income	15,395		26,618
Other comprehensive income			
Retiree medical plan amortization of prior service costs	444		394
Other postretirement plan adjustments	30		90
Income tax on retiree medical plan and pension adjustments	(171)		(174)
Other comprehensive income	303		310
Total comprehensive income	\$ 15,698	\$	26,928
Income (loss) per common share:			
Basic	\$ 0.25	\$	0.44
Diluted	\$ 0.25	\$	0.44
Weighted-average shares outstanding - basic	60,609		60,008
Weighted-average shares outstanding - diluted	61,093		60,761

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

## CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

## (in thousands)

	March 31, 2013 (unaudited)	December 31, 2012 (audited)
ASSETS	· ´	· ´
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 218,604	\$ 197,691
Investments in marketable securities	80,473	80,341
Accounts receivable	98,713	76,117
Due from related parties		1,561
Inventories, net	81,034	81,675
Deferred income taxes	26,653	28,112
Derivative financial instruments	27,461	13,785
Other assets	22,510	16,513
Total current assets	555,448	495,795
Noncurrent assets		
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,675,611	1,678,294
Goodwill	35,634	35,634
Deferred income taxes	94,300	101,075
Other assets	43,562	40,525
Total assets	\$ 2,404,555	\$ 2,351,323
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 64,650	\$ 49,589
Royalties and production taxes	135,391	129,351
Accrued expenses	61,835	50,364
Due to related parties	59	
Current portion of tax agreement liability	19,485	19,485
Current portion of federal coal lease obligations	63,191	63,191
Other liabilities	2,772	2,770
Total current liabilities	347,383	314,750
Noncurrent liabilities		
Tax agreement liability, net of current portion	97,053	97,053
Senior notes	596,621	596,506
Federal coal lease obligations, net of current portion	122,928	122,928
Asset retirement obligations, net of current portion	238,684	238,991
Other liabilities	53,749	50,073
Total liabilities	1,456,418	1,420,301
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 9)		
Equity		
Common stock (\$0.01 par value; 200,000 shares authorized; 61,113 and 61,114 shares issued		
and 60,822 and 60,839 outstanding at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively)	608	608
Treasury stock (291 shares and 276 shares at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012,		
respectively)	(5,650)	(5,390)
Additional paid-in capital	552,128	550,452
Retained earnings	421,209	405,813
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(20,158)	(20,461)

Total equity	948,137	931,022
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 2.404.555 \$	2.351.323

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## **CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.**

## UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

## (in thousands)

		<b>Three Months Ended</b>		
		Marc	h 31,	2012
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Cash flows from operating activities	\$	15 205	\$	26 610
Net income	Þ	15,395	Ф	26,618
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		22.212		22 201
Depreciation and depletion		23,212		23,391
Accretion		4,127		2,649
Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates		(211)		(38)
Deferred income taxes		7,945		11,854
Stock compensation expense		1,676		3,232
Derivative mark-to-market (gains) losses		(13,652)		2,056
Other		3,318		2,229
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable		(22,574)		2,220
Inventories, net		630		(3,731)
Due to or from related parties		1,620		(232)
Other assets		(6,369)		(14,725)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		22,577		(1,572)
Asset retirement obligations		(327)		(1,466)
Cash (paid) received for financial derivative instruments		(24)		524
Net cash provided by operating activities		37,343		53,009
Investing activities				
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(13,030)		(14,338)
Investments in marketable securities		(13,051)		(28,349)
Maturity and redemption of investments		12,920		5,930
Investment in project development		(2,429)		-,
Return of restricted cash		(=, .=>)		71,245
Partnership escrow deposit				(4,470)
Other		23		773
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(15,567)		30,791
Financing activities				
Payment of deferred financing fees		(863)		
Net cash used in financing activities		` '		
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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		20,913		83,800
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		197,691		404,240
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	218,604	\$	488,040
Supplemental cash flow disclosures:				
Interest paid	\$	640	\$	653
Income taxes paid	\$	5,377	\$	12,638
Supplemental noncash investing and financing activities:				
Non-cash interest capitalized	\$	7,828	\$	14,520
Capital expenditures included in accounts payable	\$	4,655	\$	3,416

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## CLOUD PEAK ENERGY RESOURCES LLC

## (SUBSIDIARY OF CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.)

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Accounts receivable		98,713	76,117
Inventories, net		81,034	81,675
Deferred income taxes		19,638	21,096
Derivative financial instruments		27,461	13,785
Other assets		22,175	16,224
Total current assets		548,098	486,929
Noncurrent assets			
Property, plant and equipment, net		1,675,611	1,678,294
Goodwill		35,634	35,634
Deferred income taxes		59,361	66,136
Other assets		43,514	40,478
Total assets	\$	- ,-	\$ 2,307,471
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	64,587	\$ 49,571
Royalties and production taxes	Ф	135.391	129,351
Accrued expenses		60,443	43,908
Due to related parties		8,963	10,993
Current portion of federal coal lease obligations		63,191	63,191
Other liabilities		2,772	2,769
Total current liabilities		335,347	299,783
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Noncurrent liabilities			
Senior notes		596,621	596,506
Federal coal lease obligations, net of current portion		122,928	122,928
Asset retirement obligations, net of current portion		238,684	238,991
Other liabilities		53,748	50,073
Total liabilities		1,347,328	1,308,281
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 9)			
Equity			
Member s equity		1,035,048	1,019,651
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(20,158)	(20,461)
Total member s equity		1,014,890	999,190
Total liabilities and member s equity	\$	2,362,218	,
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Due to or from related parties	(2,029)		(7,598) (14,445)
Other assets	(6,324) 27,857		8,745
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### CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC. AND

#### CLOUD PEAK ENERGY RESOURCES LLC

### NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Organization and Business

CPE Inc. is one of the largest producers of coal in the United States of America (U.S.) and the Powder River Basin (PRB), based on our 2012 coal sales. We operate some of the safest mines in the coal industry. According to MSHA data, in 2012, we had one of the lowest employee all injury incident rates among the largest U.S. coal producing companies.

We currently operate solely in the PRB, the lowest cost region of the major coal producing regions in the U.S., where we operate three wholly-owned surface coal mines, the Antelope mine, the Cordero Rojo mine and the Spring Creek mine. We also have two major development projects, the Youngs Creek project and the potential Crow project.

Our Antelope and Cordero Rojo mines are located in Wyoming and are two of the four largest coal mines in the U.S. Our Spring Creek mine is located in Montana. Our logistics business is the largest U.S. exporter of thermal coal into South Korea. Our mines produce subbituminous thermal coal with low sulfur content, and we sell our coal primarily to domestic and foreign electric utilities. We do not produce any metallurgical coal. Thermal coal is primarily consumed by electric utilities and industrial consumers as fuel for electricity generation and steam output. In 2012, the coal we produced generated approximately 4% of the electricity produced in the U.S. As of December 31, 2012, we controlled approximately 1.3 billion tons of proven and probable reserves. For information regarding our revenue and long-lived assets by geographic area, as well as revenue from external customers, Adjusted EBITDA and total assets by segment, please see Note 14.

During 2012, we acquired rights to substantial undeveloped coal and complementary surface assets in the Northern PRB ( Youngs Creek project ). In January 2013, we executed an option to lease agreement ( Option Agreement ) and a corresponding exploration agreement ( Exploration Agreement ) with the Crow Tribe of Indians, which are subject to approval by the Department of the Interior. This potential coal project ( Crow project ) is located on the Crow Indian Reservation in southeast Montana, near our Spring Creek mine and Youngs Creek project. We are in the process of evaluating the development options for the Youngs Creek project and the potential Crow project, but believe that their proximity to the Spring Creek mine represents an opportunity to optimize our mine developments in the Northern PRB.

For purposes of this report, the term Northern PRB refers to the area within the PRB that lies within Montana and the northern part of Sheridan County, Wyoming. Our Spring Creek mine, the Decker mine, the Youngs Creek project and the potential Crow project are located in the Northern PRB.

We continue to seek ways to increase our future export capacity through existing and proposed new Pacific Northwest export terminals, including our option agreement with SSA Marine. This throughput option agreement with SSA Marine provides us with an option for up to 16 million tonnes of capacity per year through the planned dry bulk cargo Gateway Pacific Terminal at Cherry Point in the State of Washington. Our potential share of capacity will depend upon the ultimate capacity of the terminal. The terminal would accommodate cape size vessels. Our

O	ption is	exercisable	following f	uture permit	completion	for the terminal.	the timing of	which is uncertain.
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CPE Inc. conducts all of its business through CPE Resources and its subsidiaries.	CPE Inc.	s consolidated financial statements are substantially	y
identical to CPE Resources s consolidated financial statements, with the following	ng exception	ons:	

- Tax agreement liability and deferred tax assets relating thereto
- Earnings per share (see Note 13)
- Equity-based compensation (see Note 15)
- Supplemental guarantor information (see Note 16)

## **Principles of Consolidation**

We consolidate the accounts of entities in which we have a controlling financial interest under the voting control model. We account for our 50% non-operating interest in Decker Coal Company ( Decker ) using the proportionate consolidation method, whereby our share of Decker s assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses are included in our consolidated financial statements. Investments in other entities that we do not control but have the ability to exercise

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### CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC. AND

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significant influence over the investee s operating and financial policies, are accounted for under the equity method. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements.

The interim period unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (U.S. GAAP). In accordance with U.S. GAAP for interim financial statements, these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements do not include certain information and note disclosures that are normally included in annual financial statements prepared in conformity with U.S. GAAP. The year-end condensed consolidated balance sheet data was derived from audited consolidated financial statements, but does not include all footnote disclosures required to be included in annual financial statements by U.S. GAAP. Accordingly, these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and for each of the three years ended December 31, 2012, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 (2012 Form 10-K). In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments, which are of a normal and recurring nature, necessary to present fairly the financial position as of March 31, 2013, the results of operations and comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, and the cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, in conformity with U.S. GAAP.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts. These estimates and assumptions are based on information available as of the date of the financial statements. Accounting measurements at interim dates inherently involve greater reliance on estimates than at year-end. The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of results that can be expected for the full year. Please refer to the section entitled Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates of Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our 2012 Form 10-K for a discussion of our critical accounting policies and estimates.

Certain amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation. Due to the tabular presentation of rounded amounts, certain tables reflect insignificant rounding differences.

## 2. Accounting Policies and Standards Update

#### Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

From time to time, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) or other standard setting bodies issue new accounting pronouncements. Updates to the FASB Accounting Standards Codification are communicated through issuance of an Accounting Standards Update (ASU). Unless otherwise discussed, we believe that the impact of recently issued guidance, whether adopted or to be adopted in the future, is not expected to be material to our consolidated financial statements upon adoption.

Offsetting Assets and Liabilities

In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-11, Balance Sheet (Topic 210): Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities. In January 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-01, Balance Sheet (Topic 210): Clarifying the Scope of Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities. ASU 2011-11, as clarified by ASU 2013-01, requires an entity to disclose information about offsetting and related arrangements to enable users of financial statements to understand the effect of those arrangements on its financial position, and to allow investors to better compare financial statements prepared under U.S. GAAP with financial statements prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The new standards are effective for annual periods beginning January 1, 2013, and interim periods within those annual periods. Retrospective application is required. As this accounting standard only requires enhanced disclosure, which is included in Note 4, the adoption of this standard did not impact our financial position or results of operations.

Other Comprehensive Income

In February 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-02, Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income. This guidance requires disclosure of amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income by component. In addition, an entity is required to present either on the face of the statement of operations or in the notes, significant amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income by the respective line items of net income but only if the amount reclassified is required to be reclassified to net

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### **CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC. AND**

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income in its entirety in the same reporting period. For amounts not reclassified in their entirety to net income, an entity is required to cross-reference to other disclosures that provide additional detail about those amounts. This guidance is effective prospectively for annual and interim periods beginning January 1, 2013. As this accounting standard only requires enhanced disclosure, which is included in Note 12, the adoption of this standard did not impact our financial position or results of operations.

### 3. Inventories

Inventories, net, consisted of the following (in thousands):

	М	arch 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Materials and supplies	\$	78,014 \$	76,989
Less: Obsolescence allowance		(837)	(834)
Material and supplies, net		77,177	76,155
Coal inventory		3,858	5,519
Inventories, net	\$	81,034 \$	81,675

### 4. Derivatives

We are exposed to various types of risk in the normal course of business, including fluctuations in commodity prices and particularly the prices we receive for our coal sales, both domestically and internationally, and the prices we pay for our consumption of certain raw materials such as diesel fuel. We seek to manage some of the volatility of these fluctuations by using derivative financial instruments.

All of our derivative financial instruments are recognized in the balance sheet at fair value. As mark-to-market accounting is applied, changes in the fair value of the derivative financial instruments are included in Operating income on the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income each period. Amounts shown below represent the fair value position of individual contracts, but are presented on a net basis in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets, where right of offset by counterparty is allowed.

