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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered[1]	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price[2]	Amount of Registration Fee[1][3]
Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share	$215,050,000	$21,655.54

(1) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). The fee payable in connection with the offering pursuant to this prospectus supplement is payable in accordance with Rule 456(b) under the Securities Act.

(2) Includes 3,300,000 shares of the Registrant s common stock that may be purchased by the underwriters pursuant to their option to purchase additional common shares to cover overallotments.

(3) Pursuant to Rule 457(p) under the Securities Act, the Registrant hereby offsets the total registration fee due under this registration statement by the amount of the filing fee associated with the unsold securities from the Registrant s Form S-3 Registration Statement, filed with the Commission on February 12, 2015 (SEC File No. 333-202038), registering securities for a maximum aggregate offering price of $400,000,000 (the Prior Registration Statement). Filing fees of $16,947 have been paid with respect to the $117,162,500 of unsold securities registered pursuant to the Prior Registration Statement. The entire fee for the unsold securities remaining under the Prior Registration Statement is hereby used to offset the current registration fee due. As a result, the remaining registration fee of $4,708.54 due in connection with the registration of the securities being offered hereby is being submitted herewith.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT TO PROSPECTUS DATED APRIL 5, 2016

22,000,000 shares

Callon Petroleum Company

Common stock

We are selling 22,000,000 shares of common stock.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the symbol CPE . On April 18, 2016, the last reported sale price of our common stock as reported on the NYSE was $8.73 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-10 of this prospectus supplement and page 2 of the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein.

	Price to public	Underwriting discounts and commissions	Proceeds, before expenses, to us
Per Share	$8.50	$.34	$8.16
Total	$187,000,000	$7,480,000	$179,520,000

The underwriters may also purchase up to an additional 3,300,000 shares of common stock from us at the public offering price per share set forth above, less underwriting discounts and commissions, within 30 days of the date of this prospectus supplement.

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

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares of common stock to purchasers on or before April 25, 2016.

Joint Book-Running Managers

Credit Suisse **Scotia Howard Weil**

Citigroup **J.P. Morgan** **Morgan Stanley** **RBC Capital Markets**

Co-Managers

Capital One Securities **IBERIA Capital Partners L.L.C.** **Johnson Rice & Company L.L.C.**

KeyBanc Capital Markets **Seaport Global Securities** **Stephens Inc.** **SunTrust Robinson Humphrey**

The date of this prospectus supplement is April 19, 2016.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

Neither we nor any underwriter has authorized anyone to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus dated April 5, 2016 or any free writing prospectus we have prepared. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus constitute an offer to sell only the shares of common stock offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. You should assume that the information we have included in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus and that any information we have incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since these dates.

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus that we have prepared contain the terms of this offering. This prospectus supplement may add, update or change information contained or incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus. In addition, the information incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus may have added, updated or changed information in the accompanying prospectus. If information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with any information in the accompanying prospectus (or any information incorporated therein by reference), this prospectus supplement will apply and will supersede such information in the accompanying prospectus.

It is important for you to read and consider all information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents we have incorporated by reference before making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the additional information under the caption Where You Can Find More Information in the accompanying prospectus.

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the underlying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as anticipate, project, intend, estimate, expect, believe, predict, budget, projection, g target or similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements.

All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this prospectus supplement, the underlying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement that address activities, events or developments that we expect or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements, including such things as:

- our oil and gas reserve quantities, and the discounted present value of these reserves;
- the amount and nature of our capital expenditures;
- our future drilling and development plans and our potential drilling locations;
- the timing and amount of future production and operating costs;
- commodity price risk management activities and the impact on our average realized prices;
- business strategies and plans of management;
- our ability to close the pending transactions described herein, the anticipated timing and terms of the pending transactions, our ability to realize the anticipated benefits of the pending transactions, and our ability to manage the risks of the pending transactions; and
- prospect development and property acquisitions.

Some of the risks, which could affect our future results and could cause results to differ materially from those expressed in our forward-looking statements, include:

- general economic conditions including the availability of credit and access to existing lines of credit;

the volatility of oil and natural gas prices;

the uncertainty of estimates of oil and natural gas reserves;

the impact of competition;

the availability and cost of seismic, drilling and other equipment;

operating hazards inherent in the exploration for and production of oil and natural gas;

difficulties encountered during the exploration for and production of oil and natural gas;

difficulties encountered in delivering oil and natural gas to commercial markets;

changes in customer demand and producers supply;

the uncertainty of our ability to attract capital and obtain financing on favorable terms;

compliance with, or the effect of changes in, the extensive governmental regulations regarding the oil and natural gas business including those related to climate change and greenhouse gases;

the impact of government regulation, including regulation of endangered species, any increase in severance or similar taxes;

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litigation relating to hydraulic fracturing, the climate and over-the-counter derivatives;

the financial impact of accounting regulations and critical accounting policies;

the comparative cost of alternative fuels;

credit risk relating to the risk of loss as a result of non-performance by our counterparties;

weather conditions; and

the risk factors discussed under the heading Risk factors in this prospectus supplement, the underlying prospectus and those discussed in the documents we have incorporated by reference.

All forward-looking statements, expressed or implied, included in this prospectus supplement, the underlying prospectus and the documents we incorporate by reference are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary note. This cautionary note should also be considered in connection with any subsequent written or oral forward-looking statements that we or persons acting on our behalf may issue.

Except as otherwise required by applicable law, we disclaim any duty to update any forward-looking statements, all of which are expressly qualified by the statements in this section, to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus supplement.

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SUMMARY

This summary provides a brief overview of information contained elsewhere in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Because it is abbreviated, this summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in our common stock. You should carefully read this entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, and any free writing prospectus distributed by us before making an investment decision, including the information presented under the headings Risk factors and Cautionary note regarding forward-looking statements in this prospectus supplement and the financial statements and other information incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

In this prospectus supplement, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms we, us, our, and the company refer to Callon Petroleum Company and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Overview

Callon Petroleum Company is an independent oil and natural gas company established in 1950. We are focused on the acquisition, development, exploration and exploitation of unconventional, onshore, oil and natural gas reserves in the Permian Basin in West Texas and, more specifically, the Midland Basin. Our drilling activity in this area to date has been predominantly focused on the horizontal development of several prospective intervals, including multiple levels of the Wolfcamp formation and, more recently, the Lower Spraberry shale. We have assembled a multi-year inventory of potential horizontal well locations and intend to add to this inventory through delineation drilling of emerging zones on our existing acreage and acquisition of additional locations through working interest acquisitions, acreage purchases, joint ventures and asset swaps.

Our net daily production for calendar year 2015 as compared to calendar year 2014 grew approximately 70% to 9,610 Boe/d (approximately 80% oil). The increase is primarily attributable to an increased number of producing wells from acquisitions and the results of our horizontal drilling program. Our net proved reserves as of December 31, 2015 were 54.3 million Boe based on assumed benchmark prices of $47.25 per barrel of oil and $2.73 per Mcf of natural gas. In response to the low commodity price environment, we shifted from a two rig program to a single active rig in March 2016. We intend to monitor opportunities to redeploy the second drilling rig on our asset base if market conditions improve or in conjunction with the pending transactions of new acreage described herein.

Recent developments

Since January 1, 2016, we have entered into multiple agreements for the acquisition, including the pending transactions described below and net of an associated disposition transaction, of approximately 23,034 gross (16,153 net) acres in the Midland Basin for total net consideration of $262 million in cash and 9,333,333 shares of our common stock issued directly to the sellers upon closing of the Big Star Acquisition. The transactions (net of the associated disposition) include 205 identified net horizontal drilling locations in the Lower Spraberry and Wolfcamp A and B formations, and an estimated 3,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day (Boe/d) of production in the first quarter of 2016.

Pending Transactions

On April 19, 2016, we entered into a purchase and sale agreement with BSM Energy LP, Crux Energy, LP and Zaniah Energy, LP for the purchase of certain oil and gas producing properties and undeveloped acreage

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operated by Big Star Oil & Gas, LLC (the Big Star Acquisition) for total consideration of $220 million in cash and 9,333,333 shares of our common stock issued to the sellers directly, subject to customary purchase price adjustments, and made a deposit of $16.5 million toward the purchase price. The Big Star Acquisition includes:

- Approximately 17,298 gross (14,089 net) surface acres, primarily located in Howard County, Texas, with additional acreage in Martin, Borden and Dawson counties, Texas;
- 178 gross (165 net) identified horizontal drilling locations targeting the Wolfcamp A, Lower Spraberry and Wolfcamp B zones which are currently producing on the Big Star acreage and directly offsetting fields, using an initial assumption of horizontal development with six to eight wells per section;
- Largely contiguous lease positions allowing for average lateral lengths of over 8,300 feet;
- Five currently producing horizontal wells, including three Wolfcamp A and two Lower Spraberry horizontal wells with average 30-day peak production rates of 1,165 Boe/d;
- 124 gross (112 net) additional potential horizontal drilling locations targeting the Wolfcamp D (Cline) and Middle Spraberry zones which are producing from surrounding fields in Howard County;
- Estimated net daily production of 1,931 Boe/d (82% oil) for the first quarter of 2016; and
- Approximately 4.1 million Boe (71% oil) of net proved developed producing reserves as of January 1, 2016 based on our evaluation and interpretation of reserve and production information provided by the sellers, as well as our analysis of available geologic and other data. We cannot assure you that this estimate is accurate. Our estimate of proved reserves has not been reviewed by our independent reserve engineers, and we may revise our estimates following ownership and operation of these properties.

Audited historical financial information for the operations comprising the Big Star Acquisition is not currently available. We plan to file separate financial statements and pro forma financial information, as required by Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rules, in a Current Report on Form 8-K within the prescribed time period following consummation of the acquisition. Preliminary leasehold operating statements provided to us by the selling entities indicate that the properties comprising the Big Star Acquisition had revenues for the year ended December 31, 2015 of between $21 $24 million, while direct operating expenses for the same period were between $4 $6 million. The foregoing preliminary revenue and direct operating expense estimates were provided by the selling entities, are unaudited, and have not been reviewed by our independent accountants, Grant Thornton LLP. We cannot assure you that these preliminary estimates are accurate.

Upon closing of the Big Star Acquisition, we will assume operatorship of over 80% of the acquired acreage and own an estimated 81% average working interest (61% average net revenue interest).

Separately, on April 15, 2016, we entered into definitive purchase and sale and joint development agreements for the following transactions (collectively, the AMI Transaction) comprising total net cash consideration of $33 million subject to customary purchase price adjustments, and have made a deposit of $2 million to the sellers. Key elements of the AMI Transaction include:

- Formation of an area of mutual interest with TRP Energy, LLC (TRP) in western Reagan County, Texas, through the joint acquisition from a private party of approximately 4,745 net acres (with a 55% share to us) north of the Garrison Draw field; and

- Our simultaneous sale of a 27.5% interest in the Garrison Draw field to TRP.

Upon closing of the AMI Transaction, our acreage position in western Reagan County will be increased by 1,759 net acres. Assuming the AMI Transaction was complete on January 1, 2016, the AMI Transaction would have contributed net daily production of approximately 953 Boe/d for the first quarter of 2016 primarily from existing horizontal wells targeting the Wolfcamp A and both the upper and lower benches of the Wolfcamp B formation.

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We expect both pending transactions to close in the second quarter of 2016. Neither transaction is contingent on the other. Please see our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 19, 2016 for further information on the pending transactions.

We intend to partially fund the aggregate cash purchase price for the pending transactions described above with the net proceeds of this offering. We will fund the remaining purchase price through borrowings under our senior secured revolving credit facility and cash on hand. Please see Use of Proceeds . There can be no assurances that the pending transactions will be consummated. This offering is not conditioned on the consummation of the pending transactions or any other transaction. Please see Risk Factors .

Registration Rights

In connection with the Big Star Acquisition, we have agreed to grant the sellers certain registration rights upon closing in connection with the shares of our common stock to be issued as consideration under the purchase and sale agreement. We will agree to use our reasonable best efforts to file a resale registration statement and to cause such registration statement to be declared effective within 30 days from the closing of the Big Star Acquisition. The sellers are also entitled to piggyback registration rights. If we register any of our securities, or propose to sell any of our common stock in a future registered offering, either for our own account or for the account of other security holders, the holders of these shares are entitled to include their shares in the registration, provided that they elect to include a minimum of $10 million of such shares in the aggregate in the registration statement. The underwriters of any underwritten offering have the right to limit the number of shares registered by the sellers, subject to certain limitations.

Completed Acquisition

During January 2016, we completed the acquisition of an additional working interest in our Casselman-Bohannon fields for an approximate aggregate purchase price of $9.3 million, excluding customary purchase price adjustments. The acquisition was funded with borrowings from our senior secured revolving credit facility which were subsequently repaid with the proceeds of our common stock offering that closed on March 9, 2016. This transaction included:

- Average working interest of approximately 4.9% (3.7% net revenue interest) in the Casselman-Bohannon fields (6,238 gross acres), increasing our working interest to 71.3% (53.5% net revenue interest);
- 305 net surface acres, predominantly in Midland and Andrews Counties, Texas; and
- Estimated net daily production of approximately 170 Boe/d (75% oil) for the month of January 2016, including production from three established horizontal zones in the Lower Spraberry, Middle Spraberry and Wolfcamp B formations, in addition to legacy vertical production.

Net Pro Forma Impact

On a pro forma basis, assuming the closing of the pending Big Star Acquisition and the AMI Transaction, our operational base will include over 30,000 net surface acres in core areas of the Midland Basin that have been de-risked for multi-zone horizontal development within our total Midland Basin net acreage position of approximately 34,000.

Estimated pro forma net production for the first quarter of 2016 (assuming the closing of the pending transactions on January 1, 2016) would have been approximately 15,300 Boe/d, including production from our existing operations. These estimates are based on data furnished to us by the sellers, are unaudited, and have not been reviewed by our independent accountants. We cannot assure you that these preliminary estimates are accurate.