We held derivative financial instruments as follows (in thousands except per barrel amounts):

## **International Coal Forward Contracts**

We use international coal forward contracts linked to Newcastle coal prices to help manage our exposure to variability in future international coal prices.

		March 31, 2013											
Year of Settlement	Notional Amount (tons)		Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	O Co	oss Amounts  offset in the  onsolidated  alance Sheet	Pro C	et Amounts esented in the consolidated alance Sheet						
2013	646	\$	12,964	\$	(848)	\$	12,116						
2014	1,124		9,831				9,831						
2015	344		4,268				4,268						
2016	132		1,215				1,215						
Total	2,246	\$	28,278	\$	(848)	\$	27,430						

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	December 31, 2012										
Year of Settlement	Notional Amount		Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	O Co	oss Amounts ffset in the onsolidated clance Sheet	Pi	Net Amounts resented in the Consolidated Balance Sheet				
2013	516	\$	9,288	\$		\$	9,288				
2014	198		2,776				2,776				
2015	212		1,598				1,598				
2016	132		15		(30)		(15)				
Total	1,058	\$	13,677	\$	(30)	\$	13,647				

There were no cash collateral requirements at March 31, 2013 or December 31, 2012.

### WTI Collars

We use costless collars to help manage our exposure to market changes in diesel fuel prices. The collars are indexed to the West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil price as quoted on the New York Mercantile Exchange. As such, the nature of the collar does not directly offset market changes to our diesel costs. Under a collar agreement, we pay the difference between the index price and a floor price if the index price is below the floor, and we receive the difference between the ceiling price and the index price if the index price is above the ceiling price. No amounts are paid or received if the index price is between the floor and ceiling prices. While we would not receive the full benefit of extreme price decreases, the collars mitigate the risk of extreme crude oil price increases and thereby increased diesel costs that would otherwise have a negative impact on our cash flow.

	Notional		l-Aver parrel	rage	Amo Reco	ross unts of ognized	Offset Conso	amounts in the lidated	Pre	et Amounts sented in the
Settlement Period	Amount (barrels)	Floor		Ceiling	As	ssets	Balanc	e Sheet	Ва	lance Sheet
April 2013 to June 2013	126	\$ 70.30	\$	110.43	\$	5	\$		\$	5
July 2013 to										
September 2013	126	70.00		110.00		41				41
October 2013 to										
December 2013	138	73.78		113.85		14				14
January 2014 to										
March 2014	144	73.00		115.10				(29)		(29)
Total	534	\$ 71.86	\$	112.47	\$	60	\$	(29)	\$	31

				Decem	ber 31,	2012			
Settlement Period	Notional Amount (barrels)	Weighted-Avera per barrel Floor		age Ceiling	Am Rec	Gross nounts of cognized Assets	Gross Amounts Offset in the Consolidated Balance Sheet	Presei Cons	Amounts nted in the solidated nce Sheet
January 2013 to									
March 2013	129	\$ 66.24	\$	105.47	\$	13	\$	\$	13
April 2013 to June 2013	126	70.30		110.43		34			34
July 2013 to									
September 2013	126	70.00		110.00		91			91
Total	381	\$ 68.83	\$	108.61	\$	138	\$	\$	138

There were no cash collateral requirements at March 31, 2013 or December 31, 2012.

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### **Domestic Coal Futures Contracts**

During the first quarter of 2013, we commenced the use of futures contracts to help manage our exposure to market changes in domestic coal prices. The contracts are referenced to the 8800 Btu coal price, sold from the PRB, as quoted on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Amounts due to us or to the exchange as a result of changes in the market price of our open contracts and to fulfill margin requirements are received or paid through our brokerage bank on a daily basis; therefore, there is no asset or liability on the balance sheet.

		March 31, 2013									
Year of Settlement	Notional Amount (tons)		Gain	Loss							
2014	420	\$	67	\$		91					
Total	420	\$	67	\$		91					

There were no domestic coal futures contracts as of December 31, 2012.

## **Total Derivative Activity**

For all derivative financial instruments, we had the following activity (in thousands):

	2013	2012
Derivative financial instruments net asset at January 1,	\$ 13,785	\$ 2,275
Total derivative mark-to-market gains (losses) for the three months ended March 31,	13,652	(2,056)
Total derivative cash settlements paid (received) for the three months ended March 31,	24	(524)
Derivative financial instruments net asset (liability) at March 31,	\$ 27,461	\$ (305)

See Note 5 for a discussion related to the fair value of derivative financial instruments.

## 5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Due to the short term nature of certain of our financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, amounts due from related parties, accounts payable, and certain current liabilities, we believe that their historical cost approximated fair value.

We also held investments in marketable securities and derivative financial instruments that we assessed and reported on our balance sheet at fair value as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012. We use a three-level fair value hierarchy that categorizes assets and liabilities measured at fair value based on the observability of the inputs utilized in the valuation. The levels of the hierarchy, as defined below, give the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

- Level 1 is defined as observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 1 assets include investments in trading securities, primarily asset-backed securities.
- Level 2 is defined as observable inputs other than Level 1 prices. These include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in an active market, quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities. Our Level 2 assets and liabilities include derivative financial instruments with fair values derived from quoted prices in over-the-counter markets or from prices received from direct broker quotes.
- Level 3 is defined as unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions. We had no Level 3 investments as of March 31, 2013 or December 31, 2012.

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The tables below set forth, by level, our financial assets and liabilities that are recorded at fair value in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets (in thousands). As required by accounting guidance, assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

	Fair Value at March 31, 2013									
Description	]	Level 1		Level 2		Total				
Assets										
Money market funds(1)	\$	145,400	\$		\$	145,400				
Derivative financial instruments	\$		\$	27,461	\$	27,461				
Investments in marketable securities	\$		\$	80,473	\$	80,473				

	Fair Value at December 31, 2012										
Description		Level 1		Level 2		Total					
Assets											
Money market funds(1)	\$	145,422	\$		\$	145,422					
Derivative financial instruments	\$		\$	13,785	\$	13,785					
Investments in marketable securities	\$		\$	80,341	\$	80,341					

<sup>(1)</sup> Included in cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated balance sheets along with \$73.2 million and \$52.3 million of demand deposits at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

We did not have any transfers between levels during the three months ended March 31, 2013. Our policy is to value all transfers between levels using the beginning of period valuation.

## 6. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consisted of the following (in thousands):

			March 31, 2013							mber 31, 2012		
	n	rincipal	(	Carrying Value		Fair		Principal	(	Carrying Value	,	Fair Value(1)
	P	гистраг		vaiue		Value(1)		Principai		vaiue		value(1)
8.25% Senior Notes due 2017, net												
of unamortized discount	\$	300,000	\$	298,534	\$	320,250	\$	300,000	\$	298,471	\$	329,418

8.50% Senior Notes due 2019, net						
of unamortized discount	300,000	298,087	312,000	300,000	298,035	332,700
Total long-term debt	\$ 600,000	\$ 596,621	\$ 632,250	\$ 600,000	\$ 596,506	\$ 662,118

<sup>(1)</sup> The fair value of the senior notes was based on observable market inputs, which are considered Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

## 7. Other Short-Term and Long-Term Obligations

## Federal Coal Lease Obligations

Federal coal lease obligations consisted of (in thousands):

	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Federal coal lease obligations, current	\$ 63,191	\$ 63,191
Federal coal lease obligations, noncurrent	122,928	122,928
Total federal coal lease obligations	\$ 186,119	\$ 186,119

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Our federal coal lease obligations, as reflected in the consolidated balance sheets, consist of obligations payable to the Bureau of Land Management of the U.S. Department of the Interior (the BLM) discounted at an imputed interest rate. Imputed interest is included in accrued expenses.

We have federal coal lease payments, as follows (dollars in thousands):

			March 31, 2013		December 31, 2012			2012	
	Annual	Imputed	Carrying		Fair		Carrying		Fair
Payment Dates	Payment	Interest Rate	Value		Value(1)		Value		Value(1)
May 1, 2009 2013	\$ 9,620	8.70% \$	8,852	\$	9,602	\$	8,852	\$	9,532
July 1, 2011 2015	\$ 59,545	8.50%	152,078		173,407		152,078		171,075
September 1, 2011 2015	\$ 9,862	8.50%	25,189		28,437		25,189		28,196
		\$	186,119	\$	211,446	\$	186,119	\$	208,803

<sup>(1)</sup> The fair value of estimates for federal coal lease obligations were determined by discounting the remaining lease payments using the then current estimate of the credit-adjusted, risk-free rate based on our then current credit rating, which are considered Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

Future payments on federal coal leases are as follows (in thousands):

Year Ended December 31,	
2013	\$ 79,027
2014	69,407
2015	69,407
Total	217,841
Less: imputed interest	31,722
Total principal payments	186,119
Less: current portion	63,191
Long-term federal coal leases payable	\$ 122,928

### Accounts Receivable Securitization

On February 11, 2013, we executed an Accounts Receivable Securitization Facility ( A/R Securitization Program ) with capacity of up to \$75 million. CPE Resources and certain of our subsidiaries are parties to the A/R Securitization Program. In January 2013, we formed CPE Receivables LLC (the SPE), a special purpose, bankruptcy-remote wholly-owned subsidiary to purchase, subject to certain exclusions, in a true sale, trade receivables generated by certain of our subsidiaries without recourse (other than customary indemnification obligations for breaches of specific representations and warranties), and then transfer undivided interests in up to \$75 million of those accounts receivable to a financial institution for cash borrowings for our ultimate benefit. The total aggregate borrowings and letters of credit are limited by eligible accounts receivable, as defined under the terms of the A/R Securitization Program. At March 31, 2013, the A/R Securitization Program would have allowed for \$51.8 million of borrowing capacity. There were no borrowings from the A/R Securitization Program at March 31, 2013. The SPE is consolidated into our financial statements.

### Amended Credit Agreement

On January 18, 2013, CPE Resources entered into Amendment No. 2 to the Amended Credit Agreement and Amendment No. 1 to the Security Agreement, which provides for amendments to allow for the release of certain types of liens, among other things.

The Amended Credit Agreement establishes a commitment to provide us with a \$500 million senior secured revolving credit facility, which can be used to borrow funds or issue letters of credit. The financial covenants in the Amended Credit Agreement are based on EBITDA (which is defined in the Amended Credit Agreement and is not the same as EBITDA or Adjusted EBITDA otherwise presented), requiring us to maintain defined minimum levels of interest coverage and providing for a limitation on our leverage ratio. If our EBITDA were to decline and we were unable to negotiate an

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amendment with the bank group, our actual borrowing capacity under the Amended Credit Agreement may be reduced. Subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, we may elect to increase the size of the revolving credit facility and/or request the addition of one or more new tranches of term loans in a combined amount of up to \$200 million. Our obligations under the credit facility are secured by substantially all of CPE Resources s assets and substantially all of the assets of certain of CPE Resources s subsidiaries, subject to certain permitted liens and customary exceptions for similar coal financings. Our obligations under the credit facility are also supported by a guarantee by CPE Resources s domestic restricted subsidiaries. The credit facility matures on June 3, 2016. As of March 31, 2013, no cash borrowings were outstanding under the credit facility.

### 8. Asset Retirement Obligations

Changes in the carrying amount of our AROs were as follows (in thousands):

	;	2013
Balance at January 1,	\$	240,634
Accretion expense		4,127
Revisions to estimated cash flows		(2,057)
Payments		(327)
Balance at March 31,		242,377
Less: current portion		(3,693)
Asset retirement obligation, net of current portion	\$	238,684

Revisions to estimated cash flows pertain to revisions in the estimated amount and timing of legally required reclamation activities throughout the lives of the respective mines and reflect changes in estimates of closure volumes, disturbed acreages, and third-party unit costs as of March 31, 2013.

## 9. Commitments and Contingencies

### **Commitments**

Purchase Commitments

We had outstanding purchase commitments consisting of (in thousands):

	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Capital commitments		
Equipment	\$ 21,294	\$ 20,317
Land	23,700	23,700
Supplies and services		
Coal purchase commitments	\$ 31,685	\$ 28,633
Transportation agreements	241,285	159,398
Materials and supplies	21,698	24,552

## **Contingencies**

Litigation

Decker Litigation

On July 9, 2012, our wholly-owned indirect subsidiary, Western Minerals LLC ( Western Minerals ), filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana (Billings Division), against KCP Inc. ( KCP ), its 50% joint-venture partner in the Decker mine in Montana. Western Minerals also named as defendants KCP s parent companies, Ambre

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Energy North America, Inc. ( Ambre N.A. ) and Ambre Energy Limited ( Ambre Limited and together with Ambre N.A. Ambre ). In its complaint, Western Minerals alleges that KCP and Ambre are engaging in self-dealing and other wrongful conduct in breach of the Decker joint venture agreement and other legal duties owed to the joint venture and its 50/50 owners. Western Minerals asserts claims for breach of contract, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, breach of fiduciary duty, aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty, civil conspiracy, and a request for an accounting of, among other things, unauthorized Decker expenditures and Ambre s proposed self-dealing transactions concerning sales of Decker coal to Ambre and its affiliates. Western Minerals seeks both unspecified monetary damages and injunctive relief.

On August 23, 2012, KCP and Ambre N.A., filed an amended answer to Western Minerals complaint, replacing the original answer they filed on July 30, 2012. In their amended answer, KCP and Ambre N.A. deny the principal allegations of Western Minerals. Additionally, KCP asserted six counterclaims against Western Minerals: breach of contract, breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, breach of fiduciary duty, dissolution of the joint venture, civil conspiracy and a request for declaratory judgment. KCP also asserted two third-party claims against CPE Inc. for tortious interference of economic relations and civil conspiracy involving unnamed John Doe defendants. In general, KCP alleges that Western Minerals is frustrating the operation of the Decker mine to benefit Cloud Peak Energy s Spring Creek mine and export opportunities. Aside from the request that the court disassociate and expel Western Minerals from the Decker mine joint venture, KCP also seeks unspecified monetary damages in its counterclaims. Western Minerals and Cloud Peak Energy believe KCP s claims are without merit and intend to vigorously defend them. On September 14, 2012, Ambre Limited filed a motion to dismiss arguing that it was not subject to the jurisdiction of the Montana federal court. Western Minerals has filed a response to that motion and the court has not yet issued a ruling.

On December 5, 2012, we and Ambre Limited announced that our respective companies have entered into agreements for Ambre Limited to purchase our 50% interest in the Decker mine and related assets and assume all reclamation liabilities. The agreements will also provide for the joint resolution and dismissal of the pending Decker litigation upon closing of the transaction. Closing is expected to occur in the first half of 2013, subject to various closing conditions.

West Antelope II LBA Challenges

Challenges Against the BLM s Leasing Process; Intervention by Cloud Peak Energy and Others On May 3, 2010, WildEarth Guardians, Defenders of Wildlife and Sierra Club (collectively, WildEarth ) and the Powder River Basin Resource Council (PRBRC) filed appeals with the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) regarding the U.S. Bureau of Land Management s (BLM) decision to offer the West Antelope II (WAII) coal tracts for lease. On June 29, 2010, WildEarth voluntarily dismissed its appeal. On July 13, 2010, WildEarth filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia (D.C. District Court) challenging the BLM s decision. On November 2, 2010, the IBLA issued a decision in PRBRC s appeal, rejecting all of PRBRC s arguments and affirming the BLM s decision in all respects. On January 3, 2011, PRBRC filed a complaint in the D.C. District Court appealing the IBLA decision. On May 8, 2011, the D.C. District Court consolidated the WildEarth and PRBRC challenges. Antelope Coal LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CPE Resources, (along with the National Mining Association and the State of Wyoming) intervened in the consolidated action on the side of the BLM. In the consolidated action, WildEarth and PRBRC requested that the court vacate the BLM s authorization, sale and issuance of the WAII leases and enjoin any coal mining activity on the leases until the BLM and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had undertaken additional environmental analysis requested by the plaintiff organizations.

Award of LBAs to Cloud Peak Energy On May 11, 2011, the BLM held a competitive sale for the WAII North Tract. On June 15, 2011, the BLM held a competitive sale for the WAII South Tract. Antelope Coal LLC was the successful high bidder in both sales, and the BLM issued leases to Antelope Coal LLC for the North Tract effective July 1, 2011 and for South Tract effective September 1, 2011.

District Court Rejection of Challenges; Appeal by Plaintiffs On July 30, 2012, the D.C. District Court rejected WildEarth s and PRBRC s consolidated challenge to the IBLA decision and denied their request that the court vacate the WAII leases as well as their requested injunction against coal mining activity on the leases. On September 25, 2012 and September 26, 2012, PRBRC and WildEarth, respectively, filed notices of appeal in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. On March 12, 2013, PRBRC and WildEarth filed their joint opening brief in the D.C. Circuit. Although both groups are appealing the decision issued by the D.C. District Court, neither group has specified what relief they are seeking from the appellate court other than for the appellate court to reverse the decision of the D.C. District Court. Antelope Coal LLC is a respondent-intervenor in the consolidated appeal. Any adverse outcome of the appeal could adversely impact or delay our ability to mine the coal subject to the leases.

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We are involved in other legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business and may become involved in additional proceedings from time to time. We believe that there are no other legal proceedings pending that are likely to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. Nevertheless, we cannot predict the impact of future developments affecting our claims and lawsuits, and any resolution of a claim or lawsuit or an accrual within a particular fiscal period may adversely impact our results of operations for that period. In addition to claims and lawsuits against us, our LBAs, permits, and other industry regulatory processes and approvals may also be subject to legal challenges that could adversely impact our mining operations and results, as discussed above.

Tax Contingencies

Our income tax calculations are based on application of the respective U.S. federal or state tax law. Our tax filings, however, are subject to audit by the respective tax authorities. Accordingly, we recognize tax benefits when it is more likely than not a position will be upheld by the tax authorities. To the extent the final tax liabilities are different from the amounts originally accrued, the increases or decreases are recorded as income tax expense or benefit.

Several audits involving our income and non-income based taxes currently are in progress. We have provided our best estimate of taxes and related interest and penalties due for potential adjustments that may result from the resolution of such tax audits. From time to time, we may engage in settlement discussions with applicable tax authorities, which may result in adjustments to our estimates of taxes and related interest and penalties.

Concentrations of Risk and Major Customers

Approximately 86% of our revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2013 was under multi-year contracts compared to 87% for the three months ended March 31, 2012. While the majority of the contracts are fixed-price, certain contracts have adjustment provisions for determining periodic price changes. For the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, there was no single customer that represented more than 10% of consolidated revenue. We generally do not require collateral or other security on accounts receivable because our customers are comprised primarily of investment grade electric utilities. We seek to mitigate credit risk through credit approvals and monitoring procedures.

Guarantees and Off-Balance Sheet Risk

In the normal course of business, we are party to guarantees and financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk, such as bank letters of credit, performance or surety bonds and indemnities, which are not reflected on the consolidated balance sheet. In our past experience, virtually no claims have been made against these financial instruments. Management does not expect any material losses to result from these guarantees or off-balance-sheet instruments.

U.S. federal and state laws require we secure certain of our obligations to reclaim lands used for mining and to secure coal lease obligations. The primary method we have used to meet these reclamation obligations and to secure coal lease obligations is to provide a third-party surety bond, typically through an insurance company, or provide a letter of credit, typically through a bank. Specific bond and/or letter of credit amounts may change over time, depending on the activity at the respective site and any specific requirements under federal or state laws. As of March 31, 2013, we had no standby letters of credit and \$610.3 million of performance bonds outstanding (including our proportional share of the Decker mine) to secure certain of our obligations to reclaim lands used for mining and to secure coal lease obligations.

### 10. Postretirement Medical Plan

We maintain an unfunded postretirement medical plan to provide certain postretirement medical benefits to eligible employees. Net periodic postretirement benefit costs included the following components (in thousands):

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	Three Months Ended March 31,						
	2013		2012				
Service Cost	\$ 1,238	\$		1,053			
Interest Cost	418			356			
Amortization of prior service cost	444			394			
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 2,100	\$		1,803			

#### 11. Related Party Transactions

Related party activity consists of coal sales to our 50% owned coal marketing company and equity method investment, Venture Fuels Partnership (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended							
	March 31,							
	2013			2012				
Sales of coal to Venture Fuels Partnership	\$	171	\$		1,187			

## 12. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) ( AOCI ) by component, net of tax, for the three months ended March 31, are as follows (in thousands):

	1	Post- retirement Medical Plan	2013 Decker Defined Benefit Pension	Total	Post- retirement Medical Plan	2012 Decker Defined Benefit Pension	Total
Beginning balance, January 1	\$	(14,684)	\$ (5,777)	\$ (20,461) \$	(12,707)	\$ (5,907)	\$ (18,614)
Other comprehensive income							
before reclassifications		19		19		58	58
Amounts reclassified from							
accumulated other							
comprehensive income		284		284	252		252
Net current period other							
comprehensive income		303		303	252	58	310

Ending balance, March 31	\$	(14 381)	\$	(5.777) \$	(20,158) \$	(12.455) \$	(5.849) \$	(18,304)
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The reclassifications out of AOCI for the three months ended March 31, are as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,				
	:	2013		2012	
Postretirement Medical Plan(1)					
Amortization of prior service costs included in cost of product sold(2)	\$	371	\$	331	
Amortization of prior service costs included in selling, general and administrative expenses(2)		73		63	
Total before tax		444		394	
Tax benefit		(160)		(142)	
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	\$	284	\$	252	

(1) See Note 10 for the computation of net periodic postretirement benefit costs.

(2) Presented on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

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#### 13. Earnings per Share (CPE Inc. only)

Dilutive potential shares of common stock may include restricted stock and units, options and performance units issued under our Long Term Incentive Plan ( LTIP ). We apply the treasury stock method to determine dilution from restricted stock and units, options, and performance units.

The following table summarizes the calculation of diluted earnings per share (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended March 31,				
		2013		2012	
Numerator for calculation of diluted earnings per share:					
Net income	\$	15,395	\$	26,618	
Denominator for basic income per share weighted-average shares outstanding		60,609		60,008	
Dilutive effect of stock equivalents		484		753	
Denominator for diluted earnings per share		61,093		60,761	
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.25	\$	0.44	

For the periods presented, the following items were excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation because they were anti-dilutive (in thousands):

	Three Months En March 31,	ded
	2013	2012
Restricted stock and units	200	140
Options outstanding	131	186
Employee stock purchase plan	5	

# 14. Segment Information

We have reportable segments of Owned and Operated Mines, Logistics and Related Activities, and Corporate and Other.

Our Owned and Operated Mines segment is characterized by the predominant focus on thermal coal production where the sale occurs at the mine site and where title and risk of loss pass to the customer at that point. This segment includes our Antelope mine, Cordero Rojo mine, and Spring Creek mine. Sales in this segment are primarily to domestic electric utilities; although a portion is made to our Logistics and Related Activities segment. Our mines utilize surface mining extraction processes and are all located in the PRB. The gains and losses resulting from our domestic coal futures contracts and WTI collar derivative financial instruments are reported within this segment.

Our Logistics and Related Activities segment is characterized by the services we provide to our international and domestic customers where we deliver coal to them. Services provided typically include: delivered sales contract negotiations; purchase of coal from third parties or from our owned and operated mines; coordination of the transportation and delivery of purchased coal; and sales contract administration activities. Title and risk of loss are retained by the Logistics and Related Activities segment through the transportation and delivery process. Title and risk of loss pass to the customer in accordance with the contract and typically occurs at either a vessel loading terminal, a vessel unloading terminal or an end use facility. Risk associated with rail and terminal take-or-pay agreements is also borne by the Logistics and Related

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Activities segment. The gains and losses resulting from our international coal forward derivative financial instruments are reported within this segment.

Our Corporate and Other segment includes results relating to broker activity, our share of the Decker mine operations, and unallocated corporate costs and assets. All corporate costs, except Board of Directors related expenses, are allocated to the segments based upon their relative percentage of certain financial metrics.

Eliminations represent the purchase and sale of coal between reportable segments and the associated elimination of intercompany profit or loss in inventory. Sales between reportable segments are priced based on prevailing market prices, as determined by us with reference to independent third-party publications.

Our chief operating decision maker uses Adjusted EBITDA as the primary measure of segment reporting performance. EBITDA represents net income before (1) interest income (expense) net, (2) income tax provision, (3) depreciation and depletion, (4) amortization, and (5) accretion. Adjusted EBITDA represents EBITDA as further adjusted for specifically identified items that management believes do not directly reflect our core operations. For the periods presented herein, the specifically identified items are: (1) adjustments to exclude the updates to the tax agreement liability, including tax impacts of the IPO and Secondary Offering, (2) adjustments for derivative financial instruments, excluding fair value mark-to-market gains or losses and including cash amounts received or paid, and (3) adjustments to exclude a significant broker contract that expired in the first quarter of 2010.

#### Revenue

The following table presents revenue for the three months ended March 31, (in thousands):

	2013	2012
Owned and Operated Mines	\$ 278,774 \$	302,572
Logistics and Related Activities	65,870	79,553
Corporate and Other	5,828	5,698
Eliminations of intersegment sales	(12,421)	(14,920)
Consolidated revenue	\$ 338,052 \$	372,903

The following table presents revenue from external customers by geographic region for the three months ended March 31, (in thousands):

	201	13	2012
United States	\$	280,481 \$	304,029
Asia		57,571	68,662
Other			212
Total revenue from external customers	\$	338,052 \$	372,903

We attribute revenue to individual countries based on the location of the physical delivery of the coal. All of our revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 originated in the U.S.