First Quarter 2016 Production and Other Operational Update

Our net daily production for the first quarter of 2016 was approximately 12,400 Boe/d (approximately 79% oil), representing an approximate 16% sequential increase over comparable net daily production in the fourth

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quarter of 2015. During the first quarter of 2016, the average NYMEX benchmark price for oil was down approximately 8% versus its average for the quarter ended December 31, 2015. The NYMEX price for a barrel of oil ranged from a low of $34.73 per Bbl to a high of $61.43 per Bbl for the year ended December 31, 2015. Similarly, the average benchmark price for gas was down approximately 7% versus its average for the quarter ended December 31, 2015. The benchmark price for gas ranged from a low of $1.76 per Mcf to a high of $3.23 per Mcf for the year ended December 31, 2015. As of March 31, 2016, the average 12 month NYMEX price of oil was lower than the December 31, 2015 12 month average NYMEX oil price. As a result, we anticipate that we will experience a further ceiling test write-down of oil and gas properties for the quarter ending March 31, 2016.

Estimated operational capital expenditures for the first quarter of 2016 were approximately $35 million. Pro forma for the pending transactions, we currently estimate our operational capital expenditures for 2016 to be in the range of $95 million to $105 million, compared to our previously announced estimate of $75 million to $80 million (all estimates are on an accrual basis). The increase is anticipated to fund the completion of three drilled, uncompleted wells on the properties to be acquired in the pending transactions in addition to facilities and infrastructure investments to support future development operations.

Borrowing Base Reaffirmation

As of March 31, 2016, the borrowing base on our revolving credit facility was $300.0 million, with no borrowings outstanding. As of April 7, 2016, our borrowing base was reaffirmed at $300.0 million, including related commitments of $300 million.

Shareholder Approval of Increase in Authorized Stock

Currently our authorized capital stock consists of 150 million shares of common stock and 2.5 million shares of preferred stock. At our annual meeting of shareholders, to be held on May 12, 2016, we are asking our shareholders to approve an increase in our authorized shares of common stock to 300 million shares. The additional shares would be available for possible future acquisitions, equity issuances in capital markets transactions, stock incentive plans, the reservation related to the Series A Preferred Stock (described below), and for any other proper general corporate purpose.

Change in Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Audit Committee has appointed Grant Thornton LLP (GT), as the independent registered public accounting firm, to audit our consolidated financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2016. The Audit Committee conducted a competitive process to review the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2016. The process included consideration of audit firms, in addition to Ernst & Young LLP, which was our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ended December 31, 2015. The decision to evaluate more than one potential audit firm was made in connection with the Audit Committee s annual review of the independent registered public accounting firm. Upon completion of this process, the Audit Committee informed Ernst & Young LLP that they would no longer serve as our independent registered public accounting firm no later than the date of the filing of our Form 10-K for the 2015 fiscal year. The Audit Committee appointed Grant Thornton, LLP, effective as of March 3, 2016, as our registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2016. We did not have any disagreements with Ernst & Young LLP on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure. Although GT has completed its prospective client evaluation of us, GT has not completed any audit or review of our financial statements and is currently in the process of completing its first review of our financial statements in connection with our Form 10-Q for the three month period ended March 31, 2016.

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Corporate information

Our principal executive offices are located at 200 North Canal Street, Natchez, Mississippi 39120. Our telephone number is (601) 442-1601, and our website is www.callon.com. Information contained on or accessible through our website is not incorporated by reference into or otherwise a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

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THE OFFERING

Issuer	Callon Petroleum Company
Common stock offered by us	22,000,000 shares
Common stock outstanding immediately after this offering	118,131,181 shares (121,431,181 if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full)
Option to purchase additional shares	We have granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an aggregate of 3,300,000 additional shares of our common stock.
Use of proceeds	The net proceeds from this offering will be approximately $179.3 million after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses, or approximately $206.2 million if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full. We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering to fund the pending Big Star Acquisition and AMI Transaction. If one or both of the pending transactions are not consummated, we intend to use the net proceeds of this offering to fund a portion of our exploration and development activities and for general corporate purposes, which may include leasehold interest and property acquisitions, repayment of indebtedness, redemption of Series A Preferred Stock and working capital. See Use of Proceeds.
Dividend policy	We have not declared or paid any cash or other dividends on our common stock, and we do not expect to declare or pay any cash or other dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. See Dividend Policy.
Risk factors	You should carefully read and consider the information beginning on page S-10 of this prospectus supplement and page 2 of the accompanying prospectus set forth under the headings Risk factors and all other information set forth in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, and the documents incorporated herein and therein by reference before deciding to invest in our common stock.

NYSE symbol CPE

The number of shares to be outstanding after this offering is based on 96,131,181 shares of our common stock outstanding as of April 18, 2016 and excludes 1,532,979 shares that may be issued pursuant to outstanding awards under our equity compensation plans and 9,333,333 shares to be issued directly to the sellers upon closing of the Big Star Acquisition. Unless otherwise indicated, the information in this prospectus supplement assumes that the underwriters will not exercise their option to purchase additional shares.

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common stock involves risks. Prior to making a decision about investing in our common stock, you should carefully consider the risk factors below and discussed under the heading Risk Factors in the accompanying underlying prospectus and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which is incorporated herein by reference. The risks and uncertainties we have described are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our operations. If any of these risks actually occur, our business, results of operations and financial condition could suffer, and you could lose your investment in us.

Risks related to our business

If oil and natural gas prices remain depressed for extended periods of time, we may be required to take additional write-downs of the carrying value of our oil and natural gas properties.

We may be required to write-down the carrying value of our oil and natural gas properties when oil and natural gas prices are low. Under the full cost method, which we use to account for our oil and natural gas properties, the net capitalized costs of our oil and natural gas properties may not exceed the present value, discounted at 10%, of future net cash flows from estimated net proved reserves, using the preceding 12-months average oil and natural gas prices based on closing prices on the first day of each month, plus the lower of cost or fair market value of our unproved properties. If net capitalized costs of our oil and natural gas properties exceed this limit, we must charge the amount of the excess to earnings. This type of charge will not affect our cash flows, but will reduce the book value of our stockholders equity. Because the oil price we are required to use to estimate our future net cash flows is the average price over the 12 months prior to the date of determination of future net cash flows, the full effect of falling prices may not be reflected in our estimated net cash flows for several quarters. We review the carrying value of our properties quarterly and once incurred, a write-down of oil and natural gas properties is not reversible at a later date, even if prices increase.

For the period ended December 31, 2015, we recorded a $208.4 million write-down of oil and natural gas properties as a result of the ceiling test limitation driven primarily by the significant decrease in oil prices beginning in the fourth quarter of 2014. The ceiling test calculation as of December 31, 2015 used the average NYMEX price of $50.16 per barrel of oil and $2.64 per Mcf of natural gas. The oil prices used at December 31, 2015 were approximately 8% lower than the September 30, 2015 price of $54.48 per barrel of oil, and the gas prices were approximately 25% lower than the September 30, 2015 price of $3.53 per Mcf of natural gas.

As of March 31, 2016, the average 12 month NYMEX price of oil was lower than the December 31, 2015 12 month average NYMEX oil price. As a result, we anticipate that we will experience a further ceiling test write-down for the quarter ending March 31, 2016, and we may experience further ceiling test write-downs in the future. Any future ceiling test cushion, and the risk we may incur further write-downs or impairments, will be subject to fluctuation as a result of acquisition or divestiture activity. In addition, declining commodity prices or other adverse market conditions, such as declines in the market price of our common stock, could result in goodwill impairments or reductions in proved reserve estimates that would adversely affect our results of operation or financial condition.

Our analysis of the properties subject to the pending transactions was based in part on information provided to us by the sellers and the limited representations, warranties and indemnifications of the sellers contained in the purchase agreements, which may prove to be incorrect, resulting in our not realizing the expected benefits of these transactions and the value of the transactions is largely associated with undeveloped acreage that may not materialize.

Our analysis of the properties subject to the pending transactions, including our estimates of the associated proved reserves, is based in part on information provided to us by the sellers, including historical production

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data. Our independent reserve engineers have not provided a report regarding the estimates of reserves with respect to the properties subject to these transactions. As a result, the assumptions on which our internal estimates of proved reserves and horizontal drilling locations included in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement have been based may prove to be incorrect in a number of material ways, resulting in our not realizing our expected benefits of these transactions. In addition, the representations, warranties and indemnities of the sellers contained in the purchase agreements are limited, and we may not have recourse against the sellers in the event that the acreage does not perform as expected.

Furthermore, a large portion of the acreage we are acquiring is undeveloped, and our plans, development schedule and production schedule associated with the acreage may fail to materialize. As a result, our investment in these areas may not be as economic as we anticipate, and we could incur material write-downs of unevaluated properties.

The purchase agreements for the pending transactions contain conditions to closing, some of which are beyond our control, and we may be unable to consummate the pending transactions.

The purchase agreements for the pending transactions contain closing conditions, including satisfaction with title and environmental due diligence, approval of listing of the equity consideration, limitations on purchase price adjustments and customary closing conditions. It is possible that one or more of the conditions in a purchase agreement will not be satisfied, and we may be unable or unwilling to consummate the pending transactions. If the pending transactions are not closed on account of a material breach of either of the purchase agreements on our part that is not subsequently cured, we may be required to forfeit part or all of our $18.5 million earnest money deposit as liquidated damages under the applicable purchase agreement. If we are unable to close one or both of the pending transactions, our common stock price could be adversely affected.

Closing of this offering is not conditioned on the closing of the pending transactions. If one or both of the pending transactions are not consummated, we intend to use any remaining net proceeds to fund a portion of our exploration and development activities and for general corporate purposes, which may include leasehold interest and property acquisitions, repayment of indebtedness, redemption of Series A Preferred Stock and working capital.

Each of the pending transactions involves risks associated with acquisitions and integrating acquired properties, including the potential exposure to significant liabilities, and the intended benefits of the pending transactions may not be realized.

Each of the pending transactions involves risks associated with acquisitions and integrating acquired properties into existing operations, including that:

- our senior management s attention may be diverted from the management of daily operations to the integration of the assets acquired in the pending transactions;
- we could incur significant unknown and contingent liabilities for which we have limited or no contractual remedies or insurance coverage;
- the properties acquired in the pending transactions may not perform as well as we anticipate; and

unexpected costs, delays and challenges may arise in integrating the assets acquired in the pending transactions into our existing operations.

Even if we successfully integrate the properties acquired in the pending transactions into our operations, it may not be possible to realize the full benefits we anticipate or we may not realize these benefits within the expected timeframe. If we fail to realize the benefits we anticipate from the pending transactions, our business, results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected.

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The reserves, production, revenue and direct operating expense estimates with respect to the pending transactions may differ materially from the actual amounts.

The reserves and production estimates with respect to the pending transactions described in this prospectus supplement are based on our analysis of historical production data, assumptions regarding capital expenditures and anticipated production declines. These estimates of reserves and production are based on estimates of our engineers without review by an independent petroleum engineering firm. Data used to make these estimates were furnished by the sellers or obtained from publicly available sources. We cannot assure you that these estimates of proved reserves and production are accurate. After such data is reviewed by an independent petroleum engineering firm, or further by us, the reserves and production related to the pending transactions may differ materially from the amounts indicated in this prospectus supplement.

In addition, the preliminary revenue and direct operating expense estimates with respect to the BigStar Acquisition were provided by the sellers, are unaudited, and have not been reviewed by our independent accountants. We cannot assure you that these preliminary estimates are accurate, and when we file separate financial statements and pro forma financial information following consummation of the pending transactions, such amounts may differ materially from the amounts indicated in this prospectus supplement.

Risks related to our common stock

The number of shares issued in this offering may exceed the number of shares of our authorized common stock and accordingly such shares may be voidable or we may be liable to the holders of our Series A Preferred Stock if we do not elect to redeem our Series A Preferred Stock for cash and are unable to satisfy their conversion obligation following a change of control where neither we nor the acquirer continue to have a class of common securities listed on a national exchange.

Although we believe the shares offered hereby are duly authorized, there is a risk that they could be voidable because the aggregate number of shares of our common stock outstanding plus the number of shares we are potentially committed to issue exceeds our total authorized shares of common stock, (i) if a change of control were to occur, (ii) we or the acquirer no longer have a class of common securities listed on a national exchange and (iii) we do not redeem the Series A Preferred Stock for cash. We have proposed to amend our certificate of incorporation to increase the number of shares of our common stock authorized for issuance at our annual meeting on May 12, 2016. We cannot assure you, however, that such proposal will be approved by our shareholders. In order to minimize this risk we have agreed not to solicit or accept a change of control (as defined in the Certificate of Designation for the Series A Preferred Stock) prior to such amendment; however, if, prior to the time our certificate of incorporation is amended, a change of control after which neither we nor the acquiring entity would have a class of common securities listed on a national exchange were to nonetheless occur, we have committed to exercise our right to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock upon such change of control to the extent necessary so that the aggregate number of shares outstanding plus the number of shares we are potentially committed to issue will be less than the total number of our authorized shares of common stock. In addition, we have agreed to initially segregate such portion of the proceeds of this offering sufficient to effect such redemption. We have also committed to escrow such funds by May 20, 2016 if our proposal to increase our authorized shares is not approved at our annual meeting. We have agreed to use our best efforts to obtain the consent to such escrow from the lenders under our credit facilities and other agreements where a consent is a required. If the shares offered hereby were to be declared void, holders thereof would have no rights as a shareholder of the Company. If the shares offered hereby are valid, as we believe they are, and we are unable to satisfy the conversion obligation in our Series A Preferred Stock upon a change of control, we could be liable to the holders thereof for damages.

Because we have no plans to pay any dividends for the foreseeable future, investors must look solely to stock appreciation for a return on their investment in us.