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## Adjusted EBITDA

The following table reconciles segment Adjusted EBITDA to net income for the three months ended March 31, (in thousands):

	20	013		2012	
Adjusted EBITDA					
Owned and Operated Mines		\$	45,662	\$	67,240
Logistics and Related Activities			1,365		10,369
Corporate and Other			1,492		(1,727)
Eliminations			(268)		(140)
Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA			48,251		75,742
Interest expense, net			(10,358)		(5,404)
Depreciation, depletion and accretion			(27,339)		(26,040)
Income tax			(8,836)		(15,101)
Tax agreement expense(1)					
Derivative financial instruments:					
Exclusion of fair value mark-to-market gains					
(losses)(2)	\$ 13,652			\$ (2,056)	
Inclusion of cash amounts (received) paid(3)	24			(524)	
Total derivative financial instruments			13,676		(2,580)
Expired significant broker contract					
Net income		\$	15,395	\$	26,618

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## Total Assets

The following table presents total assets (in thousands):

<sup>(2)</sup> Derivative fair value mark-to-market (gains) losses reflected on the statement of operations.

<sup>(3)</sup> Derivative cash gains and losses reflected within operating cash flows.

	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Owned and Operated Mines	\$ 1,784,968	\$ 1,826,165
Logistics and Related Activities	64,422	46,426
Corporate and Other	555,077	478,536
Eliminations	88	196
Consolidated assets	\$ 2,404,555	\$ 2,351,323

As of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, all of our long-lived assets were located in the U.S.

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#### Capital Expenditures

The following table presents total capital expenditures, including investments in project development, for the three months ended March 31, (in thousands):

	2013	2012
Owned and Operated Mines	\$ 14,196 \$	12,222
Logistics and Related Activities	179	
Corporate and Other	1,085	2,116
Eliminations		
Consolidated	\$ 15,460 \$	14,338

## 15. Equity-Based Compensation (CPE Inc. only)

The Cloud Peak Energy Inc. 2009 Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) permits awards to our employees and eligible non-employee directors. The LTIP allows for the issuance of equity-based compensation in the form of restricted stock, restricted stock units, options, stock appreciation rights, dividend equivalent rights, performance awards, and share awards. Equity-based compensation expense is charged to CPE Resources through a management fee and is recorded primarily within selling, general, and administrative expenses in our consolidated statements of operations. As of March 31, 2013, unrecognized compensation cost related equity-based compensation was \$15.5 million, which will be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.3 years prior to vesting.

#### Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units

We granted restricted stock and restricted stock units under the LTIP to eligible employees and directors. Generally, the related agreements provide that full vesting will occur on the third anniversary of the grant date. However, pro-rata vesting will be sooner if a grantee terminates employment with or stops providing services to us because of death, disability, redundancy or retirement. Full vesting will occur if an employee is terminated without cause within two years after a change in control occurs (as such term is defined in the LTIP). Restricted stock units are granted to our directors and generally vest upon their resignation or retirement. They will pro-rata vest if a director resigns or retires within one year of the date of grant.

A summary of restricted stock and restricted stock unit award activity is as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	Number	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value (per share)	
Non-vested shares at January 1, 2013	304	\$ 18	8.46
Granted	146	1'	7.77
Forfeited	(1)	13	8.76
Vested	(55)	10	6.22
Non-vested shares at March 31, 2013	394	\$ 18	8.52

## Performance-Based Share Units

The LTIP allows for the award of performance share units which cliff vest after three years, subject to continued employment (with accelerated vesting upon a change in control). Performance-based share units granted represent the number of shares of common stock to be awarded based on the achievement of targeted performance levels related to pre-established total stockholder return goals over a three year period and may range from 0% to 200% of the targeted amount. The grant date fair value of the awards is based upon a Monte Carlo simulation and is amortized over the performance period.

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A summary of performance-based share unit award activity is as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	Number	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value (per share)
Non-vested units at January 1, 2013	376	\$ 18.66
Granted	228	20.24
Forfeited	(1)	18.71
Vested		
Non-vested units at March 31, 2013	603	\$ 19.26

The assumptions used to estimate the fair value of the performance-based share units are as follows:

Risk-free interest rate	0.4%
Expected volatility	42.54%
Term	3 years
Fair value (per share)	\$ 20.24

#### Non-Qualified Stock Options

Annually, we grant non-qualified stock options under the LTIP to certain employees. Generally, the agreements provide that any option awarded will become exercisable in three years. However, the option will become pro-rata exercisable sooner if a grantee terminates employment because of death, disability, redundancy or retirement. The option award will fully vest if an employee is terminated without cause within two years after a change in control occurs (as such term is defined in the LTIP). No option can be exercised more than ten years after the date of grant. Each award will be forfeited if the grantee terminates employment with or stops providing services to us for any reason other than those reasons noted above.

A summary of non-qualified stock option activity is as follows (in thousands, except per option and year amounts):

Weighted-

	Number	Weighted- Average Exercise Price (per option)	Average Remaining Contractual Term (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (1)
Options outstanding at January 1, 2013	1,332	\$ 15.95	7.38	\$ 4,720
Granted	229	17.50	10.00	
Exercised				
Forfeited	(3)	16.35		
Options outstanding at March 31, 2013	1,558	\$ 16.18	7.55	\$ 4,344
Exercisable at March 31, 2013	992	\$ 15.06	6.65	\$ 3,687
Vested and expected to vest at March 31, 2013	1,534	\$ 16.16	7.52	\$ 4,309

<sup>(1)</sup> The intrinsic value of a stock option is the amount by which the market value of the underlying stock exceeds the exercise price of the option at period-end.

We used the Black-Scholes option pricing model to determine the fair value of stock options. Determining the fair value of equity-based awards requires judgment, including estimating the expected term that stock options will be outstanding prior to exercise, and the associated volatility. As we have no historical exercise history, expected option life

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assumptions were developed using the simplified method as outlined in Topic 14, Share-Based Payment, of the Staff Accounting Bulletin Series. We utilized U.S. Treasury yields as of the grant date for our risk-free interest rate assumption, matching the treasury yield terms to the expected life of the option. We utilized a 6.5 year peer historical lookback to develop our expected volatility.

The assumptions used to estimate the fair value of options granted on March 11, 2013 are as follows:

Risk-free interest rate	1.4%
Expected option life	6.5 years
Expected volatility	49.7%
Fair value (per option)	\$ 8.72

## 16. Supplemental Guarantor/Non-Guarantor Financial Information (CPE Resources only)

In accordance with the indenture governing the senior notes, certain wholly-owned U.S. subsidiaries of CPE Resources (the Guarantor Subsidiaries ) have fully and unconditionally guaranteed these senior notes on a joint and several basis. These guarantees of either series of senior notes are subject to release in the following customary circumstances:

- a sale or other disposition (including by way of consolidation or merger or otherwise) of the Guarantor Subsidiary or the sale or disposition of all or substantially all the assets of the Guarantor Subsidiary (other than to the CPE Resources or a Restricted Subsidiary (as defined in the indenture) of CPE Resources) otherwise permitted by the indenture,
- a sale of the majority of the capital stock of a Guarantor Subsidiary to a third person otherwise permitted by the indenture, after which the applicable Guarantor Subsidiary is no longer a Restricted Subsidiary,
- upon a liquidation or dissolution of a Guarantor Subsidiary so long as no default under the indenture occurs as a result thereof,

• Guarantor	Subsidiary otherwise ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary of CPE Resources in accordance with the indenture,
•	defeasance or discharge of such series of senior notes or
• Subsidiary	the release, other than the discharge through payment by the Guarantor Subsidiary, of all other guarantees by such Restricted of Debt (as defined in the indenture) of CPE Resources or the co-issuer of the senior notes.
such infor	nancial statements and other disclosures concerning the Guarantor Subsidiaries are not presented because management believes that nation is not material to the senior note holders. The following historical financial statement information is provided for the 'Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries:
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# Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Income

(in thousands)

#### Three Months Ended March 31, 2013

		i nree M	onu	is Ended March 3	1, 20	113		
	Parent Company (CPE Resources)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	ļ	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries		Eliminations	(	Consolidated
Revenues	\$ 1	\$ 335,565	\$	2,486	\$			338,052
Costs and expenses								
Cost of product sold (exclusive of								
depreciation, depletion, amortization and								
accretion, shown separately)	8	272,455		3,566				276,029
Depreciation and depletion	652	23,249		(689)				23,212
Accretion		2,938		1,189				4,127
Derivative mark-to-market gains		(13,652)						(13,652)
Selling, general and administrative								
expenses	265	13,342						13,607
Other operating costs		110						110
Total costs and expenses	925	298,442		4,066				303,433
Operating income (loss)	(924)	37,123		(1,580)				34,619
Other income (expense)								
Interest income	125							125
Interest expense	(10,147)	(276)		(60)				(10,483)
Other, net	(158)	(283)		200				(241)
Total other (expense) income	(10,180)	(559)		140				(10,599)
Income (loss) before income tax provision and earnings (losses) from								
unconsolidated affiliates	(11,105)	36,564		(1,439)				24.020
Income tax benefit (expense)	1,000	(10,317)		482				(8,836)
Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates,	1,000	(10,517)		702				(6,650)
net of tax	4	207						211
Earnings (losses) from consolidated		207						211
affiliates, net of tax	25,496	(958)				(24,538)		
Net income (loss)	15,395	25,496		(958)		(24,538)		15,395
Other comprehensive income	13,373	23,170		(200)		(21,550)		13,375
Retiree medical plan amortization of prior								
service cost	444	444				(444)		444
Other postretirement plan adjustments	30	30				(30)		30
Income tax on retiree medical plan						(00)		
adjustments	(171)	(171)				171		(171)
Other comprehensive income	303	303				(303)		303
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 15,698	\$ 25,799	\$	(958)	\$	(24,841)	\$	15,698

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(in thousands)

Three	Months	Ended	March	21	2012
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	Co Res	Parent ompany (CPE sources)	Guarantor ubsidiaries		Non- Guarantor ubsidiaries	El	iminations	Co	onsolidated
Revenues	\$		\$ 369,228	\$	3,675	\$		\$	372,903
Costs and expenses									
Cost of product sold (exclusive of									
depreciation, depletion, amortization and									
accretion, shown separately)		7	276,817		6,121				282,945
Depreciation and depletion		556	21,645		1,190				23,391
Accretion			2,330		319				2,649
Derivative mark-to-market gains			2,056						2,056
Selling, general and administrative									
expenses		214	14,529						14,742
Other operating costs			93						93
Total costs and expenses		777	317,469		7,630				325,876
Operating income (loss)		(777)	51,759		(3,955)				47,027
Other income (expense)									
Interest income		446							446
Interest expense		(5,666)	(168)		(16)				(5,850)
Other, net			58						58
Total other expense		(5,220)	(110)		(16)				(5,346)
Income (loss) before income tax provision and earnings (losses) from									
unconsolidated affiliates		(5,996)	51,648		(3,971)				41,681
Income tax benefit (expense)		7,151	(23,666)		1,414				(15,101)
Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates,									
net of tax		6	32						38
Earnings (losses) from consolidated									
affiliates, net of tax		25,457	(2,557)				(22,900)		
Net income (loss)		26,618	25,457		(2,557)		(22,900)		26,618
Other comprehensive income									
Retiree medical plan amortization of									
prior service cost		394	394				(394)		394
Other postretirement plan adjustment		90	90		90		(180)		90
Income tax on retiree medical plan									
adjustments		(174)	(174)		(32)		206		(174)
Other comprehensive income		310	310		58		(368)		310
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$	26,928	\$ 25,767	\$	(2,499)	\$	(23,268)	\$	26,928

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# **Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet**

(in thousands)

March 31, 2013

			March 31, 2013		
	Parent				
	Company		Non-		
	(CPE	Guarantor	Guarantor		
	Resources)	Subsidiaries	Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
ASSETS					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 217,514	319	771		218,604
Investments in marketable securities	80,473				80,473
Accounts receivable		24,257	74,456		98,713
Due from related parties		482,522		(482,522)	
Inventories, net	5,501	71,295	4,239		81,034
Deferred income taxes		19,665		(27)	19,638
Derivative financial instruments		27,461			27,461
Other assets	61	21,994	120		22,175
Total current assets	303,548	647,513	79,586	(482,549)	548,098
Noncurrent assets					
Property, plant and equipment, net	9,489	1,662,410	3,712		1,675,611
Goodwill		35,634			35,634
Deferred income taxes	23,869	18,211	17,280		59,361
Other assets	1,718,877		4,470	(1,679,833)	43,514
Total assets	\$ 2,055,783	2,363,768	105,048	(2,162,382)	2,362,218
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER S					
EQUITY					
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 2,357	60,189	2,041		64,587
Royalties and production taxes	,	134,101	1,290		135,391
Accrued expenses	14,670	43,536	2,237		60,443
Due to related parties	427,123	- /	64,363	(482,522)	8,963
Current deferred income taxes	27			(27)	
Current portion of federal coal lease					
obligations		63,191			63,191
Other liabilities	50	1,756	966		2,772
Total current liabilities	444,227	302,773	70,896	(482,549)	335,347
Noncurrent liabilities	,	,	,	(102,013)	000,000
Senior notes	596,621				596,621
Federal coal lease obligations, net of	2,0,021				0,0,021
current portion		122,928			122,928
Asset retirement obligations, net of		122,720			122,720
current portion		165,180	73,504		238,684
Portion		105,100	73,301		230,001

Other liabilities	45	72,087	6,090	(24,475)	53,748
Total liabilities	1,040,893	662,968	150,489	(507,024)	1,347,328
Commitments and Contingencies (Note					
9)					
Total member s equity	1,014,890	1,700,800	(45,441)	(1,655,358)	1,014,890
Total liabilities and member s equity	\$ 2,055,783	2,363,768	105,048	(2,162,382)	2,362,218

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(in thousands)

			Decen	nber 31, 2012				
	Parent Company (CPE Resources)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	_	Non- uarantor bsidiaries	F	Climinations	C	onsolidated
ASSETS								
Current assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 195,076	\$	\$	2,615	\$		\$	197,691
Investments in marketable securities	80,341							80,341
Accounts receivable		74,008		2,108				76,117
Due from related parties		385,102		42		(385,144)		
Inventories, net	6,741	71,312		3,622				81,675
Deferred income taxes		21,124				(28)		21,096
Derivative financial instruments	138	13,647						13,785
Other assets	7	16,100		117				16,224
Total current assets	282,303	581,293		8,504		(385,172)		486,929
Noncurrent assets								
Property, plant and equipment, net	9,239	1,666,020		3,035				1,678,294
Goodwill		35,634						35,634
Deferred income taxes	22,807	24,650		18,679				66,136
Other assets	1,682,267			4,470		(1,646,259)		40,478
Total assets	\$ 1,996,616	\$ 2,307,597	\$	34,688	\$	(2,031,430)	\$	2,307,471
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER S EQUITY								
Current liabilities								
Accounts payable	\$ 2,558	\$ 45,896	\$	1,117	\$		\$	49,571
Royalties and production taxes		126,726		2,625				129,351
Accrued expenses	2,087	41,529		292				43,908
Due to related parties	396,137					(385,144)		10,993
Current deferred income taxes	27					(27)		
Current portion of federal coal lease								
obligations		63,191						63,191
Other liabilities	49	1,754		966				2,769
Total current liabilities	400,858	279,096		5,001		(385,172)		299,783
Noncurrent liabilities								
Senior notes	596,506							596,506
Federal coal lease obligations, net of								
current portion		122,928						122,928
Asset retirement obligations, net of current portion		164,626		74,365				238,991
current portion		104,020		74,303				430,991

Other liabilities	61	77,655	5,806	(33,449)	50,073
Total liabilities	997,425	644,305	85,172	(418,621)	1,308,281
Commitments and Contingencies (Note					
9)					
Total member s equity	999,190	1,663,293	(50,484)	(1,612,809)	999,190
Total liabilities and member s equity	\$ 1,996,615	\$ 2,307,598	\$ 34,688	\$ (2,031,430)	\$ 2,307,471

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# **Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows**

(in thousands)

Three	Months	Ended	March	31	2013

	Parent	i nree Mo	ntns	Ended March 31,	2013		
	Company (CPE Resources)	Guarantor Subsidiaries		Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	C	onsolidated
Net cash provided by (used in) operating							
activities	\$ 23,654	\$ 21,533	\$	(7,844)	\$	\$	37,343
Investing activities							
Purchases of property, plant and							
equipment	(1,085)	(11,946)					(13,030)
Investments in marketable securities	(13,051)	( )/					(13,051)
Maturity and redemption of investments	12,920						12,920
Investment in project development		(2,429)					(2,429)
Contributions made to subsidiary		(6,000)			6,000		
Other		23					23
Net cash provided by (used in) investing							
activities	(1,216)	(20,352)			6,000		(15,567)
Financing activities							
Payment of debt issuance costs		(863)					(863)
Contributions received from parent		(603)		6,000	(6,000)		(603)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing				0,000	(0,000)		
activities		(863)		6,000	(6,000)		(863)
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Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash							
equivalents	22,438	318		(1,844)			20,913
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of							
year	195,076			2,615			197,691
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of							
year	\$ 217,514	318		771			218,604

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# **Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows**

(in thousands)

#### Three Months Ended March 31, 2012

	Parent Company (CPE esources)	Guarantor ubsidiaries	Non- Guarantor ubsidiaries	Eliminations	Co	nsolidated
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 35,665	\$ 15,919	\$ 1,425	\$	\$	53,009
Investing activities						
Purchases of property, plant and						
equipment	(2,056)	(12,222)	(60)			(14,338)
Cash paid for capitalized interest	(2,030)	(12,222)	(00)			(11,550)
Investments in marketable securities	(28,349)					(28,349)
Maturity and redemption of investments	5,930					5,930
Return of restricted cash	71,245					71,245
Partnership escrow deposit	, 1,2 .0		(4,470)			(4,470)
Contributions made to subsidiary		(4,470)	( ) )	4,470		( , )
Other		773		,		773
Net cash provided by (used in) investing						
activities	46,770	(15,919)	(4,530)	4,470		30,791
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Financing activities						
Contributions received from parent			4,470	(4,470)		
activities			4,470	(4,470)		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash						
equivalents	82,435		1,365			83,800
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of						
year	401,087	2	3,151			404,240
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of						
year	\$ 483,522	\$ 2	\$ 4,516	\$	\$	488,040
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#### CAUTIONARY NOTICE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. You can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as anticipate, believe, could, estimate, expect, intend, may, plan, potential, should, will, You should read statements that contain these words carefully because they discuss our current plans, strategies, prospects, and expectations concerning our business, operating results, financial condition, and other similar matters. While we believe that these forward-looking statements are reasonable as and when made, there may be events in the future that we are not able to predict accurately or control, and there can be no assurance that future developments affecting our business will be those that we anticipate. Additionally, all statements concerning our expectations regarding future operating results are based on current forecasts for our existing operations and do not include the potential impact of any future acquisitions. The factors listed under Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 (our 2012 Form 10-K), as well as any cautionary language in this report, describe the known material risks, uncertainties and events that may cause our actual results to differ materially from the expectations we describe in our forward-looking statements. Additional factors or events that may emerge from time to time, or those that we currently deem to be immaterial, could cause our actual results to differ, and it is not possible for us to predict all of them. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained herein. We undertake no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as required by law. The following factors are among those that may cause actual results to differ materially and adversely from our

Torward-10	oking statements:
•	the prices we receive for our coal and our ability to effectively execute our forward sales strategy;
•	competition with other producers of coal;
• and subsid	competition with natural gas and other non-coal energy resources, which may be increased as a result of energy policies, regulations ies or other government incentives that encourage or mandate use of alternative energy sources;
• utilities to	coal-fired power plant capacity, including the impact of environmental regulations, energy policies and other factors that may cause phase out or close existing coal-fired power plants or reduce construction of any new coal-fired power plants;
•	market demand for domestic and foreign coal, electricity and steel;

• railroad, export terminal and other transportation performance, costs and availability, including development of additional export terminal capacity and our ability to access additional capacity on commercially reasonable terms;

our ability to maintain and grow our export sales;

•	domestic and international economic conditions;
• 1	timing of reductions or increases in customer coal inventories;
infrastructur	weather conditions or weather-related damage that impacts demand for coal, our mining operations, our customers or transportation re;
• 1	risks inherent to surface coal mining;
	our ability to successfully acquire coal and appropriate land access rights at attractive prices and in a timely manner and our ability to resolve issues with conflicting mineral development that may impact our mine plans;
• (	our ability to produce coal at existing and planned volumes and to effectively manage the costs of our operations;
• acquisitions	our plans and objectives for future operations and the development of additional coal reserves, including risks associated with s;
changes in i	the impact of current and future environmental, health, safety and other laws, regulations, treaties or governmental policies, or interpretations thereof, and third-party regulatory challenges, including those affecting our coal mining operations or our customers carbon and other gaseous emissions or ash handling or the logistics, transportation, or terminal industries as well as related costs and
	the impact of required regulatory processes and approvals to lease and obtain permits for coal mining operations or to transport coal and foreign customers, including third-party legal challenges;
• a	any increases in rates or changes in regulatory interpretations or assessment methodologies with respect to royalties or severance and taxes;
• i	inaccurately estimating the costs or timing of our reclamation and mine closure obligations;

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• for our op	disruptions in delivery or increases in pricing from third-party vendors of raw materials and other consumables which are necessary perations, such as explosives, petroleum-based fuel, tires, steel, and rubber;
•	our assumptions concerning coal reserve estimates;
_	our relationships with, and other conditions affecting, our customers and other counterparties, including economic conditions and th formance and credit risks associated with our customers and other counterparties, such as lenders under our credit agreement and institutions with whom we maintain accounts or enter hedging arrangements;
•	the results of our hedging strategies for commodities, including our current hedging programs for coal sales and diesel fuel costs;
•	the terms and restrictions of our indebtedness;
•	liquidity constraints, including those resulting from the cost or unavailability of financing due to credit market conditions;
• offering o	our assumptions regarding payments arising under the Tax Receivable Agreement and other agreements related to the initial public of Cloud Peak Energy Inc.;
•	our liquidity, results of operations, and financial condition generally, including amounts of working capital that are available; and
•	other factors, including those discussed in Item 1A of our 2012 Form 10-K.
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Item 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

#### **Explanatory Note**

Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC ( CPE Resources ) is the sole direct subsidiary of Cloud Peak Energy Inc. ( CPE Inc. ), providing 100% of CPE Inc. s total consolidated revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and constituting nearly 100% of CPE Inc. s total consolidated assets as of March 31, 2013.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, the terms Cloud Peak Energy, the Company, we, us, and our refer to both CPE Inc. and CPE Resource and their subsidiaries. Discussions or areas of this report that either apply only to CPE Inc. or CPE Resources are clearly noted in such sections.

This Item 2 may contain forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. When considering these forward-looking statements you should keep in mind the cautionary statements in this report and our other Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings, including Risk Factors in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 (2012 Form 10-K). Please see Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements elsewhere in this document.

This Item 2 is intended to help the reader understand our results of operations and financial condition. This discussion should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 of this report and our other SEC filings, including our audited consolidated financial statements in Item 8 of our 2012 Form 10-K.

#### Overview

CPE Inc. is one of the largest producers of coal in the U.S. and the Powder River Basin ( PRB ), based on our 2012 coal sales. We operate some of the safest mines in the coal industry. According to MSHA data, in 2012, we had one of the lowest employee all injury incident rates among the largest U.S. coal producing companies.

We currently operate solely in the PRB, the lowest cost region of the major coal producing regions in the U.S, where we operate three wholly-owned surface coal mines, the Antelope mine, the Cordero Rojo mine and the Spring Creek mine. We also have two major development projects, the Youngs Creek project and the potential Crow project.

Our Antelope and Cordero Rojo mines are located in Wyoming and are two of the four largest coal mines in the U.S. Our Spring Creek mine is located in Montana. Our logistics business is the largest U.S. exporter of thermal coal into South Korea. Our mines produce subbituminous thermal coal with low sulfur content, and we sell our coal primarily to domestic and foreign electric utilities. We do not produce any metallurgical coal. Thermal coal is primarily consumed by electric utilities and industrial consumers as fuel for electricity generation and steam

output. In 2012, the coal we produced generated approximately 4% of the electricity produced in the U.S. As of December 31, 2012, we controlled approximately 1.3 billion tons of proven and probable reserves. For information regarding our revenue and long-lived assets by geographic area, as well as revenue from external customers, Adjusted EBITDA and total assets by segment, please see Note 14 to our notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1.

During 2012, we acquired rights to substantial undeveloped coal and complementary surface assets in the Northern PRB ( Youngs Creek project ). In January 2013, we executed an option to lease agreement ( Option Agreement ) and a corresponding exploration agreement ( Exploration Agreement ) with the Crow Tribe of Indians, which are subject to approval by the Department of the Interior. This potential coal project ( Crow project ) is located on the Crow Indian Reservation in southeast Montana, near our Spring Creek mine and Youngs Creek project. We are in the process of evaluating the development options for the Youngs Creek project and the potential Crow project, but believe that their proximity to the Spring Creek mine represents an opportunity to optimize our mine developments in the Northern PRB.

For purposes of this report, the term Northern PRB refers to the area within the PRB that lies within Montana and the northern part of Sheridan County, Wyoming. Our Spring Creek mine, the Decker mine, the Youngs Creek project and the potential Crow project are located in the Northern PRB.