We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our common stock. We currently intend to retain future earnings and other cash resources, if any, for the operation and development of our business and do not anticipate

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paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Payment of any future dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors after taking into account many factors, including our financial condition, operating results, current and anticipated cash needs and plans for expansion. In addition, our current senior secured revolving credit facility prohibits and our second lien term facility restricts us from paying cash dividends on our common stock. Any future dividends may also be restricted by any debt financing arrangements that we may enter into from time to time. Accordingly, investors must rely on sales of their common stock after price appreciation, which may never occur, as the only way to realize any future gains on their investment. Investors seeking cash dividends should not purchase our common stock.

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that could discourage an acquisition or change of control of us.

Our certificate of incorporation authorizes our board of directors to issue preferred stock without shareholder approval. Our currently outstanding Series A Preferred Stock could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of us. Following a change of control (as defined in the Certificate of Designation), we will have the option to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole but not in part for $50.00 per share in cash, plus accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared), to the redemption date. If we do not exercise our option to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock upon a change of control, the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock have the option to convert the Series A Preferred Stock into a number of shares of our common stock based on the value of the common stock on the date of the change of control as determined under the Certificate of Designation for the Series A Preferred Stock. In addition, provisions of the certificate of incorporation and bylaws, such as limitations on shareholder proposals at meetings of shareholders and restrictions on the ability of our shareholders to call special meetings, could also make it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of us. Our certificate of incorporation provides that our board of directors is divided into three classes, each elected for staggered three-year terms. Thus, control of the board of directors cannot be changed in one year; rather, at least two annual meetings must be held before a majority of the members of the board of directors could be changed.

These provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws may delay, defer or prevent a tender offer or takeover attempt that a shareholder might consider in his or her best interest, including attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for the common stock.

Future issuances of shares of our common stock or the sale of a significant amount of restricted stock may adversely affect the price of our common stock.

The future issuance of a substantial number of shares of our common stock into the public market, or the perception that such issuance could occur, could adversely affect the prevailing market price of our common stock. Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market could occur at any time. These sales, or the perception in the market that the holders of a large number of shares intend to sell shares, could reduce the market price of our common stock.

After this offering, we will have outstanding 118,131,181 shares of common stock, which is based on 96,131,181 shares of our common stock outstanding as of April 18, 2016. This number also includes the shares that we are selling in this offering, which may be resold in the public market immediately without restriction, unless purchased by our affiliates. In addition, we expect to issue 9,333,333 shares of common stock to the sellers directly in connection with the pending Big Star Acquisition. The shares we expect to deliver to sellers in such acquisition are subject to registration rights pursuant to which we have agreed to use our reasonable best efforts to file a resale registration statement and to cause such registration statement to be declared effective within 30 days from the closing of the Big Star Acquisition. The sellers are also entitled to piggyback registration rights in connection with future registrations of

common shares under certain conditions. Certain of these shares can also be sold in the market subject to Rule 144. In addition, we have registered 3,089,095 shares on a Form S-8 registration statement, of which 2,817,021 remain available for issuance under our 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan. As a result, these shares can be freely sold in the public market upon issuance, subject to volume limitations applicable to affiliates and the

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lock-up agreements. Finally, we expect our authorized share capital to increase to 300 million shares of common stock following approval from our shareholders at our annual meeting on May 12, 2016.

A decline in the price of our common stock could make it more difficult to raise funds through future offerings of shares of our common stock or securities convertible into shares of common stock.

If our shareholders do not approve an increase in our authorized capital stock, we may be unable to access the capital markets, complete acquisition transactions or partnerships, attract, retain and motivate employees or pursue other business opportunities integral to our growth and success.

At our 2016 annual meeting of shareholders scheduled for May 12, 2016, we are asking our shareholders to approve an increase in our authorized capital stock from 150 million shares to 300 million shares. If our shareholders do not approve the proposal at the 2016 annual meeting, we may seek to obtain shareholder approval of an increase in authorized shares at future shareholder meetings. If we are ultimately unsuccessful, our ability to meet the demands of future growth and other corporate obligations may be severely limited and, if we undergo a change of control (as defined in the Certificate of Designation for the Series A Preferred Stock), we may be unable to convert our outstanding Series A Preferred Stock into common stock.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds from this offering will be approximately $179.3 million, after deducting the underwriting commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us (or approximately $206.2 million if the underwriters option to purchase additional shares is exercised in full). We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering to fund the pending Big Star Acquisition and AMI Transaction. See Prospectus Supplement Summary Recent Developments Pending Transactions. If one or both of the pending transactions are not consummated, we intend to use any remaining net proceeds to fund a portion of our exploration and development activities and for general corporate purposes, which may include leasehold interest and property acquisitions, repayment of indebtedness, redemption of Series A Preferred Stock and working capital.

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CAPITALIZATION

Assuming no exercise of the underwriters option to purchase additional shares, the following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of December 31, 2015:

- on an actual basis;
- on an adjusted basis to give effect to (i) the issuance of 15,250,000 shares in our March 9, 2016 common stock offering, as if the offering had occurred on December 31, 2015 and (ii) the application of the estimated proceeds therefrom; and
- on an as further adjusted basis to give effect to (i) the net proceeds of the offering completed on March 9, 2016, (ii) the issuance of 9,333,333 of our common shares as consideration issued directly to sellers upon closing of the Big Star Acquisition, (iii) this offering and the application of the estimated net proceeds as described in the Use of proceeds , as if the offerings and the pending transactions had occurred on December 31, 2015, and (iv) application of cash balances and borrowings under our senior secured revolving credit facility, as if the pending transactions had occurred on December 31, 2015.

The as further adjusted information below is illustrative only, and cash, cash equivalents, stockholders equity, and total capitalization following the completion of this offering will be adjusted based on the actual public offering price and other terms of our public offering determined at pricing. The table should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to Use of proceeds in this prospectus supplement and Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which is incorporated by reference herein.

	As of December 31, 2015		
	Actual	As Adjusted	As Further Adjusted[4]
	(in thousands)		
Cash and cash equivalents[1]	$ 1,224	$ 56,079	$ 0
Long term debt, less current portion:			
Senior secured revolving credit facility[2]	40,000	0	17,651
Secured second lien term loan	300,000	300,000	300,000
Total long term debt	$ 340,000	$ 300,000	$ 317,651
Stockholders equity			
Common stock, $0.01 par value (150,000,000 shares authorized; 80,087,148 shares issued and outstanding, actual; 95,337,148 shares issued and outstanding, as adjusted; 126,670,481 shares issued and outstanding, as further adjusted)[3]	$ 801	$ 954	$ 1,267
	16	16	16

Series A preferred stock, $0.01 par value and $50.00 liquidation preference (2,500,000 shares authorized, actual, adjusted and as further adjusted; 1,578,948 shares outstanding, actual, as adjusted and as further adjusted)			
Capital in excess of par value	702,970	797,673	1,059,883
Accumulated deficit	(341,029)	(341,029)	(341,029)
Total stockholders equity	$ 362,758	$ 457,613	$ 720,136
Total capitalization	$ 702,758	$ 757,613	$ 1,037,787

(1) As of March 31, 2016, our cash and cash equivalents balance was $9.5 million.
(2) As of March 31, 2016, the borrowing base on our revolving credit facility was $300.0 million, with no borrowings outstanding. As of April 7, 2016, our borrowing base was reaffirmed at $300.0 million.
(3) We expect to increase our authorized common shares to 300 million following shareholder approval at our annual meeting which we expect will be held on May 12, 2016.

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(4) As a result of our commitment in connection with this offering to exercise our right to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock upon a change of control after which neither we nor the acquiring entity have a class of common securities listed on a national exchange to the extent necessary so that the aggregate number of shares outstanding plus the number of shares we are potentially committed to issue will be less than the total number of our authorized shares of common stock, such shares no longer qualify as equity and must be reclassified to a mezzanine level between stockholders equity and liabilities for so long as such commitment remains in effect.

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PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK

Our common stock is listed and traded on the NYSE under the symbol CPE . The following table sets forth the range of high and low sales prices of our common stock for the periods presented:

	Common stock	
	High	Low
Year ended December 31, 2016		
Second quarter (through April 18, 2016)	$ 9.38	$ 8.50
First quarter	$ 9.05	$ 4.21
Year ended December 31, 2015		
Fourth quarter	$ 10.18	$ 6.87
Third quarter	$ 9.65	$ 6.03
Second quarter	$ 9.40	$ 7.35
First quarter	$ 8.15	$ 4.66
Year ending December 31, 2014		
Fourth quarter	$ 8.99	$ 4.09
Third quarter	12.09	8.46
Second quarter	11.75	8.15
First quarter	9.00	6.13

The closing price of our common stock on the NYSE on April 18, 2016 was $8.73 per share. On April 18, 2016, we had 96,131,181 issued and outstanding shares of common stock, which were held by 2,899 holders of record. Holders of record do not include owners for whom common stock may be held in street name or whose common stock is restricted.

DIVIDEND POLICY

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock. We currently intend to retain all available funds and any future earnings for use in the operation and expansion of our business and do not anticipate declaring or paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Any future determination as to the declaration and payment of dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on then-existing conditions, including our financial condition, results of operations, contractual restrictions, capital requirements, business prospects and other factors that our board of directors considers relevant. In addition, the terms of our senior secured revolving credit facility restrict the payment of dividends to the holders of our common stock and any other equity holders.

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UNDERWRITING

We are offering the shares of common stock described in this prospectus supplement through a number of underwriters. Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. are acting as joint book-running managers of the offering. We have entered into an underwriting agreement with Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC as representative of the underwriters. Subject to the terms and conditions of the underwriting agreement, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each underwriter has severally agreed to purchase, at the public offering price less the underwriting discounts and commissions set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement, the number of shares of common stock listed next to its name in the following table:

Name	Number of shares
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	8,593,749
Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.	3,403,125
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	1,417,969
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	1,417,969
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	1,417,969
RBC Capital Markets, LLC	1,417,969
Capital One Securities, Inc.	618,750
Iberia Capital Partners L.L.C.	618,750
Johnson Rice & Company, L.L.C.	618,750
KeyBanc Capital Markets, Inc.	618,750
Seaport Global Securities, LLC	618,750
Stephens Inc.	618,750
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.	618,750
Total	22,000,000

The underwriters are committed to purchase all the shares of common stock offered by us if they purchase any shares. The underwriting agreement also provides that if an underwriter defaults, the purchase commitments of non-defaulting underwriters may also be increased or the offering may be terminated.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

The underwriters propose to offer the shares of common stock directly to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and to certain dealers at that price less a concession not in excess of $0.204 per share. After the public offering of the shares, the offering price and other selling terms may be changed by the underwriters.

The underwriters have an option to buy up to 3,300,000 additional shares of common stock from us. The underwriters have 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement to exercise this option to purchase additional shares of common stock. If any additional shares of common stock are purchased, the underwriters will offer the additional shares on the same terms as those on which the shares are being offered.

The underwriting fee is equal to the public offering price per share of common stock less the amount paid by the underwriters to us per share of common stock. The underwriting fee is $0.340 per share. The following table shows

the per share and total underwriting discounts and commissions to be paid to the underwriters assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters option to purchase additional shares.

	Without option exercise	With full option exercise
Per Share	$ 0.340	$ 0.340
Total	$ 7,480,000	$ 8,602,000

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We estimate that the total expenses of this offering, including registration, filing and listing fees, printing fees and legal and accounting expenses, but excluding the underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately $250,000.

A prospectus supplement in electronic format may be made available on the web sites maintained by one or more underwriters, or selling group members, if any, participating in the offering. The underwriters may agree to allocate a number of shares to underwriters and selling group members for sale to their online brokerage account holders. Internet distributions will be allocated by the representatives to underwriters and selling group members that may make Internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations.

No sales of similar securities

We, our executive officers and our directors have agreed not to sell or transfer any common stock or securities convertible into, exchangeable for, exercisable for, or repayable with common stock, for 45 days after the date of this prospectus supplement without first obtaining the written consent of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC. Specifically, we and these other persons have agreed, with certain limited exceptions, not to directly or indirectly:

- offer, pledge, announce the intention to sell, sell or contract to sell any common stock;
- sell any option or contract to purchase any common stock;
- purchase any option or contract to sell any common stock;
- grant any option, right or warrant for the sale of any common stock;
- otherwise transfer or dispose of any common stock;
- request or demand that we file a registration statement related to any common stock; or
- enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, the economic consequence of ownership of any common stock whether any such swap or transaction is to be settled by delivery of shares or other securities, in cash or otherwise.

Such exceptions include, among others, any shares of common stock we issue pursuant to Company stock plans with respect to options outstanding on the date hereof (other than cashless exercises), and any shares of common stock, or securities convertible into, exercisable or exchangeable for shares of common stock, issued or to be issued in connection with mergers or acquisitions of securities, businesses, property or other assets (including the pending transactions), joint ventures, strategic alliances, or in exchange for shares of our Series A Preferred Stock.

This lock-up provision applies to common stock and to securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for or repayable with common stock. It also applies to common stock owned now or acquired later by the person

executing the agreement or for which the person executing the agreement later acquires the power of disposition.

New York Stock Exchange listing

The shares are listed on the NYSE under the symbol CPE .

Stabilization and short positions

In connection with this offering, the underwriters may engage in stabilizing transactions, which involves making bids for, purchasing and selling shares of common stock in the open market for the purpose of preventing

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or retarding a decline in the market price of the common stock while this offering is in progress. These stabilizing transactions may include making short sales of the common stock, which involves the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of shares of common stock than they are required to purchase in this offering, and purchasing shares of common stock on the open market to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales may be covered shorts, which are short positions in an amount not greater than the underwriters option referred to above, or may be naked shorts, which are short positions in excess of that amount. The underwriters may close out any covered short position either by exercising their option, in whole or in part, or by purchasing shares in the open market. In making this determination, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market compared to the price at which the underwriters may purchase shares through the option. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the common stock in the open market that could adversely affect investors who purchase in this offering. To the extent that the underwriters create a naked short position, they will purchase shares in the open market to cover the position.