We continue to seek ways to increase our future export capacity through existing and proposed new Pacific Northwest export terminals, including our option agreement with SSA Marine. This throughput option agreement with SSA Marine provides us with an option for up to 16 million tonnes of capacity per year through the planned dry bulk cargo Gateway Pacific Terminal at Cherry Point in the State of Washington. Our potential share of capacity will depend upon the ultimate capacity of the terminal. The terminal would accommodate cape size vessels. Our option is exercisable following future permit completion for the terminal, the timing of which is uncertain.

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Segment Information
We have reportable segments of Owned and Operated Mines, Logistics and Related Activities, and Corporate and Other.
Our Owned and Operated Mines segment is characterized by the predominant focus on thermal coal production where the sale occurs at the mine site and where title and risk of loss pass to the customer at that point. This segment includes our Antelope mine, Cordero Rojo mine, and Spring Creek mine. Sales in this segment are primarily to domestic electric utilities; although a portion is made to our Logistics and Related Activities segment. Our mines utilize surface mining extraction processes and are all located in the PRB. The gains and losses resulting from our domestic coal futures contracts and WTI collar derivative financial instruments are reported within this segment.
Our Logistics and Related Activities segment is characterized by the services we provide to our international and domestic customers where we deliver coal to them. Services provided typically include: delivered sales contract negotiations; purchase of coal from third parties or from our owned and operated mines; coordination of the transportation and delivery of purchased coal; and sales contract administration activities. Title and risk of loss are retained by the Logistics and Related Activities segment through the transportation and delivery process. Title and risk of loss pass to the customer in accordance with the contract and typically occur at either a vessel loading terminal, a vessel unloading terminal or an end use facility. Risk associated with rail and terminal take-or-pay agreements is also borne by the Logistics and Related Activities segment. The gains and losses resulting from our international coal forward derivative financial instruments are reported within this segment.
Our Corporate and Other segment includes results relating to broker activity, our share of the Decker mine operations, and unallocated corporate costs and assets. All corporate costs, except Board of Directors related expenses, are allocated to the segments based upon their relative percentage of certain financial metrics.
Eliminations represent the purchase and sale of coal between reportable segments and the associated elimination of intercompany profit or loss in inventory. Sales between reportable segments are priced based on prevailing market prices, as determined by us with reference to independent third-party publications.
Core Business Operations
Our key business drivers include the following:
• the volume of coal sold from our owned and operated mines;
• the price for which we sell our coal;

•	the costs of mining, including labor, repairs and maintenance, fuel, explosives, depreciation of capital equipment, and depletion of
coal lease	s;
•	capital expenditures to acquire property, plant and equipment;
•	the volume of deliveries coordinated by our Logistics and Related Activities segment to customer contracted destinations;
•	the costs for logistics services, rail, and port charges for coal sales made on a delivered basis; and
•	the costs for logistics services, fair, and port charges for coar sales made on a derivered basis, and
•	the results of our coal forward and futures contracts.
	ne of coal that we sell in any given year is driven by international and domestic demand for coal-generated electric power. Demand for rated electric power may be affected by many factors including weather patterns, natural gas prices, coal-fired generating capacity and
	a, environmental and legal challenges, political and regulatory factors, energy policies, international and domestic economic conditions, ors discussed in this Item 2 and in our 2012 Form 10-K.
The price	at which we sell our coal is a function of the demand relative to the supply for coal. We typically enter into multi-year contracts with
our custor	mers which helps mitigate the risks associated with any short-term imbalance in supply and demand. We typically seek to enter each expected production effectively fully sold. This strategy helps us run our mines at predictable production rates, which helps us control
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As is common in the PRB, coal seams at our existing mines naturally deepen, resulting in additional overburden to be removed at additional cost. In line with the worldwide mining industry, we have experienced increased operating costs for mining equipment, diesel fuel and supplies, and employee wages and salaries. We use costless collars to help manage certain exposures to diesel fuel prices.

We incur significant capital expenditures to maintain, update and expand our mining equipment, surface land holdings and coal reserves. In line with the worldwide mining industry trends, the cost of capital equipment is generally increasing. In addition, as the costs of acquiring federal coal leases and associated surface rights increase, our depletion costs also increase.

The volume of coal sold on a delivered basis is influenced by international and domestic market conditions. Domestic demand for coal sold on a delivered basis is currently flat while international demand has increased, enabling us to compete for international coal sales during the past few years.

Coal sold on a delivered basis to customer contracted destinations, including sales to Asian customers, involves us arranging and paying for logistics services, which can include rail, rail car hire, and port charges including any demurrage incurred and other costs. These logistics costs are affected by volume, various scheduling considerations, and negotiated rates for rail and port services. We are also incurring costs to investigate and pursue development of additional port opportunities.

We entered into coal forward and futures contracts that are scheduled to settle at various dates between 2013 and 2016 to manage a portion of our export and domestic coal sales prices.

#### **Current Considerations**

Owned and Operated Mines Segment

The Owned and Operated Mines segment is expected to experience relatively flat revenue compared to 2012 as volumes and realized prices are not expected to change significantly. Costs at the mines are expected to increase as the mines naturally progress and the increased strip ratio requires additional labor, consumables, and equipment. Even with the operations focused on controlling variable costs, the combination of these factors will reduce 2013 earnings compared to 2012.

For the second quarter, shipments are expected to be up over last year but potentially hindered due to the extended winter and the risk of possible flooding in the Midwest. Assuming normal summer weather, shipments are anticipated to continue to pick up in the second half of 2013 benefiting our cost per ton and Adjusted EBITDA.

While the external environment has several positive trends, there is typically a lag before this is reflected in improved PRB pricing. Natural gas prices are essentially double from this time last year. Season-to-date, heating degree days are up 14% compared to last year. Electric generation is up over 3% from 2012 levels and stockpiles of PRB coal are estimated at 83 million tons at the end of March 2013. Historically, we have seen price support for PRB coal at stockpile levels of around 80 million tons.

Logistics and Related Activities Segment

As anticipated, the lower international benchmark prices for seaborne traded thermal coal negatively affected the revenue and profitability of the Logistics and Related Activities segment.

During the quarter, the berth outage at the Westshore terminal was resolved, and we were able to return to normal levels of export tonnage throughput.

Federal, state and local authorities regulate the U.S. coal mining industry with respect to various matters, including air quality standards, water pollution, plant and wildlife protection, the discharge of materials into the environment and the effects of mining on surface and groundwater quality and availability. These laws and regulations have had, and will continue to have, a significant effect on our production costs and our competitive position. Future laws, regulations or orders, including those relating to global climate change, may cause coal to become a less attractive fuel source, thereby reducing coal s share of the market for fuels and other energy sources used to generate electricity. See Part I Item I. Business Environmental and Other Regulatory Matters in our 2012 Form 10-K.

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#### Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS (CPE Inc. only)

EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS are intended to provide additional information only and do not have any standard meaning prescribed by generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. ( U.S. GAAP ). A quantitative reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to income from continuing operations, or net income, as applicable, and Adjusted EPS to EPS (as defined below) is found in the tables below.

EBITDA represents income from continuing operations, or net income, as applicable, before (1) interest income (expense) net, (2) income tax provision, (3) depreciation and depletion, (4) amortization, and (5) accretion. Adjusted EBITDA represents EBITDA as further adjusted for specifically identified items that management believes do not directly reflect our core operations. For the periods presented herein, the specifically identified items are: (1) adjustments to exclude the updates to the tax agreement liability, including tax impacts of the IPO and Secondary Offering, (2) adjustments for derivative financial instruments, excluding fair value mark-to-market gains or losses and including cash amounts received or paid, and (3) adjustments to exclude a significant broker contract that expired in the first quarter of 2010.

Adjusted EPS represents diluted earnings (loss) per common share or diluted earnings (loss) per share attributable to controlling interest from continuing operations, as applicable ( EPS ), adjusted to exclude the estimated per share impact of the same specifically identified items used to calculate Adjusted EBITDA as described above, adjusted at the statutory rate of 36%.

Adjusted EBITDA is an additional tool intended to assist our management in comparing our performance on a consistent basis for purposes of business decision making by removing the impact of certain items that management believes do not directly reflect our core operations. Adjusted EBITDA is a metric intended to assist management in evaluating operating performance, comparing performance across periods, planning and forecasting future business operations and helping determine levels of operating and capital investments. Period-to-period comparisons of Adjusted EBITDA are intended to help our management identify and assess additional trends potentially impacting our company that may not be shown solely by period-to-period comparisons of income from continuing operations. Adjusted EBITDA is also used as part of our incentive compensation program for our executive officers and others.

We believe Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS are also useful to investors, analysts and other external users of our consolidated financial statements in evaluating our operating performance from period to period and comparing our performance to similar operating results of other relevant companies. Adjusted EBITDA allows investors to measure a company s operating performance without regard to items such as interest expense, taxes, depreciation and depletion, amortization and accretion and other specifically identified items that are not considered to directly reflect our core operations. Similarly, we believe Adjusted EPS provides an appropriate measure to use in assessing our performance across periods given that this measure provides an adjustment for certain specifically identified significant items that are not considered to directly reflect our core operations, the magnitude of which may vary significantly from period to period and, thereby, have a disproportionate effect on the earnings per share reported for a given period.

Our management recognizes that using Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS as performance measures has inherent limitations as compared to income from continuing operations, net income, EPS or other U.S. GAAP financial measures, as these non-GAAP measures exclude certain items, including items that are recurring in nature, which may be meaningful to investors. Adjusted EBITDA excludes interest expense and interest income; however, as we have historically borrowed money in order to finance transactions and operations, and have invested available cash to generate interest income, interest expense and interest income are elements of our cost structure and influence our ability to generate revenue and returns for stockholders. Adjusted EBITDA excludes depreciation and depletion and amortization; however, as we use capital and intangible assets to generate revenue, depreciation, depletion and amortization are necessary elements of our costs and ability to generate revenue. Adjusted EBITDA also excludes accretion expense; however, as we are legally obligated to pay for costs associated with the

reclamation and closure of our mine sites, the periodic accretion expense relating to these reclamation costs is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenue. Adjusted EBITDA excludes income taxes; however, as we are organized as a corporation, the payment of taxes is a necessary element of our operations. Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS exclude the tax impacts of the IPO and Secondary Offering; however, this represents our current estimate of payments on the tax agreement liability that we will be required to make to Rio Tinto and changes to the realizability of our deferred tax assets based on changes in our estimated future taxable income. Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS exclude fair value mark-to-market gains or losses for derivative financial instruments; however, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS include cash amounts received or paid on derivative financial instruments. Finally, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS exclude income statement amounts attributable to our significant broker contract that expired in the first quarter of 2010; however, this historically represented a positive contribution to our operating results.

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As a result of these exclusions, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS should not be considered in isolation and do not purport to be alternatives to income from continuing operations, net income, EPS or other U.S. GAAP financial measures as a measure of our operating performance.

When using Adjusted EBITDA as a performance measure, management intends to compensate for these limitations by comparing it to income from continuing operations or net income in each period, so as to allow for the comparison of the performance of the underlying core operations with the overall performance of the company on a full-cost, after-tax basis. Using Adjusted EBITDA and income from continuing operations or net income to evaluate the business assists management and investors in (a) assessing our relative performance against our competitors and (b) ultimately monitoring our capacity to generate returns for stockholders.

Because not all companies use identical calculations, our presentations of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. Moreover, our presentation of Adjusted EBITDA is different than EBITDA as defined in our debt financing agreements.

A quantitative reconciliation for each of the periods presented of net income to Adjusted EBITDA and EPS to Adjusted EPS is found within this Item 2.

#### Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2012

Summary

The following table summarizes key results (in millions):

	Three Mor		led			
	Marc	ch 31,		Change		
	2013		2012	Amount	Percent	
Total revenue	\$ 338.1	\$	372.9	\$ (34.8)	(9.3)	
Net income	15.4		26.6	(11.2)	(42.1)	
Adjusted EBITDA(1)	48.3		75.7	(27.4)	(36.2)	
Adjusted EPS(1)	\$ 0.11	\$	0.47	\$ (0.36)	(76.6)	
Asian export tons - Logistics and						
Related Activities	1.1		1.0	0.1		
Total tons sold	21.3		22.9	(1.6)	(7.1)	

<sup>(1)</sup> Non-GAAP measure; please see definition above and reconciliation below.

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Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS (CPE Inc. only)

The following tables present a reconciliation of net income to Adjusted EBITDA, diluted earnings per common share to Adjusted EPS, and segment Adjusted EBITDA to net income (in millions, except per share amounts):

### **Adjusted EBITDA**

		Marc	h 31,			
	2013		Ź	201	12	
Net income	\$	15.4			\$	26.6
Interest income		(0.1)				(0.4)
Interest expense		10.5				5.9
Income tax expense		8.8				15.1
Depreciation and depletion		23.2				23.4
Amortization						
Accretion		4.1				2.6
EBITDA		61.9				73.2
Tax agreement benefit(1)						
Derivative financial instruments:						
Exclusion of fair value mark-to-market (gains) losses(2)	\$ (13.7)		\$	2.1		
Inclusion of cash amounts received (paid)(3)				0.5		
Total derivative financial instruments		(13.7)				2.6
Expired significant broker contract		, ,				
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	48.3			\$	75.7

<sup>(1)</sup> Changes to related deferred taxes are included in income tax expense.