The underwriters have advised us that, pursuant to Regulation M of the Securities Act, they may also engage in other activities that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the common stock, including the imposition of penalty bids. This means that if the representatives of the underwriters purchase common stock in the open market in stabilizing transactions or to cover short sales, the representatives can require the underwriters that sold those shares as part of this offering to repay the underwriting discount received by them.

These activities may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of the common stock or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the common stock, and, as a result, the price of the common stock may be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. If the underwriters commence these activities, they may discontinue them at any time. The underwriters may carry out these transactions on the NYSE, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

Other relationships

Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates act as administrative agent, lender, swingline lender and/or letter of credit lender under the Company s senior secured revolving credit facility. In addition, certain of the underwriters and their affiliates have provided in the past to us and our affiliates and may provide from time to time in the future certain commercial banking, financial advisory, investment banking and other services for us and such affiliates in the ordinary course of their business, for which they have received and may continue to receive customary fees and commissions. In addition, from time to time, certain of the underwriters and their affiliates may effect transactions for their own account or the account of customers, and hold on behalf of themselves or their customers, long or short positions in our debt or equity securities or loans, and may do so in the future. In addition, an affiliate of Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., Scotia Waterous (USA) Inc., is acting as financial advisor to Big Star Oil & Gas, L.L.C. with regards to the pending Big Star Acquisition.

Notice to investors

Other than in the United States, no action has been taken by us or the underwriters that would permit a public offering of the securities offered by this prospectus supplement in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. The securities offered by this prospectus supplement may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, nor may this prospectus supplement or any other offering material or advertisements in connection with the offer and sale of any such securities be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of that jurisdiction. Persons into whose possession this prospectus supplement comes are advised to inform themselves about and to observe any restrictions relating to the

offering and the distribution of this prospectus supplement. This prospectus supplement does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities offered by this prospectus supplement in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or a solicitation is unlawful.

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United Kingdom

Each Underwriter has represented and agreed that:

a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, or FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the shares in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the issuer; and

b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the shares in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area (each, a Relevant Member State), each underwriter has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date) it has not made and will not make an offer of shares which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement to the public in that Relevant Member State other than:

a) to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;

b) to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the issuer for any such offer; or

c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive; provided that no such offer of shares shall require the issuer or any Underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

This prospectus supplement has been prepared on the basis that any offer of shares in any Relevant Member State will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of shares. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of shares which are the subject of the offering contemplated in this prospectus supplement may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Company or any of the underwriters to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive in relation to such offer. Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of shares in circumstances in which an obligation arises for Callon or the underwriters to publish a prospectus for such offer.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of shares to the public in relation to any shares in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the shares to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the shares, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression 2010 PD Amending Directive means Directive 2010/73/EU.

Switzerland

The shares may not be publicly offered in Switzerland and will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (SIX) or on any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. This document has been prepared without regard to the disclosure standards for issuance prospectuses under art. 652a or art. 1156 of the

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Swiss Code of Obligations or the disclosure standards for listing prospectuses under art. 27 ff. of the SIX Listing Rules or the listing rules of any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. Neither this document nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the shares or the offering may be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland.

Neither this document nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the offering, the Company, the shares have been or will be filed with or approved by any Swiss regulatory authority. In particular, this document will not be filed with, and the offer of shares will not be supervised by, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA, and the offer of shares has not been and will not be authorized under the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes (CISA). The investor protection afforded to acquirers of interests in collective investment schemes under the CISA does not extend to acquirers of shares.

Dubai International Financial Centre

This prospectus supplement relates to an Exempt Offer in accordance with the Offered Securities Rules of the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA). This prospectus supplement is intended for distribution only to persons of a type specified in the Offered Securities Rules of the DFSA. It must not be delivered to, or relied on by, any other person. The DFSA has no responsibility for reviewing or verifying any documents in connection with Exempt Offers. The DFSA has not approved this prospectus supplement nor taken steps to verify the information set forth herein and has no responsibility for this prospectus supplement. The shares to which this prospectus supplement relates may be illiquid and/or subject to restrictions on their resale. Prospective purchasers of the shares offered should conduct their own due diligence on the shares. If you do not understand the contents of this prospectus supplement you should consult an authorized financial advisor.

Australia

No placement document, prospectus, product disclosure statement or other disclosure document has been lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, in relation to the offering. This prospectus supplement does not constitute a prospectus, product disclosure statement or other disclosure document under the Corporations Act 2001 (the Corporations Act), and does not purport to include the information required for a prospectus, product disclosure statement or other disclosure document under the Corporations Act.

Any offer in Australia of the shares may only be made to persons (the Exempt Investors) who are sophisticated investors (within the meaning of section 708(8) of the Corporations Act), professional investors (within the meaning of section 708(11) of the Corporations Act) or otherwise pursuant to one or more exemptions contained in section 708 of the Corporations Act so that it is lawful to offer the shares without disclosure to investors under Chapter 6D of the Corporations Act.

The shares applied for by Exempt Investors in Australia must not be offered for sale in Australia in the period of 12 months after the date of allotment under the offering, except in circumstances where disclosure to investors under Chapter 6D of the Corporations Act would not be required pursuant to an exemption under section 708 of the Corporations Act or otherwise or where the offer is pursuant to a disclosure document which complies with Chapter 6D of the Corporations Act. Any person acquiring shares must observe such Australian on-sale restrictions.

This prospectus supplement contains general information only and does not take account of the investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs of any particular person. It does not contain any securities recommendations or financial product advice. Before making an investment decision, investors need to consider whether the information in this prospectus supplement is appropriate to their needs, objectives and circumstances, and, if necessary, seek expert

advice on those matters.

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Hong Kong

The shares have not been offered or sold and will not be offered or sold in Hong Kong, by means of any document, other than (a) to professional investors as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance; or (b) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus as defined in the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance. No advertisement, invitation or document relating to the shares has been or may be issued or has been or may be in the possession of any person for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to shares which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance.

Japan

The shares have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948, as amended) and, accordingly, will not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Japan, or for the benefit of any Japanese Person or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to any Japanese Person, except in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines promulgated by relevant Japanese governmental or regulatory authorities in effect at the relevant time. For the purposes of this paragraph, Japanese Person shall mean any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan.

Singapore

This prospectus supplement has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the shares may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the shares be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore, or the SFA, (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the shares are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is: (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor, shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the shares under Section 275 except: (1) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA; (2) where no consideration is given for the transfer; or (3) by operation of law.

Notice to Canadian Residents

Resale Restrictions

The distribution of shares in Canada is being made only in the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia on a private placement basis exempt from the requirement that we prepare and file a prospectus with the securities regulatory authorities in each province where trades of these securities are made. Any resale of

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the shares in Canada must be made under applicable securities laws which may vary depending on the relevant jurisdiction, and which may require resales to be made under available statutory exemptions or under a discretionary exemption granted by the applicable Canadian securities regulatory authority. Purchasers are advised to seek legal advice prior to any resale of the securities.

Representations of Canadian Purchasers

By purchasing shares in Canada and accepting delivery of a purchase confirmation, a purchaser is representing to us and the dealer from whom the purchase confirmation is received that:

the purchaser is entitled under applicable provincial securities laws to purchase the shares without the benefit of a prospectus qualified under those securities laws as it is an accredited investor as defined under National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions*,

the purchaser is a permitted client as defined in National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations*,

where required by law, the purchaser is purchasing as principal and not as agent, and

the purchaser has reviewed the text above under Resale Restrictions.

Conflicts of Interest

Canadian purchasers are hereby notified that the underwriters are relying on the exemption set out in section 3A.3 or 3A.4, if applicable, of National Instrument 33-105 *Underwriting Conflicts* from having to provide certain conflict of interest disclosure in this document.

Statutory Rights of Action

Securities legislation in certain provinces or territories of Canada may provide a purchaser with remedies for rescission or damages if the offering memorandum (including any amendment thereto) such as this document contains a misrepresentation, provided that the remedies for rescission or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser s province or territory. The purchaser of these securities in Canada should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser s province or territory for particulars of these rights or consult with a legal advisor.

Enforcement of Legal Rights

All of our directors and officers as well as the experts named herein may be located outside of Canada and, as a result, it may not be possible for Canadian purchasers to effect service of process within Canada upon us or those persons. All or a substantial portion of our assets and the assets of those persons may be located outside of Canada and, as a result, it may not be possible to satisfy a judgment against us or those persons in Canada or to enforce a judgment obtained in Canadian courts against us or those persons outside of Canada.

Taxation and Eligibility for Investment

Canadian purchasers of shares should consult their own legal and tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of an investment in the shares in their particular circumstances and about the eligibility of the shares for investment by the purchaser under relevant Canadian legislation.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters regarding the validity of the shares of common stock that are offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Haynes and Boone, LLP. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriters by Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Callon Petroleum Company appearing in Callon Petroleum Company s Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the effectiveness of Callon Petroleum Company s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement regarding estimated quantities of proved reserves as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, using SEC guidelines, were prepared or derived from estimates prepared by DeGolyer and MacNaughton, independent petroleum engineers. These estimates are included in this prospectus supplement in reliance on the authority of such firm as experts in these matters. The information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement regarding estimated quantities of proved reserves as of December 31, 2013 using SEC guidelines, were prepared or derived from estimates prepared by Huddleston & Company, independent petroleum engineers. These estimates are included in this prospectus supplement in reliance on the authority of such firm as experts in these matters.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC You may read and copy this information at the following SEC location:

Public Reference Room

100 F Street, N.E.

Washington, D.C. 20549

You can also obtain copies of these documents at prescribed rates by writing to the Public Reference Room of the SEC. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at (800) SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a web site that contains reports, proxy statements and other information about issuers, like Callon Petroleum Company, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that web site is www.sec.gov. Unless specifically listed under Information Incorporated by Reference below, the information contained on the SEC website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and you should not consider that information a part of this prospectus supplement.

In addition, our common stock is listed on the NYSE and similar information concerning us can be inspected and copied at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

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INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The rules of the SEC allow us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to that information. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede that information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made by us with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act until the offering of the common stock is completed (unless otherwise stated, other than information furnished under Items 2.02 or 7.01 of any Form 8-K, which is not deemed filed):

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 filed on March 3, 2016;

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 15, 2016, March 1, 2016, March 4, 2016, March 8, 2016 and April 19, 2016;

The information specifically incorporated by reference into the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 from our definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, filed on April 1, 2016; and

The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-B filed with the SEC on October 3, 1994 and any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating that description.

All documents that we subsequently file pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, and that are deemed filed prior to the termination of this offering, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

Any statement contained in this prospectus supplement or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus supplement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference modifies or supersedes the statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus supplement.

You may obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement from the SEC through the SEC s website at the address provided above. We will provide you a copy of any or all of the information that has been incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement (including exhibits to those documents specifically incorporated by reference in this document), at no cost, upon your written or oral request to us at the following address or telephone number:

Callon Petroleum Company

200 North Canal Street

Natchez, Mississippi 39120

Telephone: (601) 442-1601

Attn: Investor Relations

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Prospectus

CALLON PETROLEUM COMPANY

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We may offer and sell the securities listed above from time to time in one or more classes or series and in amounts, at prices and on terms that we will determine at the time of the offering. Any debt securities we issue under this prospectus may be guaranteed by certain of our subsidiaries.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the offering. The supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus, all prospectus supplements and all other documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus before you invest in our securities.

Our common stock is quoted on The New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CPE. Our 10% Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock is listed on The New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CPE.A.

THIS PROSPECTUS MAY NOT BE USED TO SELL SECURITIES UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT.

INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES INVOLVES A HIGH DEGREE OF RISK. RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INVESTMENT IN OUR SECURITIES WILL BE DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICABLE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND OUR PERIODIC AND OTHER REPORTS WE FILE WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, AS DESCRIBED IN RISK FACTORS ON PAGE 2. YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER THOSE RISK FACTORS BEFORE INVESTING.

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

The date of this prospectus is April 5, 2016.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a shelf registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. Under this registration statement, we may sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus from time to time in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. This prospectus does not contain all the information set forth in the registration statement as permitted by the rules of the SEC. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. That prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully read both this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, together with the additional information described in this prospectus under the headings Where You Can Find More Information and Information Incorporated by Reference.

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus and in any applicable prospectus supplement, including any information incorporated by reference. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. You should not assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or any document incorporated by reference is accurate at any date other than as of the date of each such document. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since the date indicated on the cover page of such documents.

The distribution of this prospectus may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. You should inform yourself about and observe these restrictions. This prospectus does not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which the offer or solicitation is not authorized, or in which the person making the offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so, or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make the offer or solicitation.

When used in this prospectus or in any supplement to this prospectus, the terms Callon, the Company, we, our and refer to Callon Petroleum Company and its subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires.

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OUR COMPANY

We are an independent oil and natural gas company established in 1950. We are focused on the acquisition, development, exploration and exploitation of unconventional, onshore, oil and natural gas reserves in the Permian Basin in West Texas and, more specifically, the Midland Basin. Our drilling activity in this area to date has been predominantly focused on the horizontal development of several prospective intervals, including multiple levels of the Wolfcamp formation and, more recently, the Lower Spraberry shale. We have assembled a multi-year inventory of potential horizontal well locations and intend to add to this inventory through delineation drilling of emerging zones on our existing acreage and acquisition of additional locations through working interest acquisitions, acreage purchases, joint ventures and asset swaps.

We are a Delaware corporation with our principal executive office located at 200 North Canal Street, Natchez, Mississippi 39120. Our telephone number at that address is (601) 442-1601. We maintain a website on the Internet at www.callon.com. The information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus and does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

RISK FACTORS

Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider the risks described under Risk Factors in the applicable prospectus supplement and in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, or any updates in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, together with all of the other information appearing in this prospectus or incorporated by reference into this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement. The risks so described are not the only risks facing our company. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business operations. Our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks. Furthermore, the trading price of our securities could decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as anticipate, project, intend, estimate, expect, believe, predict, budget, projection, goal, plan, forecast, targ intended to identify forward-looking statements.

All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus that address activities, events or developments that we expect or anticipate will or may occur in the future, including such things as:

- our oil and gas reserve quantities, and the discounted present value of these reserves;
- the amount and nature of our capital expenditures;

our future drilling and development plans and our potential drilling locations;

commodity price risk management activities and the impact on our average realized prices;

the timing and amount of future production and operating costs;

business strategies and plans of management; and

prospect development and property acquisitions.

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Some of the risks, which could affect our future results and could cause results to differ materially from those expressed in our forward-looking statements, include:

- general economic conditions including the availability of credit and access to existing lines of credit;
- the volatility of oil and natural gas prices;
- the uncertainty of estimates of oil and natural gas reserves;
- the impact of competition;
- the availability and cost of seismic, drilling and other equipment;
- operating hazards inherent in the exploration for and production of oil and natural gas;
- difficulties encountered during the exploration for and production of oil and natural gas;
- difficulties encountered in delivering oil and natural gas to commercial markets;
- changes in customer demand and producers supply;
- the uncertainty of our ability to attract capital and obtain financing on favorable terms;
- compliance with, or the effect of changes in, the extensive governmental regulations regarding the oil and natural gas business including those related to climate change and greenhouse gases;
- the financial impact of accounting regulations and critical accounting policies;
- the comparative cost of alternative fuels;
- credit risk relating to the risk of loss as a result of non-performance by our counterparties;

weather conditions;

our ability to make, integrate and develop acquisitions and realize any expected benefits or effects of the completed acquisition; and

the risk factors discussed under the heading Risk Factors in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement and those discussed in the documents we have incorporated by reference.

All forward-looking statements, expressed or implied, included in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. This cautionary statement should also be considered in connection with any subsequent written or oral forward-looking statements that we or persons acting on our behalf may issue. Except as otherwise required by applicable law, we disclaim any duty to update any forward looking statements, all of which are expressly qualified by the statements in this section, to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, we intend to use the net proceeds from any sales of securities by us under this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement for general corporate purposes, which may include, among other things:

- capital expenditures;
- the repayment of indebtedness;
- working capital; and
- to make strategic acquisitions.

Any specific allocation of the net proceeds of an offering of securities to a specific purpose will be determined at the time of the offering and will be described in an accompanying prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. The precise amount and timing of the application of these proceeds will depend upon our funding requirements and the availability and cost of other funds.

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RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS

The following table sets forth our ratios of earnings to fixed charges and ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges plus preferred stock dividends for the periods indicated. Earnings consist of pretax income (loss) from continuing operations and fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expensed and capitalized.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2015	**2014**	**2013**	**2012**	**2011**
Ratio of earning to fixed charges	(a)	5.02	1.36	1.39	4.01
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends	(a)	2.64	0.77	1.39	4.01

(a) For the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company recorded a $208.4 million ceiling test write-down of its oil and gas properties. As a result, earnings in 2015 were insufficient by $212.1 million to cover fixed charges, and by $221.9 million to cover fixed charges plus preferred stock dividends.

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DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The Debt Securities will be either our senior debt securities (Senior Debt Securities) or our subordinated debt securities (Subordinated Debt Securities). The Senior Debt Securities and the Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued under separate indentures among us, the Subsidiary Guarantors of such Debt Securities, if any, and a trustee to be determined (the Trustee). Senior Debt Securities will be issued under a Senior Indenture and Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued under a Subordinated Indenture. Together, the Senior Indenture and the Subordinated Indenture are called Indentures.

The Debt Securities may be issued from time to time in one or more series. The particular terms of each series that are offered by a prospectus supplement will be described in the prospectus supplement.

Unless the Debt Securities are guaranteed by our subsidiaries as described below, our rights and the rights of our creditors, including holders of the Debt Securities, to participate in the assets of any subsidiary upon the latter s liquidation or reorganization, will be subject to the prior claims of the subsidiary s creditors, except to the extent that we may ourself be a creditor with recognized claims against such subsidiary.

We have summarized selected provisions of the Indentures below. The summary is not complete. The form of each Indenture has been filed with the SEC as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and you should read the Indentures for provisions that may be important to you. Capitalized terms used in the summary have the meanings specified in the Indentures

General

The Indentures provide that Debt Securities in separate series may be issued thereunder from time to time without limitation as to aggregate principal amount. We may specify a maximum aggregate principal amount for the Debt Securities of any series. We will determine the terms and conditions of the Debt Securities, including the maturity, principal and interest, but those terms must be consistent with the Indenture. The Debt Securities will be our unsecured obligations.

The Subordinated Debt Securities will be subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all of our Senior Debt (as defined) as described under Subordination of Subordinated Debt Securities and in the prospectus supplement applicable to any Subordinated Debt Securities. If the prospectus supplement so indicates, the Debt Securities will be convertible into our common stock.

If specified in the prospectus supplement respecting a particular series of Debt Securities, certain of our current and future subsidiaries specified in the prospectus supplement (each a Subsidiary Guarantor) will fully and unconditionally guarantee (the Subsidiary Guarantee) that series as described under Subsidiary Guarantee and in the prospectus supplement. Each Subsidiary Guarantee will be an unsecured obligation of the Subsidiary Guarantor. A Subsidiary Guarantee of Subordinated Debt Securities will be subordinated to the Senior Debt of the Subsidiary Guarantor on the same basis as the Subordinated Debt Securities are subordinated to our Senior Debt.

The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the price or prices at which the Debt Securities to be issued will be offered for sale and will describe the following terms of such Debt Securities:

(1) The title of the Debt Securities;

(2) whether the Debt Securities are Senior Debt Securities or Subordinated Debt Securities and, if Subordinated Debt Securities, the related subordination terms;

(3) whether any Subsidiary Guarantor will provide a Subsidiary Guarantee of the Debt Securities;

(4) any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities;

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(5) each date on which the principal of the Debt Securities will be payable;

(6) the interest rate that the Debt Securities will bear and the interest payment dates for the Debt Securities;

(7) each place where payments on the Debt Securities will be payable;

(8) any terms upon which the Debt Securities may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at our option;

(9) any sinking fund or other provisions that would obligate us to redeem or otherwise repurchase the Debt Securities;

(10) the portion of the principal amount, if less than all, of the Debt Securities that will be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the Maturity of the Debt Securities;

(11) whether the Debt Securities are defeasible;

(12) any addition to or change in the Events of Default;

(13) whether the Debt Securities are convertible into our common stock and, if so, the terms and conditions upon which conversion will be effected, including the initial conversion price or conversion rate and any adjustments thereto and the conversion period;

(14) any addition to or change in the covenants in the Indenture applicable to the Debt Securities; and

(15) any other terms of the Debt Securities not inconsistent with the provisions of the Indenture.

Debt Securities, including any Debt Securities that provide for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof (Original Issue Discount Securities), may be sold at a substantial discount below their principal amount. Special United States federal income tax considerations applicable to Debt Securities sold at an original issue discount may be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. In addition, special United States federal income tax or other considerations applicable to any Debt Securities that are denominated in a currency or currency unit other than United States dollars may be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Subordination of Subordinated Debt Securities

The indebtedness evidenced by the Subordinated Debt Securities will, to the extent set forth in the Subordinated Indenture with respect to each series of Subordinated Debt Securities, be subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all of our Senior Debt, including the Senior Debt Securities, and it may also be senior in right of

payment to all of our Subordinated Debt. The prospectus supplement relating to any Subordinated Debt Securities will summarize the subordination provisions of the Subordinated Indenture applicable to that series including:

- the applicability and effect of such provisions upon any payment or distribution respecting that series following any liquidation, dissolution or other winding-up, or any assignment for the benefit of creditors or other marshalling of assets or any bankruptcy, insolvency or similar proceedings;

- the applicability and effect of such provisions in the event of specified defaults with respect to any Senior Debt, including the circumstances under which and the periods during which we will be prohibited from making payments on the Subordinated Debt Securities; and

- the definition of Senior Debt applicable to the Subordinated Debt Securities of that series and, if the series is issued on a senior subordinated basis, the definition of Subordinated Debt applicable to that series. The prospectus supplement will also describe as of a recent date the approximate amount of Senior Debt to which the Subordinated Debt Securities of that series will be subordinated.

The failure to make any payment on any of the Subordinated Debt Securities by reason of the subordination provisions of the Subordinated Indenture described in the prospectus supplement will not be construed as

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preventing the occurrence of an Event of Default with respect to the Subordinated Debt Securities arising from any such failure to make payment.

The subordination provisions described above will not be applicable to payments in respect of the Subordinated Debt Securities from a defeasance trust established in connection with any legal defeasance or covenant defeasance of the Subordinated Debt Securities as described under Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance.

Subsidiary Guarantee

If specified in the prospectus supplement, one or more of the Subsidiary Guarantors will guarantee the Debt Securities of a series. Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, the following provisions will apply to the Subsidiary Guarantee of the Subsidiary Guarantor.

Subject to the limitations described below and in the prospectus supplement, one or more of the Subsidiary Guarantors will jointly and severally, fully and unconditionally guarantee the punctual payment when due, whether at Stated Maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, of all our payment obligations under the Indentures and the Debt Securities of a series, whether for principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Debt Securities or otherwise (all such obligations guaranteed by a Subsidiary Guarantor being herein called the Guaranteed Obligations). The Subsidiary Guarantors will also pay all expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) incurred by the applicable Trustee in enforcing any rights under a Subsidiary Guarantee with respect to a Subsidiary Guarantor.

In the case of Subordinated Debt Securities, a Subsidiary Guarantor s Subsidiary Guarantee will be subordinated in right of payment to the Senior Debt of such Subsidiary Guarantor on the same basis as the Subordinated Debt Securities are subordinated to our Senior Debt. No payment will be made by any Subsidiary Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee during any period in which payments by us on the Subordinated Debt Securities are suspended by the subordination provisions of the Subordinated Indenture.

Each Subsidiary Guarantee will be limited in amount to an amount not to exceed the maximum amount that can be guaranteed by the relevant Subsidiary Guarantor without rendering such Subsidiary Guarantee voidable under applicable law relating to fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer or similar laws affecting the rights of creditors generally.

Each Subsidiary Guarantee will be a continuing guarantee and will:

(1) remain in full force and effect until either (a) payment in full of all the applicable Debt Securities (or such Debt Securities are otherwise satisfied and discharged in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Indenture) or (b) released as described in the following paragraph;

(2) be binding upon each Subsidiary Guarantor; and

(3) inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the applicable Trustee, the Holders and their successors, transferees and assigns.

In the event that (a) a Subsidiary Guarantor ceases to be a Subsidiary, (b) either legal defeasance or covenant defeasance occurs with respect to the series or (c) all or substantially all of the assets or all of the Capital Stock of

such Subsidiary Guarantor is sold, including by way of sale, merger, consolidation or otherwise, such Subsidiary Guarantor will be released and discharged of its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee without any further action required on the part of the Trustee or any Holder, and no other person acquiring or owning the assets or Capital Stock of such Subsidiary Guarantor will be required to enter into a Subsidiary Guarantee. In addition, the prospectus supplement may specify additional circumstances under which a Subsidiary Guarantor can be released from its Subsidiary Guarantee.

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Form, Exchange and Transfer

The Debt Securities of each series will be issuable only in fully registered form, without coupons, and, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, only in denominations of $1,000 and integral multiples thereof.

At the option of the Holder, subject to the terms of the applicable Indenture and the limitations applicable to Global Securities, Debt Securities of each series will be exchangeable for other Debt Securities of the same series of any authorized denomination and of a like tenor and aggregate principal amount.

Subject to the terms of the applicable Indenture and the limitations applicable to Global Securities, Debt Securities may be presented for exchange as provided above or for registration of transfer (duly endorsed or with the form of transfer endorsed thereon duly executed) at the office of the Security Registrar or at the office of any transfer agent designated by us for such purpose. No service charge will be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of Debt Securities, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in that connection. Such transfer or exchange will be effected upon the Security Registrar or such transfer agent, as the case may be, being satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. The Security Registrar and any other transfer agent initially designated by us for any Debt Securities will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. We may at any time designate additional transfer agents or rescind the designation of any transfer agent or approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts, except that we will be required to maintain a transfer agent in each Place of Payment for the Debt Securities of each series.

If the Debt Securities of any series (or of any series and specified tenor) are to be redeemed in part, we will not be required to (1) issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Debt Security of that series (or of that series and specified tenor, as the case may be) during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of mailing of a notice of redemption of any such Debt Security that may be selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or (2) register the transfer of or exchange any Debt Security so selected for redemption, in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any such Debt Security being redeemed in part.

Global Securities

Some or all of the Debt Securities of any series may be represented, in whole or in part, by one or more Global Securities that will have an aggregate principal amount equal to that of the Debt Securities they represent. Each Global Security will be registered in the name of a Depositary or its nominee identified in the applicable prospectus supplement, will be deposited with such Depositary or nominee or its custodian and will bear a legend regarding the restrictions on exchanges and registration of transfer thereof referred to below and any such other matters as may be provided for pursuant to the applicable Indenture.

Notwithstanding any provision of the Indentures or any Debt Security described in this prospectus, no Global Security may be exchanged in whole or in part for Debt Securities registered, and no transfer of a Global Security in whole or in part may be registered, in the name of any Person other than the Depositary for such Global Security or any nominee of such Depositary unless:

(1) the Depositary has notified us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for such Global Security or has ceased to be qualified to act as such as required by the applicable Indenture, and in either case we fail to appoint a successor Depositary within 90 days;

(2) an Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities represented by such Global Security has occurred and is continuing and the Trustee has received a written request from the Depositary to issue certificated Debt Securities;

(3) subject to the rules of the Depositary, we shall have elected to terminate the book-entry system through the Depositary; or

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(4) other circumstances exist, in addition to or in lieu of those described above, as may be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

All certificated Debt Securities issued in exchange for a Global Security or any portion thereof will be registered in such names as the Depositary may direct.