### **Adjusted EPS**

	2013	Three Months Ende March 31,	d 2012	
Diluted earnings per common share	\$	0.25	\$	0.44
Tax agreement expense including tax impacts of IPO and				
Secondary Offering				
Derivative financial instruments:				
Exclusion of fair value mark-to-market (gains) losses	\$ (0.14)	\$	0.02	
Inclusion of cash amounts received (paid)	(0.00)		0.01	

<sup>(2)</sup> Derivative fair value mark-to-market (gains) losses reflected on the statement of operations.

<sup>(3)</sup> Derivative cash gains and losses reflected within operating cash flows.

Total derivative financial instruments	(0.14)	0.03
Expired significant broker contract		
Adjusted EPS	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.47
Weighted-average dilutive shares outstanding (in millions)	61.1	60.8

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## **Adjusted EBITDA by Segment**

			Three Months End March 31,	ed	
		2013		2012	
Owned and Operated Mines	_			_	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$		45.7	\$	67.2
Depreciation and depletion			(23.2)		(21.6)
Accretion			(2.9)		(2.2)
Derivative financial instruments:					
Exclusion of fair value mark-to-market gains (losses)	\$	(0.1)	\$		
Inclusion of cash amounts (received) paid					
Total derivative financial instruments			(0.1)		
Other			0.2		(0.1)
Operating income			19.7		43.3
Logistics and Related Activities					
Adjusted EBITDA			1.4		10.4
Derivative financial instruments:			211		10
Exclusion of fair value mark-to-market gains (losses)		13.8		(2.1)	
Inclusion of cash amounts (received) paid		13.0		(0.5)	
Total derivative financial instruments			13.8	(0.5)	(2.6)
Operating income			15.1		7.8
operating meome			13.1		7.0
Corporate and Other					
Adjusted EBITDA			1.5		(1.7)
Depreciation and depletion					(1.8)
Accretion			(1.3)		(0.4)
Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates, net of tax			(0.2)		
Operating income					(4.0)
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Eliminations			(0.2)		(0.1)
Adjusted EBITDA			(0.3)		(0.1)
Operating income			(0.3)		(0.1)
Consolidated operating income			34.6		47.0
Interest income			0.1		0.4
Interest expense			(10.5)		(5.9)
Other, net			(0.2)		0.1
Income tax expense			(8.8)		(15.1)
Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates, net of tax			0.2		
Net income		\$	15.4	\$	26.6
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Results of Operations

Revenues

The following table presents revenues (in millions except per ton amounts):

		Change					
		March 2013	11 51,	2012		Amount	Percent
Owned and Operated Mines							
Realized price per ton sold	\$	13.09	\$	13.31	\$	(0.22)	(1.7)
Tons sold		21.1		22.5		(1.4)	(6.2)
Coal revenue	\$	275.6	\$	300.1	\$	(24.5)	(8.2)
Other revenue	\$	3.1	\$	2.5	\$	0.6	24.0
Logistics and Related Activities							
Tons delivered		1.4		1.3		0.1	7.7
Revenue	\$	65.9	\$	79.6	\$	(13.7)	(17.2)
Corporate and Other							
Revenue	\$	5.8	\$	5.7	\$	0.1	1.8
Eliminations of intersegment sales							
Revenue	\$	(12.4)	\$	(14.9)	\$	2.5	(16.8)
Total Consolidated							
Revenue	\$	338.1	\$	372.9	\$	(34.8)	(9.3)

The decrease in revenue from our Owned and Operated Mines segment was primarily the result of 1.4 million fewer tons of coal sold in the three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to 2012, reflecting the lower demand for PRB coal as domestic utility customers continue to work through high stockpiles. In addition, our realized price per ton sold in the three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to 2012 decreased, reflecting the lower spot price for indexed tons sold and also due to a higher proportion of 8400 Btu coal sold. Other revenue consists primarily of dust suppressant additives billed to our customers.

Revenue from our Logistics and Related Activities segment decreased primarily as a result of lower prices on our Asian deliveries through the port. Our Asian delivered sales are priced broadly in line with a number of relevant international coal indices adjusted for energy content and other quality and delivery criteria. These indices include the Newcastle benchmark price, which is an established index for high Btu Australian thermal coal available to be loaded on a vessel at a coal terminal near Newcastle, north of Sydney. Based on the comparative quality and transport costs, our delivered sales are generally priced at approximately 60% to 70% of the forward Newcastle price.

Revenue from our Corporate and Other segment was not significantly different between the respective periods.

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Cost of Product Sold

The following table presents cost of product sold (in millions, except per ton amounts):

	Three Months Ended March 31,					Change		
		2013	- /	2012		Amount	Percent	
Owned and Operated Mines								
Average cost per ton sold	\$	10.37	\$	9.78	\$	0.59	6.1	
Cost of product sold (produced coal)	\$	218.4	\$	220.5	\$	(2.1)	(1.0)	
Other cost of product sold		2.5		2.9		(0.4)	(13.8)	
Logistics and Related Activities								
Cost of product sold		62.9		67.1		(4.2)	(6.3)	
Corporate and Other								
Cost of product sold		4.4		7.2		(2.8)	(38.9)	
Eliminations of Intersegment Sales								
Cost of product sold		(12.2)		(14.8)		2.6	17.6	
<b>Total Consolidated</b>								
Cost of product sold	\$	276.0	\$	282.9	\$	(6.9)	(2.4)	

The cost of product sold for our Owned and Operated Mines segment decreased primarily as a result of 1.4 million fewer tons of coal sold in the three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to 2012 and the directly related lower variable costs, including non-income based taxes and royalties. These lower costs were partially offset by higher direct operating cash costs related to the increasing strip ratio and haul distances at our mines. The increase in the average cost per ton sold is primarily the result of costs attributed to fewer tons sold.

Cost of product sold for our Logistics and Related Activities segment decreased primarily due to a reduction in the volume of domestic deliveries coordinated. The Asian delivered tons that were coordinated during the first quarter of 2013 were delivered through the lower cost Westshore port.

Cost of product sold for our Corporate and Other segment decreased primarily due to fewer tons sold at the Decker mine.

Operating Income

The following table presents operating income (in millions):

Three Months Ended March 31,

Change

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	2	013	2012	Amount	Percent
Owned and Operated Mines					
Operating income	\$	19.7	\$ 43.3	\$ (23.6)	(54.5)
Logistics and Related Activities					
Operating income	\$	15.1	\$ 7.8	\$ 7.3	93.6
Corporate and Other					
Operating income	\$		\$ (4.0)	\$ 4.0	100.0
Eliminations of Intersegment Sales					
Operating income	\$	(0.3)	\$ (0.1)	\$ (0.2)	(200.0)
Total Consolidated					
Operating income	\$	34.6	\$ 47.0	\$ (12.4)	(26.4)

Operating income for our Owned and Operated Mines segment decreased primarily due to the revenue and cost of product sold factors previously discussed.

In addition to the revenue and cost of product sold factors previously discussed, operating income for our Logistics and Related Activities segment increased due to the favorable mark-to-market impact from our international coal forward

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contracts of \$13.6 million in the three months ended March 31, 2013 as compared to a \$2.1 million unfavorable impact in 2012 as a result of declining international coal market prices.

Operating income for our Corporate and Other segment increased primarily due to the reduction in Decker costs previously discussed plus a reduction in depletion expense caused by fewer tons mined.

Other Expense

The following table presents other expense (in millions):

	Three Mor	iths Ei	ıded			
	March 31,			Change		
	2013		2012		Amount	Percent
Other expense	\$ 10.6	\$		5.3	\$ 5.3	100.0

Other expense increased for the three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to 2012 as a result of higher interest expense due to a reduction in the amount of interest capitalized in the current period.

Income Tax Provision

The following table presents income tax provision (in millions):

		Three Mon	ths End	led				
		March 31,				Change		
	20	013		2012		Amount	Percent	
Income tax expense	\$	8.8	\$	1	5.1 \$	(6.3)	(41.7)	
Effective tax rate		36.8%		3	5.2%	0.6	1.5	

Our statutory income tax rate, including state income taxes, is 36%.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

	rch 31, 013	D	December 31, 2012
	(in mi	llions)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 218.6	\$	197.7
Investments in marketable securities	80.5		80.3
Total	\$ 299.1	\$	278.0

In addition to our cash and cash equivalents, our primary sources of liquidity are cash from our operations, investments in marketable securities, and borrowing capacity under CPE Resources s \$500 million revolving credit facility and \$75 million Accounts Receivable Securitization Facility ( A/R Securitization Program ). In addition, we organized a capital leasing program that could grow over time up to \$150 million for some of our future capital equipment purchases. These programs provide flexibility and liquidity into our capital structure. For further details on the A/R Securitization Program, see below. Cash from operations depends on a number of factors beyond our control, such as the market price for our coal, the quantity of coal required by our customers, coal-fired electricity demand, regulatory changes and energy policies impacting our business, our costs of operating including the market price we pay for diesel fuel and other input costs, as well as costs of logistics including rail and port charges, and other risks and uncertainties, including those discussed in Item 1A Risk Factors in our 2012 Form 10-K.

Investments in marketable securities include highly-liquid securities which are investment grade. Our investment policy has the objective of minimizing the potential risk of principal loss and is intended to limit our credit exposure to any single issuer. Individual securities have various maturity dates; however, it is our expectation that we could sell any individual security in the secondary market at short notice allowing for improved liquidity.

On June 3, 2011, CPE Resources entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the Amended Credit Agreement ) which establishes a commitment to provide us with a \$500 million senior secured revolving credit facility that can be used to borrow funds or issue letters of credit. The Amended Credit Agreement matures on June 3, 2016. We may

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request incremental term loans or increase the revolving commitments in an aggregate amount of up to \$200 million subject to compliance with certain conditions. The Amended Credit Agreement imposes limitations on the ability of CPE Resources and its subsidiaries to make distributions and/or extend loans to CPE Inc.

The borrowing capacity under the Amended Credit Agreement is reduced by the amount of letters of credit issued. As of March 31, 2013, our borrowing capacity under the Amended Credit Agreement was \$500 million. Our ability to borrow under our revolving credit facility is subject to the terms and conditions of the facility, including our compliance with financial and non-financial covenants. The financial covenants in the Amended Credit Agreement are based on EBITDA (which is defined in the Amended Credit Agreement and is not the same as EBITDA or Adjusted EBITDA otherwise presented), requiring us to maintain defined minimum levels of interest coverage and providing for a limitation on our leverage ratio. If our EBITDA were to decline and we were unable to negotiate an amendment with the bank group, our actual borrowing capacity under the Amended Credit Agreement may be reduced.

The indenture governing the senior notes also imposes limitations on the ability of CPE Resources and its subsidiaries to make distributions, and to extend loans and advances, to CPE Inc. Such limitations, taken as a whole, are less restrictive than those contained in the Amended Credit Agreement. CPE Resources is required to make semi-annual interest payments on its senior notes, which commenced on June 15, 2010.

The limitations in both the Amended Credit Agreement and the indenture have not had, nor are they expected to have, a negative impact upon our ability to fund cash obligations.

CPE Resources and certain of our subsidiaries are parties to the A/R Securitization Program. In January 2013, we formed CPE Receivables LLC (the SPE), a special purpose, bankruptcy-remote wholly-owned subsidiary to purchase, subject to certain exclusions, in a true sale, trade receivables generated by certain of our subsidiaries without recourse (other than customary indemnification obligations for breaches of specific representations and warranties), and then transfer undivided interests in up to \$75 million of those accounts receivable to a financial institution for cash borrowings for our ultimate benefit. The total aggregate borrowings and letters of credit are limited by eligible accounts receivable, as defined under the terms of the A/R Securitization Program. At March 31, 2013, the A/R Securitization Program would have allowed for \$51.8 million of borrowing capacity. There were no borrowings from the A/R Securitization Program at March 31, 2013.

We believe these sources will be sufficient to fund our primary ordinary course uses of cash for the next 12 months, which include our costs of coal production, coal lease installment payments for LBAs and other coal tracts, capital expenditures, interest on our debt, and payments on the tax agreement liability.

We will continue to explore opportunities to increase our reserve base by acquiring additional coal and surface rights. If we are successful in future bids for coal rights and other growth strategies, our cash flows could be significantly impacted as we would be required to make associated payments. For existing LBAs, we will make payments of \$79 million in 2013.

Our anticipated capital expenditures (excluding capitalized interest and federal lease payments), which we expect will be between \$70 million and \$90 million in 2013, include our estimates of expenditures necessary to keep our equipment fleets updated to maintain our mining productivity and competitive position and the addition of new equipment as necessary.

Based on our estimates, we expect to make payments on the tax agreement liability of \$19.5 million in 2013, payments averaging approximately \$12.6 million each year during 2014 to 2017, and additional payments in subsequent years.

If we do not have sufficient resources from ongoing operations to satisfy our obligations or the timing of payments on our obligations does not coincide with cash inflows from operations, we may need to use our cash on hand and marketable securities or borrow under our line of credit. If the obligation is in excess of these amounts, we may need to seek additional borrowing sources or take other actions. Depending upon existing circumstances at the time, we may not be able to obtain additional funding on acceptable terms or at all. In addition, our existing debt instruments contain restrictive covenants, which may prohibit us from borrowing under our revolving credit facility or pursuing certain alternatives to obtain additional funding.

### Overview of Cash Transactions

We started 2013 with \$278.0 million of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents and investments in marketable securities. After capital expenditures and generating cash from our operating activities, we concluded the three months ended March 31, 2013 with cash and cash equivalents and investments in marketable securities of \$299.1 million.

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Cash Flows

	Three Mon		ded	CI.	
	Marc	h 31,		Change	_
	2013		2012	Amount	Percent
		(do	llars in millions)		
Beginning balance - cash and cash equivalents	\$ 197.7	\$	404.2	\$ (206.5)	(51.1)
Net cash provided by operating activities	37.3		53.0	(15.7)	(29.6)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing					
activities	(15.6)		30.8	(46.4)	(150.6)
Net cash used in financing activities	(0.9)			(0.9)	*
Ending balance - cash and cash equivalents	\$ 218.6	\$	488.0	\$ (269.4)	(55.2)
Beginning balance - marketable securities	\$ 80.3	\$	75.2	\$ 5.1	6.8
Ending balance - marketable securities	\$ 80.5	\$	97.6	\$ (17.1)	(17.5)

Not meaningful

Cash flows of CPE Inc. and CPE Resources are not significantly different.

The decrease in cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012 was primarily due to a \$30.2 million decrease in net income adjusted for noncash items, specifically unrealized derivative income in 2013. This difference was offset by a smaller decrease in working capital of \$14.5 million in 2013 as compared to 2012, primarily caused by the timing of payments on accounts payable and accrued expenses offset by the timing of receipts of accounts receivable.

The increase in cash used in investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012 was primarily related to the release of the remaining \$71.2 million of restricted cash in the three months ended March 31, 2012 offset by a \$22.3 million increase in investments in marketable securities in the same period.

The increase in cash used in financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012 was due to the payment of deferred financing costs in association with the A/R Securitization Program, amendment to the Amended Credit Agreement and the capital leasing program.

### **Global Climate Change**

Enactment of laws or passage of regulations regarding emissions from the combustion of coal by the U.S. or some of its states or by other countries, or other actions to limit such emissions, like the creation of mandatory use requirements for renewable fuel sources, could result in electricity generators switching from coal to other fuel sources. Additionally, the creation and issuance of subsidies designed to encourage use

of alternative energy sources could decrease the demand of coal as an energy source. The potential financial impact on us of future laws, regulations, or subsidies will depend upon the degree to which electricity generators diminish their reliance on coal as a fuel source as a result of the laws, regulations or subsidies. That, in turn, will depend on a number of factors, including the appeal and design of the subsidies being offered, the specific requirements imposed by any such laws or regulations such as mandating use by utilities of renewable fuel sources, the time periods over which those laws or regulations would be phased in and the state of commercial development and deployment of carbon capture and storage technologies. In view of the significant uncertainty surrounding each of these factors, it is not possible for us to reasonably predict the impact that any such laws or regulations may have on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows. See Item 1,

Business Environmental and Other Regulatory Matters Global Climate Change and Item 1A, Risk Factors in our 2012 Form 10-K for additional discussion regarding how climate change and other environmental regulatory matters may materially adversely impact our business.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts. These estimates and assumptions are based on information available as of the date of the financial statements. Accounting measurements at interim dates inherently involve greater reliance on estimates than at year-end. The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of results that can be expected for the full year. Please refer to the section entitled Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates of Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our 2012 Form 10-K for a discussion of our critical accounting policies and estimates.

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## Newly Adopted Accounting Standards and Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 2 to our notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 for a discussion of newly adopted accounting standards and recently issued accounting pronouncements.

#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

We define market risk as the risk of economic loss as a consequence of the adverse movement of market rates and prices or credit standings. We believe our principal market risks are commodity price risk, interest rate risk and credit risk.

#### **Commodity Price Risk**

Market risk includes the potential for changes in the market value of our coal portfolio. Historically, we have principally managed the commodity price risk for our coal contract portfolio through the use of long-term coal supply agreements of varying terms and durations. As of March 31, 2013, we had committed to sell approximately 90.0 million tons during 2013, of which 82.5 million tons are under fixed-price contracts. A \$1 change to the average coal sales price per ton for these 7.5 million unpriced tons would result in an approximate \$7.5 million change to the coal sales revenue. In addition, we entered into certain forward financial contracts linked to Newcastle coal prices to help manage our exposure to variability in future international coal prices. As of March 31, 2013, we held coal forward contracts for approximately 2.2 million tons which will settle between 2013 and 2016. A \$1 change to the market index price per ton for these coal forward contracts would result in an approximate \$2.0 million change to operating income (expense). During the first quarter of 2013, we commenced the use of futures contracts to help manage our exposure to market changes in domestic coal prices. As of March 31, 2013, we held domestic coal futures contracts for approximately 420,000 tons, which will settle in 2014. A \$1 change to the market index price per ton for these futures contracts would result in an approximate \$420,000 change to operating income (expense).

We also face price risk involving other commodities used in our production process, primarily diesel fuel. Based on our projections of our usage of diesel fuel for the next 12 months, and assuming that the average cost of diesel fuel increases by 10%, we would incur additional fuel costs of approximately \$11.0 million over the next 12 months. In addition, we use costless collars to manage certain exposures to diesel fuel prices. As the band of the costless collar is greater than 10%, it had no impact on this calculation. The terms of the program are disclosed in Note 4 to our notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1. While we would not receive the full benefit of extreme price decreases, the collars mitigate the risk of extreme crude oil price increases and thereby increased diesel costs that would otherwise have a negative impact on cash flow.

#### Interest Rate Risk

Our Amended Credit Agreement is subject to an adjustable interest rate. See Item 2 Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources. We had no outstanding borrowings under our credit facility as of March 31, 2013. If we borrow funds under the revolving credit facility, we may be subject to increased sensitivity to interest rate movements.

Any future debt arrangements that we enter into may also have adjustable interest rates that may increase our sensitivity to interest rate movements.

#### Credit Risk

We are exposed to credit loss in the event of non-performance by our counterparties, which may include end-use customers, trading houses, brokers, and financial institutions that serve as counterparties to our derivative financial instruments and hold our investments. We attempt to manage this exposure by entering into agreements with counterparties that meet our credit standards and that are expected to fully satisfy their obligations under the contracts. These steps may not always be effective in addressing counterparty credit risk.

When appropriate (as determined by our credit management function), we have taken steps to reduce our credit exposure to customers that do not meet our credit standards or whose credit has deteriorated. These steps include obtaining letters of credit and requiring prepayments for shipments. See Item 1A Risk Factors Risks Related to Our Business and Industry We are exposed to counterparty risk with our customers, trading partners, financial institutions, and other parties with whom we conduct business. in our 2012 Form 10-K.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures.
Disclosure Controls and Procedures
CPE Inc. and CPE Resources each maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports they file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission s rules and forms. These disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by CPE Inc. and CPE Resources in the reports they file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to senior management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The management of each of CPE Inc. and CPE Resources, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of each entity, has evaluated the disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) of each entity as of March 31, 2013, and has concluded that such disclosure controls and procedures are effective at the reasonable assurance level.
Internal Control over Financial Reporting
During the most recent fiscal quarter, there have been no changes to the internal control over financial reporting of either CPE Inc. or CPE Resources that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, either entity s internal control over financial reporting.
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#### **PART II**

#### OTHER INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

See Note 9 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this report relating to certain legal proceedings, which information is incorporated by reference herein.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors.

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described in Item 1A of our 2012 Form 10-K. The risks described in our 2012 Form 10-K are not the only risks we may face. If any of those risk factors, as well as other risks and uncertainties that are not currently known to us or that we currently believe are not material, actually occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected. In our judgment, there were no material changes in the risk factors as previously disclosed in Item 1A of our 2012 Form 10-K.

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

The table below represents information pursuant to Item 703 of Regulation S-K regarding all share repurchases for the three months ended March 31, 2013:

	Total Number of Shares Purchased (1)	Average Price per Share	
January 1 through January 31, 2013		\$	
February 1 through February 28, 2013			
March 1 through March 31, 2013	15,288		17.04
Total	15,288	\$	17.04

Represents shares withheld to cover withholding taxes upon the vesting of restricted stock.

#### Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.
Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.
The information concerning mine safety violations or other regulatory matters required by Section 1503(a) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and Item 104 of Regulation S-K is included in Exhibit 95.1 to this Form 10-Q.
Item 5. Other Information.
None.
Item 6. Exhibits.
See Exhibit Index at page 48 of this report.
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Date: April 30, 2013

Date: April 30, 2013

### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.

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Ву:

/s/ MICHAEL BARRETT

Michael Barrett

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and Duly Authorized

Officer)

CLOUD PEAK ENERGY RESOURCES LLC

By: /s/ MICHAEL BARRETT

Michael Barrett
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer
(Principal Financial Officer and Duly Authorized

Officer)

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### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

The exhibits below are numbered in accordance with the Exhibit Table of Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

2013 (File No. 001-34547))

Exhibit Number 2.1	Description of Documents  Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of June 29, 2012, among Arrowhead I LLC, Chevron USA Inc., CONSOL Energy
	Inc., Consolidation Coal Company and Reserve Coal Properties Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Cloud Peak Energy Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 2, 2012 File No. 001-34547))
2.2	Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of June 29, 2012, among Chevron USA Inc. and Arrowhead I LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.2 to Cloud Peak Energy Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 2, 2012 File No. 001-34547))
2.3	Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of June 29, 2012, among CONSOL Energy Inc., Consolidation Coal Company, Reserve Coal Properties Company and Arrowhead I LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.3 to Cloud Peak Energy Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 2, 2012File No. 001-34547))
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Cloud Peak Energy Inc. effective as of November 25, 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Amendment No. 3 to Cloud Peak Energy Inc. s Form S-1 filed on November 2, 2009 (File No. 333-161293))
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Cloud Peak Energy Inc. effective as of November 25, 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of Cloud Peak Energy Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 2, 2009 (File No. 001-34547))
3.3	Amended and Restated Certificate of Formation of Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC s Registration Statement on Form S-4/A filed on August 17, 201@File No. 333-168639))
3.4	Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC, dated as of November 19, 2009, by and among Cloud Peak Energy Inc., Rio Tinto Energy America Inc. and Kennecott Management Services Company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Cloud Peak Energy Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 25, 2009 (File No. 001-34547))
4.1	Form of stock certificate of Cloud Peak Energy Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Amendment No. 5 to Cloud Peak Energy Inc. s Form S-1 filed on November 16, 2009 File No. 333-161293))
4.2	Indenture, dated as of November 25, 2009, by and among Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC (and its subsidiaries listed on the signature page), Cloud Peak Energy Finance Corp., Wilmington Trust Company and Citibank, N.A. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Cloud Peak Energy Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 2, 2009 File No. 001-34547))
4.3	Form of Exchange Notes (included in Exhibit 4.2 hereto)
10.1	Form of 2013 Performance Share Unit Award Agreement under the 2009 Cloud Peak Energy Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Cloud Peak Energy Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 11, 2013 (File No. 001-34547))
10.2	Form of 2013 Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement under the 2009 Cloud Peak Energy Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Cloud Peak Energy Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 11,

- Form of 2013 Restricted Stock Unit Agreement under the 2009 Cloud Peak Energy Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Cloud Peak Energy Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 11, 2013 (File No. 001-34547))
- 10.4 Receivables Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 11, 2013, by and between Cloud Peak Energy Receivables LLC, CPER LLC, PNC Bank, National Association, as administrator, and various conduit purchasers (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Cloud Peak Energy Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 13, 2013[File No. 001-34547])

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Exhibit Number 12.1*	Description of Documents Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges
31.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Cloud Peak Energy Inc.
31.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Cloud Peak Energy Inc.
31.3*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC
31.4*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC
32.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Cloud Peak Energy Inc.
32.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Cloud Peak Energy Inc.
32.3*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC
32.4*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC
95.1*	Mine Safety Disclosure
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document
101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Definition Document

<sup>\*</sup> Filed or furnished herewith, as applicable