As long as the Depositary, or its nominee, is the registered holder of a Global Security, the Depositary or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner and Holder of such Global Security and the Debt Securities that it represents for all purposes under the Debt Securities and the applicable Indenture. Except in the limited circumstances referred to above, owners of beneficial interests in a Global Security will not be entitled to have such Global Security or any Debt Securities that it represents registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of certificated Debt Securities in exchange for those interests and will not be considered to be the owners or Holders of such Global Security or any Debt Securities that is represents for any purpose under the Debt Securities or the applicable Indenture. All payments on a Global Security will be made to the Depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, as the Holder of the security. The laws of some jurisdictions may require that some purchasers of Debt Securities take physical delivery of such Debt Securities in certificated form. These laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a Global Security.

Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Security will be limited to institutions that have accounts with the Depositary or its nominee (participants) and to persons that may hold beneficial interests through participants. In connection with the issuance of any Global Security, the Depositary will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of Debt Securities represented by the Global Security to the accounts of its participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Security will be shown only on, and the transfer of those ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the Depositary (with respect to participants interests) or any such participant (with respect to interests of Persons held by such participants on their behalf). Payments, transfers, exchanges and other matters relating to beneficial interests in a Global Security may be subject to various policies and procedures adopted by the Depositary from time to time. None of us, the Subsidiary Guarantors, the Trustees or the agents of us, the Subsidiary Guarantors or the Trustees will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the Depositary s or any participant s records relating to, or for payments made on account of, beneficial interests in a Global Security, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial interests.

Payment and Paying Agents

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, payment of interest on a Debt Security on any Interest Payment Date will be made to the Person in whose name such Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, principal of and any premium and interest on the Debt Securities of a particular series will be payable at the office of such Paying Agent or Paying Agents as we may designate for such purpose from time to time, except that at our option payment of any interest on Debt Securities in certificated form may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address appears in the Security Register. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the corporate trust office of the Trustee under the Senior Indenture in The City of New York will be designated as sole Paying Agent for payments with respect to Senior Debt Securities of each series, and the corporate trust office of the Trustee under the Subordinated Indenture in The City of New York will be designated as the sole Paying Agent for payment with respect to Subordinated Debt Securities of each series. Any other Paying Agents initially designated by us for the Debt Securities of a particular series will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. We may at any time designate additional Paying Agents or rescind the designation of any Paying Agent or approve a change in the office through

which any Paying Agent acts, except that we will be required to maintain a Paying Agent in each Place of Payment for the Debt Securities of a particular series.

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All money paid by us to a Paying Agent for the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on any Debt Security which remains unclaimed at the end of two years after such principal, premium or interest has become due and payable will be repaid to us, and the Holder of such Debt Security thereafter may look only to us for payment.

Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets

Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, we may not consolidate with or merge into, or transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets to, any Person (a successor Person), and may not permit any Person to consolidate with or merge into us, unless:

(1) the successor Person (if not us) is a corporation, partnership, trust or other entity organized and validly existing under the laws of any domestic jurisdiction and assumes our obligations on the Debt Securities and under the Indentures;

(2) immediately before and after giving pro forma effect to the transaction, no Event of Default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default, has occurred and is continuing; and

(3) several other conditions, including any additional conditions with respect to any particular Debt Securities specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, are met.

The successor Person (if not us) will be substituted for us under the applicable Indenture with the same effect as if it had been an original party to such Indenture, and, except in the case of a lease, we will be relieved from any further obligations under such Indenture and the Debt Securities.

Events of Default

Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, each of the following will constitute an Event of Default under the applicable Indenture with respect to Debt Securities of any series:

(1) failure to pay principal of or any premium on any Debt Security of that series when due, whether or not, in the case of Subordinated Debt Securities, such payment is prohibited by the subordination provisions of the Subordinated Indenture;

(2) failure to pay any interest on any Debt Securities of that series when due, continued for 30 days, whether or not, in the case of Subordinated Debt Securities, such payment is prohibited by the subordination provisions of the Subordinated Indenture;

(3) failure to deposit any sinking fund payment, when due, in respect of any Debt Security of that series, whether or not, in the case of Subordinated Debt Securities, such deposit is prohibited by the subordination provisions of the Subordinated Indenture;

(4) failure to perform or comply with the provisions described under Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets ;

(5) failure to perform any of our other covenants in such Indenture (other than a covenant included in such Indenture solely for the benefit of a series other than that series), continued for 60 days after written notice has been given by the applicable Trustee, or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of that series, as provided in such Indenture;

(6) any Debt of ourself, any Significant Subsidiary or, if a Subsidiary Guarantor has guaranteed the series, such Subsidiary Guarantor, is not paid within any applicable grace period after final maturity or is accelerated by its holders because of a default and the total amount of such Debt unpaid or accelerated exceeds $25.0 million;

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(7) any judgment or decree for the payment of money in excess of $25.0 million is entered against us, any Significant Subsidiary or, if a Subsidiary Guarantor has guaranteed the series, such Subsidiary Guarantor, remains outstanding for a period of 60 consecutive days following entry of such judgment and is not discharged, waived or stayed;

(8) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization affecting us, any Significant Subsidiary or, if a Subsidiary Guarantor has guaranteed the series, such Subsidiary Guarantor; and

(9) if any Subsidiary Guarantor has guaranteed such series, the Subsidiary Guarantee of any such Subsidiary Guarantor is held by a final non-appealable order or judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable or invalid or ceases for any reason to be in full force and effect (other than in accordance with the terms of the applicable Indenture) or any Subsidiary Guarantor or any Person acting on behalf of any Subsidiary Guarantor denies or disaffirms such Subsidiary Guarantor s obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee (other than by reason of a release of such Subsidiary Guarantor from its Subsidiary Guarantee in accordance with the terms of the applicable Indenture).

If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default with respect to Callon described in clause (8) above) with respect to the Debt Securities of any series at the time Outstanding occurs and is continuing, either the applicable Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of that series by notice as provided in the Indenture may declare the principal amount of the Debt Securities of that series (or, in the case of any Debt Security that is an Original Issue Discount Debt Security, such portion of the principal amount of such Debt Security as may be specified in the terms of such Debt Security) to be due and payable immediately, together with any accrued and unpaid interest thereon. If an Event of Default with respect to Callon described in clause (8) above with respect to the Debt Securities of any series at the time Outstanding occurs, the principal amount of all the Debt Securities of that series (or, in the case of any such Original Issue Discount Security, such specified amount) will automatically, and without any action by the applicable Trustee or any Holder, become immediately due and payable, together with any accrued and unpaid interest thereon. After any such acceleration and its consequences, but before a judgment or decree based on acceleration, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of that series may, under certain circumstances, rescind and annul such acceleration if all Events of Default with respect to that series, other than the non-payment of accelerated principal (or other specified amount), have been cured or waived as provided in the applicable Indenture. For information as to waiver of defaults, see Modification and Waiver below.

Subject to the provisions of the Indentures relating to the duties of the Trustees in case an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, no Trustee will be under any obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the applicable Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders, unless such Holders have offered to such Trustee reasonable security or indemnity. Subject to such provisions for the indemnification of the Trustees, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to such Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of that series.

No Holder of a Debt Security of any series will have any right to institute any proceeding with respect to the applicable Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or a trustee, or for any other remedy thereunder, unless:

(1)

such Holder has previously given to the Trustee under the applicable Indenture written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of that series;

(2) the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of that series have made written request, and such Holder or Holders have offered reasonable security or indemnity, to the Trustee to institute such proceeding as trustee; and

(3) the Trustee has failed to institute such proceeding, and has not received from the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of that series a direction inconsistent with such request, within 60 days after such notice, request and offer.

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However, such limitations do not apply to a suit instituted by a Holder of a Debt Security for the enforcement of payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on such Debt Security on or after the applicable due date specified in such Debt Security or, if applicable, to convert such Debt Security.

We will be required to furnish to each Trustee annually a statement by certain of our officers, to their knowledge, as to whether or not we are in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions of the applicable Indenture and, if so, specifying all such known defaults.

Modification and Waiver

We may modify or amend an Indenture without the consent of any holders of the Debt Securities in certain circumstances, including:

(1) to evidence the succession under the Indenture of another Person to us or any Subsidiary Guarantor and to provide for its assumption of our or such Subsidiary Guarantor s obligations to holders of Debt Securities;

(2) to make any changes that would add any additional covenants of us or the Subsidiary Guarantors for the benefit of the holders of Debt Securities or that do not adversely affect the rights under the Indenture of the Holders of Debt Securities in any material respect;

(3) to add any additional Events of Default;

(4) to provide for uncertificated notes in addition to or in place of certificated notes;

(5) to secure the Debt Securities;

(6) to establish the form or terms of any series of Debt Securities;

(7) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment under the Indenture of a successor Trustee;

(8) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;

(9) to add Subsidiary Guarantors; or

(10) in the case of any Subordinated Debt Security, to make any change in the subordination provisions that limits or terminates the benefits applicable to any Holder of Senior Debt.

Other modifications and amendments of an Indenture may be made by us, the Subsidiary Guarantors, if applicable, and the applicable Trustee with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of each series affected by such modification or amendment; provided, however, that no such modification or amendment may, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security affected thereby:

(1) change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any Debt Security;

(2) reduce the principal amount of, or any premium or interest on, any Debt Security;

(3) reduce the amount of principal of an Original Issue Discount Security or any other Debt Security payable upon acceleration of the Maturity thereof;

(4) change the place or currency of payment of principal of, or any premium or interest on, any Debt Security;

(5) impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment due on or any conversion right with respect to any Debt Security;

(6) modify the subordination provisions in the case of Subordinated Debt Securities, or modify any conversion provisions, in either case in a manner adverse to the Holders of the Subordinated Debt Securities;

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(7) except as provided in the applicable Indenture, release the Subsidiary Guarantee of a Subsidiary Guarantor;

(8) reduce the percentage in principal amount of Outstanding Debt Securities of any series, the consent of whose Holders is required for modification or amendment of the Indenture;

(9) reduce the percentage in principal amount of Outstanding Debt Securities of any series necessary for waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Indenture or for waiver of certain defaults;

(10) modify such provisions with respect to modification, amendment or waiver; or

(11) following the making of an offer to purchase Debt Securities from any Holder that has been made pursuant to a covenant in such Indenture, modify such covenant in a manner adverse to such Holder.

The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series may waive compliance by us with certain restrictive provisions of the applicable Indenture. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series may waive any past default under the applicable Indenture, except a default in the payment of principal, premium or interest and certain covenants and provisions of the Indenture which cannot be amended without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security of such series.

Each of the Indentures provides that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities have given or taken any direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action under such Indenture as of any date:

(1) the principal amount of an Original Issue Discount Security that will be deemed to be Outstanding will be the amount of the principal that would be due and payable as of such date upon acceleration of maturity to such date;

(2) if, as of such date, the principal amount payable at the Stated Maturity of a Debt Security is not determinable (for example, because it is based on an index), the principal amount of such Debt Security deemed to be Outstanding as of such date will be an amount determined in the manner prescribed for such Debt Security;

(3) the principal amount of a Debt Security denominated in one or more foreign currencies or currency units that will be deemed to be Outstanding will be the United States-dollar equivalent, determined as of such date in the manner prescribed for such Debt Security, of the principal amount of such Debt Security (or, in the case of a Debt Security described in clause (1) or (2) above, of the amount described in such clause); and

(4) certain Debt Securities, including those owned by us, any Subsidiary Guarantor or any of our other Affiliates, will not be deemed to be Outstanding.

Except in certain limited circumstances, we will be entitled to set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the Holders of Outstanding Debt Securities of any series entitled to give or take any direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action under the applicable Indenture, in the manner and subject to the limitations provided in the Indenture. In certain limited circumstances, the Trustee will be entitled to set a record date for action by Holders. If a record date is set for any action to be taken by Holders of a particular series, only persons who are Holders of Outstanding Debt Securities of that series on the record date may take such action. To be effective, such action must be taken by Holders of the requisite principal amount of such Debt Securities within a specified period following the record date. For any particular record date, this period will be 180 days or such other period as may be specified by us (or the Trustee, if it set the record date), and may be shortened or lengthened (but not beyond 180 days) from time to time.

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Satisfaction and Discharge

Each Indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect as to all outstanding Debt Securities of any series issued thereunder, when:

(1) either:
(a) all outstanding Debt Securities of that series that have been authenticated (except lost, stolen or destroyed Debt Securities that have been replaced or paid and Debt Securities for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust and thereafter repaid to us) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

(b) all outstanding Debt Securities of that series that have been not delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable or will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee and in any case we have irrevocably deposited with the Trustee as trust funds money in an amount sufficient, without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay the entire indebtedness of such Debt Securities not delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal, premium, if any, and accrued interest to the Stated Maturity or redemption date;

(2) we have paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable by us under the Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of that series; and

(3) we have delivered an Officers Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel to the Trustee stating that all conditions precedent to satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of that series have been satisfied.

Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

To the extent indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we may elect, at our option at any time, to have our obligations discharged under provisions relating to defeasance and discharge of indebtedness, which we call legal defeasance, or relating to defeasance of certain restrictive covenants applied to the Debt Securities of any series, or to any specified part of a series, which we call covenant defeasance.

Legal Defeasance. The Indentures provide that, upon our exercise of our option (if any) to have the legal defeasance provisions applied to any series of Debt Securities, we and, if applicable, each Subsidiary Guarantor will be discharged from all our obligations, and, if such Debt Securities are Subordinated Debt Securities, the provisions of the Subordinated Indenture relating to subordination will cease to be effective, with respect to such Debt Securities (except for certain obligations to convert, exchange or register the transfer of Debt Securities, to replace stolen, lost or mutilated Debt Securities, to maintain paying agencies and to hold moneys for payment in trust) upon the deposit in trust for the benefit of the Holders of such Debt Securities of money or U.S. Government Obligations, or both, which, through the payment of principal and interest in respect thereof in accordance with their terms, will provide money in an amount sufficient (in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants) to pay the principal of and any premium and interest on such Debt Securities on the respective Stated Maturities in accordance with the terms of the applicable Indenture and such Debt Securities. Such defeasance or discharge may occur only if, among other things:

(1) we have delivered to the applicable Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that we have received from, or there has been published by, the United States Internal Revenue Service a ruling, or there has been a change in tax law, in either case to the effect that Holders of such Debt Securities will not recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and legal defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and legal defeasance were not to occur;

(2) no Event of Default or event that with the passing of time or the giving of notice, or both, shall constitute an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of such deposit or,

with respect to any Event of Default described in clause (8) under Events of Default, at any time until 121 days after such deposit;

(3) such deposit and legal defeasance will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any agreement or instrument (other than the applicable Indenture) to which we are a party or by which we are bound;

(4) in the case of Subordinated Debt Securities, at the time of such deposit, no default in the payment of all or a portion of principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Senior Debt shall have occurred and be continuing, no event of default shall have resulted in the acceleration of any Senior Debt and no other event of default with respect to any Senior Debt shall have occurred and be continuing permitting after notice or the lapse of time, or both, the acceleration thereof; and

(5) we have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such deposit shall not cause the Trustee or the trust so created to be subject to the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Covenant Defeasance. The Indentures provide that, upon our exercise of our option (if any) to have the covenant defeasance provisions applied to any Debt Securities, we may fail to comply with certain restrictive covenants (but not with respect to conversion, if applicable), including those that may be described in the applicable prospectus supplement, and the occurrence of certain Events of Default, which are described above in clause (5) (with respect to such restrictive covenants) and clauses (6), (7) and (9) under Events of Default and any that may be described in the applicable prospectus supplement, will not be deemed to either be or result in an Event of Default and, if such Debt Securities are Subordinated Debt Securities, the provisions of the Subordinated Indenture relating to subordination will cease to be effective, in each case with respect to such Debt Securities. In order to exercise such option, we must deposit, in trust for the benefit of the Holders of such Debt Securities, money or U.S. Government Obligations, or both, which, through the payment of principal and interest in respect thereof in accordance with their terms, will provide money in an amount sufficient (in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants) to pay the principal of and any premium and interest on such Debt Securities on the respective Stated Maturities in accordance with the terms of the applicable Indenture and such Debt Securities. Such covenant defeasance may occur only if we have delivered to the applicable Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that Holders of such Debt Securities will not recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and covenant defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and covenant defeasance were not to occur, and the requirements set forth in clauses (2), (3), (4) and (5) above are satisfied. If we exercise this option with respect to any series of Debt Securities and such Debt Securities were declared due and payable because of the occurrence of any Event of Default, the amount of money and U.S. Government Obligations so deposited in trust would be sufficient to pay amounts due on such Debt Securities at the time of their respective Stated Maturities but may not be sufficient to pay amounts due on such Debt Securities upon any acceleration resulting from such Event of Default. In such case, we would remain liable for such payments.

If we exercise either our legal defeasance or covenant defeasance option, any Subsidiary Guarantee will terminate.

No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees and Stockholders

No director, officer, employee, incorporator, stockholder, member, partner or trustee of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Company or any Subsidiary

Guarantor under the Debt Securities, the Indentures or any Subsidiary Guarantees or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. By accepting a Debt Security, each Holder shall be deemed to have waived and released all such liability. The waiver and release shall be a part of the consideration for the issue of the Debt Securities. The waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under the federal securities laws, and it is the view of the SEC that such a waiver is against public policy.

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Notices

Notices to Holders of Debt Securities will be given by mail to the addresses of such Holders as they may appear in the Security Register.

Title

We, the Subsidiary Guarantors, the Trustees and any agent of us, the Subsidiary Guarantors or a Trustee may treat the Person in whose name a Debt Security is registered as the absolute owner of the Debt Security (whether or not such Debt Security may be overdue) for the purpose of making payment and for all other purposes.

Governing Law

The Indentures and the Debt Securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York.

The Trustee

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

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

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

Limitations on Trustee if It Is Our Creditor. Each Indenture will contain certain limitations on the right of the Trustee, in the event that it becomes our creditor, to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, or to realize on certain property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise.

Certificates and Opinions to Be Furnished to Trustee. Each Indenture will provide that, in addition to other certificates or opinions that may be specifically required by other provisions of an Indenture, every application by us for action by the Trustee must be accompanied by an Officers Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent to such action have been complied with by us.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following summary description of our capital stock is qualified in its entirety by reference to our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, each of which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. In addition, you should be aware that the summary below does not give full effect to the terms of the provisions of statutory or common law.

Common Stock

We are currently authorized to issue up to 150,000,000 shares of common stock, par value $0.01 per share. As of April 5, 2016, there were 96,122,341 shares of common stock outstanding. Holders of our common stock are

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entitled to cast one vote for each share held of record on each matter submitted to a vote of stockholders. There is no cumulative voting for election of directors. Subject to the prior rights of any series of preferred stock which may from time to time be outstanding, if any, holders of our common stock are entitled to receive ratably dividends when, as and if declared by the board of directors out of funds legally available for such purpose and, upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the company, are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities and payment of accrued dividends and liquidation preferences on the preferred stock, if any. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions that are applicable to our common stock. Subject only to the requirements of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or DGCL, the board of directors may issue shares of our common stock without stockholder approval, at any time and from time to time, to such persons and for such consideration as the board of directors deems appropriate. Holders of our common stock have no preemptive rights and have no rights to convert their common stock into any other securities. The outstanding common stock is validly authorized and issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

Preferred Stock

We are authorized to issue up to 2,500,000 shares of preferred stock, par value $0.01 per share. As of April 5, 2016, there were 1,458,948 shares of preferred stock outstanding. Shares of preferred stock may be issued from time to time in one or more series as the board of directors may from time to time determine, each of said series to be distinctively designated. The voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, if any, of each such series of preferred stock may differ from those of any and all other series of preferred stock at any time outstanding, and, subject to certain limitations of our certificate of incorporation and the DGCL, the board of directors may fix or alter, by resolution or resolutions, the designation, number, voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights, and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof, of each such series of preferred stock.

The issuance of any such preferred stock could adversely affect the rights of the holders of our common stock and therefore, reduce the value of the common stock. The ability of the board of directors to issue preferred stock could discourage, delay, or prevent a takeover of us.

Series A Preferred Stock

As of the date of this prospectus, we had designated 2,500,000 shares of our of 10.0% Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock (the Series A Preferred Stock) and have 1,458,948 shares issued and outstanding. The Series A Preferred Stock ranks senior to our common stock with respect to the payment of dividends and distribution of assets upon liquidation or dissolution, has no stated maturity and is not subject to mandatory redemption or any sinking fund.

Holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the board of directors, out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends, cumulative cash dividends at a rate of 10.0% per annum of the $50.00 liquidation preference per share (equivalent to $5.00 per annum per share). Dividends are payable quarterly in arrears on the last day of each March, June, September and December when, as and if declared by the board.

Beginning on May 30, 2018, we may redeem the Series A Preferred Stock in whole at any time, or in part from time to time, for cash at a redemption price of $50.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) to the redemption date. We may redeem the Series A Preferred Stock following certain changes of control, in whole or in part, within 120 days after the date on which the change of control has occurred, for cash at $50.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) to the redemption date. If the Company elects not to exercise this option, the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock have the option to convert each share of Series A

Preferred Stock into common shares, subject to certain adjustments.

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Except as required by law, holders of shares of the Series A Preferred Stock will have no voting rights unless dividends fall into arrears for six or more quarterly periods (whether or not consecutive). In that event and until such dividends in arrears are paid in full, the holders will be entitled to elect two directors to the board, which will increase in size by that same number of directors.

Anti-Takeover Effects of Provisions of Our Certificate of Incorporation and Our Bylaws

Some provisions of our certificate of incorporation and our bylaws contain provisions that could make it more difficult to acquire us by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise, or to remove our incumbent officers and directors. These provisions, summarized below, are expected to discourage coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids. These provisions are also designed to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to first negotiate with our board of directors. We believe that the benefits of increased protection of our potential ability to negotiate with the proponent of an unfriendly or unsolicited proposal to acquire or restructure us outweigh the disadvantages of discouraging such proposals because negotiation of such proposals could result in an improvement of their terms.

Preferred Stock. Our certificate of incorporation permits our board of directors to authorize and issue one or more series of preferred stock, which may render more difficult or discourage an attempt to change control of us by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise. For example, if in the due exercise of its fiduciary obligations, the board of directors were to determine that a takeover proposal is not in our best interest, the board of directors could cause shares of preferred stock to be issued without stockholder approval in one or more private offerings or other transactions that might dilute the voting or other rights of the proposed acquirer or insurgent stockholder or stockholder group.

Staggered Board of Directors. Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws divide our board of directors into three classes, as nearly equal in number as possible, serving staggered three-year terms. The certificate of incorporation and bylaws also provide that the classified board provision may not be amended without the affirmative vote of the holders of 80% or more of the voting power of our capital stock. The classification of the board of directors has the effect of requiring at least two annual stockholder meetings, instead of one, to effect a change in control of the board of directors, unless the articles of incorporation are amended.

Limitation on Directors Liability. Delaware has adopted a law that allows corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors to corporations and their stockholders for monetary damages for breach of directors fiduciary duty of care. The duty of care requires that, when acting on behalf of the corporation, directors must exercise an informed business judgment based on all material information reasonably available to them. Absent the limitations allowed by the law, directors are accountable to corporations and their stockholders for monetary damages for acts of gross negligence. Although the Delaware law does not change directors duty of care, it allows corporations to limit available relief to equitable remedies such as injunction or rescission. Our certificate of incorporation limits the liability of our directors to the fullest extent permitted by this law. Specifically, our directors will not be personally liable for monetary damages for any breach of their fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability:

for any breach of their duty of loyalty to the company or our stockholders,

for acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law,

under provisions relating to unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions, or

for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

This limitation may have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors, and may discourage or deter stockholders or management from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their duty of care, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise have benefited our stockholders.

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Stockholder Meetings. Our bylaws provide that a special meeting of stockholders may be called only by the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or the President or by the Board of Directors or at the request of stockholders owning 80% or more of the entire capital stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote.

Requirements for Advance Notification of Stockholder Nominations. Our bylaws and certificate of incorporation establish advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder nomination of candidates for election as directors, other than nominations made by or at the direction of the board of directors.

Stockholder Action By Written Consent. Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide that, except as may otherwise be provided with respect to the rights of the holders of preferred stock, no action that is required or permitted to be taken by our stockholders at any annual or special meeting may be effected by written consent of stockholders in lieu of a meeting of stockholders, unless the action to be effected is approved by the written consent of all of the stockholders entitled to vote thereon. This provision, which may not be amended except by the affirmative vote of holders of at least 80% of the voting power of all then outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class, makes it difficult for stockholders to initiate or effect an action by written consent that is opposed by our board of directors.

Amendment of the Bylaws. Under Delaware law, the power to make, alter or repeal bylaws is conferred upon the stockholders. A corporation may, however, in its certificate of incorporation also confer upon the board of directors the power to make, alter or repeal its bylaws. Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws grant our board of directors the power to make, alter or repeal our bylaws at any regular or special meeting of the board of directors. By majority vote, our stockholders may make, alter or repeal our bylaws but provisions of the bylaws relating to stockholder meetings, directors, and amendment of the bylaws may only be amended by holders of at least 80% of the voting power of all then outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class.

The provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws could have the effect of discouraging others from attempting hostile takeovers and, as a consequence, they may also inhibit temporary fluctuations in the market price of our common stock that often result from actual or rumored hostile takeover attempts. These provisions may also have the effect of preventing changes in our management. It is possible that these provisions could make it more difficult to accomplish transactions which stockholders may otherwise deem to be in their best interests.

Delaware Anti-Takeover Statute

We are a Delaware corporation and are subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. In general, Section 203 prevents us from engaging in a business combination with an interested stockholder (generally, a person owning 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock) for three years following the time that person becomes a 15% stockholder unless either:

before that person became a 15% stockholder, our board of directors approved the transaction in which the stockholder became a 15% stockholder or approved the business combination;

upon completion of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder s becoming a 15% stockholder, the stockholder owns at least 85% of our voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction began (excluding stock held by directors who are also officers and by employee stock plans that do not provide employees

with the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer); or

after the transaction in which that person became a 15% stockholder, the business combination is approved by our board of directors and authorized at a stockholder meeting by at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock not owned by the 15% stockholder.

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Under the Section 203, these restrictions also do not apply to certain business combinations proposed by a 15% stockholder following the disclosure of an extraordinary transaction with a person who was not a 15% stockholder during the previous three years or who became a 15% stockholder with the approval of a majority of our directors. This exception applies only if the extraordinary transaction is approved or not opposed by a majority of our directors who were directors before any person became a 15% stockholder in the previous three years, of the successors of these directors.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

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DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES

General

We may offer fractional shares of preferred stock, rather than full shares of preferred stock. If we decide to offer fractional shares of preferred stock, we will issue receipts for depositary shares. Each depositary share will represent a fraction of a share of a particular series of preferred stock. The prospectus supplement will indicate that fraction. The shares of preferred stock represented by depositary shares will be deposited under a depositary agreement between us and a bank or trust company that meets certain requirements and is selected by us (the ***Bank Depositary***). Each owner of a depositary share will be entitled to all the rights and preferences of the preferred stock represented by the depositary share. The depositary shares will be evidenced by depositary receipts issued pursuant to the depositary agreement. Depositary receipts will be distributed to those persons purchasing the fractional shares of preferred stock in accordance with the terms of the offering.

We have summarized selected provisions of a depositary agreement and the related depositary receipts. The summary is not complete. The forms of the depositary agreement and the depositary receipts relating to any particular issue of depositary shares will be filed with the SEC via a Current Report on Form 8-K prior to our offering of the depositary shares, and you should read such documents for provisions that may be important to you.

Dividends and Other Distributions

If we pay a cash distribution or dividend on a series of preferred stock represented by depositary shares, the Bank Depositary will distribute such dividends to the record holders of such depositary shares. If the distributions are in property other than cash, the Bank Depositary will distribute the property to the record holders of the depositary shares. However, if the Bank Depositary determines that it is not feasible to make the distribution of property, the Bank Depositary may, with our approval, sell such property and distribute the net proceeds from such sale to the record holders of the depositary shares.

Redemption of Depositary Shares

If we redeem a series of preferred stock represented by depositary shares, the Bank Depositary will redeem the depositary shares from the proceeds received by the Bank Depositary in connection with the redemption. The redemption price per depositary share will equal the applicable fraction of the redemption price per share of the preferred stock. If fewer than all the depositary shares are redeemed, the depositary shares to be redeemed will be selected by lot or pro rata as the Bank Depositary may determine.

Voting the Preferred Stock

Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which the holders of the preferred stock represented by depositary shares are entitled to vote, the Bank Depositary will mail the notice to the record holders of the depositary shares relating to such preferred stock. Each record holder of these depositary shares on the record date (which will be the same date as the record date for the preferred stock) may instruct the Bank Depositary as to how to vote the preferred stock represented by such holder s depositary shares. The Bank Depositary will endeavor, insofar as practicable, to vote the amount of the preferred stock represented by such depositary shares in accordance with such instructions, and we will take all action which the Bank Depositary deems necessary in order to enable the Bank Depositary to do so. The Bank Depositary will abstain from voting shares of the preferred stock to the extent it does not receive specific instructions from the holders of depositary shares representing such preferred stock.

Amendment and Termination of the Depositary Agreement

The form of depositary receipt evidencing the depositary shares and any provision of the depositary agreement may be amended by agreement between the Bank Depositary and us. However, any amendment that materially

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and adversely alters the rights of the holders of depositary shares will not be effective unless such amendment has been approved by the holders of at least a majority of the depositary shares then outstanding. The depositary agreement may be terminated by the Bank Depositary or us only if (1) all outstanding depositary shares have been redeemed or (2) there has been a final distribution in respect of the preferred stock in connection with any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our company and such distribution has been distributed to the holders of depositary receipts.

Charges of Bank Depositary

We will pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements. We will pay charges of the Bank Depositary in connection with the initial deposit of the preferred stock and any redemption of the preferred stock. Holders of depositary receipts will pay other transfer and other taxes and governmental charges and any other charges, including a fee for the withdrawal of shares of preferred stock upon surrender of depositary receipts, as are expressly provided in the depositary agreement to be for their accounts.

Withdrawal of Preferred Stock

Upon surrender of depositary receipts at the principal office of the Bank Depositary, subject to the terms of the depositary agreement, the owner of the depositary shares may demand delivery of the number of whole shares of preferred stock and all money and other property, if any, represented by those depositary shares. Partial shares of preferred stock will not be issued. If the depositary receipts delivered by the holder evidence a number of depositary shares in excess of the number of depositary shares representing the number of whole shares of preferred stock to be withdrawn, the Bank Depositary will deliver to such holder at the same time a new depositary receipt evidencing the excess number of depositary shares. Holders of preferred stock thus withdrawn may not thereafter deposit those shares under the depositary agreement or receive depositary receipts evidencing depositary shares therefor.

Miscellaneous

The Bank Depositary will forward to holders of depositary receipts all reports and communications from us that are delivered to the Bank Depositary and that we are required to furnish to the holders of the preferred stock.

Neither the Bank Depositary nor we will be liable if we are prevented or delayed by law or any circumstance beyond our control in performing our obligations under the depositary agreement. The obligations of the Bank Depositary and us under the depositary agreement will be limited to performance in good faith of our duties thereunder, and neither of us will be obligated to prosecute to defend any legal proceeding in respect of any depositary shares or preferred stock unless satisfactory indemnity is furnished. Further, both of us may rely upon written advice of counsel or accountants, or upon information provided by persons presenting preferred stock for deposit, holders of depositary receipts or other persons believed to be competent and on documents believed to be genuine.

Resignation and Removal of Bank Depositary

The Bank Depositary may resign at any time by delivering to us notice of its election to do so, and we may at any time remove the Bank Depositary. Any such resignation or removal will take effect upon the appointment of a successor Bank Depositary and its acceptance of such appointment. Such successor Bank Depositary must be appointed within 60 days after delivery of the notice of resignation or removal and must be a bank or trust company having its principal office in the United States and having a combined capital and surplus of at least $50 million.

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DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We may issue warrants entitling the holder to purchase our debt securities, preferred stock or common stock as described in the prospectus supplement relating to the issuance of the warrants. Warrants may be issued independently or together with other of our securities and may be attached to or separate from other securities. The warrants will be issued under warrant agreements to be entered into between us and a bank or trust company that acts as warrant agent. The warrant agent will act solely as our agent in connection with warrants and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any holders of warrants or beneficial owners of warrants.

We will file the form of any warrant agreement with the SEC, and you should read the warrant agreement for provisions that may be important to you.

The prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any warrants offered, including the following:

- the amount of warrants to be registered and the purchase price and manner of payment to acquire the warrants;
- a description, including amount, of the debt securities, preferred stock or common stock which may be purchased upon exercise;
- the exercise price which must be paid to purchase the securities upon exercise of a warrant and any provisions for changes or adjustments in the exercise price;
- any date on which the warrants and the related debt securities, preferred stock or common stock will be separately transferable;
- the dates on which the right to exercise the warrants shall commence and expire;
- a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax, accounting and other special considerations, procedures and limitations relating to the warrants; and
- any other material terms of the warrants.

Holders of warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of our debt securities, preferred stock or common stock that may be purchased upon exercise until they exercise the warrants and receive the underlying securities. These rights include the right to receive payments of principal of, any premium on, or any interest on, the debt securities purchasable upon such exercise or to enforce the covenants in the indentures or to receive payments of dividends on the preferred stock or common stock which may be purchased upon exercise or to exercise any voting right.

Exercise of Warrants

After the close of business on the expiration date described in the prospectus supplement, warrants will expire and the holders will no longer have the right to exercise the warrants and receive the underlying securities. Warrants may be exercised by delivering a properly completed certificate in the form attached to the warrants and payment of the exercise price as provided in the prospectus supplement. We will issue and deliver our debt securities, preferred stock or common stock as soon as possible following receipt of the certificate and payment described above. If less than all of the warrants represented by a certificate are exercised, we will issue a new certificate for the remaining warrants. The foregoing terms of exercise may be modified by us in a prospectus supplement.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the offered securities in and outside the United States (1) through underwriters or dealers; (2) directly to purchasers, including our affiliates and shareholders, or in a rights offering; (3) through agents (acting as agent or principal); (4) through a combination of any of these methods; or (5) through any other method described in a prospectus supplement. The prospectus supplement will include the following information:

- the terms of the offering;
- the names of any underwriters, dealers or agents;
- the name or names of any managing underwriter or underwriters;
- the purchase price of the securities;
- the net proceeds from the sale of the securities;
- any delayed delivery arrangements;
- any underwriting discounts, commissions and other items constituting underwriters compensation;
- any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers; and
- any commissions paid to agents.

We may engage in at-the-market offerings into an existing trading market in accordance with Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act. In addition, we may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement indicates, in connection with those derivatives, the third parties may sell securities covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third parties may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of stock, and may use securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of stock. The third parties in such sale transactions will be underwriters and, if not identified in this prospectus, will be identified in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment). We or one of our affiliates may loan or pledge securities to a financial institution or other third party that in turn may sell the securities using this prospectus. Such financial institution or third party may transfer its short position to investors in our securities or in connection with a simultaneous offering of other securities offered by this prospectus or otherwise.

Sale through Underwriters or Dealers

If we use underwriters in the sale, the underwriters will acquire the securities for their own account for resale to the public. The underwriters may resell the securities from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. Underwriters may offer securities to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more firms acting as underwriters. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions, and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the offered securities if they purchase any of them. The underwriters may change from time to time any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers.

Representatives of the underwriters through whom the offered securities are sold for public offering and sale may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions, syndicate short covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act. Over-allotment involves syndicate sales in excess of the offering size, which creates a syndicate short position. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the offered securities so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum. Syndicate covering

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transactions involve purchases of the offered securities in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions. Penalty bids permit the representative of the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the offered securities originally sold by such syndicate member are purchased in a syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions. Such stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids may cause the price of the offered securities to be higher than it would otherwise be in the absence of such transactions. These transactions may be effected on a national securities exchange and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

Some or all of the securities that we offer through this prospectus may be new issues of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters to whom we sell our securities for public offering and sale may make a market in those securities, but they will not be obligated to do so and they may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. Accordingly, we cannot assure you of the liquidity of, or continued trading markets for, any securities that we offer.

If we use dealers in the sale of securities, we will sell the securities to them as principals. They may then resell those securities to the public at varying prices determined by the dealers at the time of resale. If applicable, we will include in the prospectus supplement the names of the dealers and the terms of the transaction.

Direct Sales and Sales through Agents

We may sell the securities directly. In this case, no underwriters or agents would be involved. We may also sell the securities through agents designated from time to time. In the prospectus supplement, we will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of the offered securities, and we will describe any commissions payable to the agent. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, any agent will agree to use its reasonable best efforts to solicit purchases for the period of its appointment.

We may sell the securities directly to institutional investors or others who may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any sale of those securities. We will describe the terms of any such sales in the prospectus supplement.

We may also make direct sales through subscription rights distributed to our existing stockholders on a pro rata basis that may or may not be transferable. In any distribution of subscription rights to our stockholders, if all of the underlying securities are not subscribed for, we may then sell the unsubscribed securities directly to third parties or we may engage the services of one or more underwriters, dealers or agents, including standby underwriters, to sell the unsubscribed securities to third parties.

Remarketing Arrangements

Offered securities also may be offered and sold, if so indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, in connection with a remarketing upon their purchase, in accordance with a redemption or repayment pursuant to their terms, or otherwise, by one or more remarketing firms, acting as principals for their own accounts or as agents for us. Any remarketing firm will be identified and the terms of its agreements, if any, with us and its compensation will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Remarketing firms may be deemed to be underwriters, as that term is defined in the Securities Act, in connection with the securities remarketed.

Delayed Delivery Arrangements

If we so indicate in the prospectus supplement, we may authorize agents, underwriters or dealers to solicit offers from certain types of institutions to purchase securities from us at the public offering price under delayed delivery contracts. These contracts would provide for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. The contracts would be subject only to those conditions described in the prospectus supplement. The prospectus supplement will describe the commission payable for solicitation of those contracts.

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General Information

We may have agreements with the underwriters, dealers and agents to indemnify them against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute with respect to payments that the underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make.

Underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us in the ordinary course of our business for which they may receive compensation.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act covering the securities offered by this prospectus. This prospectus does not contain all of the information that you can find in that registration statement and its exhibits. Certain items are omitted from this prospectus in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information with respect to us and the securities offered by this prospectus, reference is made to the registration statement and the exhibits filed with the registration statement. Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to are not necessarily complete and in each instance such statement is qualified by reference to each such contract or document filed with or incorporated by reference as part of the registration statement. We file reports, proxy and information statements and other information with the SEC. You may read any materials we have filed with the SEC free of charge at the SEC s Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of all or any part of these documents may be obtained from such office upon the payment of the fees prescribed by the SEC. The public may obtain information on the operation of the public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC. The address of the site is http://www.sec.gov. The registration statement, including all exhibits thereto and amendments thereof, has been filed electronically with the SEC.

INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information we provide in other documents filed by us with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. Any statement contained in a document that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus is automatically updated and superseded if information contained in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, or information that we later file with the SEC, modifies and replaces this information. We incorporate by reference the following documents that we have filed with the SEC:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, filed on March 3, 2016.

The description of our common stock contained in the Registration Statement on Form 8-B filed with the SEC on October 3, 1994, including any future amendment or report for the purpose of updating such description.

The description of our Series A Preferred Stock contained in the Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on May 23, 2013, including any future amendment or report for the purpose of updating such description.

The Current Reports (other than those portions furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K) on Form 8-K filed by us with the SEC on January 15, 2016, March 1, 2016, March 4, 2016 and March 8, 2016.

In addition, all documents filed by us with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (other than those furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K, unless otherwise stated therein), including all such filings after the date on which this registration statement was initially filed and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement, until all offerings under the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part are

completed or terminated, will be considered to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus and to be a part of this prospectus from the dates of the filing of such documents. Pursuant to General Instruction B of Form 8-K, any information submitted under Item 2.02, Results of Operations and Financial Condition, or Item 7.01, Regulation FD Disclosure, of Form 8-K is not deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, and we are not subject to the liabilities of Section 18 with respect to information submitted under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K. We are not incorporating by reference any information submitted under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act or into this prospectus, unless otherwise indicated on such Form 8-K.

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You may get copies of this prospectus or any of the incorporated documents (excluding exhibits, unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated) at no charge to you by writing to the Corporate Secretary, Callon Petroleum Company, 200 North Canal Street, Natchez, Mississippi 39120 or calling (601) 442-1601.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities to be offered hereby will be passed upon by Haynes and Boone, LLP. If legal matters in connection with offerings made by this prospectus are passed on by counsel for the underwriters, dealers or agents, if any, that counsel will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Callon Petroleum Company appearing in Callon Petroleum Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, and effectiveness of Callon Petroleum Company s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The information incorporated by reference in this prospectus relating to our estimated quantities of our proved reserves and future revenue as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, is derived from reports prepared by DeGolyer and MacNaughton, independent petroleum engineers, as stated in their report with respect thereto. This information is incorporated in this prospectus in reliance upon the authority of said firm as experts with respect to the matters covered by their report and the giving of their report.

The information incorporated by reference in this prospectus relating to our estimated quantities of our proved reserves and future revenue as of as of December 31, 2013 is derived from reports prepared by Huddleston & Co., Inc., independent petroleum engineers, as stated in their report with respect thereto. This information is incorporated in this prospectus in reliance upon the authority of said firm as experts with respect to the matters covered by their report and the giving of their report.

